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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents,

Each week our staff gathers on a Tuesday afternoon to engage in professional learning. Yesterday, Mrs Haddad shared with us a reflection on Pope Francis' most recent encyclical '*Fratelli Tutti*'. An encyclical is a letter from the Pope to followers and non-followers of Christ. The title of the encyclical translates as '*Brothers All*'. In this letter Pope Francis talks about the ideas of fraternity and social friendship as the ways to build a better, more just and peaceful world, with the contribution of all: people and institutions. With an emphatic confirmation of a 'no' to war and to globalized indifference.

As Pope Francis was writing this encyclical the covid pandemic began to spread across the world. This global health emergency has helped demonstrate that "*no one can face life in isolation and that the time has come to dream as a single human family in which we are brothers and sisters all.*" The concepts that Pope Francis is highlighting in his encyclical connect closely with Matthew's Gospel from last Sunday...

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees they got together and, to disconcert him, one of them put a question, 'Master, which is the greatest commandment of the law?' Jesus said, 'You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second resembles it: you must love your neighbour as yourself. On these two commandments hang the whole Law, and the Prophets also.'

As Catholics we strive to live our lives guided by the principles demonstrated by Jesus in the Gospels. We as individuals have an impact on our wider world if we ensure the ideals of loving God, loving our neighbours, demonstrating fraternity and friendship to **all**. We all know what these ideals look like and mean, yet we are still challenged to fully live them in action, with our Head, Heart and Hands. Let us at OLMC strive to truly live as '*Fratelli Tutti*'!



[Click on this link to view a reflection on Fratelli Tutti](#)

Olimpia Pirovic
Principal

The Community of OLMC is Safe and Respectful

UPCOMING DATES

Week 3

Thur: Morning Workout **8:15am Sharp**
Fri: Yr1 Science In-School Experience

Week 4

Mon: Assembly 4G
Second Hand Uniform Shop OPEN **2:45pm - 3:10pm**
P&F AGM ZOOM 7pm

Parents and Friend's Annual General Meeting - All welcome to attend via ZOOM MONDAY, 2 November - 7:00pm

NOTES HOME

This Week

- Year 4 Candle Making Experience
- Year 6 2014 Kindergarten Photo (select students only)
- Year 6 Hopes & Dreams Letter (select students only)

MERIT AWARDS

KB	Chad ▪ Jack	4B	Savannah ▪ Sameet
KG	Alana ▪ Sam	4G	Alessandra ▪ Michael
1B	Palash ▪ Isabella	5B	Azhric ▪ Neha
1G	Logan ▪ Alexia	5G	Alessandra ▪ Sabastian
2B	Liliana ▪ Alissa	6B	Logan ▪ Lila
2G	Abigail ▪ Anabel	6G	Julian ▪ Damon
3B	Gabrielle ▪ John-Sayed	CA	Celine ▪ Jacob
3G	Aibel ▪ Sienna	PE	Deng ▪ Amelia

STAR CARD REWARDS

Gold Awards: Charlize ▪ Jac ▪ Eva ▪ Luke ▪ George ▪ Liyana ▪ Varsha ▪ Kayla ▪ Steven ▪ Alessandro ▪

Opal Awards: Myra ▪ Lachlan ▪ Hannah ▪ Emad ▪ Adriana ▪ Annalise ▪ Roman ▪ Osean ▪ Alexander ▪ Liam ▪ Eknoor ▪

Platinum Awards: Samuel ▪ Leela ▪ Ava ▪ Navya ▪ Diana ▪ Leon ▪ Makayla ▪ Neha ▪ Alessandra ▪ Dev ▪ Aliyah ▪ Sebastian ▪

Principal's Awards: Kinjal ▪ Alyna ▪ Nirvan ▪ Zoe ▪ Palash ▪ Simona ▪ Anabella ▪ Tomos ▪ Lucas ▪ Kashvi ▪ Lachlan ▪ Aakash ▪ Reis ▪

Diamond Awards: Erica ▪ Isabella ▪ Gia ▪ Joel ▪ Hannah ▪ Lucas ▪ Taliah ▪ Kira ▪ Patrick ▪ Amelie ▪ Mariella ▪ Isabel ▪



SCHOOL FEES

Statements for Term 4 showing any outstanding balance have been mailed directly to your home this week by CEDP. Swimming fees have been credited to all accounts for 2020. If your account has already been paid in full, this credit will appear on your child's account at the commencement of 2021. Year 6 students who do not have siblings at OLMC next year will have this credit transferred onto their high school account if applicable. Please contact Maree Murphy in the school office should you have any queries regarding your account.

