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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Families,

Easter is the most significant event of the Christian calendar. It is a period of intense sorrow brought about by the death of Christ on the cross (Good Friday) but also of great spiritual happiness through the miracle of the Resurrection (Easter Sunday).

As Lent ends this week, Holy Week begins with Palm (or Passion) Sunday this weekend. The scripture this week focuses on Christ's Passion, retelling the events of his last moments on Earth. Over the next two weeks I thought I would share The Stations of the Cross which have a profound message for each of us, every day.

Station 1: Jesus is Condemned to Death – “When I look at the unfair judgements endured by Jesus for our salvation, I think of the judgements I have made in my lifetime. I mistreat innocent people and sometimes, sadly, those closest to me. I rush to judgements when patience is needed. Even my own relationship with Jesus is sometimes marred by unjust thoughts... standing beside Jesus he bore my sinfulness in silence, I experience a mix of regrets and a power flowing from him into my soul.”

Station 2: Jesus Takes His Cross – “I have lived long enough to know that everyone has known physical, emotional and spiritual pain. It is unavoidable. ...Facing my pain, disappointments, losses, betrayals, dreams unattained, I need to live my own version of Christ's passion. I do not suffer alone. Jesus is with me in those who stand by my side, my sickbed, my embarrassment, my office, my parish, my home.”

Station 3: Jesus Falls the First Time – “My final goal in life is life and joy with God in heaven. From my life experience, I know that the journey is determined by the goal. ...Every journey has potholes, both physical and moral challenges. I won't forget that Jesus arose after each fall. He is my secret power to do so.”

Station 4: Jesus Meets His Mother – “Mother Mary reminds me of my need for family support in times of suffering and loss. In such trying times I reach out to family and friends to help me get through the experience. I stop to think of all those whom I want to forgive, and ponder how much I want to be forgiven once more for wounds I have inflicted.”

Station 5: Simon of Cyrene Helps Jesus – “I know times when I have been asked to give care to a loved one, a neighbour, a co-worker, a stranger. I find sometimes that I want to say 'no'; when asked to give care, but soon I say 'yes' and get on with doing what is needed. At these times, I try to see the image of Simon, who said, 'no' but then carried the cross of Jesus and was blessed by God's Son. Simon made it possible for Jesus to accomplish the final act of salvation at Calvary, and I want to have that same privilege.”

Station 6: Veronica Wipes Jesus' Face – St John Paul II, frail in his later years, wore his cross publicly. When asked if he intended to resign the papacy, he replied. 'Did Jesus come down from the cross?' The wounds to my pride sometimes are worse than the ones to my body. Jesus looked awful on the way to Calvary, yet he paused and let a kindly woman clear his face. He rewarded her with an imprint, but more so with gratitude.”

Station 7: Jesus Falls Again – “Jesus fell and got up for me. I know love made him do this. Infinite love will do the unthinkable. When I tired of being beaten into the ground, I know that Jesus wants to give me the strength to get up again. That's why he experienced falls – need to thrive spiritually and physically.”

Olimpia Pirovic

Principal

The Community of OLMC is Safe and Respectful



UPCOMING DATES

Week 10:

Thur: AFL Clinic (last one)
Fri: 10am & 3:20pm Parent God Day Creation
 9am & 2:15pm Parent ECSI Information Session (See Below)

Week 11:

Mon: 9am Assembly: Sports Leaders
Tue: Uniform Orders due before 4pm
 Year 2 & Year 5 Reward Day
 7pm Parent ECSI Information Session
Thur: Easter Liturgy & God Day Walkthrough
 11:30am-1:30pm
Last Day of Term 1
Fri: Good Friday

NOTES HOME

THIS WEEK

- Yr1 Past & Present - Butter Making & Fairy Bread
- Religious Education Events Term Week 10 & 11
- Yr4 Staffing Update

LAST WEEK

- K-6 Cumberland Police Youth Liaison Visit
- Yr 5 Reward Session Term 1
- Yr5 Science Activity - Ice Cream Making

