



## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear OLMC Families,

Our 2022 School Year is coming to a close and as a community we mark this with our End of Year and Farewell Mass on Friday afternoon. This week I have had the delight of hosting our Annual Principal's Morning Tea for all the children who achieved a Principal's Award this year. My aim each year is to host as many children as possible, because it is a sign that our children are making good choices each day. I was so excited to host 290 children over the past two days!!

Invariably the end of a school year means we need to say goodbye to some members of our community including students, staff and parish team.

On the weekend it was announced that Fr Denis will be retiring from his work and formal ministry within a Parish. Fr Denis will formally conclude his time at OLMC Parish on Christmas Day. We have been very fortunate to have had such a supportive, caring and spiritual Parish Priest. We wish Fr Denis all the very best as he begins retired life.

At the end of the year we also farewell Mrs Lyn Bryant who has served as our Parish secretary for many years. Lyn has held the knowledge of all our parish families and our parish history. She has made a great contribution to our community and will be greatly missed as she retires from working life.

I am very grateful for the contribution of all in our community, our parents, students and teachers. I thank our staff for their dedication and tireless efforts in providing the best possible education for our children. I thank our children for their eagerness to learn and participate in the whole life of our school. I thank our parents for their support of the school and staff in our shared purpose. Finally I thank our parish priests Fr Denis, Fr Janu, Fr Anthony and Fr Paul for their spiritual guidance and support of the work we do. We look forward to welcoming Fr Christian into our community.

To our Year 6 students and students in other grades leaving us this year, I wish you all the very best in the next part of your life journey. You leave OLMC at the conclusion of an important year, marking 100 Years. I hope you carry the legacy of those who have come before you to continue living lives demonstrating our values of *Compassion, Dignity and Justice*.

I hope that all of our families have the opportunity during this Christmas season to reflect on the gift that Jesus is in our lives. The message of love and hope in Jesus' birth is a cornerstone of our faith. I encourage you to participate in the religious celebrations and services within our parish community.

On behalf of our school staff, I wish you all a wonderful Christmas spent with those you love and a restful holiday. We look forward to seeing you in the new year.

Kind regards,

*Olimpia Pirovic*  
Principal



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

2022 UPCOMING DATES	2023 Return		NOTES HOME
<p><b><u>Week 10:</u></b></p> <p><b>Fri: LAST DAY OF 2022</b></p> <p>1:30pm: End of Year Mass - to avoid disruption, <b><u>no child is to leave early on this day</u></b></p> <p>6pm: Yr6 Graduation</p>	<p><b>Maths Testing:</b></p> <p>K-6: Fri 27 Jan 2023</p> <p>K-6: Mon 30 Jan 2023</p> <p><u>Kindy Only:</u> Tue 31 Jan 2023</p> <p><u>Kindy Only:</u> Wed 1 Feb 2023</p>	<p><b>Yr1-Yr6 First Day:</b></p> <p>Tue 31 Jan 2023</p> <p><b>Kindy First Day:</b></p> <p>Thur 2 Feb 2023</p>	<p><b><u>LAST WEEK</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Student Learning reports</li><li>• Yr5 Reward Day Term 4</li><li>• Kindergarten Reward Day Term 4</li></ul>

**ARE YOUR ABSENCE NOTIFICATIONS UP TO DATE??**

**STAR CARD REWARDS**

<b>Opal Awards:</b> Kristopher	<b>Platinum Awards:</b> Thomas • Zayne
<b>Principal's Awards:</b> Isaac • Lawrence • Kira • Kian • Misha • Lachlan • Rishaan • Sarah	
<b>Diamond Awards:</b> Leah • Lucas • Pranshu • Victoria • Shanaya • William • Tiana • Karthik • Owen • Charbel • Mariam • Hayden • Patrick • Jayden	




**SCHOOL UNIFORM AND HAIRCUTS**

We ask that children wear full school uniform at all times and for parents' support in ensuring appropriate haircuts upon returning to school at the commencement of 2023 in full Summer uniform.

