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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

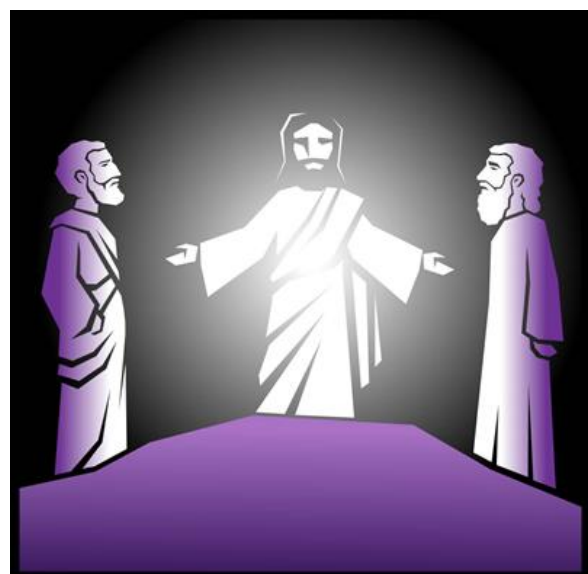
Dear Parents,

One of the great joys in teaching is to get a glimpse of talent or giftedness in a young child. Teachers know the children well, and then, one of them will surprise everybody with academic insight, a flash of heroic generosity, a brilliant thought or a beautiful drawing. Whatever it happens to be, it shows the onlooker that there is more to this person than meets the eye. A young child feels comfortable to show their talents and potential in high trust, high expectations and high support environments that develop between teachers and children. This same situation happens to each and every parent, we are often amazed at the abilities and talents that our children display at various times.

It was something like that for Peter, James and John when they climbed Mount Tabor with the wandering prophet from Nazareth. They knew Him to be a fine preacher as well as an up and coming miracle worker. But now, there was something more and it was completely unexpected. Jesus revealed Himself as the Son of God. Jesus is still revealing Himself in unexpected ways and not only on mountain tops but in the routine of everyday life. To be open to receive such a revelation of the wonder of God, we need to be like the trio, and stand apart with Jesus. This is often hard. We would like to spend time with Jesus but are not willing to pay the price of time.

Above all else, Lent is about making time to stand apart with Jesus in prayer. It does not matter where but it does matter that it is everyday. Today is a good day to do it better. Jesus is waiting ... listen to Him.

*Lord Jesus,
I give you my hands to do your work.
I give you my feet to go your way.
I give you my eyes to see as you do.
I give you my tongue to speak your words.
I give you my mind that you may think in me.
I give you my spirit that you may pray in me.
Above all,
I give you my heart that you may love in me
your Father and all mankind.
I give you my whole self that you may grow in me,
So that it is you, Lord Jesus,
Who live and work and pray in me.
(The Grail prayer)*



Olimpia Pirovic
Principal

The Community of OLMC is Safe and Respectful

UPCOMING DATES

Week 5

Thu: Morning Workout with Mr Jones
8:15am SHARP
 Sushi IS NOT available for Canteen orders today, 25.2.21

Friday:

STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY - PUPIL FREE DAY

Week 6

Mon: CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK BEGINS
 2022 Enrollments Open
 Second Hand Uniform Shop OPEN
 8:45am-9:10am
 Assembly
 Meet The Teacher Meetings Commence
Tue: Meet the Teacher Late Night

NOTES HOME

This Week

- School Fees 2021
- Band Program Reminders (band only)
- Diocesan School Fees note
- High School Enrolments (Yr5 & 6 only)
- Gala Days (Yr3, 4, 5 & 6)

Last Week

- NAPLAN Information Session for Parents (Yr3 & 5 Only)
- Pregnancy News - Mrs Haddad (Yr3)

MERIT AWARDS

KB	Clara ▪ Charbel	4B	Jada ▪ Katrina
KG	Charlotte ▪ Matthew	4G	Gabrielle ▪ Dennis
1B	Lucinda ▪ Victoria	5B	Savannah ▪ Ava
1G	Joanne ▪ Anupriya	5G	Louie ▪ Jose
2B	Mariam ▪ Rajan	6B	Chivonne ▪ Eva
2G	Olivia ▪ Gia	6G	Saadhana ▪ Jieke
3B	Amalia ▪ Alessandro	P.E	Holly ▪ Luke
3G	Benjamin ▪ Olivia	C.A	Summer ▪ Thomas

STUDENT ILLNESS - COVID RESTRICTIONS STILL APPLY

During the past week we have had a number of children who have come to school and been sent home as they are unwell. We are still required to operate under the protocols that were advised during 2020. We understand that some children may suffer from seasonal hay fever or allergies and these symptoms can present as covid symptoms. If this is the case for your child, parents are asked to obtain a clearance letter from their doctor for their child to attend school.

