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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents,

When the Year Six students attended camp recently they celebrated Mass with Fr Martinho. The focus of this liturgy was:

"Who is My Neighbour?"

The students focused on the parable of the Good Samaritan and were challenged to consider who was the better neighbour. They were also asked to consider who their neighbour is and how they treat them. This week's Gospel readings call back to the concept of Neighbour. We will reflect on the story of God speaking to Moses and telling him to **"Love thy neighbour as yourself"** and then in the Gospel the theme is reiterated with the words **"Love your enemies"**.

The concept of loving your neighbour is one of our greatest challenges as Catholics. Some of our neighbours are our friends who we are quite happy to demonstrate our love for. While others are strangers or even enemies and it is more challenging to show love towards these people. These Scriptures were written at a time when it was considered the norm to respond with retribution towards someone who wrongs you. However, God through Moses, and then through Jesus, is calling us to respond differently, to turn the other cheek and offer forgiveness and prayer. What an enormous challenge for us mere mortals!

It takes quite a spine to turn the other cheek. It takes phenomenal fortitude to love your enemy. It takes firm resolve to pray for those who persecute you. (with reference to Matthew 5)
~ Rob Bell

You might like to discuss these concepts with your family this week. Share with each other ideas about how you might be able to live God's call to 'Love your neighbour'.

Olimpia Pirovic

Principal

The Community of OLMC is Safe and Respectful

UPCOMING DATES

Week 4

Wed: 9:15am Child Protection

Briefing - Library

Thu: Diocesan Swimming Carnival

Fri: 10am Opening School Mass

Week 5

Mon: 9am Assembly - 6G

Wed: 10:15-11am Ash Wednesday Mass

Fri: 5:30-8:30pm School Welcome Dinner

Sat: Orders Close for Year 6 Shirts

Pupil Free Day - Wednesday, 4 March

(Friday, 28 February is a normal school day)

NOTES HOME

Today

- Meet the Teacher - K to Yr 6
- Grade Overviews - K to Yr 6

Last Friday

- Gala Day Interest - Yrs 3 & 4
- Gala Day Interest - Yrs 5 & 6
- Year 5 Reward Day - Yr 5

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 by using the following link <http://www.olmcwentworthville.catholic.edu.au/Community/Notes-and-Forms>

MERIT AWARDS

KB	Pravi ▪ Joanne	4B	Savannah ▪ Joseph
KG	Mason ▪ Kayana	4G	Nirvan ▪ Alessandra
1B	Gia ▪ Anuj	5B	Maroun ▪ Azhric
1G	Isabel ▪ Reis	5G	Irene ▪ Kruti
2B	Kian ▪ Sam	6B	Luke ▪ Serena
2G	Misha ▪ Thomas	6G	Jorja ▪ Joel
3B	Valli ▪ Kiara	CA	Olivia - 1B ▪ Abbey - 1B
3G	Angelina ▪ Angela	PE	Gabriella - 5B ▪ Lucas - 4G

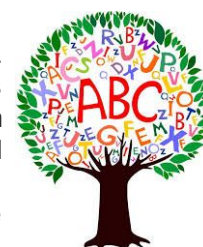
BAND UPDATE

Unfortunately there have been some miscommunications this week between Captivate and tutors. Students who have had clarinet and saxophone have not had their lessons this week. We are hoping all will be back on track by next week. We apologise for the inconvenience and Thank you for your patience and understanding.



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. A tour with the Principal will commence from 9:30am.



EXTENDED LEAVE

All holiday leave consisting of two (2) or more days must be approved by the Principal. A leave form can be obtained from the school office or website. All leave must be submitted as early as possible with a minimum of at least two weeks prior to your intended leave. This leave cannot be submitted through Skoolbag. Your Principal approved leave form should be carried with you when your child/ren is on leave during the school term.

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 in to the school office and complete the relevant forms. Thank you.

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.



NAPLAN 2020

In preparation for the online 'National Assessment Program - Literacy and Numeracy' [NAPLAN], parents of Year 3 and Year 5 students are invited to attend a parent information session on Tuesday, 3rd March at 6:30pm in the Mercy Library. This session will provide parents with information about the NAPLAN Online process and how to best help your child prepare for NAPLAN.

