



Our Lady of Mount Carmel

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Families,

Welcome back to school! It was wonderful to see the children eagerly get back into their learning routines. We noticed many happy faces on ZOOM yesterday.

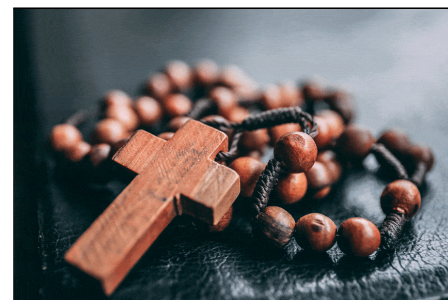
We look forward to the gradual return to our normal routines and daily life. Our return to school plan is in place and guides us towards the full return of our students. Thank you to all those parents who completed the survey which will assist our planning. Many parents expressed some concerns about their children returning to school, which is understandable. While we can never guarantee that no-one in our community will contract the virus, we are able to reduce the risk with the safety measures we put in place. These measures include, regular cleaning, sanitising hands, maintaining appropriate distancing, limiting cross grade interactions and playground areas. As our children return these measures will be extended. We will communicate all safety measures as we approach each stage of the return to school plan.

It has been positive that our local community has taken up the opportunity to be vaccinated. The 2145 postcode area has been leading the charge with over 90% of eligible residents having received their first dose and just under 80% with their second dose. This knowledge gives us positivity about transitioning back to normal life. All our staff are following requirements regarding their return to work also.

Yesterday I had the pleasure of participating in our first OLMC Rosary Prayer via ZOOM. It was wonderful to see so many students and parents attend and I hope this becomes a part of your routine this month as we pray together. Traditionally October is a month that is dedicated to the Rosary. As a Carmelite community the devotion to Mary is an important one as we ask for her guidance and protection. Through praying the rosary we are able to connect to this faith tradition.

Legend tells us that the Rosary as a form of prayer was given to St Dominic (1170-1221) by Mary, the mother of Our Lord, who entrusted him as an aid in his conflicts. The Dominican pope, St Pius V, did much to further the spread of the Rosary and it thereafter became one of the most popular devotions in Christendom. It was during the Middle Ages where it became a way for devout people, who did not know how to read, were able to engage with the scripture. The mysteries draw from the scripture of the New Testament and are centered on the great event of the incarnation and Redemption.

In this month of October, let us consider this beautiful prayer of the Rosary as a means that we can draw closer to Jesus and Mary by mediation on the great mysteries of our salvation. I hope you will join our Rosary zoom:
Meeting ID: 628 5070 9443 Password: 938 937



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Principal

The Community of OLMC is Safe and Respectful

UPCOMING DATES

Week 1:

Mon-Fri: 12 pm OLMC Rosary Prayer

Sat: **Let's Glow Crazy OLMC Lockdown Party!**

Week 2:

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

8am-10am Learning From Home Pack Collection

Mon-Fri: 12pm OLMC Rosary Prayer

Sat: **OLMC Mission to Busk Evening**

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

DON'T FORGET TO SUBMIT YOUR PRINCIPAL'S HOLIDAY CHALLENGE!

MERIT AWARDS

KB	Violette ▪ Kiyana ▪ Amelia	3G	Olivia ▪ Katrina ▪ Liliana
KG	Luther ▪ Nicholas ▪ Jaden	4B	Katrina ▪ Danasha ▪ Amelia ▪ John Paul ▪ Gabrielle ▪ Ryan
1B	Victoria ▪ Rishaan ▪ Naksh	4G	Rohan ▪ Paige ▪ Zahara Aibel ▪ John-Sayed ▪ Myra
1G	Karthik ▪ Joanne ▪ Magdalene	5B	Kinjal ▪ Georgia
2B	Charlotte ▪ Amelia ▪ Charbel	5G	Jac ▪ Chaitanyaa
2G	Sanoshan ▪ Zoe ▪ Aakash	6B	Mia ▪ Winona ▪ Deng ▪ Dominic
3B	Alissa ▪ Jessica ▪ Thomas	6G	Chiara ▪ Alessandra ▪ Gabriella ▪ Sowjanya
EMU:	Karthik ▪ Joanne	STEM:	Neha ▪ Sai Sarayu ▪ Mishti
		BOOKCLUB:	Annalisa ▪ Riya

