



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Families,

Tomorrow marks two important occasions as a nation and as a faith community. Tomorrow, our Church marks the 40th day of Easter, which is the day we celebrate the Ascension of Jesus into Heaven. Tomorrow across our nation is known as Sorry Day, a day we remember the hardship of our indigenous people resulting from past government policies of forced child removal.



Renewal and new life are integral concepts during the Easter season. It also serves to remind us that reconciliation is an ongoing journey that we as indigenous and non-indigenous Australians continue to walk. It is a transitional journey for us all. At its heart, it is about strengthening relationships between Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander and non-indigenous peoples for the benefit of all Australians. On February 13 2008, Prime Minister Kevin Rudd delivered an apology for the laws, policies and actions that inflicted profound pain, suffering and hurt on the *Stolen Generation*, their descendants and their families left behind.

If you would like to know more about how we can support this reconciliation process you might like to investigate these links: [Reconciliation Australia](http://ReconciliationAustralia.gov.au), [The Apology Film](http://TheApologyFilm.com), [Kevin Rudd Apology in Parliament](http://KevinRuddApologyinParliament.com). It is important that as Australians we all take positive action to move towards reconciliation as a nation.

You and I..... We are Christ's new body on earth!

"The Feast of the Ascension is really a kind of transitional moment in the Easter season. It is a time between times; a moment when we have left one place, but have not yet arrived at a second. While the stories that describe the Ascension fit well into the unfolding story of redemption, the feast celebrates the exaltation of Jesus. The readings allow us to focus on this theological point while we commemorate a turning point in the life of the church. We do this by considering the enthronement of Christ in the heavens and the new body of Christ on Earth.

Many Easter accounts have directed our attention to the appearances of Jesus which were intended to strengthen the Christians' belief in his bodily resurrection.

Today we stand awestruck, watching Jesus ascend into the clouds of heaven, there to be enthroned at the right hand of God. Today is a day to be overwhelmed by the reality of the divinity of the one whom we have known in his humanity.

Christ who ascended into heaven in his body carries on what he began on earth through his new body, the community of believers. He teaches through its apostles and evangelists. He ministers through its prophets and pastors. **We have not been left alone; we have his power, the same power with which he performed marvels when he walked the earth. We have not been left alone; we have each other. Together we make up the new body of Christ."**

Dianne Bergant CSA

Olimpia Pirovic

Principal



The Community of OLMC is Safe and Respectful

UPCOMING DATES

Week 5:

Wed: 3:10-4:00pm Concert and Training Band Practise

3:15pm-4:15pm AFL Clinic START

Thurs: 8:15am Sharp Morning Workout: Front Gate entry only

Fri: Teachers' Strike: **MINIMAL SUPERVISION ONLY Canteen Closed**

Week 6:

Mon: ZOOM Assembly

Tue: Uniform Orders due by 4pm

Wed: 3:10-4:00pm Concert and Training Band Practise
3:15pm-4:15pm AFL Clinic

NOTES HOME

THIS WEEK

- Kinder Kids Love to Cook Experience
- Yr2 Warragamba Dam Excursion
- Family Task for National Simultaneous Storytime

LAST WEEK

- Yr1 Kids Love to Cook Experience

PICKUP TIME RETURNS TO 3:10pm

We will continue to have the three pick-up zones, as this has helped to alleviate congestion.

MERIT AWARDS

KB	Alexander ▪ Natalia	4B	Abigail ▪ Eli
KG	Alexander ▪ Pia	4G	Olivia ▪ Anabel
1B	Kara ▪ Kudawashe	5B	Alanna ▪ Kiara
1G	Tilia ▪ Zayne	5G	Kruthi ▪ Jada
2B	Adison ▪ Aayan	6B	Tiarna ▪ Varsha
2G	Tiana ▪ Lakshara	6G	Chimir ▪ Kayla
3B	Amelie ▪ Suzan	6W	Jose ▪ Stella
3G	Joshua ▪ Olivia	CA	Andrea ▪ Isaac

STAR CARD REWARDS

Gold Awards: Harshi ▪ Dillon ▪ Misha ▪ Aiden ▪ Leah ▪ Kaira ▪ Olivia ▪ Steven ▪ Olivia ▪ Sienna ▪ Kimberly ▪

Opal Awards: Kiara ▪ Palash ▪ Leon ▪ Asaeli ▪ Kiara ▪ Maliyah ▪ Owen ▪ Aarush ▪ Estelle ▪ Hayden ▪

Platinum Awards: Annabelle ▪ Kruthi ▪ Austin ▪ Matthew ▪ Inayat ▪ Anuj ▪ Rajan ▪ Olivia ▪



OLMC ATHLETICS CARNIVAL: POSTPONED

Due to the soggy state of Holroyd sportsground our annual OLMC Athletics Carnival has had to be postponed until the 17th June. A new permission letter will be sent out shortly with the new date. We again ask parents to volunteer for the event, ensuring you have all 4 components of the child protection requirements completed. Please check last week's newsletter for those requirements and contact Mrs Anderiesz for any further information. If you have already sent in your Carnival Lunch Order, it will be held over until the new date.

UNIFORM ORDERS

There will be NO UNIFORM DELIVERIES to the school on THURSDAY 2/6/22. Orders can still be placed via QKR app during this time and they will be delivered to the school on Thursday 9/6/22.

