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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Families,

Being the principal of a school community is a privilege. It is a privilege that parents and children invite me into their lives, to be a part of their journey as a family. On a daily basis I get to witness the happiness that this relationship provides, when I get to share conversations, greetings and all the stories of family events and personal achievements. Joyful events are easily shared. I am also privileged in my role when you invite me to share the challenges of your lives, your personal struggles and sadness. I am humbled when parents feel that they can share their burden with me. At times I am able to offer practical help and at other times the comfort of just listening and knowing that someone else understands the challenge you face is enough. It takes courage to let people see the light and dark of our lives.

The events of the past few days have highlighted for me the true meaning of community. Being a community means that we share in celebrating the joyful highs and offering consolation with the crushing lows. Over the weekend I received the news of the death of one of our father's Tom Pukerua. Tom is the father of Kiara (Year 6) and former OLMC students Leon, Marlon and Jayden. The children along with their mother, Laura have been comforted by the many messages of support from their friends within the OLMC community.

When great sadness and loss come into our lives it is difficult to understand why it happens. We naturally feel an array of emotions from great sorrow, anger and numbness. As a Catholic community, during these moments we turn to prayer and asking God to guide us through this sorrowful time. We pray for the person we have lost, their family and ourselves. Yesterday our Year 6 community and staff took time out to observe this Catholic ritual and prayed to God to embrace Tom into his loving arms. We asked God to bring comfort to Kiara, Leon, Marlon, Jayden and Laura. We also asked God to help us find the way to support our friends in their time of grief. I am sure that all of our community will keep the Pukeru family in their prayer intentions.



Another privilege of my role as principal is to read the reports of our children and celebrate their successes as individuals. It is wonderful to see the effort that each child, supported by their teacher, puts into becoming the best possible learner they can be. Our teachers have worked hard to give you a clear and thorough report on what your child has achieved and what are some areas for them to continue to develop. As you read your child's report, discuss with them what they feel they have done well and what goals they are going to set for themselves during Semester 2. I hope that during your meetings with your child's teacher you bring the spirit of curiosity and respect to your discussions as we work in partnership to help your child be their best self academically, spiritually and socially.

Olimpia Pirovic
Principal

The Community of OLMC is Safe and Respectful

UPCOMING DATES

Week 9:

Thur: 8:15am Morning Workout
3:10pm-4pm OLMC Concert Band Practise
Fri: Athletics Carnival

Week 10: Parent Teacher Interviews Begin

Mon: Assembly 6B
Tue: Uniform Orders due before 4pm
Wed: Stg2 Soccer Gala Day
Fri: **LAST DAY OF TERM 2**

NOTES HOME

LAST WEEK

- Student House Colour note
- Canteen Lunch Order Procedure for Athletics Carnival 2023

PLEASE RETURN ALL 'COLLECTION OF FAMILY INFORMATION' NOTES

STUDENTS RETURN TO SCHOOL TUESDAY 18TH JULY

MERIT AWARDS

KB	Hannah • Christian	KG	Kiyaan • Victoria
1B	Felizia • Lillian	1G	Michael • Natalia
2B	Tilila • Ghaith	2G	Harshi • Matthew
3B	Serah • Ilia	3G	Isabelle • Kayana
4B	Inayat • Zoe	4G	Kushagra • Kushi
5B	Paul • Alexander	5G	Katrina • Sean
6B	Alanna • Zahara	6G	Dev • Haritha
CA	Annalisa • Aanya		

STAR CARD AWARDS

Gold Awards: Eliana • Emily • Roman • Yahaan • Amelia • Thea • Matthew • Isabella • Luca • Sam • Michael • Anuj •

Opal Awards: Amelia • Irwyn • William • Deepali • Lakshara • Emma • Kushagra • Kushi • Joshua • Summer • Shanaya • Sri Harika • Saanvi • Magdalene • Sophia • Naksh • Vishvassha • Austin • Elijah • Scarlett • Luther • Leah • Levi •

Platinum Awards: Sienna • Victoria • Kayana • Pravi •

Principal's Awards: Eva • Alana • Ralph •



PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE

The PRC is in full swing at OLMC. 149 students have completed their challenge, with 120 students on the way. **We would like to congratulate Amelia & Olivia from Yr6 for completing the challenge in the last 7 days.**

Kinder	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Completed	Completed	5 Students completed *Yr2 complete the challenge in class	3 students	7 students	9 students	7 students

Please don't forget

- Students from Kinder-Year 2 must read a total of 30 books (20 from the [PRC List](#) and 10 of their personal choice)
- Students from Year 3-Year 6 must read a total of 20 books (10 from the [PRC List](#) and 10 of their personal choice)
- Challenge closes for student on Friday 18 August 2023 so **LET'S GET READING**

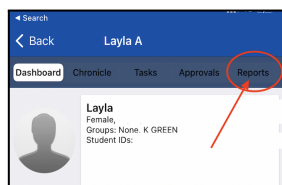
LOST PROPERTY

As the weather turns colder the children are wearing more layers. Please check that all your child's school uniform has a label with their name clearly marked. This will ensure that lost items are returned to the right person.

