

# **Our Lady of Mount Carmel**

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# PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents,

# **Welcome to Term 4!**

On Monday morning, Fr Martinho was eager to come and visit the children and teachers as soon as he could. He commented on how quiet and lifeless the parish is without the joyful sounds of the children playing. The children certainly bring life to our school. This was evident during morning playground duty, with the excited and eager greetings between the children, parents and teachers.

Each year Term 4 is a significant one as we begin preparing to transition towards a new year. We prepare to welcome our 2021 Kindergarten children. We look to setting goals to improve as learners and prepare to move to a new grade. Our Year 6 students begin their last term of primary school with a mix of excitement and nervousness that come with transitioning to high school. This time of transition and preparation is also mirrored in our church year as we move towards the Advent and Christmas seasons.

The return to Term 4 was also one that was tinged with great sorrow for our school community as we heard the news of the passing of Miss Dooley's fiance Chris Mudge. Chris' sudden illness and passing was unexpected. Our strength as a community has always been in our ability to support one another particularly at times of great sorrow and need. I know that as a community we all feel this loss for Miss Dooley deeply. I would ask that if you would like to express your condolences to please put them in writing and we will pass your messages on to her. At this stage it is uncertain when Miss Dooley will return and am confident that we can support her as she needs.



In times of sorrow and joy, as a Catholic community we turn to God in prayer to ask for guidance, understanding and peace.

As we commence this term we pray for all in our community, that as we all begin our journeys of transition and transformation God fills us with his light to lead us on our way.

We pray for God to give us courage and resilience to face the challenges that lie ahead. Amen.

Olimpia Pironc

**Principal** 

# **UPCOMING DATES**

#### Week 1

Thur: First Holy

Communion Prep 3:30pm &

7pm

Fri: Mission to Busk

1pm-3pm

Sat: First Holy Communion:

11am

#### Week 2

Mon: Assembly

Kinder Wannabees & Jarara

InSchool Experience

Yr2 Jarara InSchool Experience
Wed: Yr5 Illustrator Workshop
Yr6 Planetarium InSchool

Experience

# **NOTES HOME**

### This Week

- Yr1 Super Pollinators
- Yr5 Illustrator Hub Painting
- Yr5 & 6 Rhythms of The World
- Kindergarten Jarara InSchool Experience
- Principal's Morning Tea
- Yr5 Staff Update
- Yr6 Reflection day note
- Yr3 Living Things Workshop
- Yr3 & 4 Giant Games Day

MERIT AWARDS								
KB	Sienna • Sri Harika	4B	Louie • Amelia					
KG	Kathik <b>-</b> Saanvi	4G	Erica • Lucas					
1B	Isaac • Catherine	5B	Jasmine • Keillan					
1G	Kira • Amelia	5G	Kruthi • Tony					
2B	Lucas • Rihanna	6B	Manav <b>-</b> Sylvana					
2G	Mahalia • Jessica	6G	Anabella • Iniya					
3B	Kiara • Valli	CA	Victoria ▪ Sophie					
3G	Sari • Angelina	PE	None presented					

## **STAR CARD REWARDS**

Gold Awards: Billy - Paul - Zachary - Kian - Jad - Royden - Sameet - Sanoshan

Opal Awards: Eknoor • Maroun • Siya • Sari • Elizabeth • Benjamin •

Platinum Awards: Hayden - Palash - Owen - Ariah - Maliyah - Summer - Rishaan - Olivia - Marcus - Lara - Sylvana -

Eli • Ryan • Grace • Jada • Samyel • Lily • Saanvi • Victoria • Aayan • Kingston • Mia • Ithayan • Henry

Principal's Awards: Mariam • Emily • Liya • Adison • Naksh • Elyssa • Stella • Michael • Makanaka Chirape • Sophie Pickham • Kayana Rana • Vishvassha Sarveswaran • Mansi Subedi • Cyril • Isaac • Isabella • Sanaa • Jonah • Amelie • Abbey • Michael • Hayden • Saadhana

