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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Families,

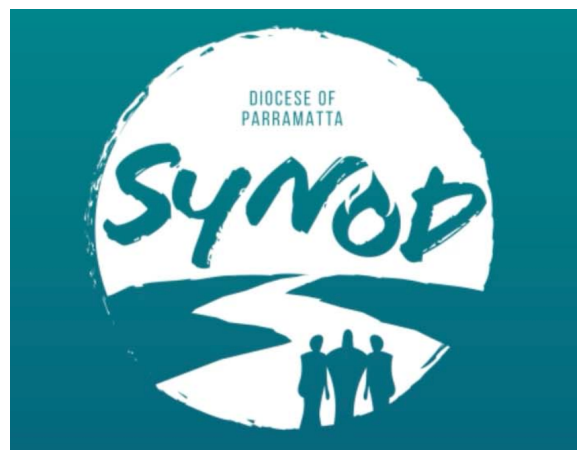
You may have heard the word Synod mentioned at church or read about it online or in the Catholic media or you may be unaware of it. A Synod is both an event and a process where clergy, consecrated and the laity gather to discuss important matters relating to the life and mission of the Church. Synods are transformative events that lead to renewal in the Church's life.

The very first Diocesan Synod for the Diocese of Parramatta will take place in October this year. It will be an opportunity for clergy, consecrated people and the laity to listen, discern and respond to the Holy Spirit through the voices of the People of God in Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains. These voices are your voices!

Each one of you is invited to be a part of this first synod of Parramatta. The hope is that the synod inspires us to listen to the Holy Spirit and to renew participation, communion and mission in the life of our local church. The success of the Synod relies on our participation. Our Bishop wants to hear from the entire community. He wants to hear about the needs and hopes you have for our local church.

Just like the disciples on the road to Emmaus, we are called to recognise God who walks with us. There are many ways you can have your voice heard. Between now and July 31 families are encouraged to get involved by making a submission to the Synod process through the [Diocesan Synod Website](#).

The Diocesan Synod team has created a new resource for you and your family to share your stories and hopes for the futures of the Church in Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains from the comfort of your own home. Download the family and child-friendly resource from the family and child resources section [with this link](#). You can even make an individual submission [with this link](#). All submissions will be reviewed and synthesised by a Synod working group and will inform the development of agenda for the Synod in October.



I encourage all of our families to make this your holiday task to come together and use the resources to discuss your needs and hopes for our church. Create your submission and have your say about the future of our local church.

I wish all in our community: students, staff, parents and friends a restful and safe Winter break. I thank you all for the daily contribution you make to our school community.

Olimpia Pirovic
Principal

The Community of OLMC is Safe and Respectful

UPCOMING DATES

Week 10: Parent Teacher Interviews Begin
Thur: 8:15am Morning Workout
 3:10pm-4pm OLMC Concert
 Band Practise
Fri: LAST DAY OF TERM 2

Week 1:
Mon: STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY (NO STUDENTS) COSHC is available
Tue: Students Return to School
 Uniform Orders due before 4pm
Thur: 8:15am Morning Workout
3:10pm-4pm - Band Practise - All Bands

NOTES HOME

- THIS WEEK**
- ICAS 2023 Information
- LAST WEEK**
- Semester 1 Reports
 - Yr2 Reward Day

PLEASE RETURN ALL 'COLLECTION OF FAMILY INFORMATION' NOTES

STUDENTS RETURN TO SCHOOL TUESDAY 18TH JULY

MERIT AWARDS

KB	Jordan • Alexis	KG	Gabriel • Samaira
1B	Veronica • Alexander	1G	Jayden • Aarush
2B	Veronica • Jaden	2G	Leah • Aaraav
3B	Kriti • Sienna	3G	Pravi • Anthony
4B	Luca • Kristopher	4G	Logan • Kira
5B	Krishna • Alessandro	5G	Kimberly • Sathana
6B	Malek • Jeremiel	6G	Amelia • Anthony
CA	Olivia • Amelia		

STAR CARD AWARDS

Gold Awards: Sebastian • Aidan • Yana • Jordan • Annabelle • Alexander • Victoria • Deepika • Araiya • Reis • Krisha • Dennis • Gabrielle • Sai Pranav • Logan • Hayden • Zoe • Alanna • Isabella • Valli •

Opal Awards: Rita • Tilila • Tiana • Jayden • Alexander • Charlize • Ethan • Eliana • Isabel • Roman • Aadil • Aveesh • Thea • Kira • Michael • Eli •

Platinum Awards: Michael • Rose • Marco • Veronica • Gergio • William • Benjamin • Isabella • Dhruv • Kiara • Susie-Marie • Diya • Antonious • Sebastian • Amelia • Christian • Crystabel •

Principal's Awards: Myah • Azalea • Elijah • Roman •



SCHOOL HOLIDAYS PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE

The PRC is in full swing at OLMC. 153 students have completed their challenge, with 73 students on the way. **We would like to congratulate Joanne P (Yr3), Aria J (Yr4), Hansikaa C (Yr5) & Jada J (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	4 students	8 students	10 students	8 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**

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.

PRESENTATION MATTERS

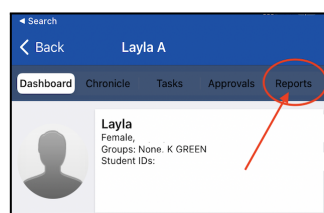
As adults we know that the way we present ourselves matters. Our parents and community value the self discipline our children learn by wearing their school uniform correctly. When we present ourselves well it projects to others that we respect ourselves, our school and those around us. Thank you to parents who supported their children in wearing their Winter uniform correctly this term and had appropriate hairstyles.

The holidays are often a time when haircuts happen in preparation for the new term. We ask parents to remember the school expectations regarding hairstyles. Girls are reminded that their hair should be tied back if it is longer than shoulder length. For girls with extremely long hair it is advised that it is worn braided, in a bun or a style that reduces the risk of getting caught. Cultural braids should be a natural colour that matches the child's natural hair. Our boys' haircuts should be blended and no shorter than a number 2, **without visible lines, mullets or any other fashion styles.**

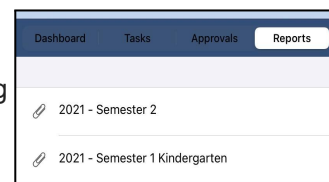
We have a large number of items in lost property that have no names. If your child has lost anything this term please check the baskets outside the office by Friday. Please use the holidays to check that all your child's belongings have their name on them. If you have second hand items, cross out the old name and add yours.



COMPASS STUDENT REPORTS



Last Friday all student learning reports were uploaded to the COMPASS parent portal. This allows 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.



HAVE YOU THOUGHT ABOUT LETTING YOUR CHILD CATCH A BUS TO SCHOOL?

I know that many of our families feel frustrated at drop off and pick-up times. Parents waiting in queued traffic, losing patience with those who don't do the right thing. Did you know that a way to reduce this stress in your life is considering the use of school buses. We have a number of school buses that our families can access in the morning and afternoon. Primary school students are eligible to apply for a [School Opal Card](#). For children in K-2 there is no distance limit, for children in Yrs 3-6, the minimum distance is 1.6km straight line or 2.9KM walking. If you decide to give the bus a go, get in touch with the school and we will support your child and you through the process. Catching the bus is a great way for children to build their independence and resilience in a safe environment. The school buses listed below are not public bus routes, but school specific. Click on the links below to see the specific maps and times for each bus route.

Morning Buses travelling to OLMC from:	Afternoon Buses travelling from OLMC to:
7015 , 7004 - Merrylands area (Transit Systems) 7019 - Greystanes area