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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Families,

This week marks the midpoint of the school term, for many of you it feels much longer. This is an important point to reflect on how you and your family are going. It might be timely for you all to have a 'mental health day' to refresh. Our teachers are planning many things to help combat these doldrums like the OLMC Family Games Nights this weekend and our upcoming Book Week @ Home celebrations.

Each week our teachers evaluate how the children are managing with their learning and make adjustments to the learning plan to support both students and parents. One of the adjustments you will see next week for our Kindy to Year 2 children will be the introduction of a googledoc to provide the teachers a snapshot of the great learning your children are doing at home. Each child will have a personal googledoc shared with them to insert 3 images of work they have done as independently as possible. This will then allow our teachers to provide some additional feedback to the children, apart from the verbal feedback they are receiving during zoom groups. Stay tuned for more information about this next week. In the meantime, you might try accessing your child's school email account which they are using to access zoom classes or their sora accounts. All these details have previously been provided to parents. You can use this [classm8 link](#) to access their account.



This weekend we celebrate another important feast connected to Mary. We celebrate the Feast of the Assumption. In the Western church this feast celebrates the assumption of Mary into heaven; in the East it commemorates her dormition or her falling asleep. The readings this Sunday invite us to reflect on the role that she plays in the mystery of our redemption. Whatever we honour in Mary in some way points to her son.

Over the centuries devotion to Mary has been expressed in forms taken from the culture out of which it developed. Sometimes she is pictured as a humble peasant girl. At other times she is depicted as a queen robed in gold. Probably the most familiar pose is that of a mother with her child. When I was on pilgrimage in Israel in 2020 one of the most moving experiences was visiting the Basilica of the Annunciation in Nazareth. All of the artworks in and around the basilica were of image of Mary as represented by all the nationalities of the world. It emphasises the universality of Mary and motherhood and how it connects us all. The images above are a few of the many representations of Mary and remind us that we too can live the virtues she exemplified.

Olimpia Pirovic

Principal

The Community of OLMC is Safe and Respectful

UPCOMING DATES

Week 5:

Friday 10am Assumption Virtual Liturgy via Facebook
2:15pm Friday FunDay @ 'Take A Break Book Club' **Crazy Hair Celebration**
7pm Family Games Night - Please Register
Saturday 7pm Family Games Night - Registrations Closed

Week 6: Classes & Grades continue regular ZOOM sessions with students: Please continue to check notifications for any further information

Mon: 8am-10am K-Yr3 Learning Pack Pick Up
Fri: 2:15pm Friday FunDay @ 'Take A Break Book Club'

PLEASE KEEP YOUR DETAILS UP TO DATE WITH THE SCHOOL OFFICE - address, phone numbers & email

FAMILIES ARE INVITED TO SEND 1 PHOTO TO MRS ANDERIESZ (EACH WEEK) TO DEMONSTRATE THEIR LEARNING FROM HOME FOR THE WEEK IN REVIEW

STUDENT DATA VALIDATION

On Monday you will receive an email or SMS (for those parents without email) from Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta (CEDP) asking you to review and, where necessary, update the key information they hold about your children currently enrolled in CEDP schools. The purpose of this review is to ensure that CEDP has the right details to correctly identify and support students, including contacting families in an emergency or to share important updates. Steps have been taken to ensure this process is as secure as possible to protect your information and your family's privacy. Your information is only accessed by authorised staff when it is necessary and in accordance with our [Privacy Policy](#). The link is open until Friday 3 September. Families are urged to complete the review/update as soon as possible to ensure that your family's correct details are on file. This is particularly important as Greater Sydney remains in lockdown due to the COVID-19 outbreak. This [short "how to" video](#) may assist you with completing the process (use the closed caption icon to turn on subtitles). Please don't hesitate to contact the school office if you have any questions or concerns.

Only one person per family needs to complete the survey and it takes about 15 minutes to complete. If you have any questions or to seek help, please contact the CEDP Community Liaison Team on 9840 5796.

SPECIAL FAMILY EVENT: GAMES NIGHT

This Friday and Saturday we will be hosting a family games night via ZOOM.

Both these times can only host 40 households at one time, so families must register for their preferred day and time using the link shorturl.at/fuzH5

If your family has registered and you have not collected your Game Night Pack you must do this before Friday afternoon.

IMPORTANT: As there are health orders in place, families are only able to 'team up' with the people who live in their household. Families **must not** come together for this event.



PLEASE JOIN US FOR A
FAMILY GAME NIGHT!
SPONSORED BY Pirovic & Anderiesz Entertainment

Friday 13th 7pm OR Saturday 14th 7pm
CHOOSE ONE ONLY

FAMILIES ARE INVITED TO WEAR A SPOOKY OUTFIT

ONLY 40 FAMILIES PER SESSION, SO YOU MUST REGISTER
FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!
ONCE REGISTERED, FAMILIES WILL RECEIVE FURTHER INFORMATION

BOOK WEEK (READ ME!)

This year we will be celebrating Book Week very differently with a few different components making up our celebration.

1. Grade teachers will be creating a **whole day of remote Book Week fun on Friday 27th August**. So keep an eye out for information sent out by your child/ren's teachers. This day will also be a dress up day, so have your costume ready for all the fun and games.



*FYI DressUp: Students and families are invited to transport themselves to a new world, old world or other world and **dress up as a book character**. This year it is open to whatever you have, or can make, from your supplies at home. **We don't want anyone going out to buy costumes**. Parents are also invited to join in on the fun. **Take a full length, close up photo** and send it to Mrs Anderiesz from now up until Friday 27th. Children who attend school on the 27th are also invited to dress up on that day.*

2. We have attached a family Book Week reading checklist for the whole family to enjoy
3. We will send out a special writing task for families to demonstrate their creative side.

