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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents,

One of the things that I love to do most is to sit down to a meal with my family and friends. I recently read an article called 'Wining and Dining with Jesus'. The article focused on how so many of our Gospel stories are centred on food or a meal. Think of the significant stories you know of Jesus' life....

Jesus sharing a meal with Zaccheus the tax collector,

Jesus accepting the hospitality of those whom society shunned - the leper, the Samaritan woman,

Jesus feeding the thousands with the loaves and fishes,

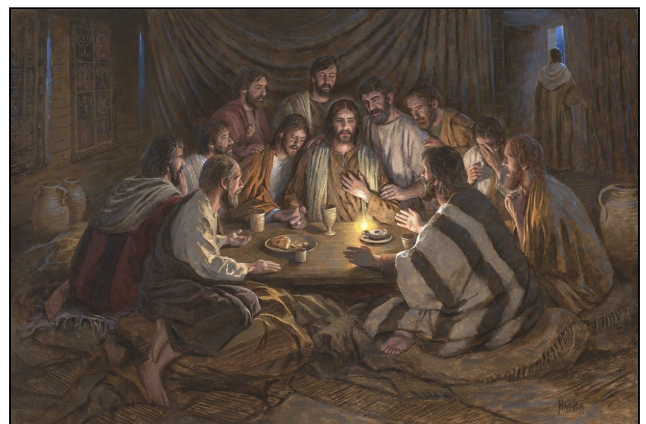
Jesus' first miracle at the Wedding Feast of Cana

In the last days of his life, Jesus chose to share his final Passover meal with his Disciples. The Passover meal was traditionally a family meal. In this meal Jesus shared himself as a sacrifice and symbol of God's power. A meal around a table lends itself to ritual. This final family meal became a memorial to Christ which we remember each time we participate in the Eucharistic meal at Mass.

This article made me reflect on my own experience of meals and rituals. As a child my family shared our evening meal together. As adults my family always gathered for a Friday night family dinner, where everyone, young and old came home for dinner. These occasions were always loud, full of conversation, laughter and fun. Everyone, from my parents, siblings and nieces and nephews took delight in coming together.

As with most families everyone came together in the kitchen where all the greetings and action began. There were sneaky samplings of what was on the dinner menu and a helping hand given. Once everyone arrived and dinner was ready we all moved to the large dining table to share our meal. These were times our family rituals were followed and legends were shared. As my family has continued to grow we don't have as many opportunities to gather together, but when we are together it is just like those Friday night dinners all over again.

As this year has unfolded, I have missed the frequency of being able to share a meal with others. I am sure you also have missed this. However, we have had greater opportunity to have more time to share a meal with our immediate family this year. No doubt many of you have created new family rituals that once time has passed you will look back on with fondness.



Olimpia Pirovic
Principal

The Community of OLMC is Safe and Respectful

UPCOMING DATES

Week 6

Thurs: 8:15am Morning Workout
Fri: 9:30-10:30am Kindergarten Playgroup

OLMC Sport Fun Day
Friday 4 December
Note the changed date

Week 7

Mon: Assembly
2:45pm - 3:10pm Second Hand Uniform Shop OPEN
Tues: K-6 Filming for Xmas Concert - **SEE NOTE BELOW**
Wed: K-6 Cricket Clinics

NOTES HOME

This Week

- Kindy Wick'd Candles Experience
- Yr 5&6 First Aid For Kids In-school Experience
- Yr 6 Celebration Day

Last Week

- Yr 6 2021 Camp (Yr 5 Students)
- Band Catch Up Lessons (selected students)

MERIT AWARDS

KB	Magdalene ▪ Shanaya	4B	Billy ▪ Ojas
KG	Mansi ▪ Isabelle	4G	Varsha ▪ Jacob
1B	Henry ▪ Jonah	5B	Gabriella ▪ Keillan
1G	Joshua ▪ Zoe	5G	Zien ▪ Chelsea
2B	Emilio ▪ Pranav	6B	Natasha ▪ Aiden
2G	Chanel ▪ Amelia	6G	Jonathan ▪ Lucas
3B	Dennis ▪ Olivia	CA	Estelle ▪ Gabriel
3G	Rita ▪ Ethan	PE	Clara ▪ Aleisha

STAR CARD REWARDS

Gold Awards: Catherine ▪ Miranda ▪ Paul ▪

Opal Awards: Savannah ▪ Sameet ▪ George ▪ Dominic ▪ Nicolas ▪ Brandon ▪ Winona ▪ Georges ▪ Jayden ▪ Jolenta ▪

Platinum Awards: Jeremiel ▪ Kyla ▪ Ethan ▪ Jasmine ▪ Noah ▪ Olivia ▪ Jayden ▪

Principal's Awards: Leela ▪ Anabel ▪ Amelia ▪ Grace ▪ Aibel ▪

Diamond Awards: Celeste ▪ Liya ▪ Angelina ▪ Havishaa ▪ Alana ▪ Lachlan ▪ Luke ▪ Sienna ▪ Gabriella ▪ Damon ▪ Mason ▪



MRS WOODING'S FAREWELL

To help us farewell Mrs Wooding from our school community we are asking for memories from former students, parents or grandparents to share with us. You might like to write your memories or film a short video message (in landscape) and send them to Miss Pirovic. We will use these to help us compile something special for Mrs Wooding as a lasting memory of her time at OLMC.

