Dear Parents,

On Friday we celebrate the Feast of the Assumption when we remember Mary being assumed into heaven body and soul. This is a holy day of obligation, which means that as a Catholic community we come together to celebrate mass in our parish.

The Assumption of Mary recognises the unique position of her being a superlative human person, who was taken body and soul to heaven. In some way, Mary’s Assumption makes her a “hero” figure for us, her fellow human beings, because she was a participant in her Son’s Resurrection and an anticipation of the resurrection of other Christ followers.

It would seem that Mary is a sign of hope and comfort to all Christians who, as God’s pilgrim people, make our journey through life. Mary offers us a calm vision as we are tested by our own personal limitations, the circumstances that life presents to each of us and the sense of uncertainty with which our own mortality challenges us. Mary, through her life, shows to us how hope can overcome anguish, inner peace can overcome anxiety and a life lived in a positive manner can overcome the fear of death.

The first time Jesus and Mary are mentioned together as adults, is at the Marriage Feast of Cana. When the hosts risked the embarrassment of a shortage of wine, Mary approached the “Hospitality workers” and said to them of her Son, “Do as He tells you.” This advice was timeless for it can be applied to all Christians in every day and age: love God, love your neighbour, love yourself; be people of compassion and forgiveness. Of course, this requires us to be in imitation of Mary when, at the Annunciation, her “yes” was the beginning of allowing God into her life. If we join with Mary’s “yes”, we give ourselves the opportunity, as she did, to be perfected through our union with Christ.

Mary, we ask you to help us to find peace within ourselves through your Son, Jesus. Through your intercession, may we be inspired to greater trust and hope in our ability to live our lives, as you did yours, and to bring Christ to the world. Amen.

All the very best for the week ahead.

Mr Steven Jones
Principal
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'BEING TECH SAVVY' FOR PARENTS

Parents are invited to attend an information night on the theme of ‘Being Tech Savvy’ on Tuesday 26 August at 7:00pm in the Mercy Library. Monique Dali, who is a teacher at Gilroy College, will present the session. She has presented at various forums, such as the PRC, and is an engaging speaker with practical advice for parents. On the same day she will also present a workshop to our Year 5 and Year 6 children. Monique will speak on the following topics:

- Understanding implications of technology
- Parental Controls and how to set these up
- Strategies and guidelines for home that are similar to school

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Principal's Award

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STAY INFORMED

with any Parish information by visiting our website olmcwenty.org.au where you can ‘Like’ our Facebook page or ‘Follow’ us on Twitter. For any enquiries regarding first Holy Communion or Children's Liturgy of the Word,

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD - VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!!

All children are invited to attend the Children's Liturgy of the Word at the 9am Mass on most Sundays of the School Term. We focus on coming together, praying together, breaking open the Gospel reading and reflecting on it. Then, if we have enough time, we may even do some worksheets. The children are encouraged to participate through saying prayers, discussing the reading or quietly reflecting on the Liturgy. If you’re a mum or dad that’s looking for a simple - yet, significant - way of sharing in your child's faith, please consider becoming a leader or helper in this ministry.

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SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Thank you to all the parents who have already sent in their photography permission and money. Please remember that all forms and money are due back to your Group Leader or Priory ASAP. Next week, we will be going a bit deeper into the Eucharist experience with several taste-testing sessions planned throughout the week.

MERIT CERTIFICATES

NAME | CLASS
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Simona Elia, Myra Miranda | KB
Michael Dockmagian, Sophia Ghanem | KG
Jacinta Saba, Bradley Meadows | 1G
Christian Gernayell, Jessica Kim | 1B
Leah Bayssari, Shuvani Singh | 2G
Devin Dias Senevirathna, Peter Giotas | 2B
Maya Chawa, Nishal Mehta | 3G
Kiara Sakr, Sophie Salvo | 3B
Aleena Moitheen, Panshul Nelapudi | 4G
Prakash Sathyarajah, Sophia Incognito | 4B
Michael Saba, Bronte Carter | 5G
Michael Elias, Leticia Patino-Burgos | 5B
Eden Mantoufeh, Mariah Sahyou | 6G
Nathanial DSouza, Madisen Azar | 6B

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Gold Award


NAME | CLASS
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PREMIER’S READING CHALLENGE

We are fast approaching our goal of having all children in OLMC complete the Premier’s Reading Challenge. Our total complete is now 200 children. Can we get the remaining children to complete by the deadline of August 22?

