



# Our Lady of Mount Carmel

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## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Families,

Today is a significant day in our nation as we journey towards reconciliation with our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. Today is Sorry Day. It is an important moment to remember the past policies of forced child removal. We reflect on the sad and painful history of the *Stolen Generations* and recognise moments of resilience, healing and the power of saying *Sorry*.

The first Sorry Day was held on May 26 1998, exactly one year after the *Bringing Them Home* Report was presented to the parliament. This report was the result of an inquiry into the removal of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children from their families and recommends both an apology to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and reparations. The term '*Stolen Generations*' refers to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians who were forcibly removed from their families by government, welfare or church authorities and placed into institutional care or with non-indigenous foster families. The forced removal of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children began as early as the mid 1800s and continued until the 1970s.



Reconciliation is an integral concept in our Catholic faith. Reconciliation is an ongoing journey that we as indigenous and non-indigenous Australians continue to walk. At its heart, it is about strengthening relationships between Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander and non-indigenous peoples for the benefit of all Australians. On February 13 2008, Prime Minister Kevin Rudd delivered an apology for the laws, policies and actions that inflicted profound pain, suffering and hurt on the *Stolen Generation*, their descendants and their families left behind.



Currently our Year 5 students have been learning about the '*Stolen Generation*' and have watched the powerful film *The Rabbit Proof Fence*. Teaching our children about the *Stolen Generations* and the effect that it had and still has on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples is important content for all Australian children. The idea that someone can be taken from their family and, in some cases, never see them again is an idea that all children from an early age can empathise with. Putting yourself in another person's shoes is a step on the road to reconciliation.

If you would like to know more about how we can support this reconciliation process you might like to investigate these links: [Reconciliation Australia](http://ReconciliationAustralia), [The Apology Film](http://TheApologyFilm), [Kevin Rudd Apology in Parliament](http://KevinRuddApologyinParliament). It is important that as Australians

we all take positive action to move towards reconciliation as a nation.

On a personal note, I would like to thank the staff, students and parents of OLMC for the wonderful celebration of my birthday yesterday. Everything planned was such a delightful surprise. I was truly touched by the thoughtfulness and well wishes of all members of our community. This OLMC community is a truly special place.

*Olimpia Pirovic*

Principal

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

## UPCOMING DATES

### Week 6

**Thurs: 8:15am** Morning Workout  
**3pm-4pm** Junior Band  
**Thur:** Yr3 CARSS Bush Flat Excursion  
**Fri:** OLMC Athletics Carnival  
**Sat: 4pm-5pm** Confirmation

### Week 7

**Mon: 9am** Assembly: 6G Prayer  
**Tue:** Yr4-Yr6 Rock & Water Program  
**3pm-4pm** Senior Band  
**Wed: 3pm-4pm** Training Band

## NOTES HOME

### This Week

- Athletics Carnival Canteen Lunch Orders

### Last Week

- Yr 2 Reward Day
- Cumberland Police Youth Liaison Visit

## MERIT AWARDS

KB	Annabelle ▪ Austin	4B	Shivani ▪ Anthony
KG	Georgia ▪ Elijah	4G	Kiara ▪ Reuben ▪ Grace
1B	Chad ▪ Mansi	5B	Sameet ▪ George
1G	Josie ▪ Sri Harika	5G	Lachlan ▪ Michael
2B	Ariah ▪ Isabella	6B	Caitlyn ▪
2G	Jonah ▪ Palash	6G	Chiara ▪ Brandon
3B	Aaliyah ▪ Seam	CA	Jessica ▪ Lucas
3G	Lucas ▪ Abigail	PE	Lucas ▪ Eli