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.



PRINCIPAL'S HOLIDAY CHALLENGE

What a wonderful response to our first challenge of the year. We have had so many lovely artworks created and many pages read. Congratulations to the following winners:

Daniel B - Kindergarten
Ariah J - Year 1
Kian V - Year 2
Mary P - Year 3

Zainah A - Year 4
Sai R - Year 5
John J - Year 6
Cyril A - Overall (Yr1)



Congratulations also to Amelia A who won a \$30 voucher in the Executive Director's Summer Reading Challenge

P&F NEWS



Change of Date - Our Welcome Dinner will now take place Friday, 28th 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 donations of uniforms that your child has grown out of that you wish to make to the Second Hand Uniform shop, please send them to the school office in a plastic bag labelled Second Hand.

Parents and Friends Meeting: It was fantastic to see so many new faces at our Parents and Friends meeting and to welcome back some familiar ones. Congratulations to our lucky door prize winners. We hope you enjoy your prize. Our thanks to Garfield Medical Centre and Monkey Mania for sponsoring our prizes.

This column is compiled by P&F Communications. If you have any queries or wish to contribute, please email olmcpandf@gmail.com attentioned to P&F Communications.

Assessment Capable Learners!

At OLMC we are safe and respectful learners....ASSESSMENT CAPABLE LEARNERS!!

Over the next few weeks, months and years, you will hear your child saying that they are focusing on being an assessment capable learner...So what does that mean?



Assessment capable students are learners that....

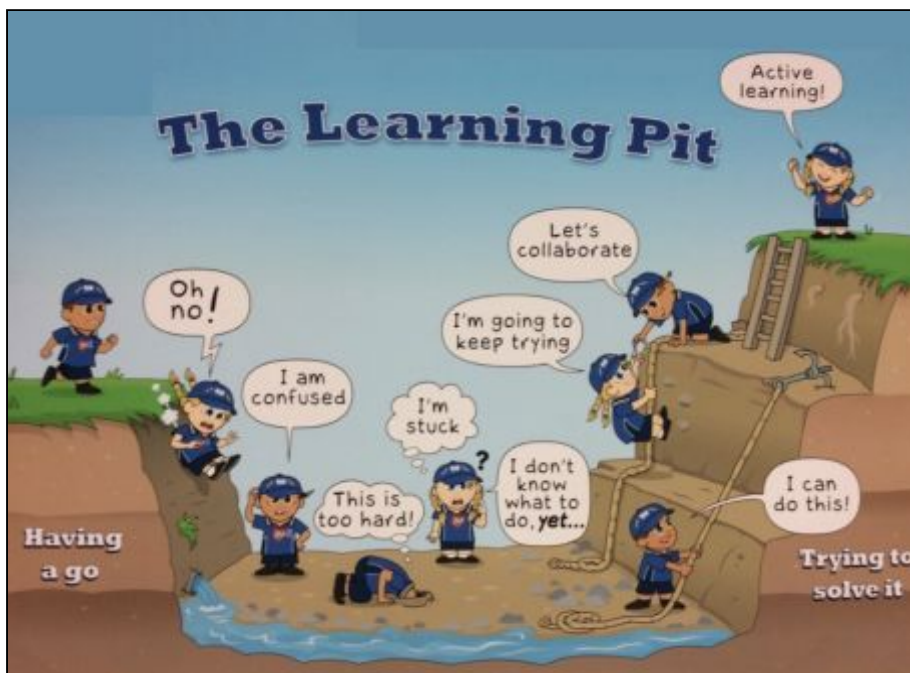
- Can articulate what they are learning and why
- Can talk about how they are learning and the strategies they are using
- Can articulate their next learning step
- Understand

assessment tools used and what the results mean

- Ask questions and clarify their thinking
- See challenge as learning opportunities
- Actively seeks feedback
- Sets learning goals.

They know what to do, when they don't know what to do!

But most importantly, assessment capable learners are resilient and thrive on challenge!



Questions you can ask your child...

- What did you learn today?
- How are you going? How do you know?
- What will you focus on next?
- What strategies did you use?
- How did you feel when you were challenged? How do you feel now?
- What did you learn about yourself as a learner?

Keep an eye out for more information to follow