Currently,

- No student is to attend school if they are unwell. This includes a runny nose or sore throat.
- Students who are absent from school with flu like symptoms, or, who have been sent home because they have flu-like symptoms **must have a COVID-19 test**
- Students are not able to return to school **until they return a negative COVID-19 result and are symptom free**
- **A negative COVID-19 test result must be provided to the school** before a student can come back to school. The test results can be a NSW Health or COVID-19 Testing Centre letter, SMS or email and/or a medical certificate
- These same protocols apply to school staff.

We also understand these processes may be frustrating, however in order to protect the health and safety of all we are required to follow them. Parents are also asked to be respectful to school staff who call to ask for a child to be collected. We are not doctors and take into consideration what a child is saying and what the class teacher has observed, however, in the end we must follow the procedures expected of us.

KINDERGARTEN 2022 ENROLMENTS

The 2022 Kindergarten enrolment period will commence on the 1st March 2021. Enrolment packs will be available from this date for prospective parents to collect from the office and should be submitted by **THURSDAY 1 APRIL**. Due to current restrictions we will be holding three Open Afternoons for families to attend. **These are scheduled for 12th and 26th March and 7th May 2020, beginning at 4pm**



UNIFORM ORDERING

Please note that the cut off for any uniform orders placed is now 4pm on Tuesdays. If you place your order before the cut off, it will be delivered to school on Thursday.

SCHOOL FEES

All 2021 school fees accounts have now been mailed by CEDP. A note has been sent home to all families this week explaining the details of your account. Term 1 school fees are payable by 18 March. Please remember to accept your Flexible Payment Plan online at <https://www.parra.catholic.edu.au/fpp> by 16 March. Should you have any queries regarding your account please contact Maree Murphy in the school office.

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. Students may return their books any day of the week by placing them in the returns tub situated at the front desk in the Library.



MEET THE TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Due to restrictions, we are not able to have **ANY** children onsite whilst parents are onsite, this includes the children who attend OLMC. If you have a morning appointment please enter through the school office. For those who have an appointment between **3:20pm-3:50pm** your child/children may accompany you to your meeting or wait on the pick up line. Any other times **MUST BE CHILD FREE**. We know this is an inconvenience, however, we must follow the strict guidelines provided to us to ensure the safety of our community.

Have you booked your appointment yet?

Book via www.schoolinterviews.com.au

Code: 3j69p

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A CHANGE IS COMING TO ABSENCES & MORE!!!!

Over the next few weeks, parents will be receiving information regarding 'Parent Compass Portal'. The Parent Compass Portal will facilitate effective communication between home and school and streamline a range of processes, making it more convenient for our families and staff.



Every family will be required to access this portal, with parents being able to review their child/ren's attendance, provide explanations for periods of absence and update family contact details. A letter will soon be sent via email to all enrolled families with your login details for Compass. We will let you know when this occurs so that you can keep an eye out in your inbox, spam and junk mail.

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.

OLMC PAVING WORKING BEE

We are in search of skilled family members who could support us in paving an area underneath the school.

Date: 27 March

Time: 9am-2pm

Any amount of volunteered time would be appreciated. If you're skilled and happy to coordinate this project, please leave your details at the school office.



NAPLAN 2021

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, 9th March at 7pm via ZOOM**. This session will provide parents with information about the NAPLAN Online process and how to best help your child prepare for NAPLAN.

Meeting ID: 948 4610 6051

Password: 298065

P&F NEWS

Welcome Back Gift

On Monday your child would have brought home a packet of seeds. This is a small gift from the Parents and Friends to say welcome back to the 2021 learning year and to let you know that we look forward to growing together as a school community. If you have not yet seen your seeds you may want to check your child's bag in case they sprout! Our Kindergarten families received their seeds on their first day at school, and so they received a small packet of crayons at Monday's assembly to encourage them to use their gifts to make our community that little bit brighter.



Ambey's Big Apple

Ambey's Big Apple have generously promised \$1000 to our Parents and Friends for use during our functions this year. We are very grateful for their continued support. Ambey's are now offering online shopping with free home delivery for orders over \$55. Visit <https://ambeybigapple.com.au>

Opening School Mass 2021

Challenging each other to glow and grow

On Friday 19 February we celebrated our Opening School Mass at OLMC. At Mass we prayed for a successful 2021 and were introduced to our school theme for 2021,

Challenging each other to glow and grow.



As we welcomed new staff and students to the school we celebrated the great faith community we have at OLMC. Our student leaders, sports leaders and SRC leaders were commissioned as school leaders and our newest members, our Kindergarten children, were officially welcomed.

