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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

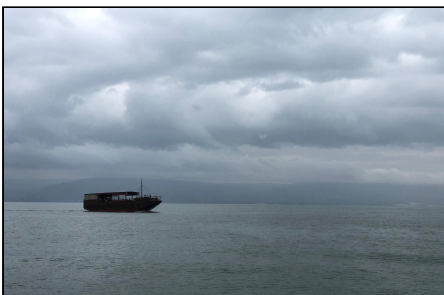
Dear Parents,

One of the pleasures of being the Principal is that I get to visit the children in their classrooms and talk to them about their learning. During my classroom visits last week I stopped by Year One during their Religion lesson. I noticed that they were inquiring into Jesus' miracle of the loaves and fishes. As I listened to their discussion I realised that I could provide them with a very real link to the context of the story.

During January, I along with Mrs Anderiesz, Miss Magtanong, Fr Martinho, Mrs Nolan and other OLMC friends, visited Israel on Pilgrimage. We had the opportunity to walk in the footsteps of Jesus and visit the locations in which He lived and worked to spread the knowledge of our loving God. During this pilgrimage I was able to develop a deeper understanding of the history and context of the biblical stories I had grown up with. It struck me how having read these stories I thought Jesus' world was a huge one of great distance, only to find that the distance around Galilee and Nazareth is not so great.

So, having had this experience recently I was able to tell the Year One children that I could show them photos of where this miracle took place near the shores of the Sea of Galilee at Tagbha. I could tell them from my lived experience how enormous the Sea of Galilee is and showed them pictures of what the fishing boats in Jesus' time looked like. We looked at a map of Israel to identify the location of Tagbha. This experience led to the children asking other questions and going deeper with their understanding. This is precisely what we are trying to achieve as we work with CEDP to develop a new Religious Education Curriculum.

The miracle Jesus performed reminds us that if we have faith in God he will always provide for us. In our modern world we can lose sight of this knowledge. *This week I encourage you to reflect on this story with your children and discuss times when you have had faith and God provided for you.*



L-R: Fishing boats on the sea of Galilee - The Altar at the Church of the Multiplication of the Loaves and Fishes - View of The Sea of Galilee from the Mount of Beatitudes

Olimpia Pirovic

Principal

The Community of OLMC is Safe and Respectful

UPCOMING DATES

Week 3

Fri:

**WELCOME TO SCHOOL
DINNER POSTPONED**

(See Below)

Week 4

Mon: 9am Assembly - 6B; St Paul's Visit Yr 6 Boys

Tue: 6:15pm Child Protection Briefing - Library
7pm P&F General Meeting

Wed: 9:15am Child Protection Briefing - Library

Thu: Diocesan Swimming Carnival

Fri: Opening School Mass

NOTES HOME

Today

- Yr1 & Yr2 EnviroMentors Incursion

Last Friday

- Sacramental Process-Stage 2 & 3
- Important Calendar Changes

OPENING SCHOOL MASS

All families are invited to attend the opening school mass and commissioning of our 2020 school student leaders.

FRIDAY, 21 FEBRUARY 2020

10:00AM - 11:00AM

NOTES ON SCHOOL WEBSITE

For your convenience, if your child is absent when notes are handed out or if your child misplaces their note/s, parents can access notes on our School website. Link is

<http://www.olmcwentworthville.catholic.edu.au/Community/Notes-and-Forms>

MERIT AWARDS

KB	Sienna ▪ Daniel	4B	Ava ▪ Jose
KG	Olivia ▪ Chris	4G	Lucas ▪ Lachlan
1B	Josephine ▪ Owen	5B	Sai ▪ Sowjanya
1G	James ▪ Leah	5G	Charlotte ▪ Tony
2B	Rihanna ▪ Kimberly	6B	Bracston
2G	Katrina ▪ Lily	6G	Julian ▪ Serah
3B	Mary ▪ Danasha	CA	Charlise - 5B ▪ Billy - 4G
3G	Jada ▪ Ethan	PE	No awards presented.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL 2020

Last week the students in Year 2 to Year 5 voted for their Student Representative Council members. The following children were elected by the class to represent them and they will be commissioned as SRC leaders at our Opening School Mass on 21 February.

