



Our Lady of Mount Carmel

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents,
What a wonderful week it has been - Our children are back!!

On Monday, everyone delighted in the return to school for a whole range of reasons. It was like the first day of the school year all over again. There were children who were super excited and some who were a bit anxious, nonetheless, everyone was happy to be back. I know I speak for all of our staff when I say how lovely it was to hear the happy voices and laughter of the children as they were playing on the playground in the morning. The children are the centre of all that we do in our school and we are so pleased to have them back.

These past months have been very challenging for us all.

I would like to take the opportunity to say thank you:

- ★ *Thank you to our children for staying focused on their learning and trying to be independent learners.*
- ★ *Thank you to our parents who became overnight teachers with the support of the OLMC staff.*
- ★ *Thank you to our parents for trusting our staff, Lauren and myself that we were making the best decisions for our school community. We have been heartened by the positive response from parents and know that you appreciate and understand the importance of our teachers.*
- ★ *Thank you parents for following our guidelines around drop off and pickup times to ensure everyone is safe.*
- ★ *Thank you to Fr Denis and Fr Martinho who continued to guide our faith community under very challenging conditions.*
- ★ *My greatest thanks goes to the staff of OLMC. Within a very short period of time they were able to completely change their mode of teaching and provide top quality learning materials for our children. They went above and beyond to ensure children and parents were supported to continue learning and are now focused on how to support the many learning needs with the return to face-to-face teaching.*

Finally, I offer this prayer to our community as we return to school:

*Dear God,
Thank you for the gift of Education in every form.
As our children return to school
May confidence be their foundation,
May grace be their guide and
May hope be their compass toward a bright future.
We pray they would have eyes to see the needs
of those around them and a heart to love well.
May they face each day with positivity
Knowing that no matter what comes their way,
They do not have to face it alone.
Amen.*



Olimpia Pirovic
Principal

The Community of OLMC is Safe and Respectful

UPCOMING DATES

Week 5

Fri: 8:30am-9am SPECIAL RETURN EVENT

12:00pm-3:00pm

Open Zoom for parents

Id: 963 1025 9098 PW: 516812

2:30pm-3:00pm Second Hand Uniform Shop Open



Week 6

NOTHING...JUST LEARNING!

Fri: 2:30pm-3pm

Second Hand

Uniform Shop

Open

PARENT REMINDERS

ALL children must be dropped off at the gate. No parent or carer is allowed to enter the front or back playground during morning drop off.

CELEBRATION FOR STUDENTS

On Friday, we will be hosting a special return event for our students. While we would also love to share our gratitude for our families, we are unable to do so at this time. As is the current procedure, parents are asked to move on quickly and engage with our facebook page, where they will find a live streaming of this event. The event will begin at 8:30am and will go until 9am. Students are to wear their normal school uniform. We are so excited and can't wait for Friday morning! Something special in recognition of our families and teachers' efforts will be presented in week 10.



ATTENDANCE - ILLNESS

Parents are reminded that if their child/ren are unable to return to school due to documented medical advice they are to speak with Miss Pirovic immediately. If your child is sick with cold symptoms it is advised that they stay home from school and that parents consult their doctor. If your child appears to be unwell, we will check their temperature and monitor them for a period of time. Parents may be called to collect their child from school.

BAND UPDATE

Band lessons will begin next Tuesday following the time-table from Term One. Parents are asked to help their children remember to bring their instruments and music to school ready for their lessons.

SAFE DRIVING

Well, we can all agree it's the one thing none of us missed, the traffic! Now with us all returned, it's timely that we are reminded of the considerate and patient behaviours needed during pick-up and drop-off times. Parents are asked to follow these practices to increase the flow of traffic.

1. Keep the flow of traffic going by moving on quickly;
2. If you cannot park and someone is not leaving within half a minute, please continue around the block until the next available parking space;
3. If you plan to stay a little longer, maybe to chat with the teacher or try on a uniform, park a little further to allow parents making a quick pick up to get in and out as soon as possible;
4. Park on a surrounding street and walk to the school to collect your child;
5. If a school bus is coming up the street behind you, keep moving unless you are parking immediately;
6. If you park on Bennett St, school side in the morning, you not allowed to move from your car;

Police have been seen passing the school several times during drop off and pick up. We understand that these times of the day are frustrating, however, we have to work together to ensure the safety of the children and all road users.