OLMC ROSARY PRAYER

As we return to school in Term 4, we recognise October as a month dedicated to the Rosary. To honour this devotion, our school community will be leading an OLMC Rosary Prayer for every weekday in October (Mon-Fri) at 12:00pm. Each day the rosary will be led by a different class, with some special appearances from staff members and our parish community. All families are encouraged to join in. We have not had the opportunity to come together and this is a wonderful way to stay connected with our community and shared faith life.



2021 NAPLAN RESULTS

The 2021 NAPLAN results for students in Year 3 and Year 5 were sent out to families at the end of the term. Please contact the school office if you have not received your results.

GET YOUR GLOW ON! LOCKDOWN PARTY

To welcome our students, families and teachers back to Term 4, we thought there was no time like the present to PARTY HARD! So please join us on **Saturday 9th October at 7pm** via our **@OLMCWentworthville Facebook Page** and don't forget your dancing shoes to really **GET YOUR GLOW ON!** While our DJ busts out some fly hits for our VIPs, we'd love our families to post photos during the event. Families are welcome to share this invitation with their extended families and friends

IMPORTANT: As there are health orders in place, families **must not** come together for this event



MISSION TO BUSK PREVIEW

A special exclusive preview will be **debuted on October 16th at 7pm** for our OLMC Community to enjoy. In the spirit of Mission To Busk, families will be able to donate during this exclusive event via a link on our **FACEBOOK Page**. All donations will go to support the repairs of the Church roof.



TERM 4 EVENTS - CHANGES

As this year has evolved we have all had to make various changes to how we live our regular lives. As we come closer to children returning, parents are asked to remember that while our children may return, the restrictions placed on us by NSW Health and the Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta will still remain very tight. We understand that changes to how we run end of year events, or, the cancellation of certain events, will bring disappointment to our community and to our staff. However, we must remain vigilant and always prioritise the safety of all community members as our first priority. We ask for your patience, understanding and acceptance as we make adjustments and plan to do things differently to maintain the OLMC spirit and traditions in modified ways.

ARE YOU LEAVING OLMC?

We know that family situations change which requires a change in schools. If your child will be leaving OLMC at the end of 2021, the notification must be in writing and addressed to the Principal to avoid a full term's fees being payable. If you are planning to move, please get in touch with the office to get a 'Leaving School Form' to complete. This form needs to be returned to school when completed.

Please be aware that a full term's (10 wks) notice is required if your child will be leaving the school. Refer to bit.ly/3izKZCi for more information.



GENERAL REMINDERS FOR STUDENTS & FAMILIES

While we move closer to returning to school, we must all remain vigilant and continue to have high expectations of our students **to ensure that we maximise all the learning opportunities that we still have this year.** This week some of our Grade teams have organised to send out a welcome back video to their students. Part of this is to welcome everyone back to Term 4, however, a big part is also to recalibrate students back into the learning zone.

Some of the important focus points for STUDENTS are:-

- Remote Learning is just that...learning remotely. So we expect everyone to behave as learners and be prepared as you would be at school.
- Attend the ZOOMS you are invited to (teachers don't plan ZOOMS for no reason, so if they are planned there is purpose and importance for your child/ren)
- Be on time (we can't wait for students who decide to have an extra 10 minutes sleep in. Teachers have other ZOOMS and meetings to attend)
- Camera's on (would you turn your back to your teacher if he/she was talking to you?)
- You wouldn't attend school in pyjamas or with a blanket around you while half asleep on the couch. Get up and get dressed like it's a school day.