Year 2

2B - Aimie
2G - Abigail

Year 3

3B - Olivia
3G - Luke

Year 4

4B - Billy
4G - Tahlia
4G - Erinn

Year 5

5B - Charlise
5G - Roman

SPORT LEADERS 2020

On Tuesday, the students in Year 3 to Year 5 voted for their Sports Leaders for 2020. The following children were elected and they will be commissioned as Sports Leaders at our Opening School Mass on 21 February.

Elijah (Red)

Lila
Georges

Gilroy (Blue)

Noah
Lara

Mackillop (Green)

Gabriella
Joel

McAuley (Gold)

Yasemin
Serena

CHILD PROTECTION

It is a system requirement for adults who volunteer in schools to complete the online 'Child Protection Training' module and attend a child protection briefing every two years. Click on the link to complete the [Child Protection Module](#), please ensure that you select the 'Volunteer' option. Please note the only two Child Protection Briefings being held this term are on Tuesday, February 18th at 6:15pm and Wednesday, February 19th at 9:15am in the Mercy Library.

CHILDREN'S SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

FAQs: What to wear? At OLMC, we do not require any specific clothing to be worn, and we certainly don't obligate families to spend more than what they feel comfortable spending on the celebrations. At the Parent Information Evenings, we help parents discern what would be appropriate for the occasion. Sacramental forms are available now from the school and parish offices, in the parish centre, and online at www.olmcwenty.org.au and can be returned to parish office or emailed to paola.olmc@gmail.com

BENNETT STREET PARKING



Please be aware that there is no parking on Bennett Street from 8:30-9:00am, and as such carries a hefty fine to drivers not following the road rules. This is a strictly kiss and drop area. Families can help their child/ren out of the car, but cannot move away from their car at any time. If you want to walk your child into school, even for just 2 minutes, you need to park on one of the parallel streets. We ask that families follow this same procedure for pickup.



If you intend to stay and chat to other families, please park on a parallel street to allow the flow of traffic to continue. Parents are reminded to demonstrate safe and respectful behaviour towards each other at this time.

KINDERGARTEN 2021

The 2021 Kindergarten enrolment period will commence on the 2nd March 2020. Enrolment packs will be available from this date for prospective parents to collect from the office. Open Mornings are scheduled for 5th and 25th March and 6th May 2020.

CONTACT DETAILS

Have you changed your contact details? Please notify the school if you have changed address or any contact details such as emails or phone numbers. It is vital that we have correct information in case of emergencies. This can be done via the Skoolbag App under e-forms.

MISSING OR OVERDUE BOOKS

If your child has any class readers or library books that have been at home for a while, they are most likely overdue. Having multiple overdue books may prevent your child from borrowing and prevents other children from enjoying the books you have at home. The library is open everyday at lunchtime for students to borrow or return.



P&F NEWS

Change of date: After experiencing the extreme heat and bushfires of the last few months, I am sure we are all grateful for the refreshing rain we have been blessed with this week. The forecast for the next fortnight is that the rain will continue, and we ask all of our community to remain safe and mindful of others during these changed weather conditions. We pray that it brings relief to those that need it most.

Unfortunately, this also means that we will need to reschedule the Welcome Dinner that was due to happen this Friday. **Our Welcome Dinner will now take place on Friday, 28 February.** This year we have some fabulous new opportunities such as lucky door prizes, craft activities for the children, sports that everyone can get involved with and of course, the traditional food and drink. To enable us to cater, please RSVP to olmcpandf@gmail.com.

Second Hand Uniform: The Second Hand Uniform shop is a service provided by the Parents and Friends. It is open on Monday afternoons from 2:45pm until after 3pm. Please remember that the Second Hand Uniform Shop only accepts cash and holds a limited amount of change.

If you have any uniforms that your child has outgrown and you wish to donate these, please send them to the school office in a plastic bag labelled Second Hand Uniforms.

Parents and Friends Meeting: The Parents and Friends meeting will take place Tuesday, 18th February at 7:00pm. This is a fantastic opportunity to find out more about what is happening at the school. You can even win a prize just by attending. We warmly encourage you to come along and get involved.



