



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Families,

Recently in my family we have celebrated the birth of three gorgeous babies. It has been a very happy time in my family as we get to meet our new family members and support our new young parents. Once that little baby arrives in the world there is an almost instant transformation in the new parents. Many parents talk about how their whole being changed the moment their child is placed into their arms. Some talk about how they never thought they could love someone as much, or feel such an overwhelming need to protect a person. I'm sure all of our parents would relate to this transformative experience.

Being a parent is about becoming selfless in knowing that your child or children and partner rely on you. You need to nourish and nurture these small people so that one day they are able to become the people you hope them to be. There are two days each year where we officially honour the role of parents, Mothers' Day and Fathers' Day. This week we celebrate our mothers, grandmothers, aunts and mother figures. We think about the selfless way they give themselves to nurture us. The support, wisdom and comfort they provide us no matter how young or old their child is. For however long our mothers are with us, we will always be their babies. We will always seek comfort in their arms and their words.

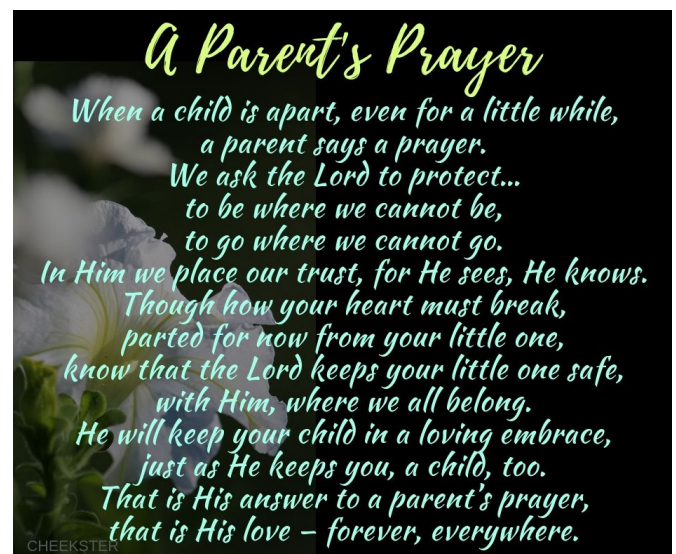
This year as we honour our mothers, I would ask that you keep in your thoughts the family of Grace and Cheyne Morrell. Last Saturday their youngest son Anthony died. As a community we were able to support the Morrells as they sought treatment for Anthony's heart condition and were overjoyed when he received a heart transplant. Anthony was a gift to his mother and father and siblings Gabby, Olivia and Matthew. He filled their lives with joy and happiness. Their Catholic faith assures them that we all have a role to play in this world be it short or long and that Anthony is their angel in heaven.

Grace and Cheyne have been grateful for the kind messages of condolence from the families of OLMC. We ask that all of our families are mindful of Grace, Cheyne, Gabby, Olivia and Matthew as they grieve the loss of Anthony and navigate the new shape of their lives. Our strength as a community is in the support we give to each other and the prayers we offer.

Cards or messages of support can be left with the school office to be passed on to the Morrell family.

Olimpia Pirovic

Principal



The Community of OLMC is Safe and Respectful

UPCOMING DATES

Week 2:

Wed: Band Practice - Concert Band Only
3:10-4:10pm (NB: Changed time)

**Fri: LAST DAY FOR PRINCIPALS
HOLIDAY CHALLENGE ENTRIES**

10-10:20am K-2 Mothers' Day Liturgy

10:30-10:50am Yr3-6 Mothers' Day

Liturgy See Below For Details

Week 3:

Mon: ZOOM Assembly

Tue: Uniform Orders due by 4pm

Wed: School Photo Day- Take 2
Band Practice - Concert Band
Only 3:10-4:10pm (NB: Changed
time)

NOTES HOME

THIS WEEK

- Yr6 Democracy In School Experience
- Yr3 & Yr5 Headphones for NAPLAN
- Yr1 & Yr3 Staffing Update

LAST WEEK

- Mothers' Day Raffle Tickets
- K-2 Mother's Day Liturgy Invitation
- Yr3-6 Mother's Day Liturgy Invitation