Diamond Awards: Amelia • Olivia • Candace • Alexander • Serena • Antoine • Logan • Matthew • Anuj

#### **ICAS AWARDS**

#### **ENGLISH**

Distinction: John, Sarayu, Caitlyn, Jose, Michael, Dennis

**Credit:** Markos, Sai, Navya **Merit:** Lachlan, Chelsea

**Participation:** Elyssa, Neeti, Ryan, Marcus, Aibel, Jada, Kiara, Alanna, Katrina, Angelina, Sari, Myra, Siya, Sameet, Leela, Riya, Eknoor, Erica, Kinjal, Ojas, Stella, Alessandra, Jacob, Sriharsha, Bhakti, Roman, Harish, Mia, Azhric, Chiara, Chivonne, Aleisha, Saadhana, Antoine, Mia, Irene, Tony, Neha, Kruti, Siya,

Sowjanya, Jieke, Eva, Ashley, Simona, Jerome, Sophia, Julian, Luke

#### SCIENCE

**High Distinction:** Dennis **Distinction:** Sarayu

Credit: Michael, Jose, Navya, Caitlyn, Irene, Sai, Lachlan, John

Merit: Lachlan, Leela, Neha

Participation: Elyssa, Neeti, Aibel, Anthony, Katrina, Rohan, Sari, Siya, Sameet, Eknoor, Kinjal, Jacob, Sriharsha, Bhakti, Mia, Azhric,

Chiara, Chivonne, Saadhana, Tony, Kruti, Siya, Sowjanya, Markos, Jerome, Sophia, Luke





#### **CONGRATULATIONS**

Next weekend Miss Knight and her fiance Paul will be celebrating their wedding day. Miss Knight will be taking leave from next Wednesday. When she returns she will use the name Mrs Carswell. We hope that the celebration of their marriage is a wonderful occasion. No doubt all of our community wish the future Mrs and Mr Carswell a long and happy marriage.

This week it was announced that Mrs Khattar and her husband are expecting the birth of their first child early next year. We anticipate that Mrs Khattar will be with us until the end of the school year. We wish Mr and Mrs Khattar all the very best as they await the birth of their baby.

### **PARISH NEWS**

Our Parish is celebrating the First Holy Communion of 23 children in our Parish. On Saturday morning a special Mass will be celebrated to commemorate this special occasion in our Catholic faith tradition. Some families have celebrated their child's First Holy Communion as a part of Sunday Masses also. Do you remember when you made your First Holy Communion? What did it mean to you then and now?

We pray for the children from our school and our wider Parish family who will receive this special Sacrament; Michael, Harry, Amelia, Savannah, Osarieme, Lachlan, Darin, Annalisa, Georgia, Amelia, Jac, Estelle, Riona, Ava, Samuel, Joseph, Samiya, Diana, Brandon, Erin, Alessandra, Sarayu, Makayla and Jacob.

Thank you to Paola Yvennes and the Parish Sacramental Team for supporting families in the preparation of their children to receive their First Holy Communion.



#### CHILDREN'S SACRAMENTAL PROCESS

Over these past few months, the children from our parish have been preparing to receive Eucharist. This has been a very special time for both children and parents as they have been reflecting and sharing their faith with one another. Please pray for these children who will receive the sacrament for the first time this weekend. May they continue to live and grow in the Body of Christ.

# **SCHOOL IMPROVEMENTS**

During the holidays it was action central at OLMC with some important maintenance and improvements happening. On our return to school on Monday our families will have no doubt noticed the new footpath out the front of our school. Cumberland Council replaced the footpath making it so much more safer for our community and looks great too! We have



also had flooring repaired in the Mercy Library and the replacement of carpet in both the Library and Year 2 learning spaces. The new carpet has freshened up the look of both of these spaces. During the Christmas holidays we will be replacing the carpet in Kindergarten and Year 1 to match.

