

Our Lady of Mount Carmel

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear OLMC Families,

Reflecting on the past week I have been thinking about how fortunate we are.

We were blessed with such wonderful weather on Friday evening which allowed us to celebrate our School and Parish Fete marking our centenary. We were blessed to be able to come together as a community after two and a half, very long, years. We were blessed with the support of many volunteers who came to help setup, run and pack up the Fete. We were blessed with a proactive Fete organising committee. We were blessed to have a passionate and driven Fete coordinator in Karly Jouni.

While the benefits of the funds raised through the Fete are undeniably welcomed and greatly appreciated, the core purpose of the Fete is to come together as a community. Last night we had the privilege of welcoming our 2023 Kindergarten families into our community in person. One of my key messages was the importance of the community spirit that exists at OLMC. When we have opportunities to come together to celebrate, to work together, to support each other and to pray together, our community can only be strengthened.

Our final official centenary celebration occurs this Saturday with our Mass at 6:00pm and a supper to follow. We would love to see our school and parish communities come together on this day, which 100 years ago, was the day our school was officially blessed and opened. If you have not completed your RSVP already, please use this link to respond and allow us to ensure we cater for the correct number.

Finally I would like to acknowledge the outstanding work of Karly Jouni in coordinating a very successful Fete. Karly took on the role of coordinating the Fete on top of her role as P&F President. I'm sure everyone knows how much work it takes to organise a family party, imagine the hours, effort, thinking and sacrifice that goes into planning the Fete. She was able to rally the support of our whole community, and we offer our thanks to all the volunteers who helped on the day, in the lead up and after the Fete. I would also like to thank Karly's family, David, Jada and Ariah, for coming along on the journey and supporting Karly in her work preparing for the Fete. Our community truly appreciates all of your efforts!

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Olimpia Pirovic

Principal

The Community of OLMC is Safe and Respectful

UPCOMING DATES

Week 3:

Wed: 3:10-4:00pm Concert and Training Band Practise Fri: World Teachers' Day

9:30am -10:30am Kindergarten 2023 Playgroup: Student &

Parent Session 1

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

Bishop Vincent

Week 4:

Mon: Assembly: Prayer KB 1pm Grandparents Day Liturgy

1:30pm Grandparents Day Picnic Lunch:

See below for more details

7pm P&F AGM

Tue: 9:30am -10:30am Kindergarten 2023 Playgroup: Student & Parent Session 2 Wed: 3:10-4:00pm Concert and Training

Band Practise

NOTES HOME

THIS WEEK

- Parents & Friends AGM
- Yr 6 Skyworks Planetarium In-School Experience
- Yr 6 Graduation Parent Committee Meeting

LAST WEEK

 Year 2 Sydney Living Museums Excursion

NATIONAL GRANDPARENTS DAY MONDAY 31 OCTOBER: SEE BELOW FOR MORE DETAILS

MERIT AWARDS			
KB	Emily • Felizia	4B	Jolenta • Eli • Abigail
KG	Viaan • Esther	4G	Liliana • Joseph
1B	Kyra • Rhiyana	5B	Angelina • Ethan
1G	Ruhee • Charlotte	5G	Jeremiel • Mary
2B	Sienna • Daniel	6B	Makanaka • Logan
2G	Victoria • Pravi • Jacob	6G	Saanvi • Erica
3B	Zoe • Aarush	6W	Alanah • Dillon
3G	Patrick • Joshua	PE I.T	Lilly • Thea Mr Henry Clemson

STAR CARD REWARDS

Gold Awards: Reis • Alexia • Thomas • Aliyah •

Opal Awards: Amelia •

Platinum Awards: Lachlan • Shanaya • William • Joaquin • Charlotte • Samyel • Vincent • Matthew • Gia •

Principal's Awards: Charlotte • John • Victoria • Sienna • Kayana • Karthik • Alana • Lakshara • Mansi • Havishaa • Isabella • Sam • Anupriya • Liyana • Emma • Cooper • Jack • Jacob • Ilia • Saanvi • Amelia • Logan • Kush • Aarush • Mason • Eknoor • Ojas • Amelia • Billy • Alanah • Charbel • Abbey • Cyril • Isabella • Charlotte • Riyana • Ethan • Veronica • Rubeena • Nicholas • Kara • Alec • Aaraav • Alexander • Yelesta • Angelina •

Diamond Awards: Inayat • Isabella • Matthew • Joshua • Michael • Rajan • Olivia •

NATIONAL GRANDPARENTS DAY: OLMC CELEBRATION

In honour of the special Grandparents within our community, and to coincide with National Grandparents Day, we will be marking this event with a Grandparents' Day Liturgy and picnic lunch on Monday 31 October. Grandparents Day Liturgy: 1pm on the back playground Picnic Lunch: 1:30pm-2:10pm on the back playground. Families are invited to stay after the liturgy and enjoy a picnic lunch with their child/ren or extended family members. Families can bring a picnic blanket and some lunch to enjoy on the back playground.

IMPORTANT: While we understand that some students may want to sit with family friends to enjoy the celebration, we ask that families do not provide food to other children as some children have life threatening allergies.



CATHOLIC SCHOOLS PARRAMATTA DIOCESE LIMITED

From the beginning of 2023, Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta will have a new name, Catholic Schools Parramatta Diocese Ltd. The organisation will also have a new governance framework. It is not expected that these changes will have an impact on the day-to-day operation of schools, or upon students, parents and carers, and parishes. Further information is available here.

