Dear Parents

On Monday we celebrated 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 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
CHILDREN’S SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

FIRST EUCHARIST: Thank you to everyone who attended last night’s meeting—it’s wonderful to see so many parents there who were enthusiastic to organise this preparation process. You are welcome to attend a “How to Host a Workshop Session” next Tuesday 23 August at 9:30am or 7pm in the Parish Centre, if you like.

Paola Yevenes-OLMC Parish Wentworthville

SPOTLIGHT ON RE

Year Four and Year Six will be completing the online component of the Religious Literacy Assessment over the coming few weeks. The assessment is completed online and is based on the concepts of “Sharing Our Story”, our Religious Education curriculum. These concepts/strands are God, Jesus, Prayer, Sacrament, Church, Scripture and Christian Life. Thirty Five random questions will be completed and parents will receive feedback in a NAPLAN style report later in the year.

NAPLAN

All parents of Year 3 and 5 students will receive their child’s NAPLAN results this Friday. During the upcoming weeks staff will be analysing the NAPLAN results with other data collected by the school and developing school and individual plans. If you have any questions or queries regarding your child’s NAPLAN results please do not hesitate to contact your child’s class teacher.

ROAD SAFETY

As a parent community I would request that we all ensure that we drive safely, are respectful of those around us when parking, wait patiently and follow all the road rules. During the past few weeks, we have once again observed parents, grandparents, siblings and carers overtaking at speed, being extremely impatient, u-turning directly outside the school entrance over double lines, parking in our neighbours driveways or across driveways and totally disregarding the safety of our young students. I would request that all parent please remember that the community of OLMC is safe and respectful

BOOK WEEK

Book Week Celebration Day
This Friday is our Book Week celebration day. We will begin the day with an assembly on the back playground at 9:10am.

Parents are welcome to join us for this event.

This is always a fun day for the children and teachers. The theme for Book Week this year is ‘Australia Story Country’.

We are looking forward to seeing the creative costumes of story characters that our students and parents come up with.

MERIT CERTIFICATES

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Congratulations: Gold Award
The following children have worked really hard towards receiving 75 Star Cards

Congratulations: Opal Award
The following children have worked really hard towards receiving 90 Star Cards
Makayla KG, Michaela 2G, Bracston 2G, Georgia 5B, Chimir KG, Joel KG, Annabelle KG, Lara 4B, Sameet KG, Claudia 2G, Tomos 2G, Yasemin 2G, Alessandra KB

Congratulations: Platinum Award
The following children have worked really hard towards receiving 120 Star Cards
Elyce 5B, Arav KG, Jemma 4B, Noah 2G, David 2G, Celeste 2G, Billy KB

Congratulations: Principal’s Award
The following children have worked really hard towards receiving 150 Star Cards
Sacha 4B

ZONE ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

On Tuesday August 9 a number of students represented OLMC at the Cumberland Zone Athletics Carnival. They participated with great sportsmanship, cheering their schoolmates on. A big thank you to Mrs Gardner, Mrs Taouk, Mrs Almeida and Mrs Deguara who acted as track officials, and to Mrs Hale who supervised the students in the stands. Without parent assistance these days are impossible to run, the support provided enables our students to participate in many extra curricular activities.

Mrs Jodie Meares—Sports Coordinator
Diocesan Team: Rafka, Claudia, Alannah, Christopher, Mark, Achol, Sophie.
**PREMIER’S READING CHALLENGE**

We are now coming to the final weeks of the Premier’s Reading Challenge. The children will have access to the Challenge website until Friday 19 August. The challenge will officially end on August 26 so all reading records will need to be finalised by this date. We now have 290 children who have completed the challenge with 94 children left to complete the challenge.

Congratulations to the children who completed the challenge this week; Malith, Mia, Kalim, Aaron, Anthony, Francine, James, Cristian, Claudia, Michael, Morris, Peter, Zachery, Faith, Weston, Ayii, Raphael, Nishan, Francis, Zara, Montana, Cadel, Anne, Montana, Leah, Maya, Feliciana, Shane, Georgia, Thomas, Rachelle, Karl, Luka, Eleni, Chanel, Joyce, Natalia, Joseph, Amirah, Kiara, Sophie, Ruby, Tiana, Sarah, Ella and Fabian.

