

Our Lady of Mount Carmel



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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents,

This week you have been meeting with your child's teacher to discuss their **glows** and **grows**. This is a valuable opportunity to deepen understandings about how we can work together to support your child to achieve their learning and social goals.

Last night Fr Martinho joined the teachers for dinner and he was very curious about why all the parents were here and what was actually happening. He shared his experiences of school in Timor L'este and told me that parents only came to meet the teacher if their child was in trouble. How fortunate are we that our focus in meeting is about how we can work collaboratively to support student learning. Thank you to the teachers and all parents who have been involved in this process.







The other big topic that is on everyone's mind is Covid-19 virus. While in our community we **do not** have anyone who has had direct contact with a person diagnosed with the virus our focus is on following the advice provided by NSW Health to minimise the risk. These are:

Washing hands with soap Good hygiene practices Sneezing into an elbow or covering your nose

Avoiding unnecessary physical contact with others eg: handshakes, kissing, staying home if sick

What will happen if there is a case of Covid-19 virus identified in our community?

If we have a case identified, CEDP and the NSW Health authorities will be notified. They will assess the situation and advise us of the actions we are to take. Parents of children who have been directly impacted through contact will be notified about the actions required. If a school has to be closed, as is currently happening at St Patrick's Dundas, parents are notified and the whole school is completely cleaned and sanitised according to NSW Health guidelines and directives.

Right now we have no cause for panic. We need to be vigilant in following the preventative strategies and seek medical advice if you develop any symptoms.

Olimpia Pirovic

Principal

The Community of OLMC is Safe and Respectful

UPCOMING DATES

Week 7 MEET THE TEACHER WEEK Thu: 8:15am Morning Workout Bennett St Gates - 8:15am SHARP K-6 Well-being Afternoon Fri: 2:45pm Nursery Rhyme Day-Kindy

<u>Week 8</u> Mon: 9am Assembly - 3B Wed: 3:15pm-4:15pm AFL Clinic

Thu: <u>No Morning Workout</u>

Fri: MUFTI - Gold Coin Donation National Day Against Bullying 2:30pm Our Project of Compassion 10c Mission Trail count

NOTES HOME

Last Friday

- Catholic Outlook 2020
- Easter Hat Parade Kindy
- Author Visit Yrs 3 & 4

OUR PROJECT OF COMPASSION - WEEK 8

MONDAY 16 - FRIDAY 20 - Grades collect as many 10c coins as possible. On Friday we will line them up to see which Grade makes the longest trail. FRIDAY 20 - MUFTI for a gold coin donation

MERIT AWARDS				
KB	Sienna • Luke	4B	Jac • Hannah	
KG	Akins - Vishvassha	4G	Erica • Taliah	
1B	Charlotte - Michael	5B	Ruby - Charlise	
1G	Amelia - Aakash	5G	Matteo - Caitlyn	
2B	Jayden - Olivia	6B	Aiden • Sajin	
2G	Mahalia • Paul	6G	Tomos • Clara	
3B	Greta • Gabrielle	CA	No awards presented.	
3G	Vincent - Amelia	PE	Sophie - KG • Charlise - 5B	

PRC 2020



The 2020 Premier's Reading Challenge (PRC) has begun and we are again encouraging all students to participate! Today children will bring home their PRC online login details for you to begin updating your child's reading record. Children in Kindy to Year 2 will read or experience 30 books from the challenge list with their class over the course of the challenge period. The Kindy to Year 2 teachers will record the books read and Mrs Anderiesz will add these books to student records.

Children in Year 3 to Year 6 are required to independently read 20 books from the challenge list. The books in our library are labelled with stickers to make it easy to identify books that are on the challenge list. Click on the link to find information related to privacy at the <u>PRC Website</u>.

All student reading logs must be finalised before August 28. Please direct any questions you may have to Mrs Anderiesz.

'OUR PROJECT OF COMPASSION'

Beginning from week 6, we will run several school-based fundraising activities to support the severely bushfire affected school, St Mary's Star of the Sea Primary School in Milton. This targeted social justice initiative aims to support the community of Milton, both short term and long term. These 6 weeks have been called 'Our Project of Compassion' and include grade activities that will enhance the learning experiences of the new Religious Education curriculum.



Our children have been inspired to develop ways that they can make a difference to support St Mary's Star of the Sea. A group of our Year 5 girls Bhakti, Siya, Sai, Chivonne and Chiara,

came up with the idea of setting up a drink stall at Parramatta Park. With the support of their parents, they sold drinks to people visiting the park and explained what they were doing and why. The girls managed to raise \$150 to donate towards *Our Project of Compassion*.

