

# **Our Lady of Mount Carmel**

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# PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Families,

This Sunday we celebrate Pentecost. It marks the culmination of the Easter journey following Christ's death on the cross. Pentecost occurs fifty days after Jesus' death and it completes the promise made to the disciples that they would not be alone; that the Spirit of God would always remain with them. Pentecost marks the beginning of the Christian Church, which was not known as Catholic for another couple of hundred years.

Jesus had ascended back into the heavens, the Apostles were scared and confused, and nobody knew what to do. Going out to baptise people and preach about Jesus was the last thing they had in their mind because their lives would be in danger.

But Pentecost celebrates the coming of the Holy Spirit - the force that turned a bunch of frightened, mixed-up folks into church. There was a rush of wind, tongues of fire, and then suddenly there was courage, knowledge, direction and commitment. Everyone started speaking and was understood, no matter what the language of the listener was! These were saints suddenly on fire with the Holy Spirit. It all began with the wind and fire of the Holy Spirit.

The coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost occurred where the Apostles, Mary the Mother of Jesus and other

women..... the followers of Jesus, the wives of the Apostles were gathered together in the same room where the following important events took place:

- The Last Supper
- The washing of the feet
- Jesus appearing to the Apostles
- Jesus appearing to Thomas.

Since the 3rd century the room has been identified as a small upper room on Mt Zion, above where it is believed by Jews that King David

is buried and almost next door to where Mary "fell asleep" knowns as the Church of the Dormition.



Over the next two weeks children from our parish will receive the sacrament of Confirmation where they affirm their commitment to follow Jesus and accept the gifts of the Holy Spirit. We are all invited to recall our own confirmation and affirm our own commitment as Catholics. We ask the Holy Spirit to fill us with wisdom, understanding, right judgement, courage, knowledge, reverence, wonder and awe.



## **UPCOMING DATES**

#### Week 6:

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

Pick up back gate only
Thurs: 8:15am Sharp Morning

Workout: Front Gate entry only 3pm-5pm: Confirmation Practise

Sat: 6pm Confirmation

# Week 7:

**Mon:** KB ZOOM Assembly **Tue:** Uniform Orders due by

4pm

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# **NOTES HOME**

## THIS WEEK

- Yr1 Science Materials
- Yr6 Healthy Harold In School Experience
- Kindergarten Calmsley Hill City Farm Excursion

# **LAST WEEK**

- Yr5 Aboriginal Perspective Of Bennelong Point In-School Experience
- Kinder Kids Love to Cook Experience
- Yr2 Warragamba Dam Excursion
- Family Task for National Simultaneous Storytime

MERIT AWARDS			
KB	Emily • Mikhail	4B	Misha • Sam
KG	Alexa • Elvin	4G	Sana • Olivia
1B	Annabelle • Elijah • Lachlan • Veronic	5B	Kiara <b>-</b> Evelyn
1G	Sukhmani - Ghaith - Ariana	5G	Elouise • Matthew
2B	Thea • Vishvassha	6B	Billy • Makayla
2G	Olivia • Chad	6G	Lachlan • Hannah
3B	Ariah <b>-</b> Ava	6W	Justin • Michael
3G	Cyril • Charbel	CA PE	Estelle • Stella • Ava Sebastian • Henry

# **STAR CARD REWARDS**

Gold Awards: Yelesta • Kiara • Rubeena • Sophia • Anaishca • Lucinda • Vishvassha • Luke • Aarush • Samyel • Adam •

Angelina • Daniel • Kush • Gia • Jada • Benjamin •

<u>Opal Awards:</u> Anthony • Luther • Alyna • Olivia • Amelia • <u>Platinum Awards:</u> Paul • Violette • Clara • Elijah • Dominic •



# **OLMC ATHLETICS CARNIVAL: POSTPONED AGAIN**

Due to limited bus availability and Holroyd sportsground bookings, we have had to move our carnival date to **Tuesday 19 July**. 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. All Carnival lunch orders have been returned and will need to be re-ordered coming closer to the new Athletics Carnival date.

# **UNIFORM ORDERS**

There will be NO UNIFORM DELIVERY to the school this 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. 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 #2: Starting Next Monday

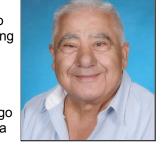
Students can either create their own Book Fair advertisement or collect one to colour in from the Office. All posters must be handed into Mrs Anderiesz by 3:20 Friday afternoon. 2 winners will be announced during next week's assembly.

# **FAREWELL MR DIB**

On Friday our school community will be celebrating a Mass at 10am to thank and farewell Mr Milad Dib after 14 years of service to our school

community.

