Dear Parents/Carers

At The End Of The Day

As winter descends upon us, days become shorter and colder with rain often keeping us inside, we can become less patient and tolerant, both as adults and parents. The same occurs for our children, especially when they have not had the opportunity to “get” outside.

During these difficult and challenging times it can help to remind ourselves that each day God gifts us with life. At the end of the day, perhaps we could ask:

♦ Did I get it right?
♦ Did I matter to someone?
♦ Did I live my humanity?
♦ Did I turn to God in a moment of weakness?
♦ Did I feel compassion?
♦ Did I accept a challenge?
♦ Did I forgive?
♦ Would I have lived the day differently?
♦ What would Jesus have said or done in my place?
♦ Did I pray?

At the end of the day, there are two questions that matter to God:
“Did I love with all my heart, with all my mind and with all my soul?”
“Did I love others as I love myself?”

For only then was the day lived well.

God of all that was, that is and that will be:
We give you thanks for all opportunities to
Do your will with each new day.
Help us to always remember
Jesus’ two commandments of love.
Amen

Mr Steven Jones
Principal

The Community of OLMC is Safe and Respectful
**CHILDREN’S SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM**

**FIRST RECONCILIATION:** The first of our two workshops to prepare the children for this sacrament began this week. Please pray for the children and their families as they open their hearts to God’s mercy and love.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION:** Just a reminder that the only photography permitted at these celebrations will be that of the professional photographer. Details are on the covering letter of the enrolment form. Enrolment forms are available in the church or on our website: olmcwenty.org.au

**CONFIRMATION:** A link to the photography website has now been sent to all families. If you still haven’t received your link, please email me at paola.olmc@gmail.com

**FAMILY MASS**

As part of our parish vision to ‘support family life’ we would like to invite ALL FAMILIES to celebrate 10:30am mass with Year 3 and Year 4 families on Sunday 21 June. Participation forms are available in the church or online at olmcwenty.org.au. Masses with Years 5 & 6 families will be held later in the year. Watch this space!

Paola Yevenes-OLMC Parish (Photos below are for Confirmation groups on May 20 & 27 2015).

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**Congratulations Gold Award**

The following children have worked really hard towards receiving 75 Star Cards

Mark 5B, Jemma 3G, Saxon KB, Mia KB, Georgia KB, Alessandra KB, Eva KB, Kruti KB, Xavier KB, Jasmine KB, Emily KG, Isabella KG, Caitlyn KG, Irene KG, Charlise KG, Amogh KG, Antoine KG, Emma KB, Azhric KB, Royden KB, Alannah 3G, Georgia 3G, Anne 3G, Charlotte KG, Rebecca 3B

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**SAFE DRIVING**

The community of Our Lady of Mount Carmel is Safe and Respectful. This is the underpinning principle of our school for all who are a part of this community. We continue to receive complaints from parents about other parents in our community who are crossing the road unsafely, not obeying road rules, being verbally abusive to others and not being considerate of others on the road. The pick up and drop off times are the most busy and require all drivers to be patient and considerate of all. Uppermost in our mind should be the safety of ALL children not just your own child.

Council Rangers, the Police and school staff monitor the traffic on Bennett Street. When monitored everyone follows the rules, however when knowing the street is not monitored people behave unsafely. We need all parents to follow the road rules at all times and move promptly and safely from parking spots. We need parents to do the following things:

- Drive safely and respectfully
- Do not double park
- Do not overtake on Bennett Street or Smith Street – Both these streets have double lines making overtaking illegal
- When you collect your child move promptly from your parking space
- Park on Perry Street or other nearby streets and walk to the school
- Cross the street at the pedestrian crossing

By following the road rules and being safe and respectful drivers we ensure the safety of ALL children and adults.
For this week only, training has been cancelled as there is NO NETBALL this weekend Saturday 6 June. Training next week is back to it's regular schedule. Please note that next Saturday 13 June, we will be having a fundraiser cake stall at the courts. An email will be sent out with further details to all families. Enjoy the week off & we'll see you all next week.

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

PREMIER’S READING CHALLENGE

This week we had nine children completed the Premier’s Reading Challenge. This brings our total completed to 45 and 165 have begun their online reading record. Congratulations to the following children who completed the challenge in the past week: Charlotte, Isabella, Thabeesh, Clara, Claudia, Luca, Ephrem, Emily, Devin, Ryan and Bradley.

ATHLETICS CARNIVAL FRIDAY 5 JUNE 2015

Students must be at school by 8:45 to allow for the marking of the roll, and to board the buses.

All students must attend the Carnival as it is a compulsory school day.

• Students are to bring their own drinks, lunch and snacks. Unless they have ordered the meal deal. The canteen at the oval will not be open, so students need to bring enough food for the day.

• Students will have arm bands in their house colour with the name/age for students. These tags can only be taken off at the end of the day.

• Students are advised to wear sunscreen and to wear their sports uniform and tracksuit if it is cool. Hats are required whenever a child is not competing.

• Students must sit with their group at all times.

• All students are to go into their age race. Every team member gets a point for participation.

• Encourage the children to participate and support those children who are doing well.

• Parents are not allowed down on the track area unless they are an official helper – official helpers must display their name badge at all times.

NO OTHER PARENTS ARE ALLOWED ON THE FIELD.

Students will be able to leave with their parents if not returning on the school bus, at the end of the carnival. No students will be allowed to leave before Mr Jones closes the carnival.

Entertainment Book

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.

Children’s Sacramental Program

It has been a busy time for our parents and guardians, organising and attending workshops for their children’s reconciliation and confirmation.

A big thank you to everyone who has helped with the last couple of weeks’ confirmation ceremonies, it was a very special time indeed. In particular, our thanks to Father Paul and the Sacramental Program team.

Congratulations to all the children who were confirmed in our faith. We pray the Holy Spirit guides you through your life and fills your heart with God’s love.

Vanuatu Donations Update

This week the first batch of our community’s donations have arrived in Vanuatu and has been distributed to poor families affected by Cyclone Pam.

If you look closely at the photos on the back page some of you may even be able to see some of the wonderful items you donated for this great cause.

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.

SKOOLBAG APP

Many parents in our school are making use of the Skoolbag App. To keep up to date with the latest news. The Skoolbag App. Is available for iPhones and Android phones. From time to time, there are issues with the App. A quick fix is to delete and download the App again. If you have persistent problems you can contact Skoolbag support directly on support@skoolbag.com.au.

Please note that the icon at the bottom of the screen for newsletters is not working. Access the newsletters by clicking on the newsletter link in the list on the main part of the screen.

LOST PROPERTY

Currently there are 17 jumpers in the lost property cupboard without names. Parents please make sure that your child’s name is clearly marked and continues to be visible on the label. If your child has lost their jumper please check the lost property cupboard, which is outside the staffroom door.
Dear Friends,
This is a little update on the recent generosity shown by the community of OLMC to those who lost so much in Vanuatu when 'Pam slammed' through.

Meet Helen. She is very much a part of the family to my brother Mark, my sister-in-law Kathryn and my nephews Conor and Liam. Helen lives in one of the villages that were devastated by the destruction caused in the cyclone. The photo below shows a small part of the donations we received when there was a 'call out' to anyone who could contribute to those who have so little, and really needed a helping hand.

We will always be entirely grateful to everyone who showed so much compassion and generosity to a community that will benefit beyond belief.

Sincere thanks to everyone who helped provide such big smiles and aide to the people of Vanuatu.

Caz Learmonth.