2023 PROJECT COMPASSION: DONATE VIA THE QKR APP UNTIL THURSDAY 6 APRIL
LAST DAY FOR STUDENTS THURSDAY 6 APRIL

MERIT AWARDS

KB	Arya • Aveesh	4B	Charlotte • Michael
KG	Amelia • Yohaán	4G	Kushagra • Owen
1B	Felizia • Emily	5B	Misha • Paul
1G	Elise • Alexa	5G	Emilio • Sana
2B	Veronica • Bailey	6B	John-Sayed • Alyná
2G	Clara • Zayne	6G	John Paul • Rohan
3B	Rishaan • Ruhi	CA	John • Aayan • Anthony
3G	Lucinda • Aayan	MO	Matthew • Sanaa • Kiara • Emma

STAR CARD AWARDS

Gold Awards:

Myah
 Sebastian
 Roman



ECSI PARENT SURVEY SESSION

This week, all students from Years 5 and 6 at OLMC and all staff members will be completing the Enhancing Catholic Identity Survey.

We ask that one parent/carer from each family (K-Yr6) also complete the survey.

For those parents/carers who would like more information about the survey and would like to come and do it with other people we invite you to attend an 'Introduction and Survey' session in the school library on the following dates and times:

- Friday 31st March, 9:00am
- Friday 31st March, 2:15pm
- Tuesday 4th April, 7:00pm

If you are able to attend a session we ask you to please complete the Google form so that we are able to cater appropriately <https://forms.gle/C7JsD5NzKqSZCJ1D>



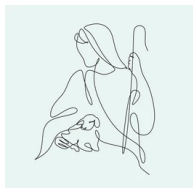
GOD DAY PARENT DISPLAY WORKSHOP

Coinciding with our ECSI sessions, all parents/carers are also invited to contribute to the Parent God Day Display. We will be holding workshops in the school library on the following dates and times:

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- Friday 31st March, 2:15pm
- Tuesday 4th April, 7:00pm

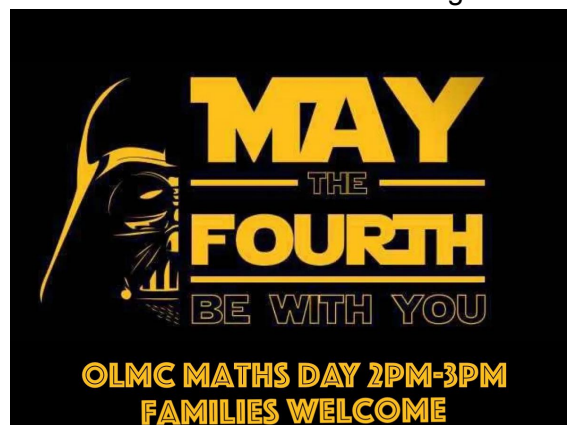
Packs are also available at the office. Please contact Mrs Diaz for further information amagtanong3@parra.catholic.edu.au

Families are invited to attend our Easter Liturgy & God Day Reflection Walk which will be held on **Thurs 6th April 11:30am to 1:30pm** on the **back playground**. More information has been shared in the RE Events note sent home this afternoon.



FAMILY MATHS DAY

Families are welcome to join us on Thursday May 4th for out of this world maths learning.



ATTENDANCE NOTICES

Regular school attendance is an important factor in a child's success at school. The average attendance rate for our school is currently 82%. Our school target is an attendance rate of over 90%. Ensuring that your child is at school on time each day is a key parental responsibility.

There will be times when your child is unwell that it is perfectly reasonable for them not to attend school. When planning family holidays we encourage parents to plan these during holiday periods.

When your child is absent from school you are to notify the school with a reason for your child's absence. The easiest way to do this is by responding to the text message that is sent via the Compass app. If you receive a letter from the school requesting an explanation, please complete it and return it to school the next day. These letters are sent home with children each Wednesday.

PROJECT COMPASSION

Project Compassion runs until Week 11, 6th April. All donations will need to be submitted through the Qkr app. Children are encouraged to "earn their donation" by completing tasks at home. Please remember to select your child's house colour when donating to ensure your donation is allocated to the correct House

Gilroy / Blue House - \$250

McAuley / Gold House - \$166

Elijah / Red House - \$195

MacKillop / Green House - \$165

Thank you for your generosity and spirit of compassion during this Lenten season.