Year 6 Camp



Last week Year 6 attended their annual camp at the Collaroy Centre, where they participated in many amazing activities. They learnt new skills and tried new things that developed their teamwork, responsibility and resilience. It was a huge learning experience for all the students and most importantly it was a fun experience in which they created many joyful memories with their teachers and peers.

Hannah J

Camp was so much fun we all had such a great time and we all got to know our teachers much better. We all learnt to be more independent.

Luke K

Camp was absolutely amazing, it was a good time to become independent and look after yourself. There were so many fun activities, some of them were a challenge. There was so much wildlife and nature, we even needed bug repellent. I would definitely go again.

Jorja M

At camp we did many activities like the giant swing, laser tag, archery, flying fox and team building challenges. We also did water activities, a hike and walked to the beach. There also were cabins, cafeterias and a chapel where we pray and read our kids lovely letters our parents gave us. We had breakfast, morning tea, lunch, snack, dinner and supa.

George Y

Camp collaroy was very fun. It was a great experience we all got out of our comfort zones and had the most fun we ever had. yeah, we missed our parents but we were still happy to be with our peers and teachers and we were all distracted because of the fun we were having. We did activities that we don't normally do like archery or giant swing even outdoor laser tag we did a giant flying fox we all felt like daredevils. Camp Collaroy's food was great. We had different meals every day like fish and chips, green curry and chefs roast. It was the best place I've ever been.

Fact Sheet for Parents and Caregivers - Explanation of Student Absences

CEDP promotes daily school attendance. Going to school every day is the single most important part of your child's education.

If your child is sick or absent you are required to notify their school on the first day of absence if at all possible. All explanations to the school must be provided within **7 days** from the first day of any period of absence.

Absences can be explained using one of the following methods:

1. Online: log the absence directly using the *Skool Bag App*
2. Email: the school at olmcwenty@parra.catholic.edu.au
3. Telephone: the school office on 8832 1100
4. Note sent with your child

Where an explanation has not been received within the 7 day timeframe or the explanation has not been accepted, the school will record the absence as unexplained or unjustified on the student's record. The school will not be able to accept explanations which are not received within the 7 day timeframe.

Justified reasons for student absences may include:

- being sick or having an infectious disease
- having an unavoidable medical appointment
- being required to attend a recognised religious holiday
- exceptional or urgent family circumstances e.g. attending a funeral

Why do I need to notify the school if my child is absent?

Parents of children aged 6 to 17 years are legally required to ensure their children attend school every day or provide an explanation if they are absent. Notifying the school and providing an explanation for your child's absence will fulfil this legal responsibility.

The safety and wellbeing of students are the highest priorities for schools. Parents need to know if their child isn't at school, and schools need to know when and why a child is absent. Notifying the school of your child's absence helps ensure the safety and wellbeing of all children in school.

What is your responsibility?

- Ensure your child attends school every day
- Ensure your child is on time for school every day
- Notify the school immediately if your child is absent
- Provide an explanation for any absences within 7 days
- Make sure the school has your correct contact details so that you can receive attendance information about your child

every learner every day 

Strive for Higher Things at Catherine McAuley Westmead



Enrolling now for 2021 - Applications close 27th March 2020

OPEN EVENING Wednesday 4th March 2020 4pm - 7pm

Catherine McAuley Westmead, 2 Darcy Rd, Westmead | www.mcauley.nsw.edu.au

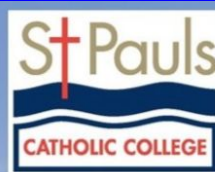


Open Day

Sunday 1st March

11.30am - 3pm

- College Tours
- Lesson Demonstrations
- Parents & Friends Association
- Staff & Students available to answer your questions



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CERDON COLLEGE

Merrylands

Aspire to Great Heights



Open Day

Tuesday 3 March 2020

Come along anytime between

4:00 pm to 7:00 pm

Sherwood Road Merrylands

Phone: (02) 8724 7300

**Enrolment Packages available
for Year 7 2021 and 2022**

