



# Our Lady of Mount Carmel

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## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Families,

This week my thoughts have been with two groups within our community, our Indian-Australian community and our mothers. My feelings are opposing ones of concerned sorrow and joyful love.

As I have listened to the news in the past week I am overcome with concern for the people of India as another wave of covid infections rages across their country. My concern lies more closely with the family members and friends of the Indian-Australians in our school community. How difficult it must be to be so far from loved ones and not be able to provide immediate care or support? To live daily with the prospect of losing loved ones.

Reflecting on this situation really drives home how fortunate we are in Australia and wish that it could be the same for other countries too. I am sure that you all join with me in wishing our families all the best and pray that their family and friends in India remain healthy and safely through this difficult period.



This week my thoughts are also filled with joyful love for our mothers and mother figures in our lives. There are so many things that our mothers do for us each day that are taken for granted. This week is one that gives us the opportunity to appreciate our mums and show them how much we really love them and appreciate all they do for us.

On a personal level, as with all people, my relationship with my own mother is one that has changed as we have both grown older. As an elderly person, my mum requires more nurturing support and help. My siblings and I now have the opportunity to give our mother the care, consideration and love she gave us as her children in need of her.

This Friday afternoon we look forward to coming together (for the first time in a year) to celebrate a liturgy in honour of our mothers. I wish all of our mothers, grandmothers, aunts and mother figures a wonderful Mothers' Day on Sunday. I hope that your families shower you with love and affection.

*Olimpia Pirovic*  
Principal

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

## UPCOMING DATES

**FRIDAY: MOTHERS' DAY LITURGY 2:20PM - Weather Permitting  
(Only for guests who have returned their RSVP)**

### Week 3

**Thurs: 8:15am** Morning Workout  
Yr5 Excursion: Sydney Living Museum  
**3pm-4pm** Junior Band  
**Fri:** NAPLAN Equating Study: Yr3 & Yr5  
**2:20pm** Mothers' Day Liturgy & Raffle  
**4pm** Open Afternoon for 2022 Kindergarten & prospective Families

### Week 4

**Mon 9am** Assembly: KB  
**Tue:** Yr4-Yr6 Rock & Water Program  
NAPLAN 2022 Begins  
**3pm-4pm** Senior Band  
**Wed: 3pm-4pm** Training Band

## NOTES HOME

### This Week

- K-Yr6 Term 2 Overviews
- Band Update (selected students)

### Last Week

- Yr2 Warragamba Dam Excursion
- Staffing Update (1G, 3B, 4G)
  - Kids Love to Cook (K-Yr2)
  - Percussion Missed Lessons (selected students)
- Australian Early Development Census(Kindergarten Families)

## MERIT AWARDS

KB	Amelia ▪ Ayva	4B	Sienna ▪ Greta
KG	Sebastian ▪ Madisen	4G	Alyna ▪ Adam
1B	Sophia ▪ Joseph	5B	Aiden ▪ Emad
1G	Mason ▪ Magdalene	5G	Charlize ▪ Chelsea
2B	Eli ▪ Matthew	6B	Winona ▪ Nicolas ▪ Ciano
2G	Owen ▪ Leah	6G	Alessandra ▪ Zachary
3B	None presented	CA	Abbey ▪ Aimie
3G	Lili ▪ Steven	PE	Kaira ▪ Alexander

## STAR CARD REWARDS

**Gold Awards:** Siya ▪ Valli ▪ Tiana ▪ Ashley ▪ Chivonne ▪ Mia ▪ Eva ▪ Mia ▪ Ruby ▪ Sebastian ▪ Winona ▪ Xavier ▪ Eli ▪ Benjamin ▪ Jayden ▪ Kian ▪ Katrina ▪ Kyla ▪ Liliana ▪ Alexander ▪ Emilio ▪ Abigail ▪ Angelina ▪ Sienna ▪ Chris ▪ Mary ▪ Vishvassha ▪ Alana Srougi ▪ John Paul ▪

**Opal Awards:** Olivia ▪ Amelia ▪ Aliyah ▪ Lucas ▪ Olivia ▪

**Platinum Awards:** Neeti ▪



## PRIVACY AWARENESS WEEK

This week is Privacy Awareness Week and it is a good time to consider how protected your own personal information is. Did you know that.. **Half of Australians don't know how to protect their personal information?**

Our personal information is valuable and worth protecting. But if you don't know how, you are not alone. Even though most Australians (85%) have a clear understanding of why they should protect personal information, 49% don't know how to go about it. Many aren't doing enough to safeguard their privacy due to lack of time, knowledge and the perceived difficulty of the process. It's easier and faster than you think. Click on this link to the [Australian Information Commissioner's website](#) for some practical tips on protecting your personal information.



## SCHOOL FEES

All Term 2 accounts have now been sent direct to your mailing address. The due date for payment of this account is Wednesday 26th May 2021 unless you already have a flexible payment plan in place. Please ensure that your mailing details are always kept up to date. If you have not received your Term 2 account as yet, please contact Maree Murphy in the school office. If you are experiencing financial difficulty please contact the office to arrange a confidential meeting with Miss Pirovic.

