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Newsletter Term 4 Week 4

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Families,

The joy has continued this week as we have been able to welcome back all of our Year 2, Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6 children. Finally our OLMC family is back together. The children have settled back into school life and are coping with the adjustments to their learning space and our timetable.

Just as parents have had to re-adjust to going back to work life and acclimatising to the office/shop/site, so are our children. They are rebuilding their stamina to remain focused on their work and sharing with classmates. The children are re-learning social skills that they haven't had to use in their home learning environment. The one thing that has been very evident is their enthusiasm to be back at school with their friends and teachers.

"I shall lead them back in mercy – both the blind and the lame"

Our Sunday readings this week continue the themes of return and healing. The Gospel tells the story of Jesus healing the blind man as he left Jericho. For us in our modern lives this healing of the blind is not the literal healing but the metaphorical healing. It is through our faith in Jesus and his example of living that our 'blindness' to the needs of others and the world around us can be healed. We are encouraged to come out of ourselves to see the wider world around us. Sometimes this openness to vision allows us to see that our personal challenges, while significant to us individually, may not be as bad as we feel in the perspective of the world around us. This realisation can then help us to cope better.

*O Jesus Christ, teacher and healer,
you heard the cry of the blind beggar
when others would have silenced him.*

*Teach us to be attentive
to the voices others ignore,
that we might respond
through the power of the Spirit
to heal the afflicted
and to welcome the abandoned
for your sake and the sake of the gospel. Amen*

I would like to thank our parents for adjusting to the new pickup arrangements so well. Your patience along with your safe and respectful behaviour makes it easier for us to keep our children safe. Keep following the road rules and drive on if there is no parking to allow for the flow of traffic. After 3:20pm any children still waiting to be collected will be brought to the front playground. Finally I would like to say thank you to all in our community for the amazing efforts you have put in during Remote Learning. Please view [this video](#) to remind yourselves how great we all are, as you reflect on the past 18 weeks that we all hope never happen again.



Olimpia Pirovic
Principal

The Community of OLMC is Safe and Respectful

UPCOMING DATES

Week 4:

Thur: 12pm OLMC Rosary Prayer led by KB
5pm Yr6 Graduation Zoom with Parents

Fri: 12pm OLMC Rosary Prayer led by KG
All P&F Second Hand Uniform requests due

ALL SCHOOL PHOTOS BEING SENT HOME

Week 5:

Mon: Assembly for students only

NOTHING ELSE, JUST A WHOLE LOT OF LEARNING, FUN AND FRIENDSHIP BUILDING

FRIDAY 29th **HAPPY WORLD TEACHERS' DAY**

NOTES HOME

THIS WEEK

- Yr3 Staff Update
- Yr6 Reflection Day
- Yr6 Hopes & Dreams Reminder (Selected students only)

PLEASE RETURN ASAP

- Yr5 (Yr6 2022) Camp
- K-Yr6 Christmas Art & Photo emailed to class teachers
- Yr6 Graduation Balls & Bears

MERIT AWARDS

KB	Zayne • Kudakwashe • Sarah	3G	Kyla • Emilio • Jayden
KG	Ariana • Sebastian • Alec	4B	None presented
1B	Mansi • Pravi • Akins	4G	None presented
1G	Sri Harika • Aayan • Ruhi	5B	Emad • Makayla
2B	Henry • Isabella • Jerrick	5G	Tiarna • Amelia
2G	Joaquin • Anuj • Alexander	6B	Osean • Bhakti • Chivonne
3B	Olivia • Lily • Misha	6G	Tony • Antoine • Royden

STAR CARD REWARDS

Gold Awards: Kira • Charlotte • Olivia • Jonah •

Opal Awards: Evelina • Matthew • Ghaith • Kara • Kyra • Owen • Sebastian • Tilila • Charlotte • Rubeena • Noah • Maliyah • Alexander • Luca • Riya •

Platinum Awards: Dominic • Charlize • Georgia • William • Joanne • Thea • Sienna • Jacob • Charbel • Zoe • Abeer • Mia • Dev • Charlotte • Joshua • Rishaan • Sanaa • Isabel • Mariella • Joaquin • Emilio • Aakash • Steven • Olivia • Yara •

Principal's Awards: Patrick • Amelia • Anuj • Alexia • Mason • Paul • Benjamin • Jac • Asaeli •

SCHOOL FEES

A statement has been mailed to all families who as yet have been unable to finalise their school fees for 2021. We are currently reviewing the activities that are able to be held for our students before the end of the year and any credits due will not be posted to accounts until Term 1 2022. Families who require school fee assistance due to COVID issues are asked to contact Maree Murphy in the school office to discuss the various options available. Parents are requested to finalise all 2021 fees by 18 November.

PE LESSONS AND SPORT DAYS- THERE HAVE BEEN CHANGES

In Term 4 there have needed to be some changes to when the children wear their sports uniform. While we will try to keep this routine, there will be occasions where these days may change due to timetable changes. When this occurs, parents will be notified.