## STAR CARD REWARDS

**Gold Awards:** Zien ▪ Harsha ▪ Luke ▪ Ciano ▪ Osean ▪ Naksh ▪ Makayla ▪ Shanaya ▪ Sophia ▪ Serah ▪ Ilia ▪ Daniel ▪ Joseph ▪ Akins ▪ Lucinda ▪ Adison ▪ Saanvi ▪ Isabella ▪ Mansi ▪ Candace ▪ Alessandra ▪ Charlotte ▪ Saxon ▪ Abraham ▪ Emma ▪ Ethan ▪ Saadhana ▪ Yelesta ▪ Alessandro ▪ Savannah ▪ Sameet ▪ Amelia ▪ Ariah ▪ Aaraav ▪ Bailey ▪ Georgia ▪

**Opal Awards:** Mia ▪ Xavier ▪ Jad ▪ Emma ▪ Sienna ▪ Tiana ▪ Emilio ▪ Annabel ▪ Ciara ▪ Jieke ▪ Anabel ▪ Benjamin ▪ Antoine ▪ Thomas ▪ Lucas ▪ Taliah ▪ Matthew ▪ Sebastian ▪ Sienna ▪ Neha ▪

**Platinum Awards:** Bhakti ▪ Deng ▪ Isabella ▪ Chivonne ▪ Liyana ▪ Victoria ▪ Olivia ▪

**Principal's Awards:** Dominic ▪ Mishti ▪ Sai ▪ Kiara ▪



## WAKAKIRRI AWARDS

Charlotte ▪ Mia ▪ Olivia ▪ Mia ▪ Amelia ▪ Jadi ▪ Abraham ▪ Dominic ▪ Eva ▪ Alessandra ▪ Ashley ▪ Jasmine ▪ Makayla ▪

## ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

The annual Our Lady of Mount Carmel Athletics Carnival is to be held Friday, 28 May at Holroyd Sportsground, Peel Street, Merrylands. **Please ensure that your child has returned their permission slip so that we are aware of the pickup arrangements for every student.** If no arrangements are made your child will return to school with their teacher. All students will be travelling to the venue by bus and no parent is permitted on the bus with the children. Parents who are attending are reminded that the students must stay with their group at all times, this includes during eating times and no child will be permitted to go to the canteen. We are asking families to be mindful of their movements as COVID safe distancing is still an expectation, even when outdoors. Students are allowed to wear a coloured t-shirt that corresponds with their colour house if they wish.



## PRC

### 131 students have completed the PRC!

Congratulations to Ilia A from Yr1, Olivia A & Amelia A from Yr4, Tiarna F, Jac H, Joseph M, Billy P & Erinn S from Yr5 for completing the challenge this week.

We want all children to complete the PRC! So keep reading and log your reading via the [PRC link](#).



## PARISH NEWS

### CHILDREN'S SACRAMENTAL PROCESS

*Parish-based, family-centred, school-supported*

**CONFIRMATION** practise will be held at 3:30pm and 7pm on Thursday 27 May. Children must be accompanied by a parent/carer at all times (this includes siblings). This will be the last day to hand in pew banners.

**RECONCILIATION** applications close this Friday. Applications can be found on [our parish website](#).

## THE GREAT OLMC BOOK FAIR

From Friday 18 June to Thursday 24 June OLMC will be hosting its annual Book Fair. The Library will be transformed into a book shop with books provided by Ashton Scholastic. Parents, grandparents and children are welcome to visit the book fair after school to buy a book or a treat. Students will also be able to purchase during lunchtimes. A brochure will come home closer to the fair so that families can preview some of the titles. You may choose to order from this instead. Proceeds from sales will go towards the purchase of new books for our school library.

**COMPETITIONS:** We will be running several competitions during the next few weeks, with students being able to win a \$10 book fair voucher that they can use towards the purchasing of books or treats from our book fair.

**Week 8 Competition:** Collect a bookmark to demonstrate your most creative design skills. All bookmarks must be handed into Mrs Anderiesz by 3:20 Friday afternoon. Only 1 entry per student with 2 winners being announced during next week's assembly.

