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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents,

This week the images I have seen in the media of the unfolding events in America have been very troubling, as no doubt they are for you also. We have seen excessive force being used on a black man leading to his death. Across America, and the world, we are seeing protests about this incident. Unfortunately the violence occurring takes away from the core issue that deaths under these circumstances, relating to a person's race, are all too common. It is easy for us to look on and judge what is happening in America and call for justice. However, this has caused me to reflect on our own situation in Australia and the treatment of Australian Indigenous men and women in custody. We too have had our own history of black deaths in custody. *Do we respond to news of these in the same way that we have to the death of George Floyd?*

In Australia, this week is **National Reconciliation Week**. This week commemorates two significant milestones in the reconciliation journey:

- The successful 1967 referendum affording Indigenous Australians the same rights as white Australians. *Did you know that until this point Indigenous Australians were counted as livestock on the census.*
- The High Court Mabo decision on land rights and the overturning of the concept of *terra nullius* - referring to Australia being uninhabited when the English colonised Australia.

National Reconciliation Week is a time for all Australians to learn about our shared histories, cultures and achievements, and to explore how each of us can contribute to achieving reconciliation in Australia.

Reconciliation is a concept that is well known to us as Catholics. It is the process where we acknowledge our wrongs through heartfelt apologies and repent by trying to restore what you have taken or done in order to seek forgiveness. Reconciliation is meant to be a transformative process, where we transform ourselves or systems to ensure that a wrongdoing never happens again.



This week I listened to a podcast with Dr Anne Pattel Gray, who was the first Indigenous Australian to be awarded a doctorate in theology. She spoke about *reconciliation being a pilgrimage to justice*. She said that as Australian's both black and white, we have a shared history that is shameful and we have all inherited that history. We can't change that history, but it can inform our present and our future, allowing us to look at a different path and create a different relationship for us Australians to live by. One where Indigenous cultures are respected, embraced and valued for the contribution they make to this country. It is through accepting and acknowledging the truth of our past that we can truly understand the freedom God talks about. In that truth telling, we find freedom to look at each other in a different way and can accept each other as equals. I encourage you to click on [this link to hear the full conversation with Dr Pattel Gray](#).

Reconciliation must live in the hearts, minds and actions of all Australians as we move forward, creating a nation strengthened by respectful relationships between the wider Australian community, and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

Olimpia Pirovic
Principal

The Community of OLMC is Safe and Respectful

UPCOMING DATES

Week 6

NOTHING...JUST LEARNING!

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

Week 7

Mon: Queen's Birthday Holiday

Second Hand Uniform Shop **not** opening this week

NOTES HOME

Last Week

- Congratulations Mrs Pearn
- Yr 2 Supplies for use in class
- Yr 6 Reward Day

This Week

- Year 2 Reward Day

MERIT AWARDS

KB	Naksh ▪ Jacob	4B	Arav ▪ Kinjal
KG	Sophie ▪ John	4G	Jacob ▪ Taliah
2B	Aimie ▪ Armaan	5B	Saadhana ▪ Annabel
2G	Alexander ▪ Thomas	5G	Mia ▪ Saxon
3B	Siya ▪ Gabrielle	6B	Georges ▪ Grace
3G	Angelina ▪ Malek	6G	Rohan ▪ Simona
No awards presented to Year 1 or for PE this week		CA	Ithayan ▪ Roman

STAR CARD REWARDS

Gold Awards: Zoe S ▪ James B ▪ Charlise K ▪ Antoine K ▪ Saadhana K ▪ Angelina N ▪ Aibel ▪ Amelia A ▪ Anthony M ▪ Aleisha H ▪ Deng M
Annabel N ▪ Sai R ▪ Jasmine S ▪ Sarayu V ▪ Alynna S ▪ Elyssa A ▪ Kruti P ▪ Ryan G ▪ Angelina S ▪ Sebastian N ▪ Matteo O ▪ Reis B ▪



PAYMENTS

This year all CEDP schools are moving to a cashless model of payment. With the recent situation in relation to COVID19 and the general use of contactless payments, OLMC will now encourage all payments to be contactless. You can make payments in person using eftpos or your credit card. You can make payments over the phone with your credit card or via direct deposit. Please contact the school office for account details.