Kindergarten	Wednesday & Thursday
Year 1	Tuesday & Wednesday
Year 2	Tuesday & Thursday
Year 3	Monday & Thursday

Year 4 Blue	Wednesday & Friday
Year 4 Gold	Monday & Friday
Year 5	Tuesday, Thursday & Friday
Year 6	Tuesday & Friday



BAND

Face to face sessions are planned to restart in Week 6 for all students. We thank the CAPTIVATE Team for supporting our students, especially during this remote learning period. We have begun planning for 2022 and need all current band parents to [complete this survey](#) to indicate your plans to continue or withdraw from the program next year. Thanks to those who have already completed the survey.

WATER BOTTLES

IT IS VITAL THAT ALL STUDENTS BRING A FILLED WATER BOTTLE AND HAT EACH DAY

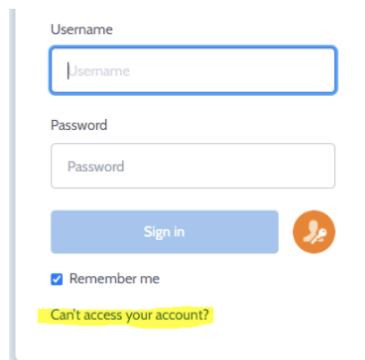
ATTENDANCE NOTIFICATION

With all of our students now expected to have returned, notifying the school of your child's attendance reverts to our previous procedures.

When your child is away you are required to notify the school about their absence using the COMPASS PARENT PORTAL.

If we don't receive notice within 7 days we are required to record the absence as unexplained. We encourage all parents to log back into their portal, to ensure all is working. If you need to reset your password, parents can click on "Can't access your account?" link on the school portal and follow the prompts.

Resetting of user passwords is a restricted process and cannot be performed by school staff.



UNIFORMS AND HAIRCUTS

Thank you to all our parents in ensuring that the children have returned to school in their correct summer uniform. We remind parents and children that popular hair trends may not be appropriate for school. Boys' cuts should be blended without patterns or lines and not shorter than a number one. All hair longer than the shoulders is expected to be tied back for hygiene purposes.

SECOND HAND UNIFORMS

The Second Hand Uniform relies on the donation of items from our school community. We have had a large number of parents seeking items with our return to school, but we have limited stock. If your child has grown out of their uniform items please consider donating them to the 2nd Hand Uniform shop. Just send them to the office, washed and in a bag marked 2nd Hand Uniform donations

STUDENT ILLNESS

It is normal that from time to time children will fall ill. With the current situation, we are asking parents to be extremely vigilant, as our staff will be, to ensure **that you do not send your child to school, even if they have the slightest of symptoms.**

- Students who are absent from school or who have been sent home due to flu like symptoms **must be tested**
- **If a student is sent home from school, their siblings will also be sent home with them**
- Students **must not return to school until they return a negative COVID-19 result and are symptom-free**
- Schools must **sight the negative COVID-19 test result** prior to allowing students to return to school i.e. NSW Health or COVID-19 Testing Centre correspondence (SMS or email or hard copy) and/or a medical certificate must be provided to the school and a record of this kept by the school.
- If your child is being tested and awaiting results, Parents are expected to inform the school so that we can apply a 'Flexible' code for attendance.
- This is a measure that is also expected of our staff and their families also.

We know this is challenging for families, however, this is one of our vital safety measures which significantly reduces the risk of spread and possible school closure.



SCHOOL UNIFORMS - LAST DAY

The last day to place your orders for school uniforms for 2021 will be by 4pm on **Tuesday, 7 December**. Please ensure you place your orders via the QKR App to receive delivery on Thursday, 9 December.

If families miss the cutoff they will need to email Elle from OzFashions by email elle@ozfashions.com.au for either a home delivery or pick up from Oz Fashions in Granville, no later than 15 December. After this date, the warehouse will close over the Christmas period.

OzFashions are also able to provide school shoes - see flyer attached to this week's email.

PLEASE NOTE: OZ FASHIONS GRANVILLE DOES NOT SELL YOUR SCHOOL UNIFORM IN STORE.



Clarks School Shoes

Oz FASHIONS
The Uniform Specialist

\$90.00 \$90.00 \$100.00-\$105.00 \$80.00

Available at Oz Fashions: 115-127 Parramatta Road, Granville, NSW, 2149. Trading Hours: Monday - Friday 9:00am - 5:30pm, Saturday 9:00am - 4:00pm

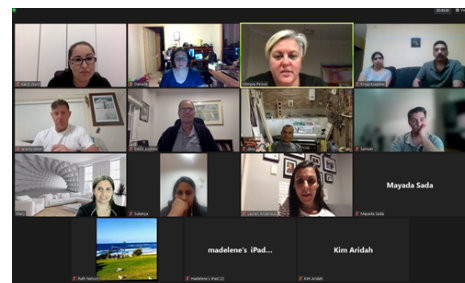


Teachers Day

This Friday marks Teacher's Day in Australia. After over 100 days undertaking home schooling, I think it is safe to say that we all appreciate the valuable role teachers play in our children's lives, and that as a parent community we are more grateful than ever for the incredible staff here at OLMC. The Parents and Friends have provided a small token of appreciation to the staff for Friday and we would encourage everyone to take a moment to say a prayer of thanks for the teachers in our school. Perhaps you would like to encourage your child to write a letter or draw a special picture to give to their teacher on Friday to say thank you.