## NAPLAN 2022

With NAPLAN 2022 just around the corner we wanted to take the time to remind families that NAPLAN is one test on one day. The best way to support your child/ren is to reassure them that everything will be okay and all they need to do is to try their hardest. Making sure your child/ren has enough sleep and a good breakfast, this will also help them feel prepared and focused. Families are reminded that every child needs their own headphones and devices must be charged everyday.

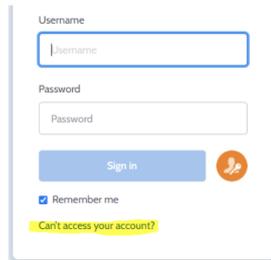
## BAND UPDATE (BEGINNING WEEK 3)

The Training Band will begin their afternoon lessons today. Afternoon Band lessons are from 3-4pm. Parents are asked to promptly collect the children at 4pm. Parents collecting younger siblings will be able to wait on the front playground until the lessons are over. Parents need to supervise younger children to ensure they are safe and adhere to appropriate social distancing requirements.

Today parents will be receiving a progress report from the Captivate tutors. These reports are a new initiative and will be sent out in Term Two and Term Three. This week we welcome a new teacher for our percussionists, Mr Chris Haigh will be teaching the children. Please note there will be a change in the day of the percussion lessons to Friday morning.

## COMPASS NEWS

Resetting of user passwords is a restricted process and cannot be performed by school staff. We encourage parents to reset their own accounts using the "Can't access your account?" link on the school portal and follow the prompts.



## PRINCIPAL'S HOLIDAY CHALLENGE

Congratulations to all the students who participated in the Principal's Autumn Challenge. Miss Pirovic received so many interesting entries, which can be viewed in the notice board outside the school office. Congratulations to the recipients of the Principal Challenge medals.

**K:** Charbel      **Yr1:** Mason  
**Y2:** Mariella    **Y3:** Liliana  
**Y4:** Amelia      **Y5:** Riya  
**Y6:** Charlise    **Overall:** Charbel

## PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE

The PRC is in full swing at OLMC. 157 students are currently taking up the challenge, with **51 students already completing the challenge!!!!**

**Congratulations to 11 new students who have completed the challenge this week...**

**Year 1:** Sophia **Year 2:** Sanna **Year 3:** Abigail **Year 4:** Elyssa & Dennis  
**Year 5:** Vihaan, Amelia, Hannah, Diana, Leon & Charize

All students from Kindergarten to Year 6 have received their 2021 Premier's Reading Challenge (PRC) username and log in and we are hoping for all of our students to participate and smash this year's PR Challenge. You can log your child's reading at <https://online.det.nsw.edu.au/prc/studentExperience.html#/>

## GARDENING CLUB STALL



The Gardening Club will be having a stall for Mother's Day on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> May. The children have put in extra time and effort to grow and keep our marigolds beautiful for our mothers and are so excited by the prospect of selling our produce. **The flowers will be \$3 a bunch and correct change would be greatly appreciated.** The funds raised will go towards extending our hose so that it can reach all our garden beds and our new hedges. We look forward to seeing you at our stall on Friday after the Mother's Day liturgy.

## MOTHERS' DAY LITURGY

We are looking forward to celebrating our mothers at our special liturgy on Friday. Due to the numbers attending we can only hold this event outdoors. If it rains we will hold the liturgy as a part of our Monday morning assembly. So let's all pray for nice weather on Friday!!

## P&F NEWS



### Second Hand Uniform Shop

The Second hand uniform shop is closed until further notice. We apologise for the inconvenience. If you need an item urgently, please let the office know and we will do our best to accommodate your request.

### Mothers' Day Stall

Thank you to all of the people who came to help with our Mothers' Day Stall. The children certainly enjoyed buying a small token for the special women in their lives. We hope you enjoy receiving them. If your child forgot their money then they will have brought home an IOU letter. Please send the money for the gift your child has chosen in an envelope marked with their name and class. If they bring that note to the office, they will then receive their gift.

Congratulations to the winner of our Lucky Draw prize.

### Mothers' Day Raffle

A final reminder that all Mothers' Day Raffle tickets should be in! Don't miss out on the chance to win some of our epic prizes for Mothers' Day. The Mothers' Day raffle will be drawn Friday 7<sup>th</sup>, after the OLMC Mothers' Day Liturgy.

# ROCK AND WATER

The students in Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6 have been engaging in the *Rock & Water* Program during Term 2. This program has been developed to allow opportunities for students to develop their resilience, self-control, respect and confidence through psychophysical style activities.

"Rock and water is an educational program in which we learn how to improve our social skills.

So far, we have learnt when we should be rock and when to be water. E.g. at certain times you have to be flexible and adaptable like water, and accept other's opinions and choices. At other times like when you are nervous about doing something new or out of your comfort zone, you have to be solid and confident like a rock. To help us do so, we learnt how to listen to our intuition, find our centre to calm ourselves and to find our inner confidence.



Thanks to this experience, we will be able to confront

people easily,  
pay  
attention,  
listen,  
understand  
and  
communicate  
with others  
better .  
By Sai, Eva  
and Caitlyn.

