



# Our Lady of Mount Carmel

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## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Families,

This week I continue to share The Stations of the Cross which have a profound message for each of us, every day.

**Station 8: Jesus speaks to the Daughters of Jerusalem** – “In this remarkable scene, I witness Jesus halting his journey briefly to stand up for the needs of women – not only in that culture but today as well. On the road to Calvary, Jesus pauses to explain one reason he is saving the world – and me. He is obtaining for me the graces I – and mothers and children – need to thrive spiritually and physically.”

**Station 9: Jesus Falls the Third Time** – “Lord, I praise you for your example of courage in your darkest hour on the road to the cross. I love you for winning for me the spiritual power to face my own demons and move beyond them because of your gift to me. I am learning to trust you, and realise more and more how profound is your all-embracing love for me and all the world.”

**Station 10: Jesus is Stripped of His Clothing** – “When I am vulnerable and wounded, I often strike back with insults, betrayals, and sights. When I hurt Christ, he forgets the wounds and tries to heal me, the hurt. Jesus welcomes me as a sinner into the chamber of his heart and lets me thrash about with my unruly passions. Then he offers me the love that would cure me of my irrational evil.”

**Station 11: Jesus is nailed to the Cross** – “In my contemporary world I am called to adore a crucified God and not dilute the cross by smothering it with roses or pleasant thoughts, making its meaning and value vanish. I need the shadows of Good Friday to appreciate the full possibilities of the Easter mystery. The most distant object I can see on a clear day is the sun. But on a dark night I can see the stars, millions of miles farther away. Darkness has its spiritual value.”

**Station 12: Jesus Dies on the Cross** – “As he is dying, Jesus gave his life calmly and lovingly to God, for that was how he lived. He didn't leave any money. He left an incomparable testament: divine mercy, future life, and sustaining hope. His deathbed provided the most profound lesson in dying the world has ever seen and will ever see. With this in mind, I pray that my last moments, my dying, will be filled with the same grace.”

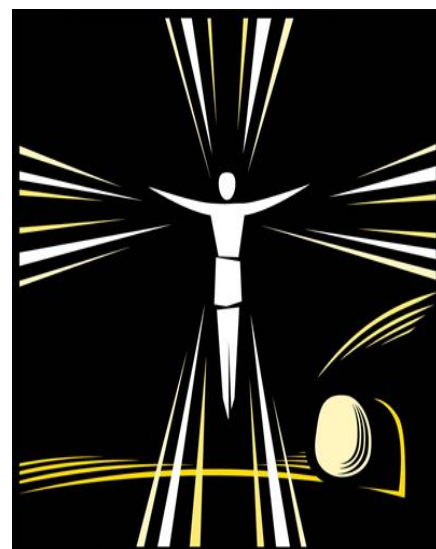
**Station 13: Jesus is Taken Down From the Cross** – “While countless mothers have held their sons in their arms and mourned desperately their loss, my faith tells me that at death, life is changed, not taken away. I carry the seed of eternity in my immortal soul. Like Mary, who was profoundly saddened by her son's death, I mourn Jesus yet believe in his promise of resurrection.”

**Station 14: Jesus is Laid in the Tomb** – “I find the rites of Christian burial to be essential ways of surrounding the loved one with a spirit of faith, a belief in the future, and a way to grieve with a believing community.”

As we conclude the term I would like to thank our students for their enthusiasm for their learning, our fabulous teachers for their commitment and dedication to ensuring our students have the best learning possible, our terrific parents for their support of our school and our priest for their spiritual guidance. I wish each of our family a joyful Easter as we celebrate the love and awe of the risen Christ.

*Olimpia Pirovic*

Principal



***The Community of OLMC is Safe and Respectful***

## UPCOMING DATES

### Week 11:

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

### Week 1:

**Mon: 9am** Assembly: ANZAC DAY Prayer  
**Tue: ANZAC DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY - SCHOOL CLOSED**  
 Uniform Orders due before 4pm

## NOTES HOME

### THIS WEEK

- Mothers' Day Stall & Breakfast
- Kindergarten 2024 Enrolment Letters

### LAST WEEK

- Yr1 Butter & Fairy Bread Making
- Yr4 Staffing Update
- Yr1 Easter Hat Decoration
- Religious Education Events Invitation
- KG return books
- Yr2 Reward Day