**BOOK SWAP**

It’s not too late to bring in books for our Book Swap! To participate in the Book Swap the children will be asked to contribute a few books they no longer want, that are still in good condition, and swap them for a new pre-loved book. As well as the books we will be asking for a gold coin donation to help raise funds to support the work of The Indigenous Literacy Foundation. This foundation runs a number of programs to develop the literacy skills of children in remote indigenous communities across Australia. The money we raise will go towards the goal of sending 40,000 new books to 230 remote indigenous communities and organisations. We will collect the books from tomorrow. Books can be dropped into the library or in the children’s classrooms. If you would like to learn more about the work of The Indigenous Literacy Foundation you can visit their website using this link [http://www.indigenousliteracyfoundation.org.au](http://www.indigenousliteracyfoundation.org.au)

**PARENTS AND FRIENDS**

**P&F Outdoor Movie Night 16 September 2016**

The OLMC P&F’s outdoor movie night has this year been scheduled for Friday 16 September at 6pm in the Smith Street playground, please save the date! The movie is yet to be chosen but more information will follow in future newsletters.

**Fathers’ Day Stall And Call For Donations**

The Fathers’ Day Stall is coming up on Wednesday 31 August. This is an opportunity for the children to buy a gift for their father, grandfather or father figure. Thank you to everyone who has donated prizes for the Fathers’ Day Raffle, your support is truly appreciated. If there’s anyone who can contribute some additional prizes by the end of the week, please contact Sonia Farah on 0431 692 960 or Joanne Sakr 0418 623 867.

**Next PRC Meeting**

The term 3 PRC General Meeting will be held on Monday 22 Aug 2016 at 7pm at College Library, Nagle Girls’ Catholic College, 58A Orwell Street, Blacktown Sth. The meeting will include a presentation by Anoushka Houseman, Clinical Psychologist/Lead Counsellor; Well-Being & Behaviour Team, Catholic education Diocese of Parramatta.

The topic will be: **Helping Your Child Manage Anxiety.**

If you are interested in attending please contact: Parents, Representative Council, Parramatta Diocese via email: prcparrassecretary@gmail.com

**Getting Our Fete On!**

As you may know by now, our fete has been scheduled for Friday 24 March 2017. This is our major fundraising event and we are calling on anyone who is able to help by: taking up a role either on the fete organising committee or as a stall holder. You may like to help or even job share a position with a friend donating raffle and chocolate wheel prizes or vouchers volunteering during the fete, even if it is for an hour.

We are still looking for coordinators for the following stalls: Fruit salad marquee, Drinks and snow cones, Sippah Milk booth, Trash & Treasure, Dunk Tank, Pick-a-number bottle stall. If you can help in any way, we would love to hear from you. Please email us at olmcfete@gmail.com.

**Next Fete Meeting 21 September**

The fete meeting scheduled for this month has been postponed to Wednesday 21 September 7pm in the church Narthex. Please save the date, a reminder will be sent closer to the date.

**Calling All Our Family Businesses To Sponsor Our Fete 2017**

Our fete committee is calling all businesses in our community, particularly those owned by our families to contact us if they are interested in supporting our Fete 2017, either by donating products, vouchers or by sponsoring through a monetary contribution. We are seeking donations for the major raffle, as well as our chocolate wheel and we would greatly appreciate any gift certificates and/or new products that you may be able to provide. Alternatively, you may prefer to sponsor in return for some great advertising. Please email us at olmcfete@gmail.com and we will provide you with details regarding the great publicity opportunities for your business if you support our fete.

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.

**REQUEST FOR PHOTOS FOR FATHERS’ DAY MASS**

We would like to request that parents please forward photos of their child/children with their fathers to our school email address, olmcwenty@parra.catholic.edu.au and mark the subject as ‘Fathers’ Day Photo’. The photos will be used in a presentation at our Fathers’ Day Mass.

**PARENTS AND FRIENDS**

**P&F General Meeting**

Thank you to everyone who attended the P&F General Meeting last Tuesday night, it’s always great to catch up. Minutes from the meeting will be available shortly from the school office.
ON AUGUST THE 16TH, WE HAD A HACK DAY AT PARRAMATTA MARIST. WHAT'S THAT YOU MAY ASK? WELL, IT'S A DAY FULL OF SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING AND MATHEMATICS. THE DAY WAS FILLED WITH LOTS OF ACTIVITIES AND THERE WERE ELEVEN PRIMARY SCHOOLS, INCLUDING US, INVITED TO "HACK." CHECK OUT THE PHOTOS BELOW OF THIS ANNUAL EVENT.

TIME FOR SPINNING

ON SPECIAL OCCASIONS MARIST BRINGS IN A F1 CAR

THIS "STRAW" BRIDGE COULD HOLD 2.35KG!

#TEACHER SABOTAGED

PROGRAMMING SPHEROS

#NEW DESIGNER FOR XBOX!

#STUDENT WINS!

CREATORS: GIANLUCA.T AND MONTANA.A YEAR 5 2016