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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents,

Last Friday we celebrated the most important day for our school community, the Feast Day of Our Lady of Mount Carmel. Knowing that our families were not able to be present and restrictions on mass attendance, we celebrated in a different way. Beginning from day one this Term, each Grade was presented with an image of the important historical figures or symbols representative of our Carmelite connections. Each grade was responsible for inquiring into these important connections so that they could become the experts and teach the rest of the community.

And what a job they did! Students shared their learning with each other, teachers and the parent community, which has been shared this week on the back page. I was not only blown away by the depth of knowledge and learning they produced, but, most importantly I was taken back by the enthusiastic immersion they demonstrated. Whether it was the numerous times I heard "Happy Feast Day", the reverent participation in the live streamed mass or the collaborative learning our students shared, the spirit of Our Lady of Mount Carmel was undoubtedly felt, heard, seen and shared.



My time at Our Lady of Mount Carmel has solidified many things, but nothing more so than the importance of our mission for compassion, dignity and justice for all. This is something that, in the last week, has become more significant. The announcement of confirmed covid cases at Cerdon College and Our Lady of Lebanon has brought the virus closer to home, as many of our families are connected with these two locations. I was saddened to read and listen to the very judgmental and ill-informed comments about what these people 'supposedly' did or did not do. These are regular people, just like you and me, going to church, doing the shopping or even having a coffee with a friend. They are simply, people in the wrong place at the wrong time, this is the nature of the virus.

While the media hype and keyboard warriors will continue, we need to advocate the core learnings our students shared with us this week. Our community members who are suffering need compassion through prayer, dignity through our understanding of their right to privacy, so they can focus on what is important, and, justice in being treated as we would want our own family members to be treated. These are the elements reflected in our Mercy and Caremlite traditions.

Lauren Anderiesz

Acting Principal

The Community of OLMC is Safe and Respectful

UPCOMING DATES

Week 2

Wed: Training band begins today!

3:10-3:50pm

Thurs: Work Out with Mr Jones

8:15am sharp

Week 3

Mon: Second Hand Uniform Shop OPEN **2:45pm - 3:10pm**

Tues: Student Banking

7pm-8pm Yr5 Parent Personal Development Information Session - ZOOM

Wed: Training band **3:10-3:50pm**

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NOTES HOME

Last Week

- **NEW** Child Protection Requirements for Volunteers
- Year 1 & 2 World Of Maths
- Training Band Lesson
- Year 5 Personal Development Session - ZOOM
- Year 5 Dignity to Others
- COVID-19

This Week

- Yr 1 Jarara incursion

MERIT AWARDS

KB	Anaishca ▪ Shanaya	4B	Elizabeth ▪ Alanah
KG	Victoria ▪ Anupriya	4G	Logan ▪ Gabriel
1B	Prasadi ▪ Joaquin	5B	Ethan ▪ Brandon
1G	Isabella ▪ Joshua	5G	Ciano ▪ Zachary
2B	Aaliyah ▪ Aerabella	6B	John ▪ Amiel
2G	Jolenta ▪ Zachary	6G	Celine ▪ Iniya
3B	Neeti ▪ Jesse	CA	Krishna ▪ Amalia
3G	Vinnie ▪ Alyna	PE	Serah ▪ Ciano

STAR CARD REWARDS

Gold Awards: Simona ▪ Kashvi ▪ Iniya ▪ Noah ▪ Julian ▪ Rohan ▪ Owen ▪ Isaac ▪ Sanaa ▪ Mia ▪ Anuj ▪ Aria ▪ Ithayan ▪ Charlotte ▪ Charlotte ▪ Zoe ▪ Amelie ▪ Sienna ▪ Mia ▪ Kira ▪ Tiana ▪ Kingston ▪ Saanvi ▪ Mansi ▪ Akins ▪ Anupriya ▪ Karthik ▪ Rishaan ▪ Alana ▪ Deepali ▪ Isabelle ▪ Ethan ▪ Chris ▪ William ▪ Isabella ▪ Michael ▪ Nirvan ▪ Xavier ▪ Estelle ▪ Rohan ▪ Victoria ▪ Stella ▪ Logan ▪ Eren

Opal Awards: David ▪ Celine ▪ Sophia ▪ Michaela ▪ Lucas ▪ Myra ▪ Sara ▪ Gabriella ▪ Joshua ▪ Anuj ▪ Candace ▪ Olivia ▪ Matthew ▪ Eli ▪ Amelia ▪ Alanna ▪ Mia ▪ Alessandra ▪ Ashley ▪ Charlotte ▪ Irene ▪ Erica ▪ Olivia ▪ Jada ▪ Abigail ▪ Zoe

Platinum Awards: Sanoshan ▪ Zoe ▪ Saadhana ▪ James ▪ Ava



NEW CHILD PROTECTION REQUIREMENTS

All volunteers are now required to complete the NEW child protection requirements outlined in the letter that went home last week. It is vital that ALL volunteers complete this new process, **even if** you have recently completed any of the previous child protection components. This information can also be found on our School Website, under notes and forms. Thank you to those volunteers who have already completed this new process.

STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY

Parents are advised that a Staff Development Day has been booked for the 4th of September (Friday : Week 7)

THANK YOU

A very big thank you to our P&F, especially Karly Jouni, for their thoughtful Feast Day gifts to our students and teachers. The [Oh Sugar!](#) Cookies were delicious and the keyrings, created by [Personalised and Made By Me](#), will be something we treasure for a long time to come. Contact details of Oh Sugar! Are on our Facebook page.



HERE WE GO AGAIN - THE TOP PARENT ISSUE IS UNSAFE DRIVING HABITS AROUND OLMC

Unfortunately it seems that some of our parents have forgotten their responsibility to be safe and respectful drivers. During the first two weeks of school there have been parents

- doing illegal U-turns on Bennett Street,
- parking across the Parish driveway,
- parking in the driveways of Bennett Street homes
- double parking or holding up the flow of traffic to get the closest parking spot,
- overtaking on double lines
- getting out of their car to aggressively correct the driving skills of other parents, forcing Mrs Anderiesz to step in.



What message does this send to your child/ren about patience, how to deal with frustration or acceptable community behaviours? THIS IS NOT ACCEPTABLE, NOR WILL IT BE TOLERATED

All parents are expected to obey the road rules and manage their behaviour to ensure the safety of ALL children and adults. The only people who can control what happens on the streets around our school are the parents driving. Between 8:30-9:00am and 2:30-3:40pm there are 403 students who need to be transported safely, so it is unreasonable to expect to be in and out in 5 minutes.

The reality of our school is that we do not have off-street parking and we are in a dense area with limited parking. This is not going to change. We cannot have a parking attendant or rangers policing the driving behaviour of our parents at all times, nor is it the job of school staff. We need all drivers to do the following:

- Obey the road rules
- Move on if there is no parking space available on Bennett Street, go around the block and keep the traffic moving
- Parents who think they may need more time on school grounds, are asked to park on Garfield Street, Smith Street or Perry Street. Leave Bennett Street, out front of the school, clear for those parents who are doing a fast pick-up.

PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE

Congratulations to the 3 children, who completed the challenge over the past week, that brings our total up to 131. However there are currently 88 students with incomplete records, meaning they have started the PRC but still on their way to finishing- KEEP GOING GUYS

Kinder: Joseph N, Sienna N & Lachlan P

Year 1: Candace N & Henry S

Year 3: Vincent C

Year 4: Lachlan F & Estelle I

Year 5: Royden K & Charlise K

Year 6: John J

Your child's online reading log can be accessed via the [Student Site](#)

1 Month to go! The last day for the challenge is the 28th August



TRAINING BAND UPDATE & DISABLED PARKING

In Term 3, it is planned that the training band will begin their band lessons. The training band will be for all the children who began the band program this year. It is planned that this lesson will take place on Wednesday afternoons from 3:10 - 3:50pm. Siblings of students in the band, **MUST** be picked up by a family member. They can not wait with the band as there will not be adequate supervision for them. **THE FIRST SESSION IS TODAY!**



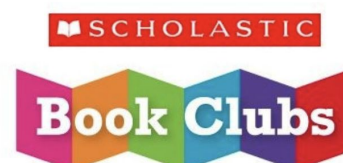
We ask that parents **do not park in the disabled parking on a Wednesday afternoon from 2:00pm** onwards. We have a music tutor who requires this parking spot to access the school so that she can conduct an after school music lesson with our training band children. Your support in ensuring this space is available is appreciated.

P&F NEWS

Book club is back!

In consultation with the School, the decision to not add extra financial pressures on families was made and therefore, this term, BookClub will only be distributed via electronic catalogue. If you would like to see the current catalogue, please visit: https://www.scholastic.com.au/media/5642/bc_520.pdf

As we approach the final date for the Premier's reading challenge, this may be a good time to grab a book.



Every Child Deserves a Good Book