NAPLAN TESTING PERIOD BEGINS 10 MAY - 19 MAY

MERIT AWARDS

KB	Annalisa ▪ Liam	4B	Amalia ▪ Pranav
KG	Yana ▪ Sebastian	4G	Sean ▪ Aerabella
1B	Azalea ▪ Trinity	5B	Angelina ▪ Samyel
1G	Noah ▪ Pranshu ▪ Kiyana	5G	Dev ▪ Mary
2B	Akins ▪ Sophia	6B	Ojas ▪ Logan
2G	Karthik ▪ Isabelle	6G	Diana ▪ Louie
3B	Michael ▪ Joaquin	6W	Elizabeth ▪ Emad
3G	Isaac ▪ Lawrence	CA PE	Georgia ▪ Trinity Annalise ▪ Samyel

STAR CARD REWARDS

Gold Awards: Austin ▪ Madisen ▪ Violette ▪ Evelina ▪ Holly ▪ Annabelle ▪ Luther ▪ Kuda ▪ Rhiyana ▪ Ayva ▪ Elijah ▪ Dominic ▪ Rohan ▪ Zahara ▪ Liya ▪ Victor ▪ Rita ▪ Kruthi ▪ Logan ▪ Lucas ▪ Sameet ▪ Gabriel ▪ Bryson ▪ Leon ▪ Jose ▪ Alanah ▪ Emad ▪ Stella ▪ Justin ▪ Jacob ▪ Arav ▪ Annalise ▪ Ava ▪ Michael ▪ Isabel ▪ Estelle ▪ Savannah ▪ Kinjal ▪ Anuj ▪ Georgia ▪ Elizabeth ▪ Matthew ▪ Maliyah ▪ Isabella ▪ Rajan ▪ Palash ▪ Summer ▪ Joshua ▪ Olivia ▪ Inayat ▪ Suzan ▪

Opal Awards: Georgia ▪ Aarav ▪ Clara ▪ Sanoshan ▪ Aakash ▪ Lachlan ▪



SCHOOL PHOTO DAY TAKE 2

We have arranged for a second School Photo session to take place **ONLY** for those families and students who were unable to attend during Term 1 due to illness. This session will be held on May 11 with *individual portraits and family portraits being taken: NO CLASS PHOTOS*. These students are asked to wear their **SUMMER UNIFORM** to ensure consistency with portraits. Use code 459L17 to order photos.



No other session will be scheduled if your child/ren can not attend this date.

NAPLAN 2022

With NAPLAN 2022 just around the corner we wanted to take the time to remind families that NAPLAN is one test on one day. The best way to support your child/ren is to reassure them that everything will be okay and all they need to do is to try their hardest. Making sure your child/ren have enough sleep, a good breakfast and get to school on time will also help them feel prepared and focused. Families are reminded that every child needs their own headphones and Year 5 students must have their devices charged everyday.

MOTHERS' DAY CELEBRATION

This year we look forward to celebrating Mothers' Day in a meaningful way. We will be holding two liturgies in the Church on Friday 6 May. Instead of coming together as a whole school community we will hold two liturgies, one for **Kindergarten - Year 2 children and their mothers at 10:00am** and a second liturgy for **Year 3 - Year 6 children and their mothers at 10:30am**. Mothers will be able to attend and sit with their child/ren during the liturgy. Unfortunately we will not be able to have primary children attend with their infants siblings. This will mean some of our mums may need to attend two liturgies.

As we transition back to community events and with the recent changes to covid protocols, we are mindful of those within our community who are at greater risk. Therefore, this liturgy invitation will only be open to our mothers and we hope to be able to invite our grandmothers in the near future. We also ask all adults to wear a mask during the liturgy for the health and safety of those within the Church. An invitation was sent home last week, if you did not RSVP please do so by tomorrow.



OLMC CENTENARY

As you know 2022 is our centenary year. Each term our students are delving into our past to learn more about our 100 year story. This term we are embarking on a project to document our history. Our project is called.....

100 Stories for 100 Years

There are many in our community who have memories or may have old photos, uniforms, workbooks, report cards or anything else that will help us step back in time. You might remember attending the dances or euchre card night as a fundraiser. We are putting a call out to all in our community who attended St Columbas or Our Lady of Mount Carmel to share their memories. Please contact the school via email or phone to express your interest or 'dob' in someone who might have something interesting to share.

PRINCIPAL'S HOLIDAY CHALLENGE

It's not too late to submit your entries! Complete your online reading log with [this link](#). Email your photo or one minute video to Miss Pirovic at this address: olmcprincipalchallenge@gmail.com. Be sure to submit your entries by Friday 6 May.

