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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents,

A happy childhood is one of the best gifts that adults have in their power to bestow upon their children. If we make a child happy today, we will make the child happy twenty years on just by the memory of it.

There is no way that parents can make children happy all the time. Children need to learn how to deal with some distress and to figure out how to cope. Learning how to deal with life's frustrations and setbacks is essential for future happiness. A parent's role in these situations is to help children find solutions, not provide them. What's more, children need to know that it's alright to be unhappy sometimes; it's part of life.

If we try to eliminate unhappiness, we might be giving the message that it is wrong to feel sad; children need to experience the whole range of human feelings, including sadness. However, parents can encourage children to be happy about what's going okay, or what they have, instead of being sad about what's not going okay or when they don't have.

Likewise conflicts and disagreements are a normal part of life and are important in as much as they allow for the statement of differences and the expression of feelings. However, our behaviour and manner of relating, affect those around us profoundly, so, parents need to ensure that differences are reconciled without destroying the differences or the people who hold them. Maybe St Peter's words to his community of believers could be a source of inspiration to us:

“And now this word to all of you. You should be like one happy family, full of sympathy towards one another with tender hearts and humble minds.” 1Peter 3:8

As parents, we need to keep an eye on the big picture of life and set it within a positive and healthy home environment where our children can develop into value-driven, successful and happy people. If they can develop positive attitudes about themselves, their family and their community, they will be more likely to want to be successful, happy contributing people. Their happiness will be our happiness.

This is our tremendous challenge and responsibility for the future.

Olimpia Pirovic
Principal

The Community of OLMC is Safe and Respectful

UPCOMING DATES

Week 5

Thurs: Morning Workout **8:15am**

2021 Kindy Orientations

Marist Yr7 Orientation

Fri: Catherine McAuley Yr7 Orientation

OLMC Sport Fun Day - Friday 4 December

Note the changed date

Week 6

Mon: Assembly

2:45pm - 3:10pm

Second Hand Uniform Shop OPEN

Tues: Yr4 2021 BOYD Parent Info Zoom

Yr4 Candle Making Experience

Wed: Cricket Clinics K - Yr 6

Fri: Kinder 2021 Playgroup Session 1

NOTES HOME

This Week

- Yr 6 2021 Camp (Yr 5 Students)
- Band Catch Up Lessons (selected students)
- Yr 3 BYOLT Information Night ZOOM meeting for Yr 4 2021

MERIT AWARDS

KB	Adison ▪ Isabelle	4B	Annabelle ▪ Alanah
KG	Serah ▪ Aayan	4G	Kayla ▪ Justin
1B	Luca ▪ Prasadi	5B	Deng ▪ Annabel
1G	Isabella ▪ Rajan	5G	Jake ▪ Mia
2B	Jad ▪ Alexander	6B	Claudia ▪ Tristan
2G	Jolenta ▪ Zachary	6G	Simone ▪ Rohan
3B	Katrina ▪ Matthew	CA	Alissa ▪ Jessica
3G	Grace ▪ Vincent	PE	Saxon ▪ Leela

STAR CARD REWARDS

Gold Awards: Caitlyn ▪ Sam ▪ Savannah

Opal Awards: Zachary ▪ Luke ▪ Sam

Platinum Awards: Hansikaa ▪ Thomas ▪ Pranav ▪ Amelia ▪ Steven ▪ Varsha ▪ Liyana ▪ Elizabeth ▪ Jonah

Principal's Awards: Lily ▪ Isabella ▪ Jerrick ▪ Leah ▪ Olivia ▪ Jada ▪ Lara ▪ Rajan ▪ Aayan ▪ Sienna ▪ Anupriya ▪ Serah ▪ Saanvi ▪ Victoria

Diamond Awards: Summer ▪ Serah ▪ Zoe ▪ Isabelle



SCHOOL UNIFORMS - LAST DAY

The last day to place your orders for school uniforms for 2020 will be by 4pm on **Wednesday, 9 December**. Please ensure you place your orders via the QKR App to receive delivery on Thursday, 10 December. Any orders placed after this date will be received on Thursday, 28 January 2021. OzFashions are also able to provide school shoes - see flyer attached to this week's email.