**TERM TWO RESUMES MONDAY 24 APRIL - Winter Uniforms & Appropriate Hairstyles**

## MERIT AWARDS

KB	Charlize • Antonious	4B	Hayden • Mia
KG	Elijah • Annabelle	4G	Amelia • Patrick
1B	Isabel • Pia	5B	Alessandro • Samuel
1G	Yana • Sebastian	5G	Sam • Kimberly
2B	Tilila • Kara	6B	Danasha • Elouise
2G	Harshi • Azalea	6G	Marcus • Evelyn
3B	Tiana • Ilia	CA	Ariana • Kara
3G	Sam • Isabelle		

## STAR CARD AWARDS

### Gold Awards:

Isabella • Hunter • Cooper •  
 Diya • Alexis •



### Opal Awards:

Jordan • Myah • Azalea • Arya • Daniella •  
 Zachariah • John-Paul • Hannah •

## STAFFING UPDATE

Mrs Cundy has made the difficult decision to retire from her work at OLMC. Mrs Cundy will not be returning after the holiday period. Mrs Cundy has been a dedicated Teacher's Aide helping many children and teachers at OLMC since 1995. We are very grateful for the years of service, care and dedication she has given to our community. We wish her all the very best as she takes the time to enjoy time with her husband Paul and her children.



## MOTHERS DAY @ OLMC

Families are welcome to join us on Friday May 12th for our Mother's Day Celebrations. More information will be shared in Term 2.



## FAMILY MATHS DAY



Families are welcome to join us on Thursday May 4th 2pm - 3pm for out of this world maths learning

## ROOF PROJECT

We are pleased to inform our community that the long awaited replacement of our school roof will commence during this coming holiday period. Our roof tiles will be replaced with a more durable colourbond roof. We are grateful for CSPD prioritising this project.

The project will be undertaken in stages and expected to be completed by the end of July. This will cause some minor disruption to our learning spaces and require one grade at a turn to move to temporary learning space created in the library for approximately two weeks. We are working with the builders to minimise the disruption to our children's learning program.

## GOD DAY REFLECTION WALK - TOMORROW!

This week our Students, Staff and Parents participated in our annual God Day. God Day is an opportunity for the whole OLMC community to take a break from their usual routine to have a day reading, examining and reflecting on scripture. The children wrote their personal reflections and created a representation or response to their inquiry learning cycle. This then forms a school wide display that will guide our school reflection walk. This year we invite our parents and family members to attend our Easter Liturgy and God Day Reflection Walk which will be held on **Thurs 6 April 11:30-1:30pm**.

## PARISH EASTER CELEBRATIONS

We encourage all of our families to take the opportunity to participate in the Easter services with the OLMC parish community.

### Easter Liturgies

Holy Thursday Mass 7:30 pm

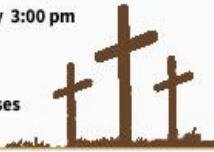
Good Friday Liturgy 3:00 pm

Easter Vigil Mass

Saturday 7:30 pm

Easter Sunday Masses

8:00 am, 10:00 am



## PROJECT COMPASSION

Project Compassion will close **Thursday 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 - \$420**

**McAuley / Gold House - \$256**

**Elijah / Red House - \$300**

**MacKillop / Green House - \$412**

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

## !! ECSI SURVEY !!

We ask that **one parent/carer from each family (K-Yr6)** complete the survey before **28th April**

Use the following website and details -

<https://www.ecsi.site/au/user/>

Password to view: Ghj654  
Survey Access Code: xZK3yM

## E-SAFETY FOR FAMILIES

It is no secret that many of our older students will remain at home, most likely with older siblings, while parents work over the holidays. While your older children may be responsible, this supervision is very different to that of a parent. So, now is the time for our families to evaluate the expectations, safety measures and restrictions in place to ensure your child remains safe online.

Access to the internet and digital technologies provide many benefits, however, we must also be aware that this comes with a unique set of challenges. Do not assume that your child 'knows' how to be safe online, or 'understands' the long-lasting impact of their digital footprint. While students learn about this at school, these are lessons they will continue to learn into adulthood. The [eSafety Commissioner](#) is an Australian Government body that provides support and information for parents about online safety. It covers topics such as online safety, social media, screen time and inappropriate content. The website also provides tips on how to tackle difficult conversation about the inappropriate content with your children. As parents it is important to set expectations around device use and regularly check your child's activity.