Some of the important focus points for FAMILIES are:-

- The school will regularly keep you updated with information regarding changes that arise. These will be sent to parent emails and via the Skoolbag app, FACEBOOK & COMPASS.
- It is essential that all parents read this information carefully before calling the office.
- Families are asked to email their child/ren's teacher directly with any learning or ZOOM questions. The Office can't help!
- All adults must wear a mask and sign in when coming up to school - no exceptions!
- Learning Pack pick up continues the same, with digital copies being available the weekend before the week begins so that families can prepare themselves.

As we move through this situation we will communicate any changes within a timeframe that is reasonable, and we thank our parent community for your patience and understanding.



P&F NEWS

Annual General Meeting - Our Parents and Friends Annual General Meeting (AGM) will take place in Week 4, Tuesday 26th October via Zoom. We are seeking people to become involved in our Parents and Friends committee to support us in the work we do. We are farewelling two of our committee members this year so we encourage you to think about how you might want to become involved.

Lockdown Love Packs - Congratulations to the recipients of our lockdown love packs. We hope you enjoyed playing and snacking with the contents during the holidays. We also hope that these small packs helped remind everyone that you are part of a big community who misses you and can't wait to come together again. CONGRATULATIONS TO YOU ALL! Anabel Younes, Mrunal Kodollikar, Leah Booth, Trinity Denham & Ashley Touma.

HSC Students - Please keep the OLMC Year 6 class of 2015 in your prayers as they prepare for their HSC exams in these extraordinary times.

God we ask that all HSC students feel your closeness during their exam period. Give them calm hearts and quiet confidence in the knowledge that you hold them in the palm of your hand. Bless them with keen understanding and retentive memory. Give them the ability to grasp things correctly, be exact in their explanations and an ability to express themselves clearly. Point out clearly the beginning, direct their progress and help them in the completion of each of their responses. Holy Spirit, send them your gifts of wisdom and knowledge. AMEN

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.



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BY COB FRIDAY 22ND OCTOBER

SUPPORT CREW: IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO BE ON THE
CONTACT LIST PLEASE MESSAGE KARLY ON
0447000536 * SUPPORT CREW - YOUR NAME *

SUPPORTING EACH OTHER WHILE LEARNING & WORKING FROM HOME

When our children return to school it will not be the children who did the most work that will ease back into school life without a problem. The children who will ease back without an issue will be those whose parents encouraged them to maintain independence, to take responsibility for their learning and who maintained the habits of learning

These tips will help parents in guiding their children in this process.

**EACH PERSON
NEEDS A DEDICATED
SPACE AND THEIR
OWN EQUIPMENT.
EG: THEIR SEAT AT
THE TABLE**

**HAVE A DAILY
ROUTINE AND LET
YOUR CHILD TICK
OFF WHEN
COMPLETE**

**TRY NOT TO TELL
YOUR CHILD WHAT
TO DO, INSTEAD
SUGGEST THINGS
THAT MAY HELP**

**DON'T FEEL THE
NEED TO CONSTANTLY
INSTRUCT. LET THEM
EXPERIENCE CONTROL
& CHALLENGE**

**TAKE BREAKS...LOTS
OF BREAKS
(& GO OUTSIDE)**

**PART OF YOUR
CHILD'S DAY SHOULD
BE HELPING THE
HOUSEHOLD. GET THEM
DOING CHORES**

**MAINTAIN NORMAL
HOURS. CHILDREN STILL
NEED THEIR SLEEP &
SHOULDN'T BE AWAKE AT
11PM & IN THEIR GOOGLE
DOC DOING WORK**

**KNOW YOUR ZOOM
SCHEDULES AND PLAN
YOUR DAY AROUND
THOSE. IF YOU CAN'T
MAKE THEM ALL IT'S
OKAY**

**NOTICE WHEN
EVERYONE HAS HAD
ENOUGH AND STOP**



WE'RE ALL IN THIS
together