



# Our Lady of Mount Carmel

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## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents,

Yesterday was the first time since Term One that we were all able to come together for a special assembly!

Our 2020 Award presentation was an opportunity to recognise the hard work of all of our students and in particular those students who received a medal. It is always heartening to see the excitement that all the children have for their classmates receiving the award. Although our parents were unable to be with us physically, they were watching the live stream of the presentations via our Facebook page.

Last night was our Christmas Concert From Home celebration. All our families were able to watch our awards and presentations as well as our Christmas Concert from the comfort of their lounge room. Many of you even shared photos of your celebration. This was a unique experience and it appears that each family made it a special event to share. I would like to thank all the teachers and children for their hard work in preparing for the event. I offer particular thanks to Mrs Anderiesz and Mrs Laus who coordinated, filmed and edited the whole event to provide our families with a special experience.



This week is a big one as we move towards the end of the school year. On Friday you will be receiving your child's Semester Two reports. I have had the pleasure of reading all of the reports and it is positive to see the individual effort that children put into their learning. I encourage you to take the time to read the reports and discuss it with your child. Focus on their achievements and ask them what they are proud of in their 2020 learning journey. You might also discuss some goals for 2021.

Even though restrictions are still in place, we look forward to sharing the final celebrations of the end of the year.

*Olimpia Pirovic*  
Principal

***The Community of OLMC is Safe and Respectful***

## UPCOMING DATES

### Week 9

**Fri: 9:30-10:30am**  
Kindergarten  
Playgroup  
Principal's Morning tea  
Semester 2 Reports  
sent home

### Week 10

**Mon:** Transition to 2021 classes  
Second Hand Uniform Shop: **CLOSED**  
**Tues:** Yr6 Graduation Fun Day  
**Wed:** End of Year & Farewell Mass (Invitation Only)  
Last day of 2020  
**Thur & Fri:** Staff Development Days: No Students

## NOTES HOME

### This Week

- Yr 4 Christmas Celebration
- Principal's Morning Tea Note
- Student Reports (Friday)

### Last Week

- Yr 5 Fun Day (Friday)
- Yr 5 follow up notes about Camp 2021

**LAST DAY OF 2020: WEDNESDAY 16 DECEMBER**

## MERIT AWARDS

KB	Naksh ▪ Luke	4B	Georgia ▪ Stella
KG	None presented	4G	Makayla ▪ Dillon
1B	Sanaa ▪ Alexander	5B	Ethan ▪ Charlise
1G	Isabel ▪ Dev	5G	Zachary ▪ Isabella
2B	Aaliyah ▪ Aimie	6B	Bracston ▪ Amiel
2G	Misha ▪ Liam	6G	Serah ▪ John
3B	Gabrielle ▪ Marcus	CA	None presented
3G	None presented	PE	Noah ▪ Eva

## STAR CARD REWARDS

**Gold Awards:** Alexander ▪ Elouise ▪ Chimir ▪ Chelsea ▪ Jake ▪ Harish ▪ Gabriella ▪ Ciano ▪ Marten ▪ Yara ▪ Sean ▪ Olivia ▪ Jessica ▪ Liliana ▪ Saskia ▪ Tiarna ▪ Alanah ▪ Aerabella

**Opal Awards:** Joseph ▪ Aiden ▪ Billy ▪ Markos ▪ Aiden ▪ Tristan ▪ Manav ▪ Catherine ▪ Grace ▪ Kayla ▪ Kian ▪ Zainah ▪ Jac ▪ Miranda ▪ Elouise ▪ Alexander ▪ Aerabella ▪ Saskia ▪ Liliana ▪ Chimir

**Platinum Awards:** Asaeli ▪ Alexander ▪ Sam ▪ Olivia ▪ Sanjana ▪ Georges ▪ Jerome ▪ Benjamin ▪ Amelia ▪ Liam ▪ Jolenta ▪ Annalise ▪ Emad ▪ Liyana ▪ Aimie ▪ Samuel ▪ Alessandro ▪ Chiara ▪ Eva ▪ Arav ▪ Arkyn ▪ Aliyah ▪ Billy ▪ Markos ▪ Joseph ▪ John

**Principal's Awards:** Aleisha ▪ Jerome ▪ Sylvana ▪ Noah ▪ Jonah ▪ Jacob ▪ Gabriel ▪ Ava ▪ Makayla ▪ Leon ▪ Eknoor ▪ Varsha ▪ Chelsea ▪ Emad ▪ Kayla ▪ Liyana ▪ Erinn ▪ Arav ▪ Samuel ▪ Sameet ▪ Steven ▪ Abigail ▪ Angelina ▪ Aliyah ▪ Sarayu ▪ Eva

**Diamond Awards:** Jerrick ▪ Isabella ▪ Alessandra ▪ Jonah ▪ Makaanaka ▪ Lara ▪ Gabriel ▪ Erinn ▪ Michael ▪ Nirvan ▪ Stella ▪ Anabella ▪ Iniya ▪ Tomos ▪ Jonathan ▪ Sophie ▪ Tiana ▪ Anaishca ▪ Adison ▪ Sophia ▪ Michael ▪



## END OF YEAR AND FAREWELL MASS

As you may have guessed, this year our End of Year and Farewell Mass will be organised differently. Normally, we would gather as one community to celebrate the successes of the year and farewell the staff, students and families leaving OLMC. However, this year only parents of our Year Six students and those families leaving OLMC will be able to attend the End of Year Mass, all other students will be attending via Zoom from their classroom. This decision has been made as it will be the last opportunity for our Year 6 students and leaving families to gather at mass together. We know this will be a disappointment to many. We appreciate your understanding in allowing us to abide by the restrictions placed on large gatherings organised by schools to ensure we limit the risk to all within our community.

