Dear Parents/Carers

This Sunday, we celebrate the Feast of Pentecost when Jesus gave the gift of His Holy Spirit to his disciples. We too have received this same Spirit through our Baptism and Confirmation. How open are we to this Spirit of Jesus present in our lives?

When we come face to face with the challenge of self-giving,
When we are asked to go the extra mile,
To take the risk of reaching out to another,
To offer forgiveness to the heart that rejects us...
Spirit of God, fill us with the energy of your love.

When our world seems bleak,
When we walk with sadness written on our soul,
When we have days in which everything goes wrong ...
Spirit of God, stir the energy of your joy within us.

When anxiety and concern take over our spirit,
When restlessness or boredom holds sway over us,
When our world cries out in distress and turmoil ...
Spirit of God, deepen in us the energy of your peace.

On those days when we hurry too much,
During those times when our anger flares because our agendas aren’t met,
When we stop giving people our understanding and acceptance...
Spirit of God, draw us toward the energy of your patience.

When someone needs a simple gesture of thoughtfulness,
When a look of love is all another asks from us,
When a good word could take the sting out of the gossip...
Spirit of God, create in us the energy of your kindness.

When harshness or abruptness dominates our moods,
When we feel challenged by the power of another,
When we use the things of this good earth ...
Spirit of God, bless us with the energy of your gentleness.

Tonight and next Wednesday evening members of our school and parish community will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. I am sure you will join with me in praying for them and congratulating them.

All the very best for the week ahead as you share your love, joy, peace, patience, kindness and gentleness with those around you.

Mr Steven Jones
Principal
CHILDREN’S SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

**Confirmation:** Congratulations to all the children and their families who will be celebrating tonight!! Remember to be at the Church by 6:45pm, wear something warm and bring along a plate to share after the celebration.

**First Reconciliation:** Thank you to all the families who joined us on Monday night at the Parent Information Evening -it was great to see so many of you there! Soon, you should be receiving your folder of resources for your workshops.

**First Holy Communion:** Please remember that new enrolments for Sunday 13 September are now closed; however, if you would like your child/ren to celebrate their first Holy Communion this year, Saturday 12 and Sunday 20 September 2015 are still available.

If you have any enquiries about any of the children’s sacraments, please feel free to phone me on 0414 947 799 or email me at paola.olmc@gmail.com

Paola Yevenes-OLMC Parish

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SUPPORT GROUP FOR CHILDREN EXPERIENCING DEATH, LOSS OR DIVORCE

Next term we will be running a 6 week program for children who have experienced death, loss or divorce and may need some extra support.

If you think this would benefit your child please contact me through the school office.

Bernadette Nolan

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HOLY COMMUNION

We have been practising with children how to receive Holy Communion in a respectful, reverent manner. When we receive the bread from the priest or special minister we truly believe that it has become the Body of Christ, it is no longer a piece of bread to be shared with small children or other family members. It is received by people who have celebrated their first communion, either in the outstretched hand or on the tongue. If children or adults have not made their Communion OR are not Catholic they may go to the priest or minister for a blessing by crossing their arms on their chest and presenting themselves in a reverent manner.

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CHILD PROTECTION BRIEFING

A child protection briefing will be held on Wednesday 27 May at 8:30am in the Mercy Library. Parents who wish to help in the classroom, on excursions or at school carnivals and events must have completed the online child protection module as well as attend a briefing meeting every two years. If you have not previously attended the briefing or need to update please attend this session. Please email or phone the school office to RSVP to this event. If you have any questions please speak to Miss Pirovic.

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BOOK CLUB

Bookclub order forms were sent home last Friday and are due back to school with payment tomorrow if payment is by cash or cheque. To order and pay for Scholastic Book Clubs by credit card visit scholastic.com.au/LOOP. There is no need to return anything to school. Your order will be electronically linked to the rest of our school's order. (Please note that this is a new system this year. There were some problems being able to access Issue 3 online for payments. This problem has now been resolved).

For cash payments we will accept any orders under $10.00. We request that any orders totalling more than $10.00 be paid by cheque or credit card.

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PREMIER’S READING CHALLENGE

We continue to encourage the children to read for the Premier’s Reading Challenge. Congratulations to the following children who completed the challenge in the past week: David, Charbel, Madeline, Elisha, Jemma, Sacha, Georgette, Miriam, Ryan and Isaac. This brings our total number of students complete up to 31. I wonder how many will complete the challenge by the end of May?

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ST PAULS CATHOLIC COLLEGE

Just a reminder that all Year 7 2016 Enrolments need to be returned to St Pauls by Friday 26 May 2015.
SAVE WENTY POOL

Holroyd Council will be meeting on Tuesday 26 May at 6:30 at the Holroyd Centre to determine the future of Wentworthville Memorial Pool. The pool is a valuable resource in the ever-expanding Wentworthville community. Please make an effort to attend the council meeting as it is important that residents and pool users attend and express their support.

OLMC NETBALL

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Playing times for Round 8 Saturday 23 May, 2015

Remember hair must be tied back, nails need to be clipped and no jewellery is permitted.

