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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents,

Last week our Year Six students and their teachers attended Camp Collaroy for three days. Each year our students look forward to going to camp and this year was no exception. Camp provides the children and teachers an opportunity to learn about each other in an environment that gives us a chance to interact in a different way. The children share a room and learn to organise themselves and be considerate of their roommates. They share meals together and each day they sit with different people and get to know them differently. These are opportunities where compassion and dignity are called on as they comfort each other and support them through homesickness or challenge.

One of the most key purposes of camp is to give the children the opportunity to challenge themselves and learn about their personal strengths. The children are engaged in activities, like the flying fox or giant swing, that encourage them to face their fears, draw on their strength and have a go. They always find that after they have completed the activity that it wasn't as bad as they envisaged and that they were able to do it. These lessons in facing challenges and drawing on inner and collective strengths are ones that they carry with them back at school and throughout the year. On the weekend I received an email from a Year Six student that expressed just this.

I was able to push myself to the limit and truly make the most of every second. What an experience! I cannot thank you enough for helping me go to camp, every second I spent there had endless possibilities with endless amounts of ways to connect with new people. Without all of your support I would not have been able to get out of my comfort zone. I sincerely thank you for assisting me to try new things. It means the world to me. I wish it never ended but I'm glad it happened.

Our school goal is **For our Students to be Assessment Capable Learners**. The idea of challenge is a core focus of our work with the children at OLMC. Our children are competent learners who achieve at a strong level. This means that their challenge as learners is to go deeper and to apply their knowledge of concepts across a range of situations. To help the children achieve this our teachers work with them to build a **Growth Mindset** - no matter what level our achievement is we can always grow and improve. We also help our children identify **where they are with their learning, where to go next and how to get there** to make them **Assessment Capable Learners** who can take charge of their learning journey.

In the coming weeks you will have the opportunity to meet with your child's teacher and discuss their learning goals. Take this opportunity to ask your child where they think they are at with their learning and what their goals regarding their academic, social and behavioural learning should be. We look forward to sharing this journey with you.



Olimpia Pirovic
Principal

The Community of OLMC is Safe and Respectful

UPCOMING DATES

Week 3

Thu: Morning Workout with Mr Jones **8:15am sharp**

Week 4

Mon: Assembly

Second Hand Uniform Shop OPEN 8:45am-9:10am

Tue: 7pm P&F Meeting (See details below)

Wed: Ash Wednesday

Ash Wednesday Mass - Students Only Cumberland Zone Swimming Carnival

NOTES HOME

Today

- Grade Term Overviews

Last Week

- Technology Contracts - K-Yr6
- Year 6 Shirt - Yr6
- Kindergarten Information Evening ZOOM

MERIT AWARDS

K	Ethan * Clara * Scarlett * Lucas	4B	John Paul * Evelyn
		4G	Dieter * Jada
1B	William * Sophie	5B	Liyana * Varsha
1G	Thea * Sienna	5G	Kayla * Amy
2B	Zoe * Patrick	6B	Zien * Irene
2G	Sanoshan * Zoe	6G	Abraham * Jasmine * Sarayu * Ethan
3B	Arkyn * Lily	P.E	None presented
3G	Olivia * Emilio	C.A	Saanvi * Anthony

SCHOOL COMMUNICATION CHANNELS

At OLMC our main communication channels to parents are:

~ **Weekly Newsletter**

~ **Skoolbag App**

~ **School Website**

~ **School Facebook Page**

Each Wednesday our newsletter is emailed to our parents and distributed via the channels stated above. Don't forget to make sure that you have the Skoolbag app on your phone, with the notifications turned on. You can use the app to inform the school of your child's absences or change of details.

OPENING SCHOOL MASS

Due to current restrictions, this year's opening school mass and commissioning of our 2021 school student leaders will only be attended by students. Families and community members are unable to attend.



CONTACT DETAILS

Please notify the school if you have changed address or any contact details such as emails or phone numbers. It is vital that we have the correct information in case of emergencies and to ensure accurate billing information. This can be done via the Skoolbag App under e-forms.

SCHOOL FEE ACCOUNTS

School Fee accounts are currently being finalised. All accounts are posted to families from CEDP via Australia Post. Parents can expect to receive their accounts within the next two weeks. If you have not received your account by the end of February, please contact Mrs Murphy. If you are experiencing financial difficulty please arrange a confidential meeting with Miss Pirovic to discuss your situation.