## BAND UPDATE - INSTRUMENT HIRE RETURNS

All students who have participated in the Band program this year and have hired their instruments will need to return them next week. During the holidays all instruments will be cleaned and any repairs will be carried out.

## PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE AWARDS

This year so many participated and achieved their goal of 30 PRC texts. Thank you to teachers and parents for supporting students in building a love of reading. All students will receive their participation certificates with their reports this week. Below are the students who received a Gold or Platinum award:

**Gold Awards (4th Year of Participation):** Zainah Aga, Elyssa Arrage, Amelia Azar, Olivia Azar, Margaret Bassett, Neeti Bastakoti, Sienna Bayssari, Ethan Borgia, Vincent Confucious, Dennis D'Souza, Ethan De Tar, Shivani Golkonda, Luke Grech, Jonathan Gunawan, Jada Jouni, Samyel Juguilon, John JustinPaulraj, Jose JustinPaulraj, Anthony Karam, Jada Khadi, Jesse Khadi, Aibel KoippuramTimmy, Kiara Kurup, Malek Majak, Gabrielle Malubag, Anthony Mansour, Gabrielle Matta, Alanna Nader, Katrina Nader, Vincent Naoum, Angelina Noumeh, Grace Olter, Rohan Patel, Zahara Ramzan, Kruthi Samineni, Myra Saxena, Angelina Semaan, Alyna Soueid, Siya Subedi, John Paul Tadros, Eva White and Jeremiel Yanga

**Platinum Awards (7th Year of Participation):** Markos Azer, David Deguara, Serena Dias, Simona Elia, Clara Farah, Sophia Ghanem, Tomos Hughes, Celeste Ieronimo, Michaela Manenti, Sylvana Manenti, Lucas Michael, Myra Miranda, Damon Olter, Sanjana Vaasudevan and Luke Zahra

## CONDOLENCES



Last week we heard the sad news of the passing of John Touma. John was the patriarch of the extended Touma family who have had a long involvement in our school and parish community. We offer our condolences to his wife Hannah, their children and many grandchildren who have and currently attend OLMC..

## LIBRARY NEWS

It's time to return your library books!! During this week we ask all parents to help their children search at home for any stray library or class reading books allocated to your child. The teachers will contact parents if there are any outstanding guided reading books. Each child is allocated a numbered copy to make tracking the books easier. These readers are a part of a set and if they are not returned this makes the sets unusable for reading instruction.

## SUMMER READING CHALLENGE

We all know the importance of reading and how a great book can spark the imagination. These summer holidays, our students are invited to participate in the Summer Reading Challenge and are encouraged to read, read, read! To enter the challenge, students can read anything they like, whether it's a comic, play, a piece of poetry, book, e-book or animated novel and tell us in 50 words or less why they loved it! The more a student reads, the more times they can enter the reading challenge and the more chances they have of winning one of two Chromebooks or one of thirty runner-up gift vouchers to the value of \$30. Students can enter [online](#) by visiting the CEDP website. Entries open on 23 November 2020 and close at 5pm on 1 February 2021. Terms and Conditions can be found [here](#).

## GIVING TREE

*OLMC is committed to making Christmas a time to renew hope.*

This year we are inviting families who are able to make a difference in two ways. You can support someone directly in our school community by participating in our **Giving Tree** or you can support our **OLMC Chapter St Vincent dePaul Appeal** with donations of money or gift cards.

### **Giving Tree**

1. Our giving tree will be located in the Office foyer from Monday 23rd November.
2. Come to the office and select a numbered gift tag from the Christmas Giving Tree. The tag will indicate the gender and age of the person receiving the gift.
3. Purchase a gift that is appropriate for the individual on the tag
4. Wrap the gift and **attach the numbered gift tag** (this will help us get the gift to the right person)
5. Place under our giving tree in the office by **Friday 11 December**.

### **OLMC St Vincent DePaul Appeal**

- Gift cards can be sent to the office in an envelope.
- Cash donations can be made via the office in an envelope or children can contribute to their class mission boxes.

## P&F NEWS

Thank you to the staff for organising such a wonderful Christmas Concert and presentation evening last night. It was lovely to see the children and hear them perform and we appreciate that these things do not just happen.

We would like to take a moment to acknowledge the year that has been and to thank the people who have worked hard to make 2020 memorable for the good times and the shared experiences. [Please click here for the Parents and Friends End of Year Address](#)

*If you have any queries or wish to contribute, please email [olmcpandf@gmail.com](mailto:olmcpandf@gmail.com) and attention it to P&F Communications.*

# Kindergarten Term 4 Events

It's been busy, busy, busy in Kindergarten! We have had many activities and festivities as we prepare for the season of Christmas. We have also learnt a lot about making memories and the importance of celebrating together.



My favourite part was decorating the candle. We had to put the wick in the jar as well.

Chad Baissari, KB



## Wick'd Candles Incursion

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## End of Year Celebration



I used blue, white, red and a bit of pink to make my candle. I think my mum and dad will like it.

Eren Yilmazsimsek, KG



Me and my buddy found a bush, leaves and bugs. The hardest to find was an ant's nest.

Sam Faddoul, KG



I loved dancing and playing Pass the Parcel. I got a little prize inside!

Anaishca Ankit, KB



The fried rice tasted delicious, especially the peas and the carrots.

Thea Hilton, KB

