Dear Parents, Staff and Students,

This week, we have been celebrating Catholic Schools Week – a learning adventure, a journey of faith – beginning with our liturgy on Monday, Parent Sessions on Wednesday night and Thursday morning, Mothers’ Day Mass and morning tea followed by a visit to the learning spaces today.

I would like to thank those parents who were able to attend our parent sessions about ‘Creating a Catholic School Community Together’. This is the dimension of our school that gives us our identity and purpose. Our mission is ‘to live the message of Jesus and to teach Catholic faith and traditions’.

Bishop Anthony Fisher, the Bishop of Parramatta, has made explicit the importance of the religious and spiritual formation of staff in Catholic schools. Our schools were founded by religious sisters and brothers who devoted their lives to Catholic education and to their formation as Catholic teachers and leaders.

Today, we are endeavouring to maintain the Catholic faith and spirit of our schools so that they are truly Catholic. In order to carry out our mission as lay staff it is essential that we participate in an ongoing formation in our faith.

In 2007 the Bishops of NSW-ACT in their pastoral letter, ‘Catholic Schools at a Crossroads’, asked all Catholic school leaders, staff, parents and parish communities, clergy and religious to dedicate themselves to ensuring that our schools:

- are truly Catholic in their identity and life
- are centres of the ‘new evangelisation’
- enable our students to achieve high levels of ‘Catholic religious literacy’ and practice
- are led and staffed by people who will contribute to these goals

On Sunday we celebrate Mothers’ Day.

May all women who mother enjoy a day of love, peace and contentment on Sunday.

God Bless

Mrs Anne Marrins
Principal
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As we celebrate on Sunday let us remember those mothers who are unwell, who are stressed by the challenges of mothering, who do not have access to health care or are experiencing the turmoil of war and our mothers who are no longer with us.

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CONGRATULATIONS

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

Community Service Award:

Brianna Dasey 2V, Manyaa Patel 1K, Tanya Khattar 1K, Louis Borja 1A, Julia Trueman 1W, Michael Elias 1S, Ashleigh Stanton 1W, Pragash Sathyarajah 1S.

Well Done to all of these children!

SCHOOL UNIFORM

Winter Uniform will be worn from next week Monday 9 May 2011.

A NOTE FOR OUR CLASSROOM VOLUNTEERS

We would like to extend a very BIG thank you to our Parents who give so generously of their time to assist us with our Literacy Program, whether it be Multilit, Sight words or Language through Literature.

As next week the NAPLAN testing will be taking place those Parents who normally assist with Stage 2 or Stage 3 students on a Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday morning will not be required to come in.

Parents who assist with Early Stage 1 children or Stage 1 children will be required to attend to their sessions as normal.

MERIT CERTIFICATES

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What Year Five Are Doing For NAPLAN

Throughout the start of term 2 year 5 have been practising NAPLAN for at least 1 hour for Maths and 1 hour for English. For Maths we started learning about fractions, decimals and division. It got harder and harder and we learnt more and more each day.

We have also been learning about language conventions and how to write a persuasive text which is an exposition. We’ve been doing practise tests according to the time limit and the number of questions. We’re looking forward to the NAPLAN.

By Loren and Nathanael

What year 6 have been doing this term

While year 5 have been doing NAPLAN practice, year 6 have been doing things differently.

Firstly in English, we have been learning about how to write an information report. All of us had to research information about a topic of our choice and from that information we had to write an information report. We also do some spelling activities to increase our vocabulary.

Secondly in maths, we have been learning about measurements. We also learn about area and decimals. We started to do some problem solving about the 4 operations, addition, minus, multiplication and division.

In conclusion, we all find this very fun and exciting. Year 6 is looking forward to learning more fun and exciting things in all of the subjects.

By Roshni and Andrei
OLMC NETBALL CLUB – 2011

Playing times for Round 5 on Saturday 7th May are as follows -

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Our Club has canteen duty this Saturday and a roster has been distributed. Please note that if you are unable to attend in your allotted time slot, it is your responsibility to arrange for a replacement. Your cooperation in this regard is appreciated. For inquiries please phone Margaret Nolan on 0405 509 253.

To keep up to date with the latest PANA news go to www.panansw.netball.asn.au or become a facebook member of PANA https://www.facebook.com/home.php#!/profile.php?id=1318341211

DIARY DATES 2011

Term 2

May

Week 3
Monday 9  WINTER UNIFORM
Tuesday 10  Yrs 3/5 National Testing: Writing
Wednesday 11  Yrs 3/5 National Testing: Reading
Thursday 12  Yrs 3/5 National Testing: Numeracy
Friday 13  Yrs 3/5 National Testing: Catch-up

9.00am Stage 3 Mass

Week 4
Wednesday 18  7.00pm P&F Meeting

Week 5
Monday 23  9.00am Mary Help Of Christians Liturgy
Wednesday 25  School Photos
Friday 27  STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY

June

Week 6
Friday 3  NSW Cross Country
9.00am Stage 2 Mass

Week 7
Sunday 5  Ascension of the Lord
Monday 6  First Reconciliation
Tuesday 7  First Reconciliation
Wednesday 8  ICAS Science Competition
First Reconciliation
Friday 10  9.00am E51 Mass

Week 8
Sunday 12  Pentecost—Parish Picnic
Monday 13  QUEENS BIRTHDAY HOLIDAY
9.00am Stage 1 Mass

Week 9
Sunday 19  Holy Trinity
Monday 20  3.30-5.00pm Parent/Teacher Interviews
Tuesday 21  3.30-5.00pm Parent/Teacher Interviews
Friday 24  2.30pm Mercy Day Liturgy

Week 10
Sunday 26  Body & Blood of Christ
Wednesday 29  Athletics Carnival

July

Friday 1  SCHOOL CLOSES TERM 2

NOTES HOME THIS WEEK

1. OLMC Creative Arts Expo 2011
2. Mothers Day Stall
3. Stage 2 Teacher Leave

SCHOOL WEBSITE
www.olmcwentworthville.catholic.edu.au

Our school website is a good way for parents to retrieve the weekly school newsletters as well as other general information regarding school events. School notes which your children may have been given during the week can be accessed via the site.

✦ To access “Notes” sent home go to “Parents” then select “School Notes”.
✦ To access the School Newsletters go to “News & Events” and select “Newsletters”.