



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear OLMC Families,
There is a definite buzz in the air around our school this week!

Parents have been in all week preparing. Deliveries are being made. The activities I am witnessing have been a little bit like Santa and his elves preparing for Christmas. There have been many, many lists that Mrs Jouni and her team have been checking more than twice!

After all the many months of planning everything is finally coming together and everyone is super excited about the Fete on Friday. We have been monitoring all the weather apps and made contingency plans for all possibilities, including bringing the event inside the school buildings if we need to. We have additional shelters and recommend that you bring along some rain coats just in case. The Fete will go ahead rain or shine.

Today your child will bring a note home for you to complete for each of your children letting the teachers know what your pick up arrangements will be for your child. Please return these notes to school tomorrow.

Friday will also be a mufti day for the children so they can go straight to the fete with their parents and enjoy the fun. Please remember that no child will be able to go to the fete unless they have been collected and accompanied by their parent or another adult.

After Lunch the amazing team of parents who have been coordinating the ride wristbands will visit each class to put the wristbands on the children whose family have purchased them. Any wristbands for siblings or family members not attending OLMC can be collected with the return of the vouchers already sent home from the Ride Ticket Booth near the Smith Street gate. Please make sure you read all your notes and communications carefully before calling the school office to ask a question.

I look forward to seeing all of our school and parish families attend this wonderful community event on Friday and enjoy the opportunity of being together once again. **See you at the Fete!!!!**

Olimpia Pirovic

Principal

The Community of OLMC is Safe and Respectful



UPCOMING DATES

Week 2:

Wed: Last day to return FETE Raffle Tickets

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

Thur: FETE: Sweets & Plant donations being accepted

Fri: FETE: Sweets & Plant donations being accepted before 9:30am

[3-9pm School Fete](#)

Sat: 11am Holy Communion

Week 3:

Mon: Assembly: Prayer KG Parents Welcome via Smith Street gate

Tue: 2023 Kindy Parents Information Evening 6:30pm

Wed: 3:10-4:00pm Concert and Training Band Practise Yr4 Excursion

Fri: World Teacher's Day

Sat: 11am Holy Communion 6pm OLMC Centenary Mass with the Bishop

NOTES HOME

THIS WEEK

- Fete Arrangements
- Yr2 Sydney Living Museums Excursion

LAST WEEK

- Volunteers Required for FETE
- Yr4 'Seeds'
- Yr6 Graduation Signature Bears & Balls
- Yr5 2023 Camp Collaroy



RETURN YOUR RAFFLE TICKETS NOW FOR A CHANCE TO WIN!!!!

MERIT AWARDS

KB	Erik • Annalisa	4B	Jessica • Kyla
KG	Amelia • Alexander	4G	Thomas • Aaliyah
1B	None presented	5B	Sienna • Vincent
1G	Tilila • Sukhmani	5G	Amelia • Elyssa
2B	Isabelle • Anaishca	6B	Ojas • Mason
2G	Cooper • Olivia • William	6G	Joseph • Hannah
3B	Ithayan • Henry	6W	Georgia • Justin
3G	Sanoshan • Anuj	CA PE	Alexa • Addison Emilio • Aaliyah

STAR CARD REWARDS

Gold Awards: Eli • Amelia •

Opal Awards: Mikhail • Aruja • Aarush • Elijah • Lilly • Liam • Emily • Charlize • Samyel • Ghaith •

Platinum Awards: Georgia • Zoe • Alana • Louie • Jac • Vihaan • Michael • Justin • Emad • Jacob • Charlize • Dillon • Annalise •

Principal's Awards: Saanvi • Lachlan • Chimir • Estelle • Pranshu • Benjamin • Stella • Kayla • Amelia • Hannah • Diana •

Diamond Awards: Holly •



OLMC ROSARY PRAYER

As we return to school in Term 4, we recognise October as a month dedicated to the Rosary. To honour this devotion, our school community will be leading an OLMC Rosary Prayer every day from Wednesday 12th October, to Thursday 20th October, at 12:00pm. Each day the rosary will be led by a different grade. You are invited to join by accessing the Zoom details.