THE GREAT OLMC BOOK FAIR

From Friday 24 June to Thursday 30 June OLMC will be hosting its annual Book Fair. The Library will be transformed into a book shop with books provided by Ashton Scholastic. Parents, grandparents and children are welcome to visit the book fair after school to buy a book or a treat. Students will also be able to purchase during lunchtimes. A brochure will come home closer to the fair so that families can preview some of the titles. You may choose to order from this instead. Proceeds from sales will go towards the purchase of new books for our school library.

COMPETITIONS: We will be running several competitions during the next few weeks, with students being able to win a \$10 book fair voucher that they can use towards the purchasing of books or treats from our book fair.

Competition #1: Collect a 'Bookfair Arrow' to demonstrate your most creative colouring in skills. All arrows must be handed into Mrs Anderiesz by 3:20 Friday afternoon. Only 1 entry per student. 2 winners will be announced during next week's assembly.

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.

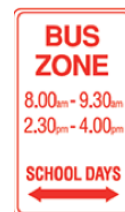
ARRANGEMENTS FOR FRIDAY

On Friday Catholic teachers across NSW are participating in Stop Work Action as they negotiate their enterprise agreement. This will impact our school. There will be minimal supervision available for students who attend. There will be no planned lessons taking place on Friday. Please note the canteen will be closed on Friday also.

TRAFFIC UPDATE



Thanks to all the parents who continue to follow all road rules around our school and drive safely. Please remember that the area directly outside of our Smith St gate is a School Bus Zone. Parents are not able to stop or park in this zone during ----- . The police do monitor this area and will photograph and fine people who are not obeying the road rules. Also over the last week we have noticed a new sign at the bottom of Bennett Street, This is located in front of the construction taking place and is a length of about 3 car spaces. This will be a short term inconvenience to us all. However, we encourage families to take notice of this as parking inspectors are always on the look out for motorists not obeying the rules which apply to everyone. If you can't find a park, there are many parks on the parallel streets that surround our school.



PETS ON SCHOOL GROUNDS

While many of us have pets that are like one of the family, this is a reminder that **no pets are allowed on school grounds at any time.** Some children are scared of animals, big and small, some children have allergies and unless animals are deemed to be 'assistance animals' or as part of planned educational programs, they are prohibited by law to enter our site (whether they are leashed or not). The reality is, if a pet was to bite a child because they were overwhelmed by excited children they would need to be put down. This situation is something we want to avoid for all parties involved. Please ensure you follow this rule which has been made to ensure the safety of our children and furry friends.

NATIONAL SIMULTANEOUS STORYTIME

Today, our school, as well as hundreds of schools around Australia, celebrated National Simultaneous Storytime. This national event promotes the value of reading, ignites the fun of books, promotes Australian authors and publishers and provides opportunities to involve communities to participate. This year we acknowledged the artistry of Josh Pyke and Ronojoy Ghosh through their text '[Family Tree](#)', which explores the seasons of life that are cherished and shared through belonging to family and community.



Family Task: In acknowledging how we as a community belong to a larger family, the eldest child from each family has received a 'My Family' template. Parents are asked to add their family name, answer the simple question and add a photo in the boundaries provided. This will be added to a display in the Library to recognise how all of our families belong to our school family tree.

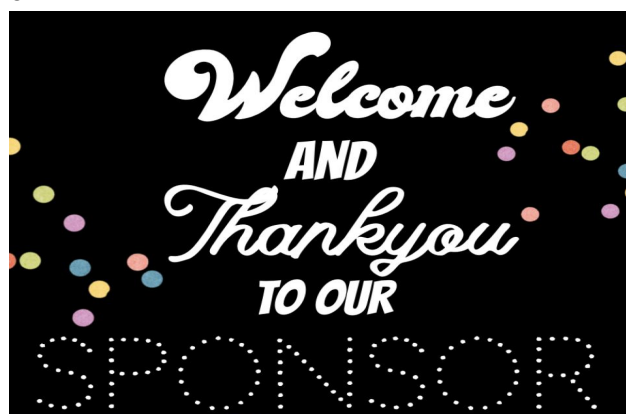
TELL THEM FROM ME SURVEY

Next week, every diocesan school will be inviting students from Years 4 to 6, teachers and parents to provide feedback on their experience of their school using an online "Tell Them From Me" survey. The surveys are an important part of our whole school evaluation and planning process. We value the role of all stakeholders within our school community and greatly appreciate the feedback. The information survey participants provide will be used to maintain our commitment to working together in partnership, to further improve student learning and wellbeing. The survey is anonymous and will take approximately 20 minutes to complete. If you do not want your child to take part in the survey, please contact Mrs Anderiesz.



P&F NEWS

Our Fete planning is in full swing. Thank you to all our parents and parishioners who have joined the Fete Help Crew. Please contact Karly Jouni on 0447000536 if you wish to join the crew group. We have been fortunate to have lots of donors and sponsors coming through. Follow our newsletter and facebook page to see who all these fabulous people and businesses are.



This column is compiled by P&F Communications. If you have any queries or wish to contribute, please email olmcpandf@gmail.com and attention to P&F Communications

A Glimpse of Learning in Year 4

Our OLMC religious scholars have created reenactments of the covenants God made with His people in the Old and New Testament.



Misha 4B- We have been learning about the covenant's God made with Noah, Abraham, David and Moses. It's been a very interesting and fun task.

Our OLMC scientists have explored how natural processes and human actions change the Earth's surface over time.



Katrina 4G- This term for Science we have been learning about what evidence we have that proves natural processes and humans change the Earth's surface. It's been exciting, interesting and challenging to do.

Our OLMC readers have created and recorded their very own podcasts.



Abigail 4B- It's been interesting listening to and learning how to make our own podcasts.