Remembering our lessons from St Therese's life, these girls have shown that the small things we do to be of service to others, matters. These small simple acts can be our path to building a personal relationship with God.

ARE YOUR CONTACT DETAILS UP TO DATE

There are occasions where teachers or school staff need to phone parents or emergency contacts. This is hindered when the details we have on file are incorrect. We ask all parents to inform the school if you have changed any of your phone numbers since you enrolled your youngest child. Don't forget to update the numbers of your emergency contacts too. If you are unsure that your details are correct please email the school and we will let you know the details we have on file.

WINTER UNIFORMS

Families are encouraged to fit winter uniforms for their child(ren) as soon as possible, before or after school in the office. Parents must attend with their child, bookings are not required. All orders for uniforms should be placed using the Qkr app by 4pm on a Wednesday so that delivery can take place on a Thursday. The last day for ordering this term will be Wednesday, 8 April. Students will be wearing their winter uniform from the beginning of Term 2.

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. Our next Open Mornings are scheduled for 25th March and 6th May 2020. A tour with the Principal will commence from 9:30am.



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

OLMC Website link

Our notes & forms page has copies of all the note school, for your convenience. Simply choose the relevant category below to expand the list and ac if you require a copy of any notes that are not found on this page of Primary by phone on BB32 1100 weekdays between 8x5 am and 315			
			+ Canteen
			+ Enrolment
+ Leave Forms			
+ Parents and Friends			
+ Parish News			
+ Sports			
+ Whole School			
+ Kindergarten			

Notes and Forms

NEW RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CURRICULUM PARENT INFORMATION AND WORKSHOP EVENING

As you may be aware, Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta will implement a new curriculum in Religious Education for students in Pre-School to Year 12. The implementation will begin in 2020 in pilot schools like OLMC. You are invited to a parent workshop to explain and explore the new curriculum in Religious Education. Professor Anthony Maher, a theologian who has had significant input into the development of the new curriculum, will facilitate the workshop. The curriculum has been developed over a period of three years, and has invited contributions from students, families, teachers and the church. It is a very exciting time of renewal for us as we prepare to implement this new curriculum into our classrooms. The structure of the parent evening will reflect the inquiry pedagogy being used to teach the new curriculum in our classrooms, whereby your questions and responses will be facilitated in light of the call from Pope Francis to the synodal church to bring to life, to 'ignite', our faith.

When: Tuesday, 17 March 2020 - 6.30 - 8.00 pm

Where: Morley Centre, Catherine McAuley Westmead and Parramatta Marist High School 2 Darcy Rd, Westmead Entry via Gate 3, Darcy Rd

RSVP: Please RSVP on this <u>link</u>. by Thursday, 12 March 2020.

CHILDREN'S SACRAMENTAL PROCESS

All parents of children from Year 3 onwards are invited to discern the sacraments for their children. Our *parish-based, family-centred, school-supported* process is designed to support parents live, grow and share their faith with their children. For more information, please see the parish website <u>olmcwenty.org.au</u>. Enrolments for Confirmation are due 3rd April.

P&F NEWS

Mothers' Day Breakfast

The time is coming when we take a moment to remember the special mothers', grandmothers and caregivers in our community and show them how much we love and appreciate them. We are seeking people to help make this day special by helping to organise the Mothers' Day Breakfast on Friday 8th May from around 8:00am. It would be really fabulous if some of the men in our parent community were willing to come forward to assist on the day, to show our mothers how much we appreciate everything they do. If you can help please send a message to the school office so we can pass this on to the Parents and Friends Committee.



Thank you for your continued support of the community events that make our school so special.

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

DINNER 2020

WELCOME BAC

On February 28th, our OLMC family was welcomed into the 2020 school year with our annual 'Welcome Back Dinner'.



There were an array of games, food and activities that engaged all ages! These included lucky draw prizes, sticker conversation starters, the toddler and skipping corners, pinwheel craft station and volley ball and table tennis championship matches, but most importantly, a strong sense of community spirit filled the air.

We would like to thank all the families and friends that were able to _ attend this event as it

fosters the special connectedness that

We especially acknowledge

OLMC is renowned for.

President of the P&F.

Karly Jouni for her

cook and serve the

and her band of

meticulous planning

volunteers who gave up

their time on the day to

400+ people who attended.

Pid you enjoy the Welcome Back Pinner? Planning for that event started with a few simple ideas shared over snacks.

While 2021 is a whole year away, planning for this event has already begun and we would like to hear from YOU! We are looking for people who could offer ideas on how to make our 2021 Family Fun Fair great for the people who matter most in our lives, our children. Meeting time is flexible and minimal. If you are interested people see Karly, email Olmcfunfair@gmail.com or leave your name at the office.