- Haircuts**
- Boys** - Neat, simple and tidy haircuts, no undercuts or colouring, no shorter than a number 2, no rat tails or patterns or lines shaved in, cuts should be graduated without obvious difference in length.
- Girls** - Shoulder length or longer hair must be tied back. No hair colouring is permitted. Hair ties, ribbons and headbands must be white, blue or school uniform pattern. Cultural braided additions must be a natural colour without beading. (Please note the final decision is at the discretion of the principal)
- Summer Uniform**
- Boys** - Navy blue shorts, school crest blue shirt with collar and short sleeves, school zip jacket or fleecy jumper, short grey school socks with blue/gold band, black school shoes (not trainers), school hat.
- Girls** - Blue and white check dress with piping around neck, school zip jacket or fleecy jumper, white socks, black school shoes (not trainers), white, royal blue or school uniform check pattern ribbons/hair ties, school hat.
- Sport** - unisex royal blue sport shorts with school initials, unisex royal blue short sleeved polo shirt with school crest, white ankle socks that are visible above the shoe, trainers that are - white, blue or black.
- School hats and bags are required by all children.**

Our school uniform supplier is OzFashions, parents are able to place orders via the QKR app. Unfortunately, the next uniform delivery will be after the start of the school year.

**SWIMMING CARNIVAL RESULTS**

Age Group	Age Champion		Runner Up	
	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls
8 Year Old	N/A	Lucinda	N/A	Sienna
9 Year Old	Isaac	Zoe & Amelia	Palash	N/A
10 Year Old	Dennis	Amelia	Eli	Olivia
11 Year Old	Lachlan	Grace	Sameet	Chaitanyaa
12 Year Old	Lucas	Chelsea	Billy	Estelle
	CARNIVAL TEAM SCORES			
	<b>Blue</b> 275	<b>Red</b> 205	<b>Gold</b> 315	<b>Green</b> 191





## A BIG THANK YOU

Last week we put a call out for ex-students to support with the running of swimming carnival events. We were very fortunate that 6 of our ex-students answered the call and we thank them immensely.

## STUDENT CLASS SUPPLIES

To assist with the many varied learning experiences at OLMC we would request that each student has the following items to commence the 2023 school year. Please ensure that all items are clearly labelled with your child's name. The items will need to be replaced throughout the year as the need arises. Packets of tissues and wet wipes go into a common supply for the class to be used throughout the year.

<b>Kindergarten and Year 1</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1 box of tissues</li> <li>• 1 packet of disinfectant wet wipes</li> <li>• 1 packet of regular wet wipes</li> </ul>	<b>Year 3</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 4 HB pencils or pacer pencils</li> <li>• 2 red pens</li> <li>• 2 blue or black pens</li> <li>• Coloured pencils or wind up crayons</li> <li>• Eraser</li> <li>• Highlighter</li> <li>• Pencil Sharpener</li> <li>• Ruler (30cm) (not metal or flexible)</li> <li>• 2 glue sticks</li> <li>• Scissors</li> <li>• Pencil case (½ A4 size)</li> <li>• Headphones (not earbuds)</li> <li>• 1 box of tissues</li> <li>• 1 packet of wet wipes</li> </ul>	<b>Year 5</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 4 HB pencils or pacer pencils</li> <li>• 2 red pens and 2 blue pens</li> <li>• Coloured pencils or wind up crayons</li> <li>• Eraser</li> <li>• Highlighter</li> <li>• Pencil Sharpener</li> <li>• Scissors</li> <li>• Ruler 30cm (not metal or flexible)</li> <li>• 2 Glue sticks</li> <li>• Pencil case (½ A4 size)</li> <li>• Headphones (not earbuds)</li> <li>• 1 box of tissues</li> <li>• 1 packet of wet wipes</li> </ul>
<b>Year 2</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 4 HB pencils or pacer pencils</li> <li>• Coloured pencils or wind up crayons</li> <li>• Eraser</li> <li>• Pencil Sharpener</li> <li>• 2 glue sticks</li> <li>• Scissors</li> <li>• Pencil case (½ A4 size) <b><u>WITH ONE ZIP ONLY</u></b></li> <li>• Headphones (not earbuds)</li> <li>• 2 boxes of tissues</li> <li>• 1 packet of wet wipes</li> </ul>	<b>Year 4</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 4 HB pencils or pacer pencils</li> <li>• 2 red pens and 2 blue pens</li> <li>• Coloured pencils or wind up crayons</li> <li>• Eraser</li> <li>• Highlighter</li> <li>• Pencil Sharpener</li> <li>• Ruler (30cm) (not metal or flexible)</li> <li>• 2 glue sticks</li> <li>• Scissors</li> <li>• Pencil case (½ A4 size)</li> <li>• Headphones (not earbuds)</li> <li>• 1 box of tissues</li> <li>• 1 packet of wet wipes</li> </ul>	<b>Year 6</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 4 HB pencils or pacer pencils</li> <li>• 2 red pens and 2 blue pens</li> <li>• Coloured pencils or wind up crayons</li> <li>• Eraser</li> <li>• Highlighter</li> <li>• Pencil Sharpener</li> <li>• Ruler (30cm) (not metal or flexible)</li> <li>• 2 glue sticks</li> <li>• Scissors</li> <li>• Pencil case (½ A4 size)</li> <li>• Headphones (not earbuds)</li> <li>• 2 boxes of tissues</li> <li>• 1 packet of wet wipes</li> <li>• Newspaper</li> </ul>