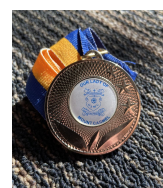
SEMESTER ONE REPORTS

Our teachers are currently preparing the Semester One reports for your children. With the significant period of learning from home this will mean that the way we report and provide parents with feedback this year will be different. The format of your child's Semester One report will be significantly different. It will provide you information about your child's learning behaviours and their personal and social development as in previous reports. There will also be a general comment providing feedback about your child's progress in Religion, English, Mathematics and other subject areas. The feedback provided will be based on the face-to-face teaching time your child has had with their teacher this year. There will be no A-E grades or effort grades given for Semester One.

At the end of Term Two we usually provide an opportunity for parents to meet with teachers. Due to the limits on numbers of people present on site and social distancing requirements we will not have Parent/Teacher Interviews this year. However, as is always the case, our teachers are available to speak to you when you have a concern about your child. Please make contact with your child's teacher via email, note or phoning the office. This contact will be via phone.

PRINCIPAL'S AUTUMN CHALLENGE

Congratulations to all the children who participated in Principal's 21 Day Photography Holiday Challenge. There were so many amazing photographs submitted with the different perspectives shining a light onto how beautiful the smaller details of our world really are. The draw has been completed and our winners are, Daniel Baccouni (Kindergarten), Cyril Rioli Arava (Year 1), Chanel Azzi (Year 2), Chanel Azzi (Year2), Paige Ritchie (Year 3), Jose Justin Paulraj (Year 4), Irene Meli (Year 5), John Justin Paulraj (Year 6). Overall winner: Sera Juguilon (Kindergarten).



HAIRCUTS

Now that we are able to get to the salon and get our haircut, this is a reminder of our school expectations in regards to haircuts.

Girls - Hair styles should be neat. Shoulder length or longer hair must be tied back. No hair colouring is allowed. Traditional braids should be in a natural colour that matches the child's hair colour. Hair ties/ribbons should be in the school check pattern or navy blue. Elastics can be the child's hair colour.

Boys - Hair styles should be neat and simple. No undercuts, number one cuts or patterns shaved/cut in. Haircuts should be blended in length and style. No hair colouring is allowed.

THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU

We would like to acknowledge the support provided by three of our families for our special welcome back celebration on Friday.

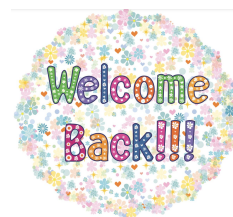
Many of our students and teachers enjoyed getting snapped holding our personalised OLMC Facebook frame. Thank you to the Jouni Family for your very generous donation. We would like to thank Anabel for her extraordinary ballooning skills. Our students relished in the opportunity to dance through the rainbow arch. If you are interested in contacting Anabel for party theming please see her facebook page ['Three Belles Kids Events'](#). Finally, we would like to thank Claudia from ['Crazy Kids Party Disco'](#) for providing the tunes that turned our welcome back into a real celebration. Please contact Claudia through her facebook page or further information of how she may be able to support your next party - I know we will be!!!!



PARISH NEWS

Permission has now been given for Mass to be celebrated in the church for up to 50 participants (this number includes children). Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish, will re-commence all Masses beginning with the 6:00 pm Mass on Saturday 6 June.

To comply with new Government regulations, all parishioners **MUST register their interest BEFORE attending mass**. This will allow for participation to be kept at the current required number and avoid parishioners being turned away due to exceed attendance. Please visit [the parish website](#), or call the Parish office on 02 9631 8302, to register your interest. It is vital that all attendees follow strict social distancing requirements to ensure the health and wellbeing of all. As a new initiative, the church has started opening for private prayer from Tuesday to Friday mornings from early to 12 noon.