Meeting ID: 630 0497 0528

Password: 287889



PRINCIPAL'S HOLIDAY CHALLENGE

Miss Pirovic has already received many entries for the Spring Principal's Holiday Challenge. There were so many new talents on display and thousands of pages read. Please submit your entries by emailing Miss Pirovic before 3pm Friday.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Congratulations to all our parish children who celebrated their First Holy Communion last weekend, and to those who will celebrate it in the coming weeks. May you always remember your first Communion as a time of family and friendship, may it continue to nourish your faith, and bless you all the days of your life. We keep all of these children in our prayers as they continue to participate more fully in their Catholic faith tradition.



THE TOP PARENT ISSUE IS UNSAFE DRIVING HABITS AROUND OLMC

Last week, a child nearly fell out of their own car while their parent was doing a quick 'drop and dash', illegally stopping in the middle of Bennett Street. U-turns over double lines, double parking or holding up the flow of traffic to get the closest parking spot and driving into the Parish car park driveway while families are exiting, are just a few of the bad habits we witness each day. The road surface on Bennett Street has been renewed and lines have not yet been marked, however we all know those lines are double lines which means no over taking or u-turns. Please follow this rule

However, it is not only drivers that have a responsibility! Parents need to be role models and display proper pedestrian behaviours.

We regularly see these negative examples of behaviours:

- Walking behind cars that are reversing
- Crossing the road without using the pedestrian crossing
- Moving in between cars to cross the road
- Talking on a mobile phone while crossing the road
- Stopping in the middle of the road to talk to drivers

Both drivers and pedestrians need to take their responsibilities as safe road users seriously, before we have an event that impacts this community forever.



The only people who can control what happens on the streets around our school are the OLMC community. Between 8:30-9:00am and 2:30-3:40pm there are 390 students who need to be transported safely, so it is unreasonable to expect to be in and out in 5 minutes. We cannot have a parking attendant or rangers policing the driving behaviour of our parents at all times, nor is it the job of school staff. We need all drivers to do the following:

- Obey the road rules
- Move on if there is no parking spaces available by going around the block to keep the traffic moving - you will eventually get a park
- Parents who think they may need more time on school grounds, are asked to park on parallel streets to leave our three main pick up zones free and clear for parents who are doing a fast pick-up.

KINDERGARTEN 2023 EVENTS: PARENT INFORMATION EVENING & PLAYGROUP SESSIONS

This year, the 2023 Kindergarten Parent Information Evening will be onsite and in-person on October 25th. At least one parent from each family of our 2023 Kindergarten students is expected to attend to begin their child's transition into Kindergarten at Our Lady of Mount Carmel. Some of the topics that will be covered include, welcome to OLMC School and Parish, family, school & student responsibilities, orientation, playgroup and first days of 2023.

In addition to this, to support our 2023 Kindergarten students, playgroup sessions focusing on social and emotional readiness are being held at OLMC during Term 4, beginning next Friday. As this is a special time for your child to make new friends and start gaining their confidence, before the school year begins, we urge all families to make the time to attend as many sessions as they can.

- To book one or more of the listed playgroup sessions: <https://www.schoolinterviews.com.au/code/3jm78>
- This time is also designed to support you as a new, or existing, family within the OLMC Community, therefore short meet and greet and information sessions will be held in the Library for all parents during the playgroup experiences. Please RSVP here <https://forms.gle/k5594sJMAas124bJ6>

COMMUNICATION CHANNELS AND WEEK IN REVIEW

At OLMC our main communication channels to parents are:

~ Weekly Newsletter ~ COMPASS App ~ School Website ~ School Facebook Page

Each Wednesday our newsletter is emailed to our parents and distributed via some of the channels stated above.

Please make sure your email address is updated with the school to ensure you receive COMPASS notifications.

From the beginning of Term 4 Week in Review was revamped. Each week two grades will share their learning and this will be placed directly on our school's Facebook Page. This will allow families to better filter what they wish to engage with. We urge all of our families to follow our @OLMCWentworthville Facebook page to keep up with all the news highlights.