## END OF YEAR GIFT BY YR6 2022

Each year our Year 6 students with the support of the parents on the graduation committee present a parting gift to the school. This 2022 Year 6 class is presenting a bench for the basketball court that can be used by their OLMC peers. Some of the Year 6 students under the supervision of our groundsman, Mr Wood assembled the bench.



## FAREWELL TO FAMILIES

We say goodbye and thank you to the families who are leaving Our Lady of Mount Carmel this year. Some of these families have been associated with our community for many years and we thank them for their commitment to the school during their time here.

Farewell to the following families: Abdulahad, Ah Sam, Al-Mardini, Balram, Chatteraj, Dumon, Gebrael, Ghanem, Gandhi, Hapugalle, Hughes, Ieronimo, Issa, JustinPaulraj, Kanade, Kim, Kiwalkar, Kual, Mantoufeh, Maharjan, Moussa, Passamba, Patino-Burgos, Pradhan, Rayar, Rugmangadan, Shewale, Thoroughgood and Zahra

## MAI: INTERVIEW NOTES

Once again we will be conducting Mathematics Assessment Interviews with all our children in 2023. We have allocated time on Friday 27 and Monday 30 January 2023 to begin these interviews. Assigning two full days for these interviews is a massive allocation of time and energy. In the last few years, we have noticed a decline in student numbers attending interviews, as parents choose to enjoy the last few days of the holidays.

While we know that there is not an interview time for every child in the school, we are asking parents to make a concerted effort in booking and attending these interviews as they support the teacher's knowledge of your child and reduce the amount of time your child's teacher has to be released in the first four weeks of the school year.

We expect to see most of our children during these two days and ask parents to use the instructions on the note that was sent home last Friday. If you need to cancel an appointment please do so via the school interviews website. This allows other families to book in the time slot you are no longer able to make..

## E-SAFETY FOR FAMILIES



As we move closer to the holidays, many parents will need to keep working while some of our older students will remain at home, most likely with older siblings. While your older children may be responsible, this supervision is very different to that of a parent. So, now is the time for our families to evaluate the expectations, safety measures and restrictions in place to ensure your child remains safe online.

Access to the internet and digital technologies provide many benefits, however, we must also be aware that this comes with a unique set of challenges. Do not assume that your child 'knows' how to be safe online, or 'understands' the long-lasting impact of their digital footprint. While students learn about this at school, these are lessons they will continue to learn into adulthood. The [eSafety Commissioner](#) is an Australian Government body that provides support and information for parents about online safety. It covers topics such as online safety, social media, screen time and inappropriate content. The website also provides tips on how to tackle difficult conversation about the inappropriate content with your children. As parents it is important to set expectations around device use and regularly check your child's activity.

## LIBRARY NEWS

It's time to return your library books!! During this week we ask all parents to help their children search at home for any stray library or class reading books allocated to your child. The teachers will contact parents if there are any outstanding guided reading books. Each child is allocated a numbered copy to make tracking the books easier. These readers are a part of a set and if they are not returned this makes the sets unusable for reading instruction.

## P&F NEWS



It is always hard to believe that the end of another school year is upon us. What a year it has been! Celebrating 100 years in style, getting back into everything post lockdown, babies, marriages and sadly loss. As a community we grow stronger every year.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank Miss Pirovic, Mrs Andereisz and all the dedicated staff and teachers at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Wentworthville for sharing your gift of wisdom so generously with our children. To the staff who are leaving our community, we wish you well on your next adventure. Our prayers and good wishes go with you.

