



## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Families,

Last Friday as a school we marked the National Day of Action Against Bullying with workshops and activities focusing on the power of kindness and we were encouraged to build a Culture of Kindness. Now, it is no secret that I love to read and this year's theme reminded me of a book that I read some time ago called 'Wonder' by RJ Palacio. Some of you may know the story through the popular movie.

One of the teaser headings for the book was, 'You can't blend in when you were born to stand out.' This novel told the story of a boy named August who was born with a terrible facial abnormality. He was homeschooled and at the age of ten the decision was made for him to start attending school. The book tells of August's experiences adjusting to his first year at school and how his classmates helped him find his feet.

One of the overarching themes of this novel was the idea of Kindness. An act of kindness can mean the world to someone. It is a way of reaching out to another person and making a difference in their life or providing hope for the hopeless. It doesn't take a great deal of effort to be kind, but its impact can be far reaching. There are many ways we can show kindness to the people in our lives or complete strangers:

- saying hello with a smile
- offering to complete a small job
- taking a few minutes to have a chat
- offering a word of encouragement when it is needed
- extending an act of friendship
- giving way to another driver

The author of Peter Pan, JM Barrie in his book The Little White Bird wrote the following about kindness:

***"Shall we make a new rule of life...always try to be kinder than is necessary?"***

As humans we carry not just the capacity to be kind, but the very choice of kindness. It is in the choices we make about offering our acts of kindness that we provide the face of God in human form.

As a Catholic community we have begun the season of Lent. This season is traditionally a time of preparation and reflection. It is a perfect opportunity to reflect on how we are able to express the face of God through our acts of kindness. We rarely realise the impact an act of kindness, which we demonstrate, has on another person, yet we know how it feels to receive kindness. As we continue through the season of Lent and beyond, how will you try to be kinder than is necessary? How can you contribute to building a Culture of Kindness?



*Olimpia Pirovic*  
Principal

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

## UPCOMING DATES

### Week 9:

**Thur:** Yr3 & Yr5 NAPLAN Practice Test  
**Fri:** OLMC Cross Country  
 Basketball Clinics (See Below)  
**Catherine McAuley Year 7**  
**Enrolments close**

### Week 10:

**Mon:** **NO ASSEMBLY**  
**SCHOOL PHOTO DAY**  
**Tue:** Order School Uniform before 4pm  
**Wed:** Yr4-6 Virtual Reality Anti-Bullying Workshops

## NOTES HOME

### THIS WEEK

### LAST WEEK

- Yrs 4-6 VR Anti-Bullying Workshop  
 Inschool experience
- K - 6 OLMC Cross Country Carnival

**Students needing medication - medication must be held in the office NOT IN STUDENTS BAGS this includes puffers.**

**\*\* If your child is unwell, has a sore tummy, cough, runny nose, sore throat etc please keep them at home \*\***

## MERIT AWARDS

KB	Rayans • Vrushti	4B	Jolenta • Kian
KG	Isaac • Senali	4G	Hansika • Anabel
1B	Madisen • Noah	5B	Myra • Katrina
1G	Matthew • Willow	5G	Victor • Valli
2B	Sophie • Sienna	6B	Lucas • George
2G	Alana • Ilia	6G	Amy • Saanvi
3B	Olivia • Mia	6W	Arav • Stella
3G	Inayat • Michael	CA PE	Abbey • Inayat Louie • Abigail

## STAR CARD REWARDS

**Gold Awards:** Sanoshan • Georgia • Aakash • Clara • Elijah • Aaraav • Lachlan • Kruthi



## SAFE PARKING - NO PARKING IN DRIVEWAYS

As parents of our school community we expect you to be safe and respectful when you are dropping of and picking up your child/ren from school. Recently there have been reports of unsafe, intimidating and disrespectful behaviour from some of our parents and carers. One of the main issues recently is parents and carers who use the driveway outside the Bennett Street gate as a parking spot. Some parents pull into this space, between parked cars, blocking traffic flow while their child 'quickly jumps out' of the car. This is unsafe and unacceptable behaviour from our parents and carers. **The driveway is not a parking spot or drop off point.** If you cannot safely park you need to drive around the block and try again. The example of your behaviour is observed by your child. We all need to be aware of the impact of our words and actions.



## WINTER UNIFORMS

Have you organised winter uniforms for your child/ren? **Have you updated your child's 2022 class on the app?** This update makes it easier to get the uniform order to the right class. All orders for uniforms should be placed using the Qkr app by 4pm on Tuesdays so that delivery can be made each Thursday. The last day for ordering this term will be Tuesday 5 April. Students must wear their winter uniform from the beginning of Term 2.

## FLOOD APPEAL

Thank you to all members of our community for so generously supporting our Diocesan Flood Appeal to support the St Vincent DePaul in getting resources to those in need. As a community we raised \$1,044.00

## PROJECT COMPASSION

Families are continued to be encouraged to set goals with their children in order to "earn" their donation. We are continuing to receive **cashless donations** using our school **Qkr! App** until **Friday 8th Apr (Wk 11)** Thank you for putting your compassion into action!



## SCHOOL PHOTO DAY

Our school photo day will take place next Monday 28 March. The children are required to wear their full Summer uniform. Hairstyles should be neat and tidy, reflecting the styles children wear each day. Girls who have hair longer than shoulder length are required to have it tied back. Family photos for siblings attending OLMC will take place from 8:30am. The children in the family group will go to the COSHC room to meet with photographers.