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



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. Don't forget to check for missing jumpers, jackets and hats.

BORROWED CLOTHES

Could students who have borrowed clothes from the school office over the last few weeks, please ensure clothes are washed and returned as soon as possible.



STAR CARD AWARDS

The last day for children to submit their star card awards will be on Friday December 4. The final Principal's morning tea will be on December 11.



CHRISTMAS AT HOME

Like most events this year, the format of our End of Year Christmas concert has changed and we need your assistance in making our event a magical and unique experience. On Tuesday 24 of November, Mrs Anderiesz and Mrs Laus will be swapping their teacher hats for Director & Producer roles as they record the talents of the children of OLMC. In order to make our "Production Day" a success, we are calling on your assistance as we require the children to **COME TO SCHOOL DRESSED IN THEIR CHRISTMAS STORY OUTFITS.**



Kindergarten: Brown or grey dress/brown or grey top with denim/dark blue shorts/pants

Year One: Yellow or gold dress/yellow or gold top with denim/dark blue pants/shorts/skirt

Year Two: Blue dress/ blue top with denim/dark blue pants/shorts (with blue tinsel)

Year Three: Green dress/green top with denim/dark blue pants/shorts/skirt

Year Four: Dress as shepherds or wear brown or white dress/brown or white top with denim/dark blue or white pants/shorts

Year Five: Red dress/red top with denim/dark blue pants/shorts, crowns & necklace of the three gifts, sunglasses (dress as rappers with red tops)

Year Six: Gold dress/gold top with denim/dark blue pants/shorts

All Students: Sports shoes and white socks are to be worn with their outfit. Girls are welcome to wear hair ribbons or tinsel in their hair that match their grades designated colour.

On the 8 December, the OLMC Christmas At Home Concert will debut at 7pm via the @OLMCWentworthville Facebook Page with families sharing in the moment and a special treat, gifted by the school.

WHITE RIBBON DAY

On Friday the 20th of November is White Ribbon Day. The White Ribbon Campaign is a global movement of men and boys working to end male violence against women and girls, specifically focusing on changing the attitudes and behaviours that lead to violence against women. The victims of violence are not merely statistics; they are our wives, sisters, mothers, daughters, aunties, friends and colleagues. As a community we believe violence (in any form) is never acceptable and that every person has the right to feel safe and respected in their relationships. At OLMC we primarily focus on being safe and respectful in all that we say and do, knowing that the most impressionable members of our society are constantly watching us for guidance, your children.

If you or someone you know is experiencing violence and need help or support, please contact one of the support hotline numbers below.

1800RESPECT 1800 737 732 **Lifeline** 13 11 14

Kids Helpline 1800 551 800 **Relationships Australia** 1300 364 277



P&F NEWS

The P and F Bulletin Board.

The Parents and Friends use a number of ways to communicate with our wider school community. As you are reading this, you are no doubt aware of our weekly newsletter column. We also send notices out via SkoolBag to jog your memory as events get closer or to ask for help in a limited time frame. We also have the P and F bulletin board, which is located on the left hand side of the students entrance to the school office. It has flyers that have been sent out and photos of events that we have held during the year. It has just had a makeover, if you haven't noticed it before, it would be a great time to have a look and see what we have been up to during 2020.

Second Hand Uniform Shop

The uniform shop will be open **Monday 23rd, Tuesday 24th & Wednesday 25th November in the afternoon from 2:30-3:00pm.** Please note that items are normally \$10 each and the payment method is **cash only**. See flyer for end of year special. 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 3 Living Things Incursion



On the 28th of October, Year 3 had a Science incursion on Living Things. A company called 'Mad About Science' conducted a workshop on key Science concepts taught about how all living things grow, reproduce, move, require nutrition, respond to stimuli, respire and expire.

All students participated in interactive tasks where they explored the differences between living and non-living things. Some items were difficult to classify, even for us teachers! From six-legged insects to eight-legged arachnids, the students were given the opportunity to utilise a diverse range of devices to get a closer look. They used binoculars and microscopes to identify characteristics that were too tiny for the eye.

The students investigated live worms and were given the challenging task of classifying what type of worms they were. These worms were then used to build a worm farm to take back to their own classrooms. Some students were more thrilled than others about adopting them as their very own class pets. The students continued to feed and care for the worms, until a few days later when they were sadly released into the school veggie patch.



During the workshop students learnt that:

- 🐛 All living things grow, reproduce, move, require nutrition, respond to stimuli, respire and expire
- 🐛 Sometimes it's hard to tell if something is living or not
- 🐛 All living things are made up of cells
- 🐛 Cells are the building blocks of all living things
- 🐛 There are ways to classify living things based on how they eat

It certainly was an enjoyable and informative session where the students learnt many new things about our living world.