We would also like to thank our Carmelite family; Fr Dennis Andrew, Fr Januario Pinto and Fr Anthony Scerri, for helping lead our children into spiritual growth and providing so many beautiful opportunities for us to come together and celebrate as a school community, even while socially distancing. We hope your Christmas is blessed and we thank you for making ours blessed also.

Congratulations to all of our Year 6 students who are graduating. You have been outstanding role models for the school community and we will miss you! We hope your memories of Our Lady of Mount Carmel are happy ones and that you will always look back on this time fondly.

For all the families who will be graduating with their youngest child this week and to those from other grades who are also leaving us this year; we want to wish you all the very best as you leave our primary school for the final time. Thank you for your support for the P&F and our school over your time at OLMC. We hope you have enjoyed being a part of our community and we wish you well.

On behalf of the P&F we wish to thank everyone who has played a part in our school community this year. We appreciate the time and effort you make, whether it is seen by the whole school community or achieved quietly behind the scenes. Thank you for helping make 2022 great. We also want to thank Karly, our President, all these events would be non-existent without you, thank you to our 2022 executive team, and to all those who have put their names down for our support team for 2023. We are excited to see what the new year will bring and we look forward to working together during the year ahead.

Finally, we would like to wish all our wonderful families a magical and joy filled Christmas. Have a very Merry Christmas and a great New Year's celebration. Stay safe and relax these holidays. We look forward to seeing you back in 2023.

*This column is compiled by P&F Communications. If you have any queries or wish to contribute, please email [olmcpandf@gmail.com](mailto:olmcpandf@gmail.com) and attention it to P&F Communications.*

## Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Wentworthville Staff 2023

<b>Principal:</b>	Miss Olimpia Pirovic	
<b>Assistant Principal:</b>	Mrs Lauren Anderiesz	
<b>RE Coordinator:</b>	Miss Abigail Magtanong	(Acting Religious Education & Stage 2 Leader)
<b>Coordinator:</b>	Miss Deborah Osei-Adomako	(Stage 3 Leader)
<b>Coordinator:</b>	Miss Therese Coutinho	(ES1 & Stage 1 Leader)
<b>Special Projects:</b>	TBC	

**Administration Staff:** Mrs Maree Murphy (Finance)  
Mrs Vicky Penna (Administration)

**Early Stage 1:** KB - Miss Melissa Khoshaba  
KG - Mrs Jessica Toth

**Stage 1:** 1B - Mrs Katie Carswell  
1G - Mrs Frances Orlando  
2B - Miss Penny Collyer (Mon-Thurs) & Mrs Sharon Taylor (Fri)  
2G - Miss Therese Coutinho (Mon, Wed-Fri) & Mrs Sharon Taylor (Tue)

**Stage 2:** 3B - Miss Jessica Dooley  
3G - Miss Elise Stevenson (Mon-Wed, Fri) & Mrs D'Anne Worsley (Thurs)  
4B - Mrs Abigail Diaz (3 days Mon-Wed) & Mrs Stefanie Chehade (2 days Thur-Fri)  
4G - Miss Amarese Sharma

**Stage 3:** 5B - Miss Mikayla Ozols  
5G - Miss Natalie Tuma  
6B - Miss Deborah Osei-Adomako (Mon, Tue, Thurs, Fri) & Mrs Rachel Paine (Wed)  
6G - Mrs Kimberly Pearn (Wed-Fri) & Mrs Rachel Paine (Mon-Tue)

**LTST:** Miss Elise Stevenson  
**IT Assistant** Mr Henry Clemson (Mon, Thur, Fri)

**Diversity:** Mrs Lauren Anderiesz - EMU - Year 3  
Mrs Hilary Smith - EMU - Year 1  
Mrs Elisa Speranza (Tue-Fri)  
Mrs Kath Noble (Mon-Wed)  
Mrs Jennie Cerniauskas (Mon-Wed & Fri)  
Mrs Suzy Kirby - Reading Recovery  
Miss Vivian Mikhael (Mon-Wed)  
Miss Erin Ho (Mon-Wed)  
Mrs Victoria Dihka (Tues & Thurs)

**Reading Recovery:** Mrs Suzy Kirby  
**Extending Mathematical Understanding (EMU):** Mrs Lauren Anderiesz  
Mrs Hilary Smith