Mr Pace was also busy transforming the 'strip of dirt' near the basketball court on the back playground. He laid new turf to make the area more inviting and useful. He also filled the flower bed at the bottom of the grass area that was

created by last year's Year 6 class. Watch out for how the Gardening Club transforms this space to beautify our playground area.

#### PRINCIPAL'S HOLIDAY CHALLENGE

There have been many clever entries in our Spring Holiday Challenge of re-creating an artwork. It's not too late to get your entries in! Email them to olmoprincipalchallenge@amail.com. Don't forget to complete your reading log too!

#### **P&F NEWS**

Welcome back to the final term of 2020...the term where we welcome our prospective Kindergarten children and parents, prepare to farewell our outstanding Year 6 students as well as say farewell to some families who leave the school for the final time...all while remaining safe and responsible with the restrictions that COVID has placed upon us. We hope your term is filled with wonderful experiences of learning and friendship, no matter what year you are in. Hopefully you have had a refreshing and relaxing time these holidays and are ready to spring back into the final term of the year with enthusiasm.

## Parents and Friends' Annual General Meeting - Monday 2nd November

Our Annual General Meeting is scheduled to take place Monday 2nd November

It has been decided at our last executive meeting (September 15th 2020) that due to COVID restrictions limiting the activities that we can have, that we will leave the election to the roles of ancillary committees until 2021 (fundraising, social), so we can ensure that these contributions are meaningful and reflect the reality of 2021 as it unfolds. We are seeking nominations for the executive roles of President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary, and will vote on these. We will provide more information regarding these roles, the voting process and how the meeting will take place closer to the date.



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

# **TERM 4 PLANNER**

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat/Sun
Week 1	12/10	13/10 St Paul's Orientation Day Yr 2 Incursion	14/10	15/10	16/10 Mission to Busk	17/10 First Holy Communion 18/10
Week 2	19/10 K - Wannabees Incursion K - Jarara Visit Yr 2 Jarara Visit	20/10 1st Principal's Morning Tea (10:40-11:00am)	21/10 Yr 5 Illustrator Workshop Yr6 Planetarium	22/10	23/10 World Teachers Day  Yr 1 Mad About Science incurs.  Stg 2 Game Day	24-25/10
Week 3	26/10 Yr 5 & Yr 6 Drumming Incursion	27/10 2021 Kindy Information Zoom Meeting (7:00pm)	28/10 Yr 3 Science Incursion	29/10	30/10 Yr 1 Super Pollinator Workshop	31/10-1/11
Week 4	2/11 P&F AGM - 7:00pm zoom mtg	3/11	4/11	5/11	6/11 Yr 6 Reflection Day	7-8/11
Week 5	9/11	10/11 Yr 3, Yr 4 & Yr 5 Cooking Day	11/11 Remembrance Day	12/11  Kindy Orientation Grp1 - 10-10:40 Grp2 - 11:40-12 Grp3 -12:30-1:10	13/11 OLMC Sport Fun Day	14-15/11
Week 6	16/11	17/11 Yr 4 Incursion - Candle Making Yr 4 2021 BYOD Zoom Meeting	18/11	19/11	20/11 2021 Kindy Playgroup 9:30-10:30	21-22/11
Week 7	23/11	24/11	25/11	26/11 Kindy Incursion - Candle Making	27/11 2021 Kindy Playgroup 9:30-10:30 Yr 5 Leadership Day	28-29/11
Week 8	30/11	1/12	2/12	3/12 Yr 5 & Yr 6 First Aid Workshop 2021 Kindy Playgroup 9:30-10:30	4/12	5-6/12
Week 9	7/12 Yr 5 Student Leader Speeches	8/12 9:15am End of Year Award Assembly OLMC Christmas Concert @ Home	9/12	10/12	11/12 2021 Kindy Playgroup 9:30-10:30 Semester 2 Reports sent home	12-13/12
Week 10	14/12	15/12 Yr 6 Celebration Day	16/12 End of Year Mass Last Day of School	17/12 Staff Development Day	18/12 Staff Development Day	19-20/12