This Saturday is CRAZY SOCK & HAIR DAY. Girls can go all out with furry & crazy hair styles or socks along with their team uniform. There is a gold coin donation at the courts for those wishing to participate.

We understand that playing times are earlier this year, we ask that you please be at the courts no later than 30 minutes before your game to warm-up with your team. Your cooperation is much appreciated.

For enquiries please phone Paula Epenian 0406 515 782 or Alycia Koulouris 0414 513 448.

PARENTS & FRIENDS

P&F movie night this Friday 22 May

Don’t forget this Friday’s P&F outdoor movie night. If you haven’t already done so, you will need to RSVP as soon as possible by emailing danielle1gardner@gmail.com.

Please include the number of people attending, whether or not you would like to pre-order any meal deals and for how many people, and if you are able to help set up, prepare/serve food and drinks or clean up afterwards. Sausage sandwich meal deals, can be pre-purchased for $5 or bought on the night for $6 and there will also be cold and hot drinks for purchase on the night. Entry will be via the Smith Street gates, which will open from 5pm. Smurfs 2 (G rated) will start screening from 6pm.

This is a non-ticketed event; however we are requesting a gold coin donation to help cover the cost of the screen hire and movie licensing. In the event of rain, the movie night will be postponed. Meal deal money will be refunded and families will be notified via the Skoolbag App and a note.

Keep the chill out of your relationship this winter with a weekend together. A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend is a Marriage Enrichment experience – set in peaceful, picturesque surroundings, away from the distractions of everyday life. During the weekend, couples have a unique opportunity to reconnect, rekindle and refresh their relationship. Give the greatest gift, that of your time alone - invest in your most precious asset... your Marriage!

2015 Weekend Dates
19-21 June, 11-13 September, 13-15 November
Venue for Weekends: Mount Carmel Retreat Centre, Varroville, NSW

PARENTS & FRIENDS

Be Aware, Show You Care

Allergy & Anaphylaxis Australia (A&AA) is asking parents, families, teachers, carers and community members to join together during one week from 17 May to 23 May to help raise awareness of the prevalence of allergy and best practice allergy management.

Australia has one of the highest reported incidences of food allergies in the world, and one in 10 babies born in Australia today will develop a food allergy. In addition, hospital admissions for anaphylaxis due to food allergy in children aged 0 to 4 have increased five fold over the last five years. So with so many children and adults at risk, we can all help prevent allergic reactions from happening and even save lives by recognising the symptoms of a reaction and knowing what to do in an emergency.

HOW CAN WE HELP KEEP EACH OTHER SAFE?

Keeping each other safe is all about following the three As - AWARENESS, AVOIDANCE AND ACTION.

Awareness - Know what your classmates are allergic to
Avoidance - Never share food and wash your hands after you eat
Action - Tell a teacher straight away if someone with allergies looks sick… even if they don’t want you to!


A Message Of Huge Thanks!

We were absolutely overwhelmed by the generosity and wonderful donations received last week for the people of Vanuatu affected by Cyclone Pam.

It truly showed the spirit of generosity in our community and we just want to say a big thank you for this amazing level of concern and kindness shown by everyone. It’s almost too difficult to express how we really felt, seeing the donations left at school and at our home. We are absolutely blown away. There were books, pots, pans, blankets, sheets, clothing, shoes, toys and so much more, and everything will be so useful to the people who have lost so much and will be re-building their lives.

Our family was very emotional after seeing what our community had been able to collect in such a short period of time. The bulk of the donations left in a shipping container headed for Vanuatu last weekend. My brother and his wife – who live there – will be on the ground over the next few weeks as the goods arrive and are distributed.

We will, hopefully soon, have some amazing photos to share with you. Once again, thank you OLMC Wentworthville. You have very big hearts.

Glen, Caz, Beth and Luke Learmonth.

Entertainment Books

The 2015 Entertainment Books are still available for purchase through the school office.

For $65 you will receive over $15,000 worth of offers from a fantastic variety of restaurants, arts, attractions and much more such as bowling alleys and movie theatres. All books are $65 and a percentage of each sale goes back to our school. You can also order a digital version of the book for your apple or google device.

We can only accept the right money through the office and we apologise for any inconvenience.

This column is compiled by P&F Communications. If you have any queries or wish to contribute please email olmcwenty@parra.catholic.edu.au and attention it to P&F Communications.
Principal’s Holiday Challenge

Over the past year and a half Mr Jones has set the students a challenge for the holidays. Each holiday’s challenge is different. We have had a few reading challenges focusing on reading the most pages. Here are some results from our previous challenges.

Last year we did really well and this year we need to top that and make a new school record. The record for the highest amount of pages read by a grade during one challenge is 17 681 held by Year 4. This year our goal is top that score. Come on everyone and try to beat our current annual record of 168 951 pages.

Statements

- Year 6 have read 2 707 pages even though they only had 3 people complete the challenge.
- Kindergarten and Year 1 both had 16 people participate.
- The difference between the most and least amount of people to participate is 13 students.

Total Number of Pages Read

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