



## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Families,

For those of you who follow our school Facebook Page you would have noticed last week that we posted a message regarding an exciting announcement to be shared with our community this week. As you all know 2022 is a very special year for our community as we celebrate the centenary of our school. To mark this special occasion we are looking forward to hosting two community events in October.

**OLMC Centenary Fete**  
**Friday 21 October 2022**

*and*

**OLMC Centenary Mass**  
**6:00pm Saturday 29 October**

The Mass has been scheduled on the day that our school was officially opened in 1922. We hope that these two events will be a great opportunity to welcome current and former members of our Our Lady of Mount Carmel/St Columba's Family to return and celebrate together.

It has been many years since we have been able to hold our School and Parish Fete! The coordinator of our Fete will be our Parents and Friends President Karly Jouni. Karly has already been busy planning and putting in the ground work to make our Fete a wonderful community event. I encourage all members of our community to become involved in any way possible as we rely on volunteers to make it a great family event. The first thing you can do is, watch the [OLMC Fete 2022 Teaser](#) and then join our Parents and Friends General Meeting next Tuesday to hear all about it and how you can be a part of this exciting event.

Since sharing the news of the death of Anthony Morrell, some members of our community have asked for how they can support the Morrell family. A GoFundMe page has been set up by the director of Trendi Tots Pre-school. If you would like to offer your support or share your condolences to the family you can do so using this GoFundMe link <https://gofund.me/e8035a8c>

Kind Regards,

*Olimpia Pirovic*

Principal

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

## UPCOMING DATES

### Week 3:

**Wed:** Band Practise - Concert Band Only  
3:10-4:10pm

**(NB: Changed time)**

**Thur:** Confirmation enrolments close today

### Week 4:

**Mon:** 1B ZOOM Assembly

**Tue:** Uniform Orders due by 4pm  
7pm P&F General Meeting

**Wed:** Band Practise - Concert Band Only  
3:10-4:10pm **(NB: Changed time)**  
3:15-4:15 AFL Clinics Begin

## NOTES HOME

### THIS WEEK

- K-Yr6 Term 2 Overviews
- Kinder Henry Penny Experience
- Yr5 Australian Colonies Excursion

### LAST WEEK

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

**NAPLAN TESTING PERIOD BEGINS 10 MAY - 19 MAY**

## MERIT AWARDS

KB	Sipa ▪ Veronica	4B	None presented
KG	Charlotte ▪ Desiree	4G	Mahlia ▪ Lily
1B	Evelina ▪ Isaac	5B	Gabrielle ▪ Zahara
1G	Amelia ▪ Charlotte ▪ Kaira	5G	Anthony ▪ Ralph
2B	Luke ▪ Sri Harika	6B	Sameet ▪ Liyana
2G	None presented	6G	Chelsea ▪ Joseph
3B	Jonah ▪ Leah	6W	Justin ▪ Kinjal
3G	Patrick ▪ Dev	CA PE	Alyna ▪ Elouise Elouise ▪ Olivia

## STAR CARD REWARDS

**Gold Awards:** Liyana ▪ Alessandra ▪ Tiarna ▪ Makanaka ▪ Abbey ▪ Varsha ▪ Makayla ▪ Joseph ▪ Elyssa ▪ Katrina ▪ Myra ▪ Michael ▪ Owen ▪ Hayden ▪ Patrick ▪ Noah ▪ Alec ▪ Isaac ▪ Kara ▪ Riya ▪ Azalea ▪ Trinity ▪ Aarush ▪ Erica Kim ▪ Chimir ▪ Lachlan ▪ Jac ▪ Hannah ▪ Charlotte ▪ Pau ▪ Anthony ▪ Chad ▪

**Opal Awards:** Inayat ▪ Anuj ▪ Rajan ▪ Annabelle ▪ Zahara ▪ Summer ▪ Joshua ▪ Isabella ▪ Olivia ▪ Matthew ▪ Isabel ▪ Austin ▪ Violette ▪ Elijah ▪ Dominic ▪ Elizabeth ▪ Savannah ▪ Kinjal ▪ Georgia ▪ Ava ▪

**Platinum Awards:** Aakash ▪



## SCHOOL FEES

All Term 2 accounts have now been sent directly to your mailing address. The due date for payment of this account is Thursday 2 June 2022 unless you already have a flexible payment plan in place. Please ensure that your mailing details are always kept up to date. If you have not received your Term 2 account as yet, please contact Maree Murphy in the school office. If you are experiencing financial difficulty please contact the office to arrange a confidential meeting with Miss Pirovic.

## NAPLAN 2022

With NAPLAN 2022 underway 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 to 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.

## PRINCIPAL'S HOLIDAY CHALLENGE

Congratulations to all the students who participated in the Principal's Autumn Challenge. Miss Pirovic received so many interesting and creative entries.

[Use this link](#) to view some of the entries.

Congratulations to the recipients of the Principal Challenge medals.