KINDERGARTEN 2022

The 2022 Kindergarten enrolment period will commence on the 1st March 2021. Enrolment packs will be available from this date for prospective parents to collect from the office. Open Mornings are scheduled for 4th and 24th March and 6th May 2020, this may change as we are awaiting further advice regarding restrictions.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL 2021

Last week the students in Year 2 to Year 5 voted for their Student Representative Council members. The following children were elected by the class to represent them and they will be commissioned as SRC leaders at our Opening School Mass on 19 February.

Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5
2B - Hayden	3B - Lily	4B - Gabrielle	5B - Kinjal
2G - Isabel	3G - Kyla	4G - Denis	5G - Mason

NEW- CHILD PROTECTION TRAINING FOR ALL VOLUNTEERS

At OLMC, we see parents and carers as partners in your child's learning journey. While COVID has impacted how adults engage with the school, eventually, parents and carers will be encouraged to once again, become involved in our school through supporting classroom learning, being part of advisory groups, mentoring programs, coaching sporting teams and supporting other extra-curricular activities, canteen support, just to name a few.

A range of checks and undertakings are required for people who work for, or provide services to Parramatta schools. These checks reduce potential risk and form part of our strategy to build child safe communities. CEDP has launched a **NEW Building Child Safe Communities** undertaking form and online training module that **ALL** volunteers are required to complete. The purpose of this training is to inform you of the standards of behaviour and other requirements that must be adhered to when volunteering for CEDP.

1. The undertaking should take no more than 5 minutes to complete.
2. The training module should take approximately 10 minutes to complete.

Once the form **and** training modules are submitted, an automated email will be sent to you within two business days to confirm the status of your submission. The undertaking form will expire within two years and at that time you will need to complete the undertaking form and training module again. You will receive an automatic reminder email when this occurs.

Please view the [Video for Volunteers to understand the BCSC process](#) for further information on the new online form and training module. This can be accessed via the link above, by scanning the QR code or via bit.ly/2CuDJYe. Within the form you will also find help sheets and a video tutorial to assist you.



3. The third and final component is to attend a school-based briefing session. Parents will be informed when these sessions commence.

IMPORTANT: All Volunteers MUST complete the new undertaking and module process using the new system. This includes volunteers who have recently completed these processes.

EXTENDED LEAVE

All holiday leave consisting of two (2) or more days must be approved by the Principal. A leave form can be obtained from the school office or [website](#). All leave must be submitted as early as possible with a minimum of at least two weeks prior to your intended leave. This leave cannot be submitted through Skoolbag.

ABSENCE NOTIFICATIONS

Please ensure that the school is notified if your child is absent from school. The preferred method is to complete the absence form via Skoolbag. You can also send a note to your child's teacher on their return.

LABELLING ALL ITEMS

Please ensure that all personal items (clothing, lunchboxes, bags, etc.) are clearly labelled with your child(ren)'s name. Each year there are numerous items of clothing, especially hats and jackets that have no names or identification in lost property. If your child loses an item make them responsible

NO NAME = difficulty to find the OWNER

P&F NEWS

Parents and Friends General Meeting - The Parents and Friends of OLMC meet once a term to learn about initiatives being undertaken in the school and to discuss plans for the Parents and Friends association. It is a wonderful opportunity to become involved and learn more about your child's school.

Our next P&F General Meeting will be held on Tuesday 16 February at 7pm in the school library. We will also use Zoom to allow those unable to attend in person to participate with the meeting. We encourage as many people to engage as possible. A note and meeting agenda will be sent home with students before the meeting; we look forward to seeing you all there.

MEETING ID: 934 6969 3787

PASSWORD: 325540

If you have anything that you wish to be raised at the meeting please email it to olmcpandf@gmail.com so that it can be considered for the agenda

This column is compiled by P&F Communications. If you have any queries or wish to contribute, please email olmcpandf@gmail.com and attention to P&F Communications.

Kindergarten's First Week of School!

Kindergarten has had a fantastic first week of school. We have been learning so much, especially how we can make good choices in the classroom.



We can sit on the mat and show our 5L's.

We can share with our friends.

We can listen to our teacher.

We can keep our hands to ourselves.

We can put our hand up to speak.

We can use our manners.



We are looking forward to having a magical year of learning together!