PLEASE NOTE: OZ FASHIONS GRANVILLE DOES NOT SELL YOUR SCHOOL UNIFORM IN STORE.

Any inquiries about ordering or concerns can be sent to OzFashions by email elle@ozfashions.com.au



Clarks School Shoes



\$80.00



\$90.00-\$95.00



\$90.00-\$95.00



\$70.00



\$70.00

Available at Oz Fashions: 115-127 Parramatta Road, Granville, NSW, 2142. Trading Hours: Monday - Friday 9:00am - 5:30pm, Saturday 9:00am - 4:00pm

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.

LOST PROPERTY

We have a few items in lost property that would like to find their owners. If you have lost any of the following items, please come to the office to see if they are yours: keys, bracelets, numerous watches, sunglasses and some other items.



OLMC FUNDAY

On **Friday 4 December**, Kindergarten to Year 6 OLMC students will participate in a FUNDAY! **Please note there has been a change in the date due to a clash with Year 7 Orientations.**

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.



Year 4 2021 BYOD

This year, the Year 4 2021 Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) Parent Information Evening will be via ZOOM on November 17th. Parents of all 2021 Year 4 students are expected to join to understand the practicalities of BYOD, the home school partnership to ensure success and child's responsibilities while at school and at home. This is vital information for all 2021 Year 4 families.

Prior to that Zoom, all families will receive CEDP acceptable use agreements and information about setting up an iTunes account for the children. Please read through this material thoroughly so that we can assist you with any questions you may have.

Meeting ID: 977 2195 3534 PW: 828342



KINDERGARTEN 2021

REMINDER: On Thursday this week, we welcome our 2021 Kindergarten students for their orientation session. These sessions provide our students with an experience to familiarise themselves with the school, teachers and their new peers.



Group 1: 10am-10:40am

Group 2: 11:40am-12:20pm

Group 3: 12:30pm-1:10pm

Parents are reminded to follow all COVID Safe procedures. This includes your child not attending if anyone in your household has flu like symptoms.

STUDENT ILLNESS - COVID RESTRICTIONS STILL APPLY

During the past week we have had a number of children who have come to school and been sent home as they are unwell. We are still required to operate under the protocols that were advised in August. We understand that some children may suffer from seasonal hay fever or allergies and these symptoms can present as covid symptoms. If this is the case for your child, parents are asked to obtain a clearance letter from their doctor for their child to attend school.

We understand these processes may be frustrating, however in order to protect the health and safety of all we are required to follow them. Parents are also asked to be respectful to school staff who call to ask for a child to be collected as we are following the procedures expected of us. It is not appropriate to take out your frustrations on school staff.

Please refer below to the information shared to families on 19 August 2020 that is still in place.

- Currently, no student should attend school if they are unwell. That still applies but now, each student who is absent from school or who has been sent home because they have flu-like symptoms **must have a COVID-19 test**
- Students are not able to return to school **until they return a negative COVID-19 result and are symptom free**
- **A negative COVID-19 test result must be provided to the school** before a student can come back to school. The test results can be a NSW Health or COVID-19 Testing Centre letter, SMS or email and/or a medical certificate
- These same protocols apply to school staff.

P&F NEWS

Second Hand Uniform Shop

The Second Hand Uniform shop will be **closed Monday 16th November**. We apologise for any inconvenience.

The uniform shop will be open **Monday 23rd November in the afternoon from 2:30-3:00pm**. 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.



Year 1 Living Things Experience

Living Things visited Year 1 on the 23 Oct 2020. Students engaged in a range of activities and investigated a variety of objects. Students were given the opportunity to sort objects into living and non-living things. Year 1 soon discovered that things such as cotton and cork are actually living as they once came from living things.

