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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents,

Jesus spent 40 days in the desert to prepare Himself for His mission of love. Today, on Ash Wednesday we begin the season of Lent. This Lenten period leads us to the central event of our Catholic faith, Easter.

If you were to do a word association with "Lent" what would emerge from your personal story? *Fasting, 40 days, giving up, doing without, abstinence, observance, praying, church, purple vestments and clothes, penance, repentance...*? So many times we confuse practice and its intended goal. We need reminding. Jesus reminds us of God.

The God of LOVE, TRUTH and FORGIVENESS.

Constantly, Jesus goes off to a lonely place to be with His God, to grow in relationships, renew His spirit and come to clarity. The heart of Lent is making a space for our God. That means loosening our control and being open to what needs to come into our lives. What a huge challenge!!



The season of Lent reminds us to focus on what is essential to everyday life and we need 40 days of constant reminding. It is a matter of priorities – a few minutes, a few moments to attend to the essentials not as a chore but as a time to be cherished. This is a wonderful opportunity to start again, with a renewed sense of commitment – to turn our hearts and minds back to God through our good deeds and prayerful solitude.

*Lord of all newness, be with us as we commence our Lenten pilgrimage.
Awaken the depths of our being to your presence
within us, foundation of life and love.
Attune the ears of our heart to the sounds of your
gentle voice, challenging, yet reassuring.
Enlighten the eyes of our mind to see the path you lay
before us, untrodden, yet paved with your grace.
Walk with us into newness of life in your Son,
Jesus Christ.
Amen*

Olimpia Pirovic
Principal



The Community of OLMC is Safe and Respectful

UPCOMING DATES

Week 4

Thu: Morning Workout with Mr Jones

8:15am SHARP

Fri: Opening School Mass & Commissioning Mass (Students Only)

11:30am-12:30pm Leaders Liturgy

Week 5

Mon: Assembly

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

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

Fri: **Staff Development Day: Pupil Free Day**

GRADE OVERVIEW CORRECTION: Staff Development Day is 26th FEBRUARY (not March)

NOTES HOME

Today

- NAPLAN Information Session for Parents (Yr3 & 5 Only)

Last Week

- Grade Term Overviews
- Meet the Teacher 2021
- Parent & Friends Meeting

MERIT AWARDS

KB	Holly * Lachlan	4B	Neeti * Luke
KG	Kara * Dominic	4G	Angelina * Aibel
1B	Sienna * John	5B	Estelle * Bryson
1G	Havishaa * Luke	5G	Diana * Erica
2B	Eli * Rajan	6B	Deng * Kruti
2G	Michael * Abbey	6G	Royden * Charlotte
3B	Misha * Olivia	P.E	Saxon * Gabriella
3G	Eli * Emily	C.A	Mathew * Saadhana

WELCOME FR JANUARIO PINTO

Last weekend our Parish formally welcomed Fr Januario Pinto to our community. Januario is one of our Carmelites from Timor Leste. After completing his studies in Australia, Januario was ordained to the priesthood in 2017 and has been in our Carmelite parish at Coorparoo in Brisbane for the past 3 years. We welcome Januario as he takes up his role of associate Pastor and look forward to getting to know him.

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. Due to current restrictions we will be holding three Open Afternoons for families to attend. **These are scheduled for 12th and 26th March and 7th May 2020, beginning at 4pm**



SCHOOL FEE ACCOUNTS

School Fee accounts have now been finalised and sent out to families from CEDP via Australia Post. Parents can expect to receive their accounts this week. If you have not received your account by the end of next week, please contact Mrs Murphy. Flexible payment plans need to be in place by 16th March. If you are experiencing financial difficulty please arrange a confidential meeting with Miss Pirovic to discuss your situation.

PRINCIPAL'S HOLIDAY CHALLENGE

What a wonderful response to our first challenge of the year. We have had so many creative and engaging 'Book Faces' and many pages read.