PRIVACY AWARENESS WEEK

This week is Privacy Awareness Week and it is a good time to consider how protected your own personal information is. Did you know that.. ***Half of Australians don't know how to protect their personal information?***



Our personal information is valuable and worth protecting. But if you don't know how, you are not alone. Even though most Australians (85%) have a clear understanding of why they should protect personal information, 49% don't know how to go about it. Many aren't doing enough to safeguard their privacy due to lack of time, knowledge and the perceived difficulty of the process. It's easier and faster than you think. Click on this link to the [Australian Information Commissioner's website](#) for some practical tips on protecting your personal information.

PRC

The PRC is in full swing at OLMC. 127 students are currently taking up the challenge, with **42 students already completing the challenge!!!!** We would like to congratulate Kushagra from Year 3 and Kinjal from Year 6 for completing the challenge in the last 7 days. We would also like to congratulate our Year 5 students for leading the charge in completing the PRC challenge.

Kinder	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Completing in class	Completing in class	Completing in class	2 students	2 students	28 students	5 students

All students from Kindergarten to Year 6 have received their 2022 Premier's Reading Challenge (PRC) username and log in and we are hoping for all of our students to participate and smash this year's PR Challenge. You can log your child's reading at <https://online.det.nsw.edu.au/prc/studentExperience.html#/>

PARISH SACRAMENTAL PROCESS

MOTIVATING YOUR CHILD

This week, I spoke to two school families with a similar problem; how to motivate their child to prepare for their sacraments. Our parish **KNOWS** that parents are doing the best they can to support, motivate and prepare their children to celebrate their sacraments, but may also be finding that other distractions (online gaming, Twitch, You Tube, etc) are competing with their responsibilities. This can be very challenging for parents and communities in general. With that in mind, here are some simple suggestions that may be of use to you:

Ask your child to choose a time to prepare for their sacraments. Then commit to it. Negotiate a time for this preparation (I recommend half an hour), and stick to it.

Ask your child WHICH Mass they would like to attend. Don't give them the option of *IF* they would like to go to Mass, but rather, *WHICH* Mass they will attend with you.

Incorporate just ONE little prayer in your day. It doesn't have to be at dinner. It could be driving to school, just before bed, or over breakfast. It could be as simple as 'Can we just close our eyes for a moment to thank God for our Weet-Bix'.

Prepare with friends. Organise a weekly session with your child's friend and parent. It doesn't have to be long, just half an hour. It can be face-to-face, or online.

CONFIRMATION: Applications for Confirmation are due by Friday 13 May. If you haven't already done so, please email Paola your child's sponsor's name ASAP, as well as their Confirmation name, if they would like one. Pew banners can be returned to the priory now, or at the Practise Session on 2 June.

FIRST RECONCILIATION: If your baptised child is in Year 3 or above, you are welcome to register them to celebrate their first sacrament of Reconciliation. The celebration for Monday 25 July is now closed, but Tuesday 26 and Wednesday 27 July are still available.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: If your baptised child is in Year 4 or above, you are welcome to register them to celebrate their first sacrament of Holy Communion. The celebrations for 15 and 22 October are now closed, but 29 October is still available. For further enquiries, please visit our website olmcwenty.org.au or email the Pastoral Associate, Paola, paola.olmc@gmail.com.

Mothers' Day Stall

What a successful Mothers' Day stall we had this year. It was great to see all our happy shoppers. This day was only possible with time volunteered and weeks of planning, purchasing and set up. Thank you to the following parents for their time helping with the Mothers' Day Stall - Nadia, Sindy, Rebecca, Karly, Carla, Mayada, Yvonne, Tippy, Tanya, Marieanne, Lekha, Pina, Sukanya, Kayleen, Lisa, Marroun, Nathalie and Hwaida.



Mothers' Day Raffle

All tickets are in and ready to be drawn. Thank you to Akalya, Karly and Marie Anne for your time and effort helping with the Mother's Day raffle. The raffle will be drawn live on **Facebook Live on Friday at 2.30pm**. Thank you to our sponsors for their donations -

- Harvey Norman Penrith,
- The Moses Family,
- UGotGift,
- The Azar family,
- The Soueid Family,
- Diane Gebreal,
- Ruth Laria Massage,
- Personalized Made By Me

Winner of lolly Jar guessing

A big congratulations to Anthony Mansour who guessed the correct number of Kitkats in the jar. 42 Is now his lucky number. Hopefully he shares those chocolates with his mum!