Once the week of Book Week is finalised we will share a special celebration video with our community.

SUPPORTING OUR YOUNG PEOPLE

In response to the current lockdowns, HeadSpace is running additional parent/carer mental health education sessions, over the next 6 weeks. The sessions are titled Supporting young people impacted by COVID-19, and provide parents/carers with information and strategies to support their young people during these uncertain times.



The following sessions are available via zoom and scheduled over the next few weeks.

- **17 August 2021, 6:30 – 7:45pm, Western Sydney**

The session aims to:

- Strengthen your understanding of mental health, how to cope and where to find help.
- Build skills and strategies to support the mental health and wellbeing of your young person, including their transition to work and study.
- Build awareness of local, state and national supports available to young people.

These sessions are live and will not be recorded. You will receive a digital information pack following the conclusion of the session. Please use the following [link](#) to register for these sessions.

SCHOOL UNIFORM ORDERS

There will be no deliveries to the school during this lock down or until further notice. If you are an essential worker and your child is attending school Oz Fashions have added a home delivery option (\$15) to the QKR app. Please choose carefully as there are no refunds, however, Oz Fashions are happy to provide an exchange. For all concerns please email elle@ozfashions.com.au

CHANGES TO PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE

Like last year, the rules around the Premier's Reading Challenge have been altered to ensure all students have the opportunity to complete the PRC.

-The challenge date has been extended to September 3rd

-Students on all challenge levels are able to read 10 choice books

-Students on all challenge levels are able to include books that they have read collaboratively (EG: Book Club or Shared Reading through ZOOM)

-On SORA there is a collection of just Premier's Readers - so that will help guide your child/ren's reading efforts also!

Keep encouraging your child/ren to read a range of texts, including those listed for the Premier's Reading Challenge.

Students can maintain their reading log via the [PRC link](#), using the log in details provided at the start of Term 2.

Congratulations to Vincent from Year 4 for completing the PRC over the last 7 days.

Here is an update of our totals so far... **K: 57 Students**

Year 1: 11 Students

Year 2: 57 Students

Year 3: 14 Students

Year 4: 14 Students

Year 5: 48 Students

Year 6: 7 Students



SCHOOL PHOTOS

Just a quick message for all of our families regarding school photos. Photos have been delivered and they are being safely stored at school. We will hand these out to families when all children return. We know everyone is eager to receive their photos, however, we will not be offering a collection process for this due to the high number of families that would need to come out and collect. Class group photos will be posted on our facebook page.

SCHOOL FEES

CEDP has now sent all Term 3 accounts to parents by mail. The current COVID-19 pandemic has affected the personal circumstances of many families at Our Lady of Mt Carmel. CEDP is committed to supporting our families in whatever ways are possible during this difficult time. Please remember that no child will be disadvantaged because of a family's financial circumstances. Please contact Maree Murphy by email mmurphy@parra.catholic.edu.au so that we can offer the best assistance for your circumstances.

P&F NEWS: FATHERS' DAY

With our current situation it's no surprise that our typical Fathers' Day celebrations need to be different this year.

While we are unable to host our annual Fathers' Day stall and traditional Fathers' Day breakfast, we know that every member of our community will make sure that their dads, grandads and the extra special men in their lives feel appreciated and loved. All stock from the Fathers' Day stall will be stored for next year, with families encouraged to search online for a great gift during this time at home, or perhaps look to make something special for your Dad. Some super cute ideas [can be found here!](#)

We are also aware that many families in our community are struggling right now so the decision has been made to not hold a Fathers' Day raffle. However, we have received donations of prizes so we will hold a lucky draw. Our thanks go to the Azar family and the Lubric family for their generosity. Every students' name will be placed into the draw with prizes being awarded to the lucky students drawn out. We will also be running a guessing competition! The draw will take place on Facebook, so stay tuned to the newsletter for details.



SORA

SORA is an online reading platform that increases student access to a range of text collections. With a touch of a button, students have access to thousands of texts, can highlight and add digital notes and track their reading habits. Students need to use their CEDP email address and password to access the SORA platform.

If you are unsure about your child logging in using their @parrastu account, see this [help sheet](#) for further support. If you would like further information regarding [accessing SORA](#) we have also attached a support clip for your viewing. If you are still unsure contact your child's teacher or Mrs Anderiesz.

OLMC Book Week 2021: Family Activities

Challenge yourself, your friends, and your family
to read during Book Week

How many boxes can you check off?!



- Read my best friend's favorite book
- Read a graphic novel or comic book
- Read out loud to a younger sibling or friend
- Read out loud to a grandparent or other adult
- Read a nonfiction book about a topic I don't know much about
- Read a book outside
- Read the first book in a new series
- Read a wordless picture book
- Read a book of poetry or a book written in verse
- Read a book with a girl main character
- Read a mystery
- Read a book with a boy main character
- Read a book set in another country
- Reread your favorite book
- Read a book in a genre I've never read before
- Ask my teacher to recommend a new book that is similar to one of my favorites
- Read an award-winning book
- Read a picture book, regardless of my age
- Read a recipe aloud to somebody cooking while they are making the dish
- Compare/contrast the differences between a book and the movie version
- Read a book that was published more than 10 years ago
- Ask my parent about a favorite book from when they were a kid and then read it
- Tell my parent about one of my favorite books and ask them to read it