PE LESSONS AND SPORT DAYS

To help students and parents transition back to regular school routines we thought we'd remind families of the days students must wear their sports uniform. The following schedule indicates the days students in each grade should wear their sport uniforms. Children wear their sport uniform on the day they have Physical Education lessons and their Sport Lesson.

Kindergarten	Tuesday and Wednesday
Year 1	Tuesday and Wednesday
Year 2	Wednesday and Thursday
Year 3Blue	Monday and Friday

Year 3Gold	Thursday and Friday
Year 4	Tuesday and Thursday
Year 5	Tuesday and Friday
Year 6	Tuesday and Thursday



SCHOOL UNIFORMS

The children should now be wearing their full Winter uniform. We request parent support in ensuring that the children are dressed in the correct uniform and are wearing it appropriately. How your children wear their uniform demonstrates pride in themselves and respect for themselves and others. Refer to below for a reminder of our uniform expectations:

Girls Winter Uniform	Boys Winter Uniform
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● School check tunic with pale lemon long sleeve blouse ● School tracksuit jacket and/or jumper ● Navy blue tights or Navy blue socks (ankle or knee). No other leggings or tights can be worn. ● Sport uniforms to be worn on sport days. Students are able to wear the school tracksuit. No leggings to be worn under shorts. Shoes should be predominantly white or a colour that blends with the uniform eg: blue or black. ● Hair ties/ribbons should be in the school check pattern or navy blue. Elastics can be the child's hair colour ● Hair styles should be neat. Shoulder length or longer hair must be tied back. No hair colouring is allowed. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Navy blue trousers with long sleeved school shirt and gold striped tie, short grey school socks and black shoes. ● School tracksuit jacket and/or jumper ● Sport uniforms to be worn on sport days. Students are able to wear the school tracksuit. No leggings to be worn under shorts. Shoes should be predominantly white or a colour that blends with the uniform eg: blue or black. ● Hair styles should be neat and simple. No undercuts, number one cuts or patterns shaved in. Haircuts should be blended in length and style. No hair colouring is allowed.

With the return of students this week, now is the time to order your winter uniforms if you haven't already. Orders must be placed no later than 4pm on a Wednesday afternoon to be included in the following day's delivery. Parents are reminded to label all uniforms before students wear them for the first time. The second hand uniform shop will be open 2:30pm-3pm this Friday 29th May. Please note that items are \$10 each and the payment method is cash only. If you have any old uniforms still in good condition they can be donated to the second hand uniform shop week.

OUR PARISH NEEDS YOUR SUPPORT MORE THAN EVER

COVID-19 has significantly affected all members of our community, none more so than our Parish. Our Parish is a little different to others in that we are administered by a religious order rather than through the Diocesan office. This means that our parish activities and expenses are only funded through the weekly collections at Mass, without any support from the Diocese. The continued presence of our Carmelite priests in our community and school is dependent on their ability to maintain these financial expenses. Parishioners are still able to make contributions through the electronic weekly planned giving. In the coming weeks you will see content on our school facebook page that has links to Parish based content with a 'Click To Donate' button. Should you be in a position to make a donation refer to the details in the links. For more information on how you can help please contact the Parish Office by phone on 9631 8302 or email ocarms@tpg.com.au



P&F NEWS

Given the demands that people are currently dealing with, the decision was made not to hold a Parents and Friends meeting as scheduled for 19 May 2020. We have no impending plans that we need to discuss and until social distancing is no longer a concern and social isolation ends, we are all waiting for the next press conference and announcements about restrictions and curves. As always, if you need to contact the Parents and Friends about anything, you can email us at olmcpandf@gmail.com.

[Please find a link to a report from the Parents and Friends based on the outcomes of our executive meeting. This outlines what we have been doing and our ideas and plans moving forward.](#)

This column is compiled by P&F Communications. If you have any queries or wish to contribute, please email olmcpandf@gmail.com and attention it to P&F Communications.