## TELL THEM FROM ME SURVEY

In the coming weeks, every diocesan school will be inviting students from Years 4 to 6, teachers and parents to provide feedback on their experience of their school using an online "Tell Them From Me" survey. The surveys are an important part of our whole school evaluation and planning process. We value the role of all stakeholders within our school community and greatly appreciate the feedback. The information survey participants provide will be used to maintain our commitment to working together in partnership, to further improve student learning and wellbeing. The survey is anonymous and will take approximately 20 minutes to complete. If you do not want your child to take part in the survey, please contact Mrs Anderiesz.



## NEW RE CURRICULUM: EXPERIENTIAL OPPORTUNITY

Last Friday our school community raised money to support Mini Vinnies through the focus Yr5 currently has on human dignity. The students will now purchase ingredients and storage equipment to make sandwiches which Mini Vinnies will hand out during night patrol in Parramatta Park. This experience will allow our students to experience the call to holiness and make connections to how they can answer the call, as disciples of Jesus to our local family. As a school, we raised \$555 for this very worthwhile cause.

Congratulations to everyone for your generous donations through our Mufti & Disco Day.



## LOST A NOTE?

Whenever there is a school event that requires parental permission a note is sent home. Sometimes these notes get misplaced or lost. Parents can download all of these notes from our school website. Each week our newsletter lists the notes that have been sent home. Please check the newsletter or website before phoning the office.

## DOGS ON SCHOOL GROUNDS

While many of us have pets that are like one of the family, this is a reminder that **no dogs are allowed on school grounds at any time**. Some children are scared of dogs, big and small, some children have allergies and unless animals are deemed to be 'assistance animals' or as part of planned educational programs, they are prohibited by law to enter our site (whether they are leashed or not). Please ensure you follow this rule which has been made to ensure the safety of our children and furry friends.

## BOYS TOILETS

As published through skoolbag over the weekend, we are experiencing significant issues with the behaviours occurring in the boys bathrooms. Behaviours such as, faeces smearing, throwing used toilet paper on the floor, spraying water everywhere and urinating over walls are jeopardising the health and safety of our students. **THIS NEEDS TO STOP NOW!** We are urging all families to discuss these behaviours with their children. If your child informs you of something they have seen, please contact the school office.

## P&F NEWS

### Second Hand uniform shop

Thanks and apologies to Kellie, who helped move the stock and clean the new uniform space. We are very grateful for your time and effort.



### Happy Birthday.

Yesterday we celebrated a special birthday for a very special lady. We truly hope Miss Pirovic had a lovely day yesterday looking at the many portraits our children drew for her and enjoying her surprise High Tea at the afternoon staff meeting. God bless her always and may she grow toothless.

Thanks to Rose, Kellie, Carla and Karly for setting up the special surprise afternoon tea and to Karly for organising a gift for our Principal on behalf of the school community. Congratulations to Mrs Anderiesz and the staff and students for being able to pull off such a wonderful big surprise under Miss Pirovic's watchful gaze.





# ROUSE HILL ESTATE - SYDNEY LIVING MUSEUM: YEAR 5 EXCURSION

On Thursday 6th May Year 5 went on an excursion to Rouse Hill Estate and farm as part of their History unit on Australian Colonies. They had the opportunity to explore the former farm and examine a range of sources to learn about the expansion of NSW in the 19th century and investigate its impacts on the environment, the people of Boorooberongal clan and the colonisers.

I liked the way we learned all about how the people at the estate lived and attended school on the estate - Alannah



Learning about the way people lived and the tools they used was very interesting - Michael



It was really interesting when we went into the Visitor's Centre and we got to touch some of the tools

and equipment that the Aboriginal people used. - Savannah



I liked being inside the old house, it was full of really old things, like ancient artifacts - Billy



I enjoyed when we went into the old house and saw the different rooms that the Rouse Family lived in a long time ago. - Tiarna

I liked when we learned about having to have a huge water tank to supply the farm but it was hidden under a summer house. - Chaitanyaa