HOLIDAYS / LEAVE

Parents are reminded that if you are planning a holiday or your child is taking leave during the school term, you are required to complete an application for extended leave. The leave form is to be completed and returned to school 2 weeks prior to the leave date. The form can be found on the school website or by clicking the link below or you may ring the office and we will send a form home with your child.

Extended Leave Form

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 week. 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.

KINDERGARTEN 2023 EVENT: PLAYGROUP SESSIONS & ORIENTATION

Last night we hosted a Parent Information Evening for all families of Kindergarten children starting in 2023. It was wonderful to meet all of our new families as well as reconnect with our current families.

As part of our extensive transition program, 2023 Kindergarten students <u>are invited to attend our numerous playgroup sessions</u> which focus on social and emotional readiness beginning this 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

Families also received information regarding the compulsory Kindergarten Orientation Day occurring on 24 November.

STUDENT MEDICATION

For the safety of all students, it is important that no student carries medication on them or in their bags at any time. If your child requires temporary medication for a short period of time, please bring the medication into the school office and complete the relevant forms.

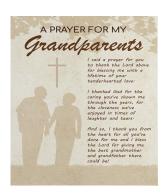
ARE YOU LEAVING AT THE END OF 2022?

As we are currently planning for 2023 classes, it is important that you advise the school if your child will not be returning next year. This allows us to offer places to families on our school waiting list and enable them to join our OLMC community. We require written notification and forms can be obtained from the school office.



P&F NEWS

Teacher's Day - Thank you to all our AMAZING teachers and educators! As we celebrate Teacher's Day today, we thank our OLMC teachers' for all their hard work and for the invaluable wisdom they have provided our children. You are all absolute SUPERSTARS! The P&F committee has organised a morning tea for our staff to express our gratitude.



<u>Grandparent's Day</u> - We look forward to welcoming our grandparents to OLOMC for Grandparent's Day and celebrating with them on Monday, the 31st of October. We offer this prayer to all our grandparents, those still with us and our angel grandparents who are no longer here, but who always remain in our hearts.

AGM information -The Parents and Friends Annual General Meeting (AGM) is coming up on Monday, 31st of October in the school library. A light supper will be provided at 6pm followed by the AGM meeting at 7pm. All Executive positions are declared vacant and go back up for nomination for 2023. This gives all parents of OLMC the opportunity to nominate themselves for the positions of **President**, **Vice President**, **Secretary & Treasurer**. If this is of interest to you, please feel free to attend the meeting and kindly RSVP with this link or

the note sent home yesterday for catering purposes by Thursday 27th October We look forward to seeing you there.

Winners of Fete Raffle

Olivia Azar • Andrea Kirby • Barbara McKay • Tony Camilleri • Shriansh Harigoppulla • Dakcha Patel • Luca Odello • Jeremy De Tar • Saisha • Trish Maldigri • Kayana Rana • Melissa Willick • Thomas • Deepali Vincent • Sam Belcastro • Bradley Meadows • Vear Patel • Anna from parish • Rajes S • Caterina Dockmagion • Fran Topp • Des & Liv Khalil • Harry Bazouni • Antoinette •

Most Raffle Ticket booklets sold - Emily Doorn KB

Volunteer lucky Draw - Nadia Baccouni



FETE 2022 - 100 YEARS

Presented by our School Leaders: Lucas Aholahi, Gabriel Boustany, Jose JustinPaulraj, Erica Kim, Kinjal kiwalkar, Stella Scardilli, Bryson Terracciano & Makayla Waweru

A FAMILY EVENT

On Friday 20th October, we *finally* held our long-awaited fete. With the sun shining bright and our school all set up, we were ready to share a fun-filled afternoon with our community. It was a joyous occasion filled with many unforgettable experiences. With a generous heart, we were able to respond to our Mission in an enjoyable way.

EXPERIENCES

The rides were amazing! There were many rides for everyone to go on and to try and face their fear of getting dizzy. We also had many games like the clown game, chocolate toss and more. The best part was you could win something to take home! We can't forget the face paint, tattoos and crazy hair too - the volunteers had us looking fabulous!

FOOD

The food was incredible! There was plenty of variety of food like Indian food, sausage sizzles, Lebanese food, vegetarian, nonvegetarian, hot chips, and even some sweet treats. There were so many drinks as well. All the parents, volunteers in Carmel's Kitchen made sure no one went home on an empty stomach. The food was one of the best parts of the fete!



















SPOTLIGHT ON CENTRE STAGE



The performances throughout the night were amazing and I would say the showcase of talents of our community was definitely a highlight. A lot of the performances added music and liveliness to our fete and we ended with a <u>sparktacular</u> dance with the DJ's tunes.

Our lineup of talent included the Sheridan Mouawad from DanceWorx, our OLMC School Training and Concert bands, student showcase dancers, Series of Events fireshow and acrobats, Arabian Collaboration, and the OLMC Parish Youth Choir.













THANK YOU

Like Mrs Jouni mentioned during the end of the night, there are many wonderful people to thank. We are very grateful for the time and effort and in making our 100 years celebration a memorable one.

Thank you in particular to Mrs Jouni, the P&F, OLMO parish, Miss Pirovic, Mrs Anderiesz, OLMC staff members, stall coordinators, volunteers, sponsors and families (past, present and future) that supported this momentous event.



GRANDPARENTS ARE INVITED TO OUR CELEBRATION OF



OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL PRIMARY SCHOOL

MONDAY 31ST OCTOBER

1:00PM LITURGY 1:30PM - 2:10PM PICNIC LUNCH