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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

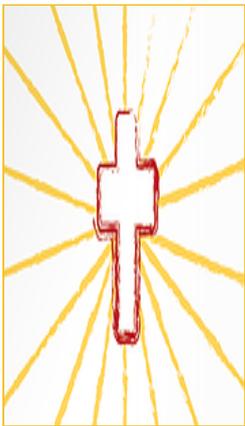
Dear Parents,

This week we officially celebrate Catholic Schools Week. This is an opportunity to reflect on what it means to be a Catholic school. Recently, Mrs Anderiesz spoke to a number of students, teachers and parents about what a Catholic Education has meant for them, and this community in particular. The overwhelming message was the sense of community, friendship and quality learning that occurs at OLMC. Many focused on the importance of an environment focused on learning about and living Catholic Values. I encourage you all to [view the video](#), to hear the voices of our students, teachers and parents.



Last week we began our 2022 Kindergarten enrolment period. Mrs Anderiesz and I will have the pleasure of welcoming all of these new and returning families. When we meet we discuss why parents choose OLMC for their child. Invariably, the responses consist of three common themes:

- An environment that nurtures our children's faith and opportunity to live these values daily.
- The high standard of learning the children have access to.
- The strength of the community and family-focused nature of the school.



*Almighty God,
You sent forth your Son as a beacon of hope for all people.
As Teacher, he has given us the prime example of the importance of education.
As disciples, we look to him for inspiration and strength.
Thank you for the many people who have dedicated their lives in service to our Catholic schools.
Thank you for the teachers and support staff who sustain our schools.
Thank you for the parents who have given support and witness to the importance of Catholic education.
Thank you for the students who work hard to further their education.
Bless Our Lady of Mount Carmel School and the many people who advance our mission.
May our school be a home for those who seek to grow in openness, faith, love, intellect and commitment to living our values of compassion, dignity and justice.
In your name, we pray.
Amen*

Olimpia Pirovic
Principal

The Community of OLMC is Safe and Respectful

UPCOMING DATES

Week 7

Thur: 3pm-4pm
Junior Band

Fri: AFL Clinics Yr4-6
4pm-5pm Open
Afternoon for
Prospective Parents -
Registration required

Week 8

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

Early Stage 1 & Stage 1 Mass (**Students Only**)
11:30-1:30 Maths Fun Session

Tue: 3pm-4pm Senior Band

Wed: Yr4 Murra Mitigar Excursion

Thurs: 3pm-4pm Junior Band

NOTES HOME

This Week

- Covid Arrangements - March 2021

Last Week

- Premier's Reading Challenge K-6
- Yr4 Murra Mitigar Excursion
- Yr3 In-School Experience

MERIT AWARDS

KB	Ayva ▪ Peter	4B	Mary ▪ Gabrielle
KG	Bailey ▪ Kyra	4G	Rohan ▪ Liya
1B	Saanvi ▪ Adison	5B	Leon ▪ Dillon
1G	Anthony ▪ Jacob	5G	Justin ▪ Erinn
2B	Cyril ▪ Mariella	6B	Ashley ▪ Osean
2G	Anuj ▪ Aakash	6G	Tony ▪ Emma
3B	Thomas ▪ Kimberly	P.E	No awards presented
3G	Hansikaa ▪ Jad	C.A	Paul ▪ Rishan

MONDAY ASSEMBLY - PARENTS WELCOME TO RETURN

Today, families will receive a letter outlining new procedures for parent involvement at school in light of the recent changes to restrictions. From next week, parents and carers will be able to attend Monday Morning Assembly under these procedures:

- Parents will be asked to wait at the Smith St gate for a staff member to invite you to enter.
- Parents will need to sit/stand in the designated areas, with a 1.5m distance between all adults.
- Parents will not be able to approach their child's class.
- Parents will be asked to leave the school grounds at the conclusion of assembly, before the children move to class

STUDENT ILLNESS - COVID RESTRICTIONS STILL APPLY

While restrictions around family engagement with school life have eased, protocols surrounding student illness remain unchanged.

- Students and staff are not to attend school if they are unwell. This includes a runny nose or sore throat.
- Students and staff who are absent from school with flu like symptoms, or, who have been sent home because they have flu-like symptoms **must have a COVID-19 test**
- Students and staff are not able to return to school **until they return a negative COVID-19 result and are symptom-free**
- **A negative COVID-19 test result must be provided to the school** before a student can come back to school. The test results can be a NSW Health or COVID-19 Testing Centre letter, SMS or email and/or a medical certificate

We also understand these processes may be frustrating, however in order to protect the health and safety of all we are required to follow them. Thank you for being respectful to school staff who call to ask for a child to be collected.

KINDERGARTEN 2022 ENROLMENTS

The 2022 Kindergarten enrolment period has commenced with the first enrolment packs already being collected **AND RETURNED**. Prospective parents can collect enrolment information from the office, with all completed documentation returned by **THURSDAY 1 APRIL**. Due to current restrictions, we will be holding three Open Afternoons for families to attend. **These are scheduled for THIS FRIDAY, 26th March and 7th May 2020, beginning at 4pm**



OLMC PAVING WORKING BEE



With a little over 2 weeks to go we are still 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 contact Mrs Anderiesz or Miss Pirovic.

