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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents,

It has almost been four full weeks since we have come back to our regular routine of full-time school. The novelty of our collective experiences is beginning to wear off as we return to normal routines. As the novelty wears off, we begin to notice some of the good habits we previously had slipping. This is the same thing we are experiencing at school with the children. Some of the good habits that are slipping are remembering to speak respectfully to each other face to face and online.

During our period of time at home, and because of the pressures of juggling workload, school work, running a family and home, we may not have been able to supervise technology use to the same degree we did, pre-covid. Our children have had more time on their technology because they needed to complete work and, as with all of us, they were probably diverted by other sites or videos that weren't really what was planned. This means that our children may have been exposed to topics that aren't appropriate for them to engage with. This exposure can be challenging in families where there are children of a range of ages. Older siblings provide a wealth of positive support and knowledge to their younger siblings. It is important to help them remember the boundaries for their younger siblings.

Recently we have had some of our students come to school and talk about topics on the playground that they know are not appropriate. For children there is the excitement of talking about taboo or adult topics. They know it is not appropriate, but also know that it will get a big response from their peers. The children also know that it will also get a big response from the adults in their life and they may find themselves in trouble.

This is a good opportunity to reflect on and reset our expectations around:

- *The way we speak respectfully to other people. A reminder that teasing is not ok, even if what we are saying is trying to be funny. Unkind words hurt, especially when we say things like....'Mary likes Johnny'*
- *Topics that are appropriate for children to engage with. Don't be afraid to name general themes as adult topics and not for children eg; sex or swearing. The children have a sense of this already, perhaps ask them, what are adult or child appropriate topics.*
- *Technology use at home - set limits, check your filters and your child's device history, designate spaces for tech use and storage, keep them out of bedrooms at sleep times. As parents you have the right to determine these limits in your family.*

You may feel uncomfortable talking about some of these topics or responding to questions your children may have - ignoring them doesn't help you or your child. Living in a digital age means your child can go online to find answers you aren't prepared to give them, which can cause more problems, because they receive incorrect information. Having open and honest conversations with your children helps them learn how to navigate the world and understand what responsible interactions look like, sound like and feel like. We are here to support you on this journey, please reach out if you need support in addressing a topic or issue with your child.

Olimpia Pirovic
Principal

The Community of OLMC is Safe and Respectful

UPCOMING DATES

**FRIDAY 19 JUNE - KINDY 2021
OFFER ACCEPTANCES DUE**

Week 8

Mon: 2:30pm-3:00pm Second Hand Uniform Shop Open

Thurs: Work Out with Mr Jones **8am sharp**

Week 9

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NOTES HOME

This Week

- OLMC Feast Day Picnic Blankets
- Kindergarten & Yr 1 Living Eggs In-School Experience
- Yr 5 Human Dignity Zoom Discussion
- ICAS Competition

MERIT AWARDS

KB	Joseph N ▪ Ruhi P	4B	Estelle I ▪ Sameet B
KG	Tiana T ▪ Kingston W	4G	Kayla A ▪ Dillon K
1B	Palash P ▪ Catherine V	5B	Sarayu V ▪ Mishti S
1G	Candace N ▪ Logan K	5G	Gabriella M ▪ Riona L
2B	Lucas N ▪ Saskia W	6B	Amiel H ▪ Lara S
2G	Olivia P ▪ Amelia O	6G	Sophia G ▪ Damon O
3B	John Paul T ▪ Gabrielle M	CA	Irene M ▪ Sai R
3G	Myra S ▪ Luke G	PE	Luke G ▪ Bracston M

STAR CARD REWARDS

Gold Awards: Prasadi B ▪ John J ▪ Serah L ▪ Ruby A ▪ Ava L ▪ Jose J ▪ Jada J ▪ Alanna N

Opal Awards: Mishti S ▪ Angelina S ▪ Kyla T ▪ Emily F ▪ Joel J ▪ Jonathan E ▪ Luke K ▪ James B

Platinum Awards: Antoine K ▪ Charlise K



PAYMENTS

This year all CEDP schools are moving to a cashless model of payment. With the recent situation in relation to COVID19 and the general use of contactless payments, OLMC will now encourage all payments to be contactless. You can make payments in person using eftpos or your credit card. You can make payments over the phone with your credit card or via direct deposit. Please contact the school office for account details.

PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE

Congratulations to the 83 children, who completed the challenge this week.

Kinder: Ilia A

Year 1: Cyril Rioli A

Year 2: Alexander A, Asaeli A, Jolenta A, Zachary A, Chanel A, Jad B, Joseph B, Mahalia B, Miranda C, Hansikaa C, Jayden C, Jessica D, Thomas D, Alexander E, Yara H, Katrina N, Sean J, Misha K, Benjamin K, Sam K, Amalia K, Aimie K, Olivia L, Sai Pranav M, Arkyn M, Jayden M, Olivia M, Paul M, Lily N, Lucas N, Steven O, Amelia O, Alessandro O, Jeyaan P, Krishna P, Olivia P, Aaliyah P, Ria P, Armaan S, Rihanna S, Olivia S, Kyla T, Yelesa T, Lilliana T, Aliyak U, Kian V, Emilio V, Jasmine V, Liam V, Aerabella W, Saskia W, Thomas Y, Alissa Y, Anabel Y

Year 3: Amelia A, Olivia A, Gabrielle M, Angelina N

Year 4: Michael A

Your child's online reading log can be accessed via the [Student Site](#)

REMEMBER...the challenge rules have changed due to our students extended period at home, making completing the challenge easier to complete. The following adjustments will be applied to the Challenge in 2020:

- Students on all Challenge levels are able to read 10 choice books - an increase from five.
- Students on all Challenge levels will be able to include books on their reading records that they read collaboratively as a class, in person or online with their teacher or at home with their parents/carers.
- Students who complete the Challenge in 2020 will be able to count this towards cumulative awards.