Annual General Meeting

Thanks to everyone who attended our Annual General meeting on Monday night. We thank you for your commitment to our school and the support of the education of our children. We would like to thank the committee members for 2021 for the outstanding work they have done during a most difficult year to maintain the connections within our school community. Through initiatives such as lockdown love and welcome to school gifts, the committee have endeavoured to make sure we have come together to celebrate in spirit whilst we have been physically separated.



President

Karly Jouni has been our president since 2019 and whilst she had planned to be innovative in her approach to the committee, she has truly had to redefine the Parents and Friends Association as we constantly evolve with the regulations regarding parents presence in the school grounds. Thankfully Karly has led us with her determination to make sure that events are celebrated, even if we are physically distanced from each other, and her willingness to give things a go. While the structure of our committees has needed to change with the events of recent years, our commitment to the school community has remained constant under Karly's leadership. We thank Karly for agreeing to accept the unanimous vote for her to remain in the role as President for 2022.

Vice President

Since 2017 Samuel Vecchio has held the position of Vice President. Sam has helped at various working bees, assisted with the school and Parish fete and made himself indispensable. The primary role of the Vice President is to support the President and Sam has been a vital support to the entire committee. This year Sam is stepping back from a formal role in the P and F, though I am certain he will still be involved at the school in many different ways. We want to thank Sam for his support, dedication and friendship. We also wish to thank the Vecchio family for all of their hard work supporting the many projects the Parents and Friends have undertaken. Whilst Sam is stepping down from a formal role, we look forward to your continued support of our school community. Our greatest thanks to Ruth Waweru for volunteering to take on the role of Vice President. We welcome you into the Parents and Friends committee and look forward to working with you in 2022.

Treasurer

Mary Nehme has fulfilled the role of treasurer since 2019 ensuring that the budget is met and the bank account balances, all while working full time. Since things have moved largely online the role has become one that is easier to be done remotely which has been just as well with the COVID restrictions we have had to meet. Mary has been instrumental in streamlining the financial processes behind the Parents and Friends and ensures that we have enough money to continue supporting the school in the many projects we undertake. We thank Mary for agreeing to stay on as treasurer for 2022.

Secretary

The role of secretary largely consists of maintaining communication with the parents of our school community and keeping the minutes of our executive meetings and general meeting held each term. We welcome Sukanya to the executive committee and thank her for volunteering to fulfill this vital role. Danielle Gardner has been our secretary of our committee and will graduate primary school at the end of the year after 15 years as a member of our Parents and Friends committee, as her youngest child Caitlyn goes to high school. During her time at OLMC, Danielle has served as President, Vice President and Secretary, attended parent conferences as a representative of our school, prepared this newsletter column and assisted in many school functions and events. The Gardner family have helped the Parents and Friends committee in many ways with the children helping with behind the scenes jobs and Damien being part of our Parents and Friends committee as our PRC representative and Secretary. As their time at OLMC comes to an end we wish to thank the whole Gardner family for their contribution to our school community and wish them all the best for the future. We especially want to thank Danielle for the time she has given and the many ways she has worked to support our school. You will all be missed.

Second Hand Uniform

We would like to extend our sincerest thanks to Kelly Hughes, who has done many things as a member of our Parents and Friends committee during her time as a parent at OLMC and coordinated the 2nd Hand Uniform shop for the last three years. Before we launched our new system of once a term sales, Kelly selflessly opened the 2nd Hand Uniform shop every week so that Parents could come and buy the stock that had been so generously donated by our families. We thank Kelly for her tireless commitment over the years and thank her for the support she has selflessly given to our school community in her quiet and understated way.

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.

WELCOME BACK

This week we welcomed our Year 2 - Year 6 children back to school and FINALLY we were one family once again. All of our students have been so enthusiastic about returning to school and sharing in learning, laughter and fun with their peers and teachers. Some of our children in Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 were very eager to share their thoughts on what returning to school meant for them.

Kindergarten

Charlotte P "I am so excited to be back with my friends and being able to play with them again."

Trinity "I love being back so I can do art and I love writing at my desk."

Dominic - "I love being back so I can do fun things like art."

Evelina "I love learning and writing."



Year 1



Sienna M "It's so exciting to see everyone again after a long time. The class looks so different and it's loud now that everyone is back."

Cooper "I was so happy to be back at school because I got to play games around the school instead of the iPad"

Ilia "I love being able to play soccer together with my friends again"

Year 2

Eli "I was so happy to meet my friends again".

Cyril "I was excited and a little bit nervous. I played tips with my friends. It was the best day of my life".

Mariam "I really enjoyed coming back and learning new things".

Sanaa "I was happy to come to school because of the way my wonderful teachers teach us the best way to understand".



WORLD TEACHERS' DAY



THANK YOU
TO THIS
BRILLIANT
GROUP OF
PEOPLE WHO
ARE
DEDICATED
TO
PROVIDING
THE BEST
LEARNING
EXPERIENCES
FOR OUR
CHILDREN.