**K:** Rishhan

**Yr1:** Violette

**Y2:** Iliia

**Y3:** Henry

**Y4:** Isabella-Rose

**Y5:** Amelia

**Y6:** Kinjal

**Overall:** Paul



## 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.

## CHILDREN ATTENDING SCHOOL WITH ILLNESS

We are urging parents to be extremely vigilant and **refrain from sending their child to school, even if they have the slightest of symptoms**. Since returning from the holiday break we have had to send numerous children home before 10am. We are told more often than not, that our students tell their parents that they are unwell and their parents are saying, "go to school and see how you feel and I can come and pick you up". If your child is sick, please keep them home. When you send your child to school, knowing they are unwell, you increase the risk to other students, staff and all families. Sick children attending school is likely to impact the health of other students and staff. Staff who fall ill, even with a cough, runny nose or sore throat, aren't able to come to work, which means your child doesn't have their regular teacher and regular learning. Don't forget, just like your children, staff aren't able to attend until they are symptom free, which means your child could be without their teacher for a few days. We ask all families to do the right thing and keep children who are sick at home, don't risk it.

We know this continues to be challenging for families, however, this is one of our vital safety measures which significantly reduces the risk of infection spread.

- Students who are absent from school or who have been sent home due to flu like symptoms **must have a PCR test or RAT**
- **Even if** your child receives a negative result they **ARE NOT** to return to school unless they are symptom free.
- If a student is sent home from school with Covid19 symptoms, **siblings will also be sent home with them**

**POSSIBLE COVID19 SYMPTOMS**

- headache
- loss of smell or loss of taste
- loss of appetite
- recent onset blocked nose
- conjunctivitis
- fever of 37.5C or more or a history suggestive of fever (night sweats, chills)
- an acute respiratory infection (e.g. cough, shortness of breath, sore throat)
- scratchy throat
- muscle pains and/or joint pain
- runny nose
- nausea
- vomiting or diarrhoea
- fatigue

- Students **must not return to school until they return a negative COVID-19 result and are symptom-free**
- Parents are expected to communicate, via email or phone call, the results of this test **BEFORE** the student returns to school
- When you are entering your child's absence via COMPASS, please provide a specific reason so that we know why your child is home. If you write 'cold and flu symptoms', we will know to also expect a follow up RAT or PCR result. However, if you were to write 'visiting the doctor for a possible fractured finger', we wouldn't expect any testing and no follow up would be needed.

**PARRAMATTA DIOCESAN CROSS COUNTRY**

A BIG Congratulations to the 26 students who attended and ran in the Parramatta Diocesan Cross Country last Tuesday. All of our OLMC team gave it their all and we came away with some very impressive results! Congratulations to Ava who finished 4th and will now represent the Parramatta Diocese at the Mackillop Carnival.



**PRC**

The PRC is in full swing at OLMC. 136 students are currently taking up the challenge, with **48 students already completing the challenge!!!! We would like to congratulate** Eloise D from Kindy, Jack from Year 2, Matthew from Year 3, Dev, Luke and Myra from Year 5 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 for another week.

**PARISH SACRAMENTAL PROCESS**

**CONFIRMATION SPONSORS NAMES ARE NOW DUE!!** A sponsor can be any responsible, baptised Catholic adult that your child has a relationship with (other than their parents), who can share their faith with your child. **CONFIRMATION NAMES:** Also, if your child would like a Confirmation name, please refer to the information that has been emailed to you, and respond ASAP. Sponsors names and Confirmation names can be emailed to Paola Yevenes at [paola.olmc@gmail.com](mailto:paola.olmc@gmail.com), and you can register your child via the parish website [olmcwenty.org.au](http://olmcwenty.org.au) **CONFIRMATION ENROLMENTS CLOSE 13 MAY.**

**P&F NEWS**

**Mother's Day Raffle** Thank you to Akalya and Marie Anne for your time and effort helping with the Mother's Day raffle. Thank you again to the Families and Businesses who donated towards this year's raffle Harvey Norman Penrith, Moses Family, UGotGift, Azar family, Soueid Family, Personalised Made By Me, Diane Gebreal, Ruth Laria Massage. Congratulations to all our Winners, we hope you enjoy your prize.

1st: Olivia Srougi 2nd: Amber Kirpal 3rd: Neil 4th: Dominic Tigani	5th: Iliia Alexoulis 6th: Annabelle Abikhailil 7th: Alexander Abikhailil 8th: Shruddha	9th: Jessica Connolly 10th: Danasha Durado 11th: Marie Elhaj 12th: Zak Elhaj	13th: Zachary Ayoub 14th: Deguara Family 15th: Spillane Family 16th: Isabella-Rose Huele
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**P&F General Meeting** Our next P&F General Meeting will be held on Tuesday 17 May at 7pm in the school library. We will also use Zoom to allow those unable to attend in person to participate with the meeting. We encourage as many people to engage as possible. If you have anything that you wish to be raised at the meeting please email it to [olmcpandf@gmail.com](mailto:olmcpandf@gmail.com) so that it can be considered for the agenda. **P&F Meeting Zoom Details Meeting ID: 440 563 5257 Passcode: 393762**

# A Snapshot into the Lives of Year One!

We are the OLMC gardeners!! We keep the gardens clean, green & weed free.



We are the OLMC mathematicians! We think hard to solve big problems.

We are the OLMC artists! We express our thoughts and feelings with our artistic talents.