LAST CHANCE TO ORDER WINTER UNIFORMS

Have you organised winter uniforms for your child/ren? **Have you updated your child's 2023 class on the app?** This update makes it easier to get the uniform order to the right class. All orders for uniforms should be placed using the Qkr app by 4pm on Tuesdays so that delivery can be made each Thursday. **The last day for ordering this term will be Tuesday 4 April.** Students wear their full winter uniform from the beginning of Term 2. Please check and ensure that **all items are labelled** with your child's name and it is still visible. If you purchased second hand uniforms you will need to add your child's name.

GIRLS

Tunic - School tartan tunic

Blouse - Lemon long sleeved blouse with Peter Pan collar

Tights or socks - Navy blue ankle or knee high socks or navy blue tights

Hair - Shoulder length or longer hair must be tied back. No hair colouring is permitted. Cultural braids should be in a natural colour and tied back. Hair ties, ribbons and headbands must be yellow, navy blue or school uniform pattern.

BOYS

Trousers - Navy blue half elastic backed trousers

Shirt - School blue long sleeve shirt with school crest

Tie - striped school tie

Socks - Short grey school socks with blue/gold band

Hair - Neat and simple haircuts that are graduated. **No** undercuts, number ones, rat tails, mullets, hair colouring, visible lines or patterns cut in. Hair that is shoulder length or longer must be tied back.

Jumper - Fleecy royal blue jumper or Wool/Nylon jumper - optional

Zip Jacket - Royal blue with school crest (also part of the sports tracksuit)

During Term 1, we noticed that the hairstyles of some of our students do not match our school uniform policy. Girls are reminded that their hair should be tied back if it is longer than shoulder length. Our boys' haircuts should be blended and no shorter than a number 2, **without visible lines, mullets or any other fashion styles**. Discipline and personal presentation are often elements that parents name as part of their reason for enrolling at our school on. We appreciate parent support in ensuring haircuts are school appropriate as we move into Term 2.

DON'T FORGET TO LABEL jackets, jumpers and hats

P&F NEWS

Mother's Day Raffle

Our sincerest thanks to those who have already donated to our Mother's Day Raffle. It is thanks to the constant support of our families that we are able to offer such fabulous prizes.

If you are able to donate something for our raffle please contact Karly Jouni on 0447 000 536. It could be a physical gift as simple as a box of chocolates or some perfume, a voucher or a service. All children who attend the Mothers' Day Stall will receive an entry into the raffle.

Volunteers Required

As with all the events organised by the P&F we rely on parent volunteers to help. Stock preparations for Mother's Day have begun and we require volunteers for this Friday, the 31st of March from 8:30am-10:30am.



We will also require helpers for setting up on Friday, 5th of May and selling at the Mother's Day stall on Monday, 8th of May. We will also be calling on our OLMC Dads to help set up and serve at the Mothers' Day Breakfast for all our Mums and Grandmothers who will be attending. This will take place on Friday, 12th of May. If you can help out on any of these days please sign up using the following link: <https://signup.com/go/zWxrfkb>

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.

ENHANCING CATHOLIC SCHOOL IDENTITY (ECSI)

WHAT is it?

ECSI is a project which aims to enhance the Catholic Identity of our school. It uses a variety of survey instruments to assess attitudes among students, teachers, staff and families towards how our community relates to, experiences and expresses our Catholic Identity.

WHO participates in it?

Over the next three years, all Catholic Schools Parramatta Diocese learning communities will embark on the ECSI journey. Some schools have already piloted the program.

WHERE was it developed?

The foundations of ECSI are rooted in the works of the Faculty of Theology and Religious Studies, at the Catholic University of Leuven in Belgium. It has been implemented in a number of dioceses within Australia, including Melbourne, Adelaide and Brisbane.

WHY are we doing it?

Catholic education in the Diocese of Parramatta is a ministry of the Catholic Church, walking humbly in the way of Jesus, serving **all of God's people**. We are called to respond to our 21st century context by developing a Catholic identity that is characterised by dialogue.

As Pope Francis reminds us,

"We cannot create a culture of dialogue if we do not have identity".



**CATHOLIC
EDUCATION
FOR ALL:**

*developing a culture
of dialogue*

*"But who do you
say that I am?"*

MARK 8:29