## KINDERGARTEN 2023

The 2023 Kindergarten enrolment period has already commenced with many interviews already occurring. Enrolment packs are available for prospective parents to collect from the office and are **due back before the 1st of April**. Sibling families who are wanting to enrol a child in 2023 **MUST return their completed forms asap** to ensure you are able to attend an interview BEFORE the end of Term 1. Returning forms late could jeopardise your child's place as enrolment offers to new families will begin Day 1 of Term 2.



## EMAILING STAFF

We value our strong relationship with families and welcome opportunities to communicate with parents and carers. We also recognise that email is a fast and convenient way to contact your child's teacher or other school staff.

Although staff will read their emails at various times throughout the school day, their priority is teaching the children and preparing for their class. They are generally not expected to respond to emails outside of normal working hours. In the case of emergency please contact the school office via email on [olmcwenty@parra.catholic.edu.au](mailto:olmcwenty@parra.catholic.edu.au) or phone 8832 1100. Staff will return your call or respond to your email as soon as possible.

If your child's teacher has provided you with their email you can email them directly or send your emails to the school email account, which will then be directed to your child's teacher or another relevant staff member. This helps us to have confidence that we are aware of any matters needing our attention as a team, and that you are connected to the person who can best help.

## BASKETBALL CLINICS K-6



Western Sydney Wolves are running basketball clinics for the next two Fridays for our Primary students. Each class will take part in 2 Sessions. This Friday students in 3Gold, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6 will participate and are able to wear their sport uniform.

## REPRESENTATIVE SPORT

Congratulations to Lucas in Year 6 who has been selected for the MacKillop Touch Football Team. Last Friday Lucas attended trials for the MacKillop team. The MacKillop Team represents the top players from Parramatta, Sydney, Canberra, Wagga Wagga and Wollongong Catholic Diocese. We wish him luck at the NSW Primary Schools Championships to be held in May.



Another Congratulations to Ava in Year 6 for being selected in the Parramatta Diocesan Girls Football Team. Last Tuesday Ava attended the Parramatta Trials with a large number of girls and was selected to represent our Diocese. Well done!

## PARISH NEWS

### PARISH EVENTS DURING LENT, HOLY WEEK AND EASTER

**Stations of the Cross:** Each Friday during Lent at 9:45am (after the 9:15am Mass), and at 7:30pm. **Penitential Service:** 7:30pm on Wednesday 6 April. **Palm Sunday:** Saturday 6pm, Sunday 8am, 10am (main procession), 6pm. **Holy Thursday:** Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:30pm. Night prayer at 9:30pm. **Good Friday:** No 9am Mass. Stations of the Cross at 9am, Reconciliation at 9:30am, Passion of the Lord at 3pm. **Holy Saturday:** 9am Mass, sacrament of Reconciliation after the 9am Mass, Easter Vigil Mass at 7:30pm. **Easter Sunday:** 8am and 10am. No 6pm Mass.

### PARISH SACRAMENTAL PROCESS

Thank you to all those families who have accepted the invitation to enrol their child/ren in this year's Parish Sacramental Process.

**CONFIRMATION:** The 6pm Mass on Saturday 4 June is now full. If you would like to celebrate your child's Confirmation, 4pm on Saturday 11 June Confirmation Liturgy is still available.

**FIRST RECONCILIATION:** If you would like to celebrate your child's first sacrament of Reconciliation, 7pm on Monday 25 July is almost full, but 7pm on Tuesday 26 and Wednesday 27 are still available.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION:** If you would like to celebrate your child's first sacrament of Holy Communion, 11am on Saturday 15 and 22 October are almost full, but 11am on Saturday 29 October is still available.

For further information, please visit [our Parish website](#) or email the Pastoral Associate, Paola Yevenes, at [paola.olmc@gmail.com](mailto:paola.olmc@gmail.com)

## P&F NEWS



**2nd Hand Uniform Sale** This Friday 25th March 2:30-3:45pm there is a second hand uniform Shop sale, in front of the canteen. So come down and have a look. Items are \$5. Please bring the correct money. **Entry via Smith street Basketball court gate.** This is your last chance to get your winter uniforms for next term as our next sale will not be until the end of Term Two. **Also as all the parents on the P&F are working full time as well, we will no longer be able to provide families with one off items during the term. Sales will only occur on sale dates. If you would like to volunteer your time to provide additional sale dates, please contact Karly.**

**Easter Activity Competition** As we head closer to Easter what better way to mark Easter than with an Easter activity competition. Adding some colour, creativity and Easter spirit to 2022, with so many prizes to be won. All winners will be published on the @OLMCWentworthville Facebook page. Entries must be in by 30th March. Come on guys, you gotta be in it to win it!

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# International Day of Mathematics

On Monday, 14<sup>th</sup> March, the staff and students of OLMC participated in a session dedicated to having fun with Maths to celebrate the International Day of Mathematics.

Here's what some of our students had to say about why they enjoy Maths...

I like Maths because I can do fun stuff like when I have a tricky problem I can fix it by myself.

~ **Alexa, Kindergarten**



I like Maths because you get to do exciting stuff. ~ **Luke, Year 2**



I like Maths because you get to know about numbers and counting. You can find out how long it takes to get somewhere.

~ **Amelia, Year 1**



Maths is easy for me and it's interesting for me.

~ **Akins, Year 2**



It's my favourite subject because it makes my brain smarter. ~ **Michael, Year 3**



I like Maths because it helps me understand how to use my money and I also like learning about shapes. ~ **Chanel, Year 4**



I like Maths because you can use lots of different strategies and thinking. It's logical. Wherever you go there's maths. ~ **Marcus, Year 5**



You can use maths in different subjects and it's also everywhere in the world. ~ **Alanah, Year 6**

It's fun to learn and it helps me in everyday life. ~ **Annalise Year 6**