Happy Mother's Day

As Mums, Aunties, Grandmothers and Carers we take on many roles: taxi drivers, chefs, monster catchers, cleaners, encyclopaedias, bandaid appliers, laundry attendants, imagination engineers, referees, storytellers and so on.

It's important to take the time and stop to realise how special we are.

Take a moment and think about how you "keep the show on the road".

This Mothers' Day we would like to send a big shout out to all the special ladies in our OLMC Community -

Blessings and love to you all.

You are beautiful
You are strong
You are capable
You are wonderful
Believe it...

Assessment Capable Learners!

Over the past few years we have been focusing on OLMC learners being safe, respectful AND **ASSESSMENT CAPABLE LEARNERS!!**

As we begin Term 2, we again refocus our students on the actions and thinking they need to demonstrate to foster independent and active learning.

Assessment capable students are learners that....

- Can articulate what they are learning and why
- Can talk about how they are learning and the strategies they are using
- Can articulate their next learning step
- Understand assessment tools used and what the results mean
- Ask questions and clarify their thinking
- See challenge as learning opportunities
- Actively seeks feedback
- Sets learning goals.
- But most importantly, assessment capable learners are resilient and thrive on challenge!

However, our students need particular dispositions (ways of thinking and skills) to help them develop their Assessment Capable abilities. At OLMC we are focusing on

OLMC Learners are Effective Communicators

Effective Communicators actively interact with others by speaking clearly and listening with their whole body.



Whole body listening (Brain, eyes, ears, mouth, body)
Sharing a clear message with an audience
Seeking feedback from others
Using the Success Criteria for feedback

'Say to myself & others...'	'Actions I can take...'
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • "I have something to say"... I believe? think? in my opinion... because... • "I'm unsure"... I have a question? • "That connects with my ideas"... I would like to add to thinking? • "That adds to my learning"... That reminds me of because... • "That's what I was thinking"... I agree because... • "I wasn't thinking that"... I disagree because... • "I'd like some feedback on"... What do you think? Why? • "I'm unsure what that means"... Can you tell me more about...? • "I think I understand"... So you mean... 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use my eyes, ears and body to listen • Think about my response before speaking • Confidently share my ideas • Seek and respect the opinions of others • Use the success criteria to guide my ideas • Ask for clarification if I don't understand • Repeat what someone has said, to make sure I understand

OLMC Learners are Resourceful Thinkers

Resourceful Thinkers are confident and active learners who make connections to previous knowledge. They know where to look and who to ask and help them think through their learning.



Learning Intentions
Success Criteria
Work Around the room
Feedback

'Say to myself...'	'Actions I can take...'
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I'm in charge of my learning • The Learning Intention helps me know what I'm learning • The Success Criteria help me monitor my progress • I'm in the Learning Pit and that's okay 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Check the Learning Intention and Success Criteria • Think about my previous learnings • Look around the room for guidance • Seek feedback from others • Try different methods to help me move through the Pit

OLMC Learners are Resilient

Resilient learners actively cope with, and adapt to different situations.



Small Problems - Small Reactions
Big Problems - Big Reactions
Jumping in the Learning Pit and trying many ways to solve the same problem
Understanding and accepting my strengths and weaknesses

'Say to myself...'	'Actions I can take...'
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I believe in myself... • I can do this... • Things will get better... • I'm not afraid... • I just need to try. I don't need the answer. • I can't always get my way • I am in control of my thoughts. • I was challenged but that has helped my brain grow. • Who else can help me? • I will learn from my mistakes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Persist through... • Be determined • Be Flexible • Adapt to... • Notice my emotions • Be confident with my abilities • Be Optimistic • Put in effort

OLMC Learners are Problem Solvers

Problem solvers confidently jump into the learning pit, actively searching for numerous solutions.



How Can I solve a problem
Think...

1. What is the problem?
2. What do I already know that could help?
3. Try 3 before seeing me (teacher)
4. Does my solution make sense?

'Say to myself...'	'Actions I can take...'
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I'm confused and that's okay because that means I have to think • Problem solvers are brave • I am proud of myself for trying • Learning isn't about having all the answers • Mistakes help me see how else I can solve a problem 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Check the feedback I have received • Consider my place in the Learning Pit • Find someone who can help me solve this problem • Break the problem down into smaller parts • Try a different way?

Some further questions you could ask your child...

- What did you learn today?
- How are you going? How do you know?
- What will you focus on next?
- What strategies did you use?
- How did you feel when you were challenged?
- How do you feel now?
- What did you learn about yourself as a learner?