P&F NEWS

Sweets & Plant Donations

Please bring your sweets and plant donations to school on Thursday 20th and Friday 21st of October - donations will be taken directly the demountable. Please remember to use disposable containers, as they will not be returned, and include your listed ingredients.

Prepaid Wristbands

NON OLMC individuals who pre-purchased wristbands, will need to **bring their vouchers with them on Friday 21st** October to collect their wristbands. **OLMC students** will receive their pre-purchased wristbands in class on Friday 21st October.

Volunteers

There is still time to sign up to volunteer for our FETE. Please also ensure you use the sign in sheets when volunteering. <https://signup.com/go/gSLHVBp> A big thank you to Annette, Erika, Karly, Marianne, Maroun, Rebecca, Sandra and Virginia. These ladies have volunteered their time every week since August, to sort out the incoming raffle tickets.



YEAR 1 GOES TO TARONGA ZOO

At the end of term 3, Year 1 embarked on a very exciting adventure to visit our animal friends at Taronga Zoo. The students were extremely thrilled to hop onto a bus and enjoy the ride into the city. Once there, students enjoyed their recess and lunch breaks overlooking the gorgeous Sydney harbour views! They made friends with a 2-winged local who made himself comfortable surrounded by the abundant choices of school lunch boxes. Unfortunately, the teachers had to ask him to politely move away and remind the students to not share their food, even with the birds.

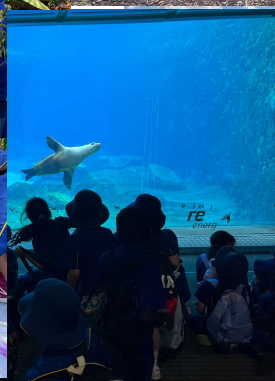


Students were able to make connections with their classroom Geography learning about how people interact and care for their environment. In our Taronga workshop, *Backyard Buddies*, students experienced first-hand how they could provide help to living things. From spiders to possums, students were thoroughly engaged and learnt to identify a variety of native Australian animals that may be spotted from their backyards, school yard and local parks. Students were fascinated to see a very sleepy and shy ring-tailed possum, and some were brave enough to pat a snake!



With time to spare, we went on an expedition to explore other areas of the Taronga neighbourhood. Students were mesmerised by the swimming skills of a friendly seal, the never-ending heights of a giraffe tower, the noisy and very active troop of chimpanzees, the huge variety of lizards and other creepy-crawlies, the cute waddling penguins, kangaroos and their joeys just to name a few! One very bold bird, possibly a pukeko, snatched and bolted off with Miss Khoshaba's packet of crisps from behind her back! After a very tiring day, she was not impressed!

The students were glad to board the bus and journey back to school after a big day out. They discovered that Taronga Zoo is so big and is a place to visit more than once.



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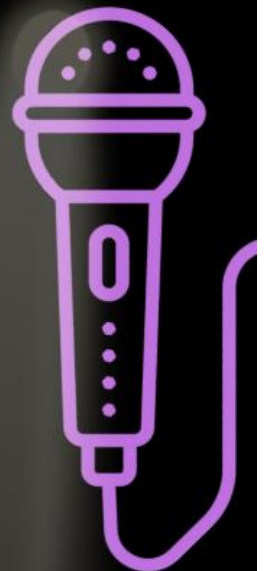


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CENTRE STAGE



- 3:30 PM Opening Anthem Sheridan Mouawad
- 3:35 PM OLMC Band Performance
- 3:40 PM Chocolate Wheel Session 1
- 4:15 PM The Koryukan Martial Arts Demo
- 4:20 PM Chocolate Wheel Session 2
- 5:00 PM Student Show Case Performance
- 5:10 PM Chocolate Wheel Session 3
- 5:30 PM Series of Events Team
- 5:35 PM Chocolate Wheel Session 4
- 6:00 PM Arabian Collaboration
- 6:05 PM Chocolate Wheel Session 5
- 6:55 PM Dance Worx
- 7:00 PM OLMC Parish Youth Choir
- 7:05 PM Chocolate Wheel Session 6
- 8:00 PM Fete Raffle & Craft Raffle Draw
- 8.15 PM LIVE DJ