## LAST CHANCE TO ORDER WINTER UNIFORMS

Students wear their full winter uniform from the beginning of Term 2. Please check and ensure that **all items are labelled including jackets, jumpers and hats** with your child's name and that 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.

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

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

### 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 or zero cuts, rat tails, mullets, hair colouring, visible lines or patterns cut in. Hair that is shoulder length or longer must be tied back.

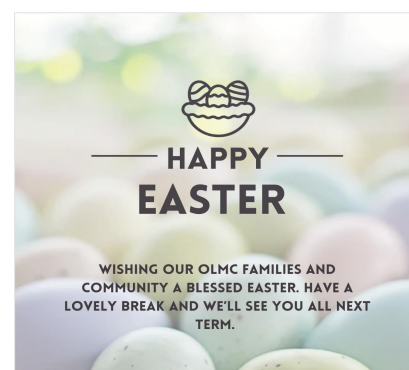
During Term 1, we noticed that the hairstyles of some of our students do not match our school uniform policy. Girls are reminded that their hair should be tied back if it is longer than shoulder length. Our boys' haircuts should be blended and no shorter than a number 2, **without visible lines, mullets 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. We appreciate parent support in ensuring haircuts are school appropriate as we move into Term 2.

## P&F NEWS



Due to unforeseen circumstances, the second hand uniform sale had to be cancelled last week. The sale has been rescheduled for tomorrow Thursday, 6th of April. Please come 2:45pm-3:30pm, entry via Bennett Street gate. Volunteers are also required to assist tomorrow to sort the uniforms and serve our parents. If you can help out, please sign up to the link below:  
<https://signup.com/go/dvtYmBz>

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# GOD DAY 2023

On Monday the OLMC students participated in God Day, a day which recognises the life, death and resurrection of Jesus through art making, prayer and Scripture. Students read and reflected on a variety of Scriptures. They also created artworks and prayers about their grade's chosen Scripture. Staff and parents will also participate in God Day activities this week. All work will be on display around the school and families are invited to view the displays during the God Day Reflection walk on Thursday this week.

## Kindy

**Mia** - We are writing a sentence answering Jesus wants us to be... and we have to choose a word. I chose the words humble and respectful.

**Antonious (AJ)** - I drew a picture to match my sentence. I chose Jesus wants us to be loved. I drew myself at my house playing in the grass with my brother and sister.



## Year 1

**Felizia:** We are learning about God Day and our Scripture is the Good Samaritan. It is about helping others.

**Annalisa:** We acted out the Good Samaritan story. We also got to dress up like the characters. This helped us show the kindness of others. We also wrote a prayer.



## Year 2

**Scarlett:** We are writing a prayer asking God to help us with something. We learnt about the Scripture Jesus prays on the Mount of Olives. We are also painting leaves and writing our prayer on the leaves.

**Dominic:** We are writing our prayer onto the leaves. All the leaves are going to be put together to create a tree. We are making the leaves because Jesus prayed at the Olive Tree.



## Year 3

**Vish** - We've been learning about The Last Supper and it was the last meal Jesus shared with his disciples. It was also the first communion, when Jesus blessed the bread and wine as his body and blood, and gave it to his disciples.

**Sophie** - Our artwork was making a wooden figure of Jesus at The Last Supper. We also had to write a reflection. I wrote about the Sacrament of communion and how Jesus is present in the Sacrament.





## Year 4

**Amelia** - For God Day Year 4 have been learning about the story of God and covenants. We created a piece of writing and chose a Scripture passage that best connects with us and our understanding of covenants. For example I chose Abraham and his relationship with God.

**Summer** - First we had to draft a paragraph explaining our covenant relationship with God. After that we sketched a drawing to show our relationship with God and why it is special to us.



## Year 5

**Amelia** - The scripture we learnt about is Peter's declaration about Jesus. It's about how Peter confirmed that Jesus is the Son of God. It's important because Peter was a follower of Jesus.

**Jayden** - The artwork we made is about how to follow Jesus' footsteps. We used questions to help us choose if we were going to draw, paint or use clay to show our understanding of the Scripture.



## Year 6

**Siya** - The Scripture we learnt about is Praying with Meaning (Matthew Ch 6 5-13). It's about learning to pray with meaning and intention so you can connect with God.

**Eva** - We learnt about strengthening our relationship with God through prayer. The artwork I created is of me praying to God and opening my heart up to him.

