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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

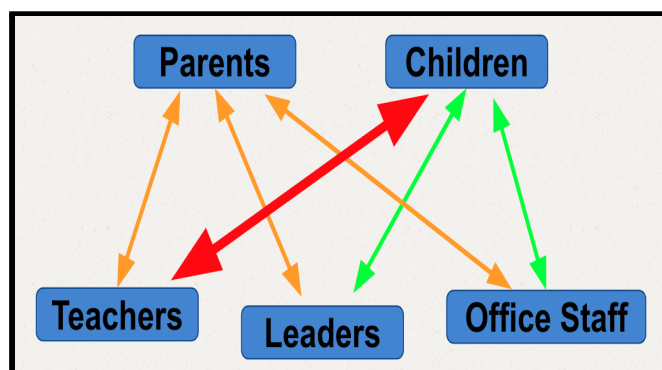
Dear Families,

The busy pace of school life continues with a lot of learning and fun. Our Kindergarten children are starting to feel like they have been here forever and all of our other children are adapting to the expectations of their new grade. Parents are getting back into the routine of school and the frantic activity of the morning to get out the door on time.

Last night we held an information evening for our Kindergarten parents. One of the key ideas I shared with the parents was the importance of trusting relationships between home and school. As parents you place a great deal of trust in the staff of OLMC to nurture and educate your children. Sometimes this can present challenges when you may not fully agree with the decision a teacher, or even I, make. How we handle that disagreement is important to maintaining the trusting relationships present. If you would like clarification about something or you are unhappy about something, make a phone, or in person appointment, to talk to your child's teacher. Come with the mindset of '*seeking to understand*'.

As a **safe** and **respectful** community it is expected that all conversations and communications are polite and calm. As parents you can expect to be spoken to in a calm respectful manner by all our staff and we expect the same courtesy in return. If a conversation does become emotionally charged, it may be ended and re-scheduled for a later time when everyone is calm.

The most important relationship of trust is the one between your child and their teacher. I ask all parents to nurture this relationship and talk positively with your child about their teacher. There will be times we disagree or you are not happy about a situation. Don't let your child see this, but afterwards make contact with the teacher to discuss it. Be mindful of what you say about your child's teacher in the presence of your child because the unintended consequence may be to undermine the teacher or how your child engages with their teacher. We want all these relationships to be positive ones based on trust and respect.



Your class teacher is always your first point of contact. If you still have concerns you would then contact the Stage Leader then the Assistant Principal and then the Principal. Many issues can be resolved with a quick conversation with the teacher who will be aware of all the points of view and will be able to give you a clearer description of the situation.

In the coming weeks, you will have the opportunity to formally meet with your child's teacher to share your child's strengths and areas for development. This will also be an opportunity to set goals for their learning during Semester One.

Olimpia Pirovic
Principal

The Community of OLMC is Safe and Respectful

UPCOMING DATES

Week 3:

Wed: RAPID TESTS SENT HOME

Thur: 2:10 pm P&F Exec Meeting

Fri:

Week 4:

Mon: Assembly via ZOOM (see below for details)

5G Assembly Prayer

Tue: 7pm P&F General Meeting

Thur: Opening School Mass

***Families to complete Rapid Antigen Testing Every Monday & Wednesday Morning**

***RAT Kits being sent home today**

Please take 10 minutes to read through the newsletter each week

NOTES HOME

THIS WEEK

- Kindergarten Parent Information Evening on ZOOM
- COMPASS Parent Portal Support
- Yr4 Ice Block & Movie Note
- Yr5 Reward Day
- Yr6 Special Grade Shirt
- K-6 Grade Overviews

LAST WEEK

- 2022 Canteen Menu
- Yr5 Ice-Block & Movie

MERIT AWARDS

K	Elijah ▪ Arshnoor ▪ Elouise ▪ Neev		
1B	Nicholas ▪ Holly	4B	Paul ▪ Emilio
1G	Ghaith ▪ Sukhmani	4G	Lily ▪ Thomas
2B	Thea ▪ Isabelle	5B	Rohan ▪ Marcus
2G	Saanvi ▪ Jacob	5G	Matthew ▪ Aarush
3B	Sanaa ▪ Kushagra	6B	Varsha ▪ Eknor
3G	Isabel ▪ Rajan	6G	Diana ▪ Erinn
		6W	Annalise ▪ Georgia

KINDERGARTEN 2023

We can't believe that we're here already! The 2023 Kindergarten enrolment period will commence on the 21st February with enrolment packs will be available for prospective parents to collect from the office. We have also scheduled two open afternoons on February 23rd and March 3rd at 4pm. We encourage all prospective families to attend one of the tours as they provide an opportunity for you to get a 'feel' for the school, meet other parents and staff and to ask any questions you may have about the enrolment process.



OPENING SCHOOL MASS

Due to current restrictions, this year's opening school mass and commissioning of our 2022 school student leaders will only be attended by students. While we would love to share this moment with our extended community, current restrictions won't allow for this to happen. However, to maintain our connection to our wider community we will live stream this through our @OLMCWentworthville Facebook page, beginning at 10am on Thursday morning. We hope that our families will be able to virtually join us.



SCHOOL FEE ACCOUNTS

School Fee accounts are currently being finalised. All accounts are posted to families from CEDP via Australia Post. Parents can expect to receive their accounts within the next two weeks. If you have not received your account by the end of February, please contact Mrs Murphy. If you are experiencing financial difficulty please arrange a confidential meeting with Miss Pirovic to discuss your situation.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL 2022

Over the last two weeks the students in Year 2 to Year 5 voted for their Student Representative Council members. The following children were elected by their classmates to represent them and they will be commissioned as SRC leaders at our Opening School Mass on 17 February.