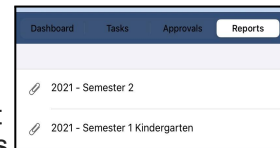
PARENT TEACHER MEETINGS

Last week, information regarding Teacher Parents Interviews were sent home. Please make a booking on the www.schoolinterviews.com.au site using the code [6wgc4](#) as soon as possible to ensure you get the preferred time to suit your family. Please write down the date and time of your meeting/s as no reminders will be sent.

COMPASS STUDENT REPORTS



On Friday all student learning reports will be uploaded to the COMPASS parent portal. This will allow parents to have easy access to this Semester's Report. To access your child/ren's reports parents log into COMPASS, select your child, select 'Reports' on the top toolbar and choose the report you want to download. These can be downloaded on both mobile and desktop. Parents are reminded that only reports from 2021 or later will be available as this is when we began using the COMPASS system.



THE GREAT OLMC BOOK FAIR



Ahoy Me Hearties! On Thursday our Book Fair docks at OLMC. Parents, grandparents and buccaneers are welcome to visit the book fair after school to purchase with students being able to purchase during lunchtimes as well. Proceeds from sales will go towards purchasing new books for classrooms and our school library.

Competition #4 Winners: Isaac A (K), Isabelle T (Yr3) & Alissa Y (Yr5)

OLMC COMMUNICATION & NOTES

Over the past few weeks we have received many phone calls from parents and students coming to the office to request copies of notes. We are asking for your support in minimising the numerous copies that the office prints. If you are missing a note, first check your child's school bag and their note folders and also ask your child to check their classroom tub. If the note has been misplaced you can go to the school website and download the note from the 'notes and forms' tab or use this link [Notes and Forms](#). Our school website has a lot of information for families, including our weekly newsletter.

Notes are not on Compass and reminders are not sent for excursions or class reward/mufti days.

COMPASS & MEDICAL CERTIFICATES

Did you know that you can add your child's medical certificates directly to COMPASS? When you add this directly into COMPASS, it automatically saves and the teacher can view it instantly. This also reduces the risk of it going missing in the thousands of emails teachers receive each day on lost in your child's bag. We encourage all parents to use this function. It can be found by opening the app, selecting 'MORE' 'OPEN IN BROWSER' and 'ADD ATTENDANCE NOTE' for your child. You enter the details and then click 'ADD ATTACHMENTS'. You can now browse your camera roll or take a photo of your child's medical note to upload.

THE GREAT BOOK SEARCH!



This week Mrs Martin will start to search for student overdue books. If your child receives an overdue note, please take the time to look for these library books.

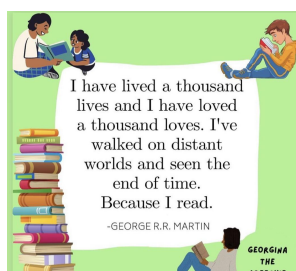
We also ask families to search for guided readers. Look between other books, under the bed, behind the shelves, in the toy box, under the kitchen table and possibly even in the boot of the car! These belong to a set and when one is missing the set becomes useless for teaching use.

ATHLETICS CARNIVAL UPDATE

The annual Our Lady of Mount Carmel Athletics Carnival is to be held Friday, 23 June at Holroyd Sportsground, Peel Street, Holroyd. **Please ensure that your child has returned their permission slip so that we are aware of the pickup arrangements for every student.** If no arrangements are made your child will return to school with their teacher. All students will be travelling to the venue by bus and no parent is permitted on the bus with the children. Parents who are attending are reminded that the students must stay with their group at all times, this includes during eating times and no child will be permitted to go to the canteen. Parent spectators will be required to stay behind the fence to watch the activities. Only parent helpers will be allowed on the field. Students are allowed to wear a coloured t-shirt that corresponds with their colour house if they wish. **All students are expected to remain at the carnival until the event is closed by Ms Pirovic.** It is expected the carnival will conclude at approximately 2:30pm after team cheers.



P&F NEWS



Second Hand Uniform Sale

Thank you to Lekha for organising another successful second hand uniform sale. Thank you also to Neena, Merin and Marieanne for their assistance during the sale.

Book Fair

The OLMC book fair begins tomorrow, Thursday the 22nd of June. We hope you have been saving your pocket money to buy some great books for the holidays.

THANK YOU!

A big thank you to our teachers and staff for all their hard work preparing our children's reports. As well as making themselves available for the parent/teacher interviews to discuss our children and their learning. We are very lucky to have such dedicated individuals working at OLMC.

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

YEAR 3 AND 4

POLICE VISIT

On Wednesday 14th of June Year 3 and 4 were visited by a representative from the New South Wales police force. The visit focused on Cyber Safety and how students can protect themselves online. Students learnt about many important topics including: cyber bullying, privacy, being respectful online, gaming and social media.

Mansi 3B - I learnt that there are different ways that you can be in danger online. When you feel that you are in danger online you should ignore the danger and tell a trusted adult

Adison 3B - I learnt that you can only go on social media platforms when you are 13 or over. Some games/online sites that are appropriate for Year 3 and 4 students are Youtube, roblox, minecraft, FIFA and NBA.

Luke 3G - I learnt to never use your own name for a game. This is because someone can know your name and find you in person.

Sam 3G - I learnt to always ask permission from a parent/guardian to go online. You should also be near an adult when on a device and not in your room on your own with the door shut.