A REMINDER ABOUT RESTRICTIONS

As information about the easing of restrictions continues to filter through the media, families are reminded that these changes do not necessarily impact the events of our school. While we have all rejoiced about the lifting of restrictions concerning social gatherings, as a school we must also wait to receive advice from the Diocese of Parramatta to ensure these restrictions can safely be put in place. As a school we are responsible for many families who represent a broad range of the community, and as such, we must seek advice from multiple sources to ensure our decisions are made with the most up to date advice, maintaining our focus on the health and safety of all concerned. All gatherings for 2020 remain cancelled.

ARE YOU LEAVING AT THE END OF 2020?

As consideration for 2021 classes has begun, it is important that you advise the school if your child will not be returning next year. This allows us to offer places to families on our school waiting list and enable them to join our OLMC community. We require written notification and forms can be obtained from the school office.

STAFFING NEWS

Mrs Anderiesz will be taking Long Service Leave during Week 4 and 5. We wish her an enjoyable break and look forward to her return.

STUDENT MEDICATION

For the safety of all students, it is important that no student carries medication on them or in their bags at any time. If your child requires temporary medication for a short period of time, please bring the medication into the school office and complete the relevant forms. This is also a good time for families to go back to their doctor to revise any action plans, ready for 2021.

PRINCIPAL'S HOLIDAY CHALLENGE

Congratulations to all the children who participated in our Spring Holiday Challenge. There were thousands of pages read and many famous artworks recreated. The winners of our Challenge draw were: Havishaa T(KB), Joaquin P(1B), Abigail A(2G), Mary P(3B), Kinjal K(4B), Caitlyn G(5G), Joel J(6G) and the overall winner was Gabrielle M (3B)



OLMC FUNDAY

On Friday 13 November, Kindergarten to Year 6 OLMC students will participate in a FUNDAY! Events will focus on speed, agility, stamina, focus, strategy, teamwork and most importantly, sportsmanship! We know that this year has been challenging with all sporting events cancelled, so we can't wait to provide this physical funday to our students. We'd like to thank Mr Jones for organising this mammoth event.



SARAYU'S BIG CHOP

Over the break, Sarayu from Yr5 chopped over 50cm of her hair and raised \$3600 for Variety.

Variety is a charity which supports those living with cancer. One of their initiatives is making wigs for those who have lost their hair. When asked why she wanted to help, Sarayu said "I have always been troubled that, when someone is diagnosed with cancer, there is not much anyone can do to help. So, this is my attempt at changing someone's life, for the better in the future".



ATTENDANCE NOTIFICATION

When your child is away you are required to notify the school about their absence by a note to the teacher or a Skoolbag notice. If we don't receive notice within 7 days we are required to record the absence as unexplained. **If your child has been absent recently and you have not notified the school please do so before the end of the term.**

GET READY FOR 2021: NEW CHILD PROTECTION REQUIREMENTS

Earlier this year, families were informed of the NEW child protection requirements that ALL volunteers need to complete to assist with any school based events. While volunteers haven't been required this year, we are hoping that 2021 will be different. Further information on the new online form and training module can be found at www.parra.catholic.edu.au under the 'ABOUT US' tab. Within the form you will also find help sheets and a video tutorial to assist you. **ALL volunteers** must complete these new requirements, **even if** you had recently completed any of the child protection components.

P&F NEWS

Parents and Friends' Annual General Meeting - Monday 2nd November All parents and carers whose children are enrolled at the school are automatically members of the Parents and Friends Association (P&F). The Parents and Friends is an integral part of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Wentworthville and provides a formal structure and support network for parents and carers to participate in the activities and decision making processes at the school, and to work for the benefit of the school and their children.

Our Annual General Meeting is scheduled to take place Monday 2nd November at 7pm. This meeting will take place via zoom and we encourage all parents to attend. We are seeking nominations and will vote on the executive roles of President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary, and we will vote on these. Please click on [this link](#) to see the nomination form and job descriptions. If you would like to nominate someone for a role, or yourself for a role, please use the form and send it with your child to school or email us your nomination at olmcpandf@gmail.com

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