Year 2

2B - Luke
2G - Emma

Year 3

3B - Charlotte
3G - Zoe

Year 4

4B - Sam
4G - Joseph

Year 5

5B - Liya
5G - Anthony

ASSEMBLY 2022

Join us via ZOOM every Monday at 9:10am for assembly.

ZOOM ID:

630 0497 0528

PASSCODE: 287889



RAT TESTING & ALERTS

Thank you to all of our families who are following the process of surveillance testing on Monday and Wednesday morning before sending children to school. Please remember that any positive tests **MUST be reported to the school via a phone call to the School Office or an email to the School email address.** You will also need to notify your positive case with Service NSW using the app or website.

PRINCIPAL'S SUMMER HOLIDAY CHALLENGE 2021/2022

Don't forget to complete your entry for the Principal's Summer Holiday Challenge. All responses need to be submitted by Friday 11 February to be in the running.

FIRST CHALLENGE: Complete the **Executive Director's Summer Challenge** to win a \$500 or a \$30 gift voucher. All you have to do is go online [using this link](#) and write in 50 words or less why you liked what you read. Enter before 25 February.

SECOND CHALLENGE: The second challenge for the holidays was to participate in the 'Create, Celebrate and Connect' Challenge. Email your submissions to olmcprincipalchallenge@gmail.com and make sure to include your name and class



WELCOME TO OLMC

We are very fortunate and excited to welcome four new staff members to our OLMC community. Our year 6 students had the chance to interview our new staff members to help our community get to know our new teachers.

Name: Miss Jessica Bradford

Grade: Kindergarten Gold

What inspired you to be a teacher?

I wanted a job that allowed me to work with children as they bring me joy to watch them grow blossom into the best versions on themselves. I want the opportunity to be the face of God to students and help them build a positive relationship with their Faith.

What is the best part of your job?

Creating positive relationships with the students. Also facilitating the "Ahhh Haaa" moments when students learn something new.

How do you relax? I have a coffee, read or spend time with my family.

Do you have any pets? I have a Tibetan Spaniel called Princess but she lives with my sisters.

How many siblings do you have? I have two sisters their names are Sarah and Rosie. We are very close.

What is your favourite food? Pasta or Fairy Floss

If you weren't a teacher, what career would you have? I would work in a Preschool or be an event planner.



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also

Name: Miss Erin Ho

Grade: Year 1 Gold

What inspired you to be a teacher?

Having an impact on children's lives and making sure all children receive the same opportunity for a quality education

What is the best part of your job?

Spending time students and being in an environment that is supportive

How do you relax? Having some quiet

moments to myself and playing music

Do you have any pets? No

How many siblings do you have? An older Sister named Hannah

What is your favourite food? Anything that has meat

If you weren't a teacher, what career would you have? Musical Performer



Name: Miss Natasha Tatarynowicz

Grade: Year 2 Gold

What inspired you to be a teacher? I worked as a school nurse when I lived in London and I moved into teaching because I love kids

What is the best part of your job? My co-workers and my kids

How do you relax? I like to read and sew

Do you have any pets? A cat called Baby

How many siblings do you have? I have one sister

What is your favourite food? Everything

If you weren't a teacher, what career would you have? I'd be working on the farm or travelling the world working in different places



Name: Miss Amarese Kaur

Grade: Year 3 Gold

What inspired you to be a teacher? I wanted a job that enabled me to make a difference in someone's life.

What is the best part of your job? Seeing the kids grow and hearing their stories.

How do you relax? I love to read and bake.

Do you have any pets? I have a 7 year old English Staffy, her name is Guddi.

How many siblings do you have? I have 2 older brothers

What is your favourite food? I love pizza!

If you weren't a teacher, what career would you have? A baker.



Name: Miss Nadushi Algama **Grade:** Year 5Blue

What inspired you to be a teacher? I wanted to help the next generation become the next stewards of our world.

What is the best part of your job? No day is the same in the classroom! We are constantly creating, growing and shaping what we do each day.

How do you relax? Taking the dogs for a run in the park or a movie.

Do you have any pets? 3 currently: Neon the Duck Toller, Smokey the Maltese X and Kaia the cat.

What is your favourite food? Desserts! Or Thai food

If you weren't a teacher, what career would you have? Scent/Protection Dog Trainer



P&F NEWS

Support Crew

We currently have over 30 families on our support crew list. If you would like to be added onto this group please message our President Karly on 0447 000 536 (your name / support crew)

Term One General meeting - 7pm Tuesday 22nd Feb via Zoom

All parents and carers are welcome to join our term one meeting via ZOOM. This is a great opportunity to hear about what's happening, what's coming up, have your say and hear from Parents/ Carers, Miss Pirovic, Mrs Anderiesz and our Parish.

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.

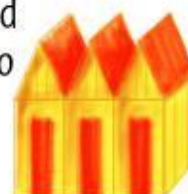




Year 6 Camp



Year 6 had an amazing time at camp. They stepped outside of their comfort zones and stood together as a team to overcome the challenges and obstacles that they were faced with. The students surprised themselves with what they were able to achieve when they supported and cooperated with each other.



I enjoyed the flying fox the most since it was really fun and enjoyable since we got to go up high and it really felt like you were flying. It also made me come out of my comfort zone and enjoy the activity. ~ Varsha

I enjoyed spending time with my friends and the Big swing ~ Riya

I enjoyed spending time with my cabin because it's not everyday we get to have a slumber party ~ Amelia

I enjoyed the big swing, it was like a adrenaline rush ~ George

I really enjoyed archery because we were using focus, concentration and aim to hit the target and it was really fun trying something new ~ Diana

I enjoyed laser tag the most, and I learnt to try new foods ~ Erinn

Our theme for Camp and for the rest of our year is ~

"We Stand Together, With Jesus, to Persevere to be Our Best."