P&F NEWS



Thank you!

On behalf of the parent community we would like to extend a HUGE thank you to the teachers and staff for the fabulous welcome back celebration on Friday morning. It was so lovely to come together and celebrate being united in the one venue with our learning once again.

Second Hand Uniform

The second hand uniform shop will be open 2:30pm-3pm this Friday 5th June. 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 via the school office. Just place them, washed and clean, into a bag labelled 2nd Hand Uniform. From week 8, the Uniform Shop will go back to operating on Monday afternoons.

P&F Fundraising Arrangements

Last term all families received a letter outlining two options for how the P&F support fundraising at OLMC. Thanks to all the families who have already responded. This is your last chance to have a say in how we move forward with our P&F Fundraising Arrangements. Either return your green note from last term or click on [this link to complete the survey](#).

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.

Welcome Back Celebrations

With almost everyone back, the school finally feels like home again!

Week five was a significant week for our students as we welcomed them back after nearly 8 weeks of online home learning.

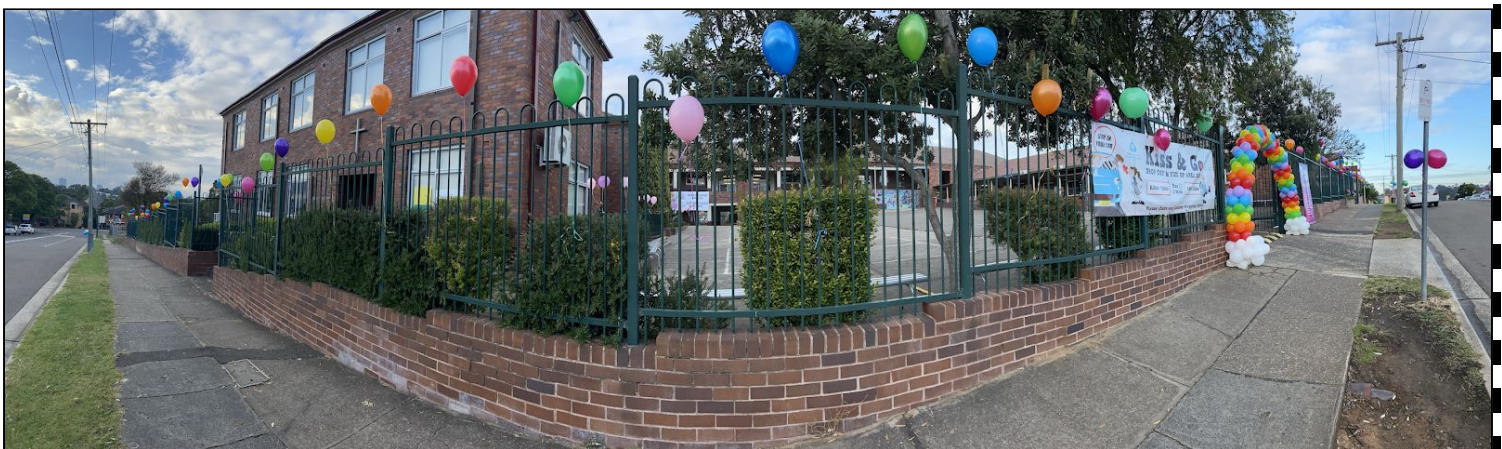
Students and families were welcomed with a balloon lined street, balloon arch and DJ. The students and teachers absolutely had a ball, dancing the morning away.



Our students have adjusted beautifully back to normal school life and are enjoying socialising with their friends and teachers once again.



While we could not share this moment with our parents, we are planning on sharing something special via our Facebook page in Week 10.



Schools are just empty shells without students and boy did we miss them!!