WINTER UNIFORMS

Families are encouraged to organise winter uniforms for their child(ren) as early as possible. We are still unable to provide try-on sizes at school but a size guide is attached to this newsletter. All orders for uniforms should be placed using the Qkr app by 4pm on a Tuesday so that delivery can take place on a Thursday. The last day for ordering this term will be Tuesday 30 March. Students must wear their winter uniform from the beginning of Term 2.

NAPLAN 2021

Thank you to all those families who were able to join Miss Pirovic and Mrs Anderiesz at yesterday's 'National Assessment Program - Literacy and Numeracy' [NAPLAN] Information Zoom for parents. This session provided parents with information about the NAPLAN Online process and how we all can best help our child prepare for NAPLAN.



ARE YOUR CONTACT DETAILS UP TO DATE

There are occasions where teachers or school staff need to phone parents or emergency contacts. This is hindered when the details we have on file are incorrect. We ask all parents to inform the school if you have changed any of your phone numbers since you enrolled your youngest child. Don't forget to update the numbers of your emergency contacts too. If you are unsure that your details are correct please email the school and we will let you know the details we have on file.

SCHOOL FEES

All 2021 school fees accounts have now been mailed by CEDP. A note has been sent home to all families this week explaining the details of your account. Term 1 school fees are payable by 18 March. Please remember to accept your Flexible Payment Plan online at <https://www.parra.catholic.edu.au/fpp> by 16 March. Should you have any queries regarding your account please contact Maree Murphy in the school office.

PRC 2021

Last Friday, all students from Kindergarten to Year 6 received their 2021 Premier's Reading Challenge (PRC) username and log in. For our parents with children in K, 1 or 2, your child's reading log is updated by Mrs Anderiesz from the books they experience with their class over the course of the challenge period. Students in Yr 3,4,5 & 6 must read a total of 20 books, 15 of which must be from the challenge list. We want all of our children to complete the challenge so **LET'S GET READING!**



PARISH NEWS

CHILDREN'S SACRAMENTAL PROCESS

Within the next two weeks, we hope to advertise that parents are invited to continue their child's sacramental process through Confirmation and/or Reconciliation. The process will begin with an online form which will be available through [the parish website](#). At this stage, we are only offering Confirmation and first Reconciliation, but will offer first Holy Communion later on in the year. For any other information, please email Paola at paola.olmc@gmail.com. Unfortunately, we need to remind parents that Our Lady of Mt Carmel Parish is a safe-work environment; all staff and volunteers deserve to be treated with respect.

OUR SENIOR BAND SHINES!

Yesterday, our Senior Band began their after school Band Lessons. This gave our students the opportunity to put the skills they are learning through their instrument lessons into practise while playing with a larger group. While it was their first time together, the nerves wore off and their talents shone through! We can not wait to hear our Junior band come together on Thursday from 3:00-4:00pm. Siblings of band children can not remain at school and need to be collected at the normal time. Parents are asked to return promptly at 4:00pm to collect the children from the playground.

P&F NEWS

Mothers' Day Raffle

We are already flying through term one and heading towards Easter! While it feels like a long way until May, it will be here before we know it, and the Parents and Friends have turned their attention to coordinating the Mothers Day Raffle. Our sincerest thanks to those who have already donated a prize. It is thanks to the constant support of people such as yourselves that we are able to offer such fabulous prizes and we are truly grateful. If you are able to donate something for our raffle please contact Karly Jouni on 0447000536. It could be a physical gift (as simple as a box of chocolates or some perfume), a voucher or a service.

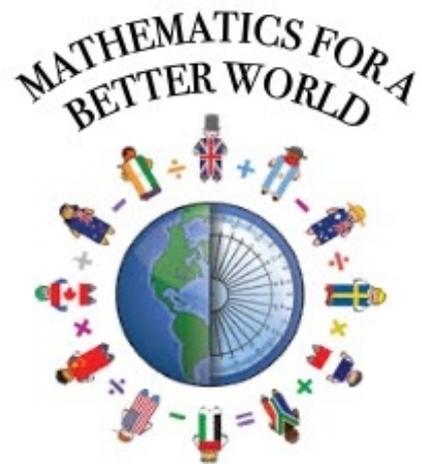
We wish to acknowledge the ongoing support of a few of our local businesses. ['Oh Sugar'](#) have provided us with cookies for special events at school and continue to support our Parents and Friends endeavours. They do so much more than cookies, specialising in all things sweet and providing theming and colour coordination for your special event. We welcome [La Gallette](#) as a new supporter of this year's Mothers' Day Raffle, specialising in French cakes, chocolates and oriental sweets. We thank them for their support.





Sunday, 14th of March, is the International Day of Mathematics. The theme this year is "Mathematics for a Better World".

Mathematics is used everyday to solve problems and to help improve the world we live in. It's to predict when we will experience severe weather events, how to share resources among a population, to track changes in our environment, to monitor and address the spread of pandemics and much, much more.



Your challenge this International Day of Mathematics is to use Maths to make an improvement in your home.

You might like to:

- Create a timetable to help you remember your chores or your after school activities.
- Help to prepare a meal for your family.
- Create a budget for your grocery shopping or your lunch orders.
- Work out how much water you might save if you had shorter showers.
- Sort your laundry into colours before they go into the washing machine.

You can get some more ideas from this website:

<https://nzmaths.co.nz/mathis-our-house>

We would love to see the improvements you've made so please share a story or photos with us on our Facebook page to show us what you have been up to.