Congratulations to the following winners:

Kindergarten: Ruhee Patel

Year One: Naksh Shah

Year Two: Eli Torbey

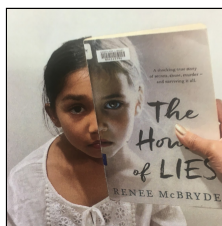
Year Three: Chanel Azzi

Year Four: Mary Pagarigan

Year Five: Joseph Moussa

Year Six: Winona Reyes

Overall: Joaquin Pagarigan



MEET THE TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Due to restrictions, we are not able to have **ANY** children onsite whilst parents are onsite, this includes the children who attend OLMC. If you have an appointment between **3:20pm-3:50pm** your child/children may accompany you to your meeting or wait on the pick up line. Any other times **MUST BE CHILD FREE**. We know this is an inconvenience, however, we must follow the strict guidelines provided to us to ensure the safety of our community.

Book via www.schoolinterviews.com.au

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SPORT LEADERS 2021

Last Week, the students in Year 3 to Year 6 voted for their Sports Leaders for 2021. The following children were elected and they will be commissioned as Sports Leaders at our Opening School Mass on 19 February.

Elijah (Red)

Isabella
Jasmine

Gilroy (Blue)

Mia
Caitlyn

Mackillop (Green)

Eva
Osean

McAuley (Gold)

Antoine
Deng

PEDESTRIAN SAFETY

**Are you a safe pedestrian at pick up time?
Do you model safe pedestrian behaviour for
your child by using the zebra crossing?**

Since the beginning of the school year we have noticed that in the afternoon a large number of parents are unsafely walking their children straight across the road after walking out of the front gate. Miss Pirovic and Mrs Anderiesz have witnessed a number of 'near misses' where people crossing in this unsafe zone are almost causing accidents. It is not safe for you to walk out in front of traffic where the view of pedestrians is obstructed by moving cars. We are asking all parents, who need to cross the road, walk up to the zebra crossing and cross at this designated safe location. We know it's a little bit further, but think of the extra steps you get and more importantly the precious lives you keep safe. We thank all parents for following this procedure to ensure that all members of our school community are safe.



MEDICATION

For the safety of all students, it is important that no student carries medication on them or in their bags at any time. If your child requires temporary medication for a short period of time, please bring the medication to the school office and complete the relevant forms.

OLMC PAVING WORKING BEE

We are in search of skilled family members who could support us in paving an area underneath the school.

Date: 27 March

Time: 9am-2pm

Any amount of volunteered time would be appreciated. If you're skilled and happy to coordinate this project, please leave your details at the school office.



NAPLAN 2021

In preparation for the online 'National Assessment Program - Literacy and Numeracy' [NAPLAN], parents of Year 3 and Year 5 students are invited to attend a parent information session on **Tuesday, 9th March at 7pm via ZOOM**. This session will provide parents with information about the NAPLAN Online process and how to best help your child prepare for NAPLAN.

Meeting ID: 948 4610 6051

Password: 298065

P&F NEWS

Thank you to all of the parents who attended our parents and friends meeting last night in person or via Zoom. It was wonderful to reconnect with old friends and meet new people. It was also lovely to meet Fr Janu and welcome him to our school community. Congratulations to the two winners of our lucky door prizes. We hope you enjoy your home movie packs.

Minutes from the meeting will be sent out shortly.

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





Year 6 Camp



Year 6 had an amazing time at camp. They stepped outside of their comfort zones, worked as a team and built each other up with every obstacle that they faced. The students surprised themselves with what they were able to achieve when they supported and cooperated with each other.



During the activities, I learned that we need to work as a team ~ Sebastian

I liked waking up to see my friends because it was a great way to start the day ~ Jake



Camp was an awesome experience because everyone supported each other and built each other up with their strengths and talents ~ Jasmine

I enjoyed camp because we had lots of fun and we were able to help and encourage each other ~ Chiara



Our theme for Camp and for the rest of our year is ~
"We build each other up with our unique strengths."

