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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Families,

On Saturday, as a parish community, we celebrated Confirmation and then on Sunday the Feast of Pentecost. How fitting that our students' celebration of their Confirmation, the sacrament in which the gifts of the Holy Spirit are received to support a life long journey as a faith filled servant leader, coincided with Pentecost, a feast which commemorates the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles to support their servant leadership mission. Pentecost is the pivotal moment that the Church, as a community of disciples, is given the task of bridging the gaps and bringing down the barriers that separate people.

So how did the Holy Spirit change the disciples?

The Holy Spirit made others understand the Apostles, even if they did not speak the same language.

The Holy Spirit filled the Apostles with courage and power so that they could stand up before the crowds and preach, and work miracles in God's name.

The Holy Spirit also brought the seven gifts of love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, understanding, reverence and courage.

How does the Holy Spirit support us?

Through our words and actions, the Holy Spirit conveys the message of Jesus' love, patience and understanding for all, especially to those who may not always be treated equally.

The Holy Spirit gives us the courage and confidence to stand up for those who have no voice and lead in a Christ like manner.

The gifts of the Holy Spirit help us to follow the right path on our journey through life and they fill us with God's goodness.

As we reflect on our students' journeys, may we also reflect on the baptismal promises that some of us re-affirmed during our own Confirmation, and consider how we are called to embody the Spirit who transcends all boundaries and divisions, as beacons of light, hope, and healing for the world.

Like the Apostles during Pentecost, let us not be afraid to embrace the call of the Holy Spirit as we move into a more critical world and more challenging environment. May the Holy Spirit ignite in you and your loved ones, the fire of God's Divine love.

Lauren Anderiesz

Acting Principal

The Community of OLMC is Safe and Respectful



UPCOMING DATES

Week 6: TTFM for Families & Students

Thur: 8:15am Morning Workout

School Office: Moved to Library
(No parent access unless there is an emergency)

3:10pm-4pm OLMC Concert Band Practise

Fri: Kindergarten Zoo Excursion

(School Office closed until 12pm)
No parent access unless there is an emergency)

Week 7:

TTFM for Families & Students

Mon: Assembly 5G

Tue: Uniform Orders due before 4pm

Thur: 8:15am Morning Workout

3:10pm-4pm OLMC Concert Band Practise

Fri: Staff Development Day - **NO STUDENTS**

Week 8:

Mon: King's Birthday (Public Holiday)

NOTES HOME

THIS WEEK

- Important Building Update
- Stage 3 Personal Hygiene P

LAST WEEK

- Yr 1 Sydney Zoo Excursion
- 1 Blue Staffing Update
- Stage 3 Boys Soccer Gala Day (selected students)
- Yr 1 Science of Sound In-School Experience
- Yr 6 Reward Session

PLEASE NOTE THE TERM 2 STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY - Friday 9 June

MERIT AWARDS

KB	Daniella • Roman	KG	Presented previously
1B	Nidhi • Esther	1G	Araiyah • Kiara
2B	Elijah • Evelina	2G	Kyra • Austin
3B	Anaishca • Deepali	3G	Magdalene • Sienna
4B	Isaac • Isabella	4G	Palash • Sanoshan
5B	Thomas • Isabella - Rose	5G	Yelesta • Sean
6B	Kiara • Ryan	6G	Aarush • Kruthi

STAR CARD AWARDS

Gold Awards: Aadil • Levi • Dhruv • Lucas • Aveesh • Amelia • Amelia • Ethan • Sipa • Rose • Elijah • Sakrit • Elijah • Austin • Luther • William • Ruhi • Sienna • Chad • Emma • Isabelle • Jacob • John • Magdalene • Sienna • Joshua • Inayat • Asaeli • Aliyah • Zahara • Jada • Katrina • Jeremiel • Alyna • Rita • Luke • Matthew • Dieter • Amelia • John Paul • Siya • Anaishca • Daniel • Akins • Deepali • Sienna • Adam • Anabel •

Opal Awards: Ilia • Alexander •

Platinum Awards: Alana • Kiara • Elyssa •

Principal's Awards: Hannah • John-Paul • Jordan •



EXCURSION NOTES

We are asking families to put a process in place to ensure they know the details of Grade excursions. Over the past three weeks, we have had several excursions, and on each of those days we have had some children arrive late. However, this is not just for excursions, we have also had children turn up to school in the wrong uniform on clinic days or for Grade reward days. And time after time we hear, "Oh, well you didn't send a reminder."

The reminder is the note. That is why our notes have a section for parents to complete, cut and return the completed section. The rest of the note, with all the information, is for families.

Families need to have a process (stick it on your fridge, put it in your Google calendar or take a photo, check the school calendar on your COMPASS App) in place to ensure they remember when events are on and specifics for those events. **We can not be sending reminders for every single event held at school**, this is a family responsibility.

PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE

The PRC is in full swing at OLMC with OVER 139 students completing the challenge ALREADY!!!!

A big congratulations to the following students who completed the PRC in the last 7 days:

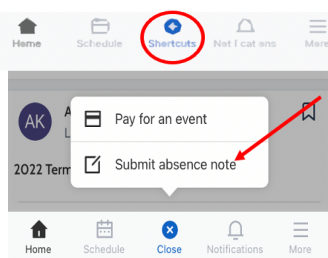
Kindy: Cooper, Hunter, Isabel, Benjamin, Isaac, Zoe, Emily, Hannah, Irwyn, Ethan, Mia, Emilian, Christian, Charlize, Annabelle, Elijah, Veronica, Amelia, Sebastian, Marco, Diya, Antonious, Susie-Marie, Lucas, Giorgio, John-Paul, Charlize, Elijah, Zachariah, Roman, Dhruv, Oscar, Victoria, Nicholas, Isabella, Alexis, Michael, Joshua, Roman, Amelia, Kiyaan, Daniella, Arya, Crystabel, Tanishi, Alyssa, Aveesh, William, Deepika, Azalea, Victoria, Aadil, Myah, Yohaana, Eliana, Levi, Jordan, Gabriel **Year 5:** Thomas Y

TELL THEM FROM ME (TTFM)

We are asking all families to complete the TTFM Parent Survey to support the whole school evaluation and planning process. Parents can access the link to complete the survey <http://tellthemfromme.com/3gwfy>



SUBMITTING ATTENDANCE THROUGH COMPASS



Did you know that parents can submit student absence notes via COMPASS? When you log into COMPASS, you land on the parent home page. Simply select **'Shortcuts' plus** then choose **'Submit absence note'** and then choose the child who will be absent. Absences can be entered the night before or the morning of absence. (This is not for holidays or travel)

THE GREAT OLMC BOOK FAIR

Ahoy Hearties! From Thursday 22 June to Thursday 29 June OLMC will be hosting its annual Book Fair. The Library will be transformed into a trove of treasures with books provided by Ashton Scholastic. Parents, grandparents and buccaneers 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. Proceeds from sales will go towards purchasing new books for classrooms and our school library.

COMPETITIONS: We will be running several competitions during the next few weeks. Students will be able to win \$10 book fair vouchers that they can use towards buying books or treats from our book fair. Competitions will be announced each week during assembly with the students having 5 days to submit their entry.

Competition #1: Buccaneers are able to collect a 'Bookfair Arrow' from their class teacher (or draw their own) to demonstrate their most creative skills, extra points for the use of a Pirate Theme. All arrows must be handed to Mrs Anderiesz by 3:20 Friday afternoon. Only 1 entry per student. 2 winners will be announced during next week's assembly.



CONFIRMATION



Congratulations to the children who received the Sacrament of Confirmation last Saturday. These children have now completed their Sacraments of Initiation into our Roman Catholic faith. Their journey now continues as practising, faith-filled Catholics participating in the Parish community. The children affirmed the promises made for them at Baptism, to show the love of Christ to others and to be filled with the gifts of the Holy Spirit as they make choices throughout their lives.

We'd like to congratulate, Jada J ▪ Aliyah ▪ Liya ▪ Sean ▪ Samyel ▪ Amelia ▪ Grace ▪ Olivia P ▪ Arkyn ▪ Emily ▪ Ethan D ▪ Kruthi ▪ Lily ▪ Lucas ▪ Vincent ▪ Evelyn ▪ Liliana ▪ Jessica ▪ Olivia M ▪ Thomas D

UNIFORMS

Please take a few minutes to write your child's name on their school items, these include hats, jumpers, jackets, lunchboxes and drink bottles. Last Friday afternoon we had a MOUNTAIN of lost property, the cupboard was overflowing. Some uniform items looked brand new and it is sad to see they have already been lost. Half of the mountain had names on them and were returned to the owner, the other half had no name or class = we can not return them.

Please note that Oz Fashions will have a price increase from 1 July 2023.

P&F NEWS

Uniform Donations

Uniform donations for our second hand uniform shop are required and greatly appreciated. If you have any uniforms for donation, please hand them into the school office.

Thank you

A big thank you to our wonderful teachers and students for working together, despite all the classroom changes occurring during the roof renovations. No doubt these renovations have made a great difference to our school's facade. We can't wait to see the final results.

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

YEAR 5 AUSTRALIAN COLONIES EXCURSION

On Tuesday, 23rd May, year 5 students attended an Australian Colonies excursion hosted by Ranger Jamie.



Students in year 5 experienced an interactive excursion that took them around The Rocks of Sydney.



Students had opportunities to dress up as convicts, listen to stories and learn about the history of Australia.



"Our excursion to The Rocks was really interesting and insightful" - Yara Helou



We would like to thank all the parent volunteers who came along with us to our year 5 Australian Colonies excursion.