To enter the Bonus Choice Books on the [Student Site](#), students can search for "2020 Bonus" on both the main search page, or in the "add choice book" tab, and these [records will appear for them to add to their Reading Record](#).

The last day for the challenge is the 28th August



MISSING LIBRARY BOOKS - WE URGENTLY NEED YOUR HELP!

Thank you to the families who went on a book hunt last week. We had many many books returned. But there are still more missing! Please keep looking for them, look in the cupboards, under the bed, behind the shelves, in the toy box and possibly even in the pantry! We need these returned asap. There will be borrowing limits placed on students who have more than two books out in their name.



REMEMBER THESE ARE NOT JUST LIBRARY BOOKS - THEY ALSO INCLUDED GUIDED READERS

OLMC FEAST DAY CALL OUT

This year our Feast Day will be celebrated a little differently. Without families being allowed on site and the big possibility of not being able to attend Church as a whole school, we will have to adjust what and how we formally acknowledge our day. However, we can assure you all, that both students and parents will have the opportunity to engage and recognise our special day. One of the activities our students will participate in will be a picnic style lunch. To allow our students to sit with each other, we are asking families to lend us their picnic blankets. This week your child's teacher will send home a letter with more details. Picnic blankets will not be shared amongst grades, they will stay with the child they belong to, to ensure we are able to return them home when the event is over. Please make sure your blanket is labeled with your family name and grade.

WET WEATHER PICK-UP PROCEDURES

We knew it would come to a point where we would need to follow our new wet weather procedure. In case families are unaware, these new procedures are in place due to the COVID restrictions on parents and carers entering the closed spaces of the school site. These new measures are to protect both parents and our teaching staff. The following procedure must be followed, until otherwise advised,

- The front & back gates are opened and parents MUST proceed to the teacher with the microphone.
- Please inform the teacher of your child/children's names and classes for an announcement to be made.
- Proceed to wait in the front playground - close to the canteen area.
- Students will proceed to the canteen area, where another staff member will dismiss them to their parent/carer.
- Parents/carers are asked to leave the site quickly as traffic is worse during wet weather.

We would like to sincerely thank all of our families for adjusting so quickly and following the directions over the past few days and look forward to continuing to work with you to ensure the health and safety of all members of our community.

KINDY 2021 OFFERS

Offers for Kindergarten 2021 were sent out at the end of May. This Friday 19 June is the due date to accept the offer and pay your deposit. If you haven't accepted your offer, please finalise it this week.

LOST PROPERTY

There are still lots of unlabeled jumpers and jackets in lost property.

**HAVE YOU LABELLED
YOUR CHILD'S UNIFORM
YET?**

THANKYOU TO FAMILIES

We are in the process of acknowledging all the hard work, persistence, patience and trust our families showed during learning from home period. Keep an eye out on our Facebook page for a surprise! It's close!

FACEBOOK UPDATE

Facebook was a new experience for OLMC and came about from our deep desire to keep connected with our families and allow families to keep connected with each other during learning from home. We had so much fun posting and getting a glimpse into the home lives of our families. As you can imagine, with all of our children now back, our normal days are in full swing once again. We will continue to post, however, it will be a significantly reduced rate, as our days are once again filled with our beautiful students, right in front of us. Please continue to engage with the page as it will continue to adapt to what we, as a community, need it to be.

P&F NEWS

Second Hand Uniform Shop

The Second Hand Uniform Shop **is now open on Monday afternoon from 2:30-3:00pm**. Our greatest thanks to Kelly Hughes, our second hand uniform shop coordinator, for her flexibility and willingness to help our families transition back to school after isolation. We are very grateful for your gift of time in organising the shop and for your help in making sure our students had what they needed to go back to school prepared. Kelly volunteers her time in providing this very essential service to our school community and we are so glad she does.

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 via the school office. Just place them, washed and clean, into a bag labelled 2nd Hand Uniform.

WATER SAVING TIPS FROM YEAR 2



WATER - A PRECIOUS RESOURCE THAT WE NEED TO PROTECT

Year 2 have been learning all about the importance of saving water, one of the Earth's natural resources. During our "Spill the Beans" talking time we have been sharing some great water saving tips.

USE A WATERING CAN TO WATER YOUR GARDEN



USE A BUCKET TO WASH YOUR CAR

TURN OFF THE TAP WHEN YOU ARE BRUSHING YOUR TEETH



USE THE LEFTOVER WATER FROM YOUR GLASS OR DRINK BOTTLE TO WATER A PLANT

How many of these great tips can you try using at home to save water like Year Two?

HAVE A SHORT SHOWER