Congratulations to the children who completed the challenge this week: Nerome Chedid, Elizabeth Raad, Faustina Confucious, Jacinta Abdulahad, Elijah DSouza, Jade Javier, Rachelle Juan, Natalia Nehme, Jessica Ozigbo, Kiara Sakr, Ruby Sparks, Damon Terracciano, Emmanuel Touma, Alan Shi, Aleena Motheen, Fabian Sukumar, Hannah Wykes, Ashleigh Stanton, Adriel Sukumar, Nicole Alfaroibeltran, Charlie Cherfan, Harrison Cotton, Joshua Dib, Celine Essey, Jessie Finch, Nicholas Hanania, Ellison Jabbour, Ashley Leslie, Kaylan Machado, Tamara Nehme, Sara O'Reilly, Raylene Raad, John Sayyad Yaghobi, Karima Touma and Willian Warwar Mercer

ABSENCE AND PARTIAL ABSENCE NOTIFICATION

Recently our school has changed its roll marking system to a program designed specifically for our diocese. This means that there will be a change in our record keeping of absence notification, which also impacts parents.

If your child is late to school a parent MUST bring them into the school office and sign the child in. If there is no parent present you will be sent a note requesting an explanation for why your child was late to school. This note MUST be returned to school signed by a parent. These procedures are determined by the legal requirements of maintaining attendance rolls.

**How can you notify the school about your child’s absence?**

- Write a note to your child’s teacher explaining your child’s absence.
- Send an email to the school email address explaining your child’s absence.
- Phone the office AND send a note to your child’s teacher (please note this new procedure)

**What should the note say?**

- Your child’s name and class
- The dates they were away or late
- The reason why they were away or late
- The parent’s signature

**What if my child needs to take time off school?**

- Collect an Application for Exemption from Attendance at School form from the office or school website.
- Complete the form and return it to school
- Mr Jones will approve the leave and return a copy of the form to parents.

OLMC NETBALL CLUB

Playing times for Round 16 on Saturday 16th August are as follows -

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Congratulations and good luck to the Rising stars team who have made it to the semi finals. Semi finals will continue through to round 18.

For enquiries please phone Margaret Nolan 0405 509 253, Paula Epenian 0406 515 782 or Alycia Koulouris 0414 513 448.

ABSENCE AND PARTIAL ABSENCE NOTIFICATION

We need parent support in maintaining an accurate attendance record. Make sure you send notes into your child’s teacher or promptly return any absence notification requests sent by your teacher. The staff don’t enjoy having to nag parents to return notes.

If you have any questions please speak to your child’s teacher or contact Miss Pirovic.

PARENTS AND FRIENDS

Thank you to everyone who attended the Parents and Friends meeting last Wednesday 6 August, we appreciate your support. Minutes of the meeting will be available shortly.

Fathers’ Day Breakfast – Save The Date

The Fathers’ Day breakfast has become a highlight in the school calendar each year. We will be celebrating this on Friday 5 September at 8:00am so Dads and Granddads please keep the morning free. If anyone is able to come and help to celebrate the gift of fatherhood on the day, please save the date and contact Danielle Gardner on 0414 607 180 or let the office know. More information will follow closer to the date.

Fathers’ Day Raffle

Thank you to all the families who have already sold tickets for our Fathers’ Day Raffle. There are some fantastic prizes in this year’s raffle so let’s try to sell as much as we can. Please remember it is not too late to request tickets from the office. Simply download the note form the school website under the Parents and Friends tab. We are very grateful for the level of generosity and enthusiasm, from everyone who donated prizes, and from all the families that have requested tickets.

Fathers’ Day Stall – Save The Date

The Fathers’ Day stall will be held on Wednesday 3 September from 9am till 2pm. If any parents are able to come and help on the day, please contact Sonia Farah on 0431 692 960 or Joanne Sakr on 0418 623 867. Children!! It’s time to start saving your pocket money to buy dad/grandad some great gifts from this year’s stall.

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 Mary-Anne Boustany
Our Lady of Mount Carmel has been involved in a number of extra curricular sporting events this year. Stage 2 and 3 boys attended the Parramatta Soccer Gala days in term 2. Next week we have entered 4 netball teams from stages 2 and 3 to attend the St Nicholas Netball Gala day in Penrith. In week 9 of term 3 we have entered a number of teams for the Stage 3 Parramatta Touch Football Gala day. Students in Stage 3 are encouraged to see Mrs Meares if they are interested in playing.

These Gala days give the students the opportunity to represent Our Lady of Mount Carmel, competing against students from around the Parramatta Diocese. They also provide opportunities for students to have a go at different sports that they may not have played before. Gala days also provide the opportunity to interact with their peers in a different environment.

Extra curricular sporting events provide our students with the opportunity to develop the skills of cooperation, tolerance and teamwork. The parent involvement at Our Lady of Mount Carmel is invaluable with out your help, your children our students would not be able to participate in these enriching extra curricular activities.

The Students and Staff greatly appreciate your support and assistance on these days.