



# Our Lady of Mount Carmel

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## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents,

Last week we began the yearly process of nominating and electing our student leaders for 2021. As you will see from the back page, the Year 5 students were engaged in a day focused on examining 'the Leader in Me'. The children were guided through activities with their teachers, Mrs Haddad, Mrs Anderiesz, Fr Martinho and myself. The activities were designed to get the children thinking about their skills and beliefs about leadership. They reflected on leaders that inspire them and the qualities of leadership that they identify in themselves.

## The Leader in Me

It is always interesting to see who the children identify as examples of leaders that they are inspired by. They named sporting leaders, political leaders and church leaders. The overwhelming majority of our Year 5 children responded that the leaders they most admire are their parents. This is a very powerful message for you as parents. Your children look to you and learn from you. They are learning from your decisions, the way you manage situations, the way you interact with others and guide them.

By the conclusion of the leadership day, the Year 5 students submitted a written letter or media presentation to me. In this submission they explain why they would like to be a leader and what difference they can make to our school community. Being a school leader is something that many of our children aspire to, but, there are some who don't want to be a 'leader with a badge'. They understand that as a Year 6 student they are all leaders and have a role to play in positively influencing our school. I am always impressed by the thoughtful and earnest responses from the children. With so many possible candidates and only 8 leader positions, it is natural that some will miss out at this time. This will be the first time some children will experience serious disappointment at missing out on something they really want. I remind these children that now isn't their time, but they may have another opportunity at a later date. Coping with disappointment is an important life skill.

Later this week 18 Year 5 students will present a speech to the children in Year 3 - Year 6 and their teachers. The children and teachers will then vote for the children they think will make the best student leaders. I am always impressed by how seriously our students take this voting process. Popularity doesn't really factor into their decisions. They deeply consider which students they think will make a great school leader and demonstrate our school values. You might like to ask your child what they look for to help make this decision.

I wish all our candidates well and look forward to presenting the 2021 Student Leaders at our Christmas Concert From Home next week. I hope you have all received your invitations to this special event and plan to make it a celebration night with your family. I have had a preview of the film and it looks fabulous so far.

*Olimpia Pirovic*  
Principal

***The Community of OLMC is Safe and Respectful***

## UPCOMING DATES

### Week 8

**Thurs: NO** Morning Workout for the rest of 2020

**9:30-10:30am** Kindergarten Playgroup

**Fri: OLMC FUNDAY - Come in your House Group colours**

### Week 9

**Mon:** Assembly

**2:45pm - 3:10pm** Second Hand Uniform Shop OPEN

**Tues: 9:30am** End of Yr Awards (Live)  
Christmas Concert From Home (via OLMC Facebook Page)

**CHRISTMAS CONCERT FROM HOME: Tuesday 8 December**

## NOTES HOME

### This Week

- Yr 5 Fun Day (Friday)

### Last Week

- Yr 6 Canvas Painting Experience
- Yr 6 Big Games Experience
- Yr 5 Renewable Energy Experience
- OLMC Funday K-6

## MERIT AWARDS

KB	Jacob ▪ Sophia	4B	Tiarna ▪ Jose
KG	Olivia ▪ Chris	4G	Lucas ▪ Navya
1B	Gia ▪ Owen	5B	Nicolas ▪ Sarayu
1G	Aarush ▪ Rishaan	5G	Dominic ▪ Winona
2B	Samuel ▪ Hansikaa	6B	Sanjana ▪ Marcus
2G	Emily ▪ Katrina	6G	Iniya ▪ Kashvi
3B	Ethan ▪ Reuben	CA	Eva ▪ Ashley
3G	Shivani ▪ Kruthi	PE	Luke ▪ Anthony

## STAR CARD REWARDS

**Gold Awards:** Ava ▪ Armaan ▪ Joseph ▪ Mahali ▪ Aiden

**Opal Awards:** Gabrielle ▪ Lucas

**Platinum Awards:** Lila ▪ Charlize ▪ Luke ▪ Luca ▪ Michael ▪ Yelesta

**Principal's Awards:** Thomas ▪ Bracston ▪ Misha ▪ Kingston ▪ Lara ▪ Yasemin ▪ Charlotte

**Diamond Awards:** Kinjal ▪ Emily ▪ Michaela ▪ Sophia ▪ Simona ▪ Jorja ▪ Celine ▪ Mason ▪ Isaac ▪ Rajan



## MRS WOODING'S FAREWELL

To help us farewell Mrs Wooding from our school community we are asking for memories from former students, parents or grandparents to share with us. You might like to write your memories or film a short video message (in landscape) and send them to Miss Pirovic. We will use these to help us compile something special for Mrs Wooding as a lasting memory of her time at OLMC.

## PLAYGROUND UPGRADES

For the Summer holiday period we have scheduled remediation works to our boundary fence and retaining wall on Garfield and Smith Streets. CEDP has also funded a project across all schools to install electronic signs. Our sign will be installed on the corner of Garfield and Smith Streets once remediation works are completed.

This year we also began exploring the possibility of upgrading our school basketball court. Recently CEDP notified the school that our plans to upgrade our basketball court would be able to commence this year and that they would fund the project. The builders have begun preparations for these projects this week. This will mean that there will be limited areas for the children to play during breaktime. However, early next year we can expect to have a fabulous new court area.

## ARE YOU LEAVING AT THE END OF 2020?

As we are currently planning for 2021 classes, it is important that you advise the school if your child will not be returning next year. This allows us to offer places to families on our school waiting list and enable them to join our OLMC community. We require written notification and forms can be obtained from the school office.

## STAR CARD AWARDS

The last day for children to submit their star card awards will be on Friday December 4. The final Principal's morning tea will be on December 11.



## CHRISTMAS CONCERT FROM HOME

Well, can you believe that we have come to this time already! While our OLMC Christmas Concert at Home will look a little different this year, we have tried to make it still feel like a family event by sending home a special christmas bauble, invitation and popcorn for your family. Don't forget, the End of Year Awards and the concert will debut at 7pm via the [@OLMCWentworthville](#) Facebook Page.

## STUDENT DATA VALIDATION

Families were recently sent an email from Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta regarding validating your information. If you have not yet responded to this email, please do so as soon as possible. This helps ensure that we have correct information.

## SUMMER READING CHALLENGE

We all know the importance of reading and how a great book can spark the imagination. These summer holidays, our students are invited to participate in the Summer Reading Challenge and are encouraged to read, read, read! To enter the challenge, students can read anything they like, whether it's a comic, play, a piece of poetry, book, e-book or animated novel and tell us in 50 words or less why they loved it! The more a student reads, the more times they can enter the reading challenge and the more chances they have of winning one of two Chromebooks or one of thirty runner-up gift vouchers to the value of \$30. Students can enter [online](#) by visiting the CEDP website. Entries open on 23 November 2020 and close at 5pm on 1 February 2021. Terms and Conditions can be found [here](#).

## GIVING TREE

*OLMC is committed to making Christmas a time to renew hope.*

This year we are inviting families who are able to make a difference in two ways. You can support someone directly in our school community by participating in our **Giving Tree** or you can support our **OLMC Chapter St Vincent dePaul Appeal** with donations of money or gift cards.

### Giving Tree

1. Our giving tree will be located in the Office foyer from Monday 23rd November.
2. Come to the office and select a numbered gift tag from the Christmas Giving Tree. The tag will indicate the gender and age of the person receiving the gift.
3. Purchase a gift that is appropriate for the individual on the tag
4. Wrap the gift and **attach the numbered gift tag** (this will help us get the gift to the right person)
5. Place under our giving tree in the office by **Friday 11 December**.

### OLMC St Vincent DePaul Appeal

- Gift cards can be sent to the office in an envelope.
- Cash donations can be made via the office in an envelope or children can contribute to their class mission boxes.



## P&F NEWS

### 5 Tips for a Healthy Holiday Season



#### An Act of Kindness

Do something for others. Sometime this week find the time to do an act of kindness for someone else.



#### Mini Mind Declutter

Practise cleaning out your thoughts by focusing on things that are important. Let go of irritating frustrations, niggling grudges and old worries.



#### Don't forget to Laugh

Find some time to watch something funny. A favourite sitcom, youtube blogs or a movie



#### Best Friend yourself

Treat yourself as you would your best friend. Be kind and compassionate. Forgive yourself for any lapse in judgment and when you make a mistake.



#### Donate to Charity

Find a few items of value that you really don't need and don't use and donate them to charity.

As we head into the festive season, it is important to take the time to rest, rejuvenate and recover. However, that can be hard with a house full of children and guests (wanted or unwanted). While coming together and celebrating brings many joys, we must also take some time to put ourselves in focus. Strong and ready for 2021 and the joys it will bring.

*If you have any queries or wish to contribute, please email [olmcpandf@gmail.com](mailto:olmcpandf@gmail.com) and attention it to P&F Communications.*



# Year 5 Leadership day

On Thursday the 26th of November Yr5 had their leadership day. We spent the day participating in activities involving leadership and teamwork skills. Some of the activities we did during the morning session were, write right (writing your name with your non-dominant hand), hula hoop pass (get the hula hop around the circle without letting go of your hands), line up in an order without talking (we were split into two groups and had to line up in birthday order), all about me (we had to write about what would change as we move into year 6), start our Jenga blocks (we had to write our names on one side of the block and this Jenga block will stay with us until graduate in year 6),

and marvellous to meet you (we learnt different facts about each other). All these games taught us about teamwork and overcoming challenges. We had a reflection time thinking about who we say we are, Who others say we are, What kind of person we are, What qualities are most important and the qualities we possess. We also learnt that it is okay to make mistakes and to be scared. Another thing that we discussed was the leaders in our everyday lives. Some of these leaders included, Scott Morrison, Donald Trump, Gladys Berejiklian, Serena Williams and Pope Francis.

After recess we had a liturgy with Father Martinho and he taught us about how Jesus was a leader in his own way through the passage **Matthew 16:18-20**. Not long after that, we had a sideshow presented by Miss Pirovic explaining the qualities of a leader. Some of these qualities were confidence, listening, honesty, inspiring others etc. She also taught us the 3 areas of a leader: Leaders, Qualities of a leader and The Leader in me. After hearing the presentation the year 5's wrote an application, explaining why we should be considered as a year 6 leaders for 2021.



YEAR 5  
TEAMWORK  
SKILLS