Mr Dib has worked tirelessly to keep our school gardens looking beautiful. He has taught our children so much about gardening and helped them to grow an abundant amount of produce. It was only a week ago our Year 1 children harvested a haul of mandarins.



Our children have learned many practical skills from Mr Dib that will stay with them throughout life. We wish Mr Dib all the very best as he retires from work and focuses now on enjoying his time with family.

# **TELL THEM FROM ME SURVEY**

The 'Tell Them From Me Survey' is now open and will continue to remain open for the next three weeks. We are inviting students from Years 4 to 6, teachers and parents to provide feedback on their



experience of our school using this survey. The information provided will be used to maintain our commitment to working together in partnership, to further improve student learning and wellbeing. No usernames or passwords are needed as the survey is anonymous and will take approximately 20 minutes to complete. We are urging ALL FAMILIES to access <a href="http://tellthemfromme.com/b8tvg">http://tellthemfromme.com/b8tvg</a> to complete this online survey.

Cerdon College has had a change of date for the Year 7 2023 Orientation Day.

**DATE CHANGE** 

This is to advise that

The new date is 11 October 2022.

# **SPORTING UPDATE**

A big congratulations to two of our Year 6 students who have recently been selected into representative sporting teams. Ava Luburic represented the Parramatta Diocese in the girls football team and was selected to now represent the MacKillop Team to compete in Bathurst later this year in August.

Lucas Aholahi has been busy representing the Parramatta Diocese recently in Rugby League, Rugby Union and Touch Football. Lucas put in a number of great performances and was selected into the MacKillop Team for both Rugby League and Touch Football.

OLMC wishes both Ava and Lucas good luck as they compete in the coming months!

# **PRC**

The PRC is in full swing at OLMC. 147 students are currently taking up the challenge, with 74 students already completing the challenge!!

We would like to congratulate the 14 students who completed the challenge this week, these are:

Jaden (1), Alessandro (4), Ethan (5),
Dennis (5), Ethan (5), Marcus (5),
Jada (5), Evelyn (5), Malek(5),
Vincent (5), Victor (5), Grace (5),
Paige (5), Angelina (5)

# **PARISH SACRAMENTAL PROCESS**

<u>CONFIRMATION</u>: This weekend, Christians around the world will celebrate Pentecost. When the apostles met for this occasion, they were worried and scared, but the Holy Spirit came on them and gave them the ability, the confidence, the passion to communicate to all people through that most universal of languages; love.

The Holy Spirit is present in all our sacraments. In Confirmation, the Holy Spirit gives us seven very special gifts to help us achieve what first began at our Baptism. Simply put, these gifts are:

WISDOM: Through our experiences, we can discern God's love for all creation.

**UNDERSTANDING:** This gift helps us to better appreciate prayer, scripture and rituals on a deeper level.

**COUNSEL:** To help us search for God's love in all good things.

**FORTITUDE:** Gives us the strength to identify with our faith and its people, defend them, have the courage to speak kindly of them.

**KNOWLEDGE:** Like any relationship, getting to know God is a life-long journey.

**PIETY:** To be able to see the sacredness in all of God's creations.

**FEAR OF THE LORD:** To be joyfully aware of the wonder of God. To stand in awe of all his marvels.

We wish all our parish Candidates and their sponsors well, and may they take this opportunity to draw closer to God through his Son, Jesus.

# **P&F NEWS**



The official countdown to FETE has started and with 142 days to go, the excitement is already buzzing!

It is truly with great pleasure that we invite you all to be part of 100 years of history at OLMC 2022. We are seeking official sponsors for our centenary celebrations, your donations would go towards the upfront costs of having such a large event. This year we have multiple new and exciting areas of entertainment. A Petting Zoo, 9D cinema experience and the court of champions, just to name a few. For further information please contact Karly Jouni on 0447000536



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# Year 1 and 2 Police Visit

On Monday, Year I and 2 had a visit from Constable Shane who spoke to us about stranger danger.

We learnt that we should stay in control of the situation and that it is ok to ask questions and to do what feels comfortable to us.



"Don't let the person who is helping be in charge, always be upfront about what you're thinking/ feeling" Clara

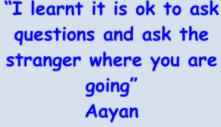
"When we are lost or need assistance we can go to the police, the shop keeper, security or anyone who you think is safe" Aaraav



"We learnt that we can ask people for help when we are lost, even if they are strangers just as long as they seem safe." Sukhmani

"I learnt that you should always stay calm when you are lost." Lucinda





"I learnt that strangers are not always dangerous" Vishvassha