**School Counsellor:** Ms Sara Kennedy (7 days per fortnight)  
**Teacher Assistants:** Mrs Diane Gauci (Mon-Fri)  
Mrs Alyson Hanson (Mon-Fri)  
Mrs Judi Cundy (Mon-Wed)  
Mrs Jo Martin (Tue-Fri)  
Mrs Sandii Bahari (Mon-Fri)

**Music/Dance/Drama (RFF):** Mrs Melissa Laus (Tues - Thurs)  
**Physical Education (RFF):** Fit Futures

**Cleaning Staff:** Golden Touch Cleaning – Sam Pioz Director / Ben - Current Cleaner

**Maintenance/Grounds** Mr Peter Wood (Mon, Wed & Fri 7:30am-3pm)  
**Canteen Operator:** Mrs Farideh Moussa  
**COSHC Coordinator:** TBC



# 2023 SIGNIFICANT COMMUNITY EVENTS\*

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TERM 1		TERM 1 & 2		TERM 2 & 3		TERM 4	
January		7	Cumberland Zone Swimming Carnival (Mt Drutt)	23	Semester One Reports Sent Home Book Fair Commences	26	2:10pm P&F Executive Meeting
26	Australia Day Public Holiday	14	Diocesan Swimming Carnival (TBC)	26-30	Parent/Teacher Interview Week Book Fair Continues	October	
27	Staff Return - Staff Development Day (NO STUDENTS) K-6 Maths Assessment Interviews	15-27	NAPLAN testing window	30	Last Day Term 2	27	World Teachers' Day
30	K-6 Maths Assessment Interviews	April		July		30	7pm Parents & Friends AGM
31	School Resumes for Yr 1 to Yr 6 Kindergarten MAI Interviews	3-6	Holy Week Reflection	Term 3		31	Kindergarten 2024 Playgroup
February		6	Last Day of Term 1	17	School Resumes Term 3	November	
1	Kindergarten MAI Interviews	7	Good Friday (NO STUDENTS)	14	10am OLMC Feast Day Grandparents Day Celebration	2	Kindergarten 2024 Playgroup
1-3	Year 6 Camp	9	Easter Sunday	August		8	Kindergarten 2024 Playgroup
2	Kindergarten Commence	Term 2		3	2:10pm P&F Executive Meeting	9	Kindergarten 2024 Playgroup
6	Playgroup Begins (TBC)	24	School Resumes Term 2 (Winter Uniform)	8	Feast of St Mary MacKillop 7pm P&F General Meeting	14	Kindergarten 2024 Playgroup
7	Parent Information Evening 6:30-8pm	25	Anzac Day - Public Holiday	8	Cumberland Zone Athletics	14	Yr 4 2024 BYOD evening
9	2:10pm P&F Executive Meeting	May		18	National Day of Action against Bullying & Violence	16	Kindergarten 2024 Playgroup
15	P&F General Meeting	9	Mothers' Day Stall (TBC)	25	Diocesan Athletics (Blacktown)	23	Kindergarten 2024 Orientation
17	Opening School Mass	10	Diocesan Cross Country	29	Father's Day Stall (TBC)	27-8	Swimming Program K-6
20	Kindy 2023 Enrolment Period Begins	11	2:10pm P&F Exec Meeting	September		30	Yr5 Surf Awareness
22	Ash Wednesday	12	Mother's Day Celebration	1	Fathers' Day Celebration	December	
23	Open Morning for Kindergarten 2024 & prospective enrolments	14	Mothers' Day	3	Fathers' Day	5	6pm-8pm Christmas Story & End of Year Awards (TBC)
28	Zone Swimming Carnival	15	School Photo Day	22	Last Day Term 3	7	Yr6 Surf Awareness
March		16	7pm P&F General Meeting	October		11	Swimming Carnival (TBC)
3	Staff Development Day	27-3	National Reconciliation Week	Term 4		15	1:30pm End of Year Mass (TBC)
6-10	Catholic Schools Week	June		9	School Resumes Term 4 (Summer Uniform)	15	6pm Yr 6 Graduation Dinner (TBC)
7	Meet the Teacher Goal setting Meetings Late Night	12	King's Birthday Holiday	24	6:30pm Kindergarten 2024 Information Evening	15	Last Day of Term 4

\* All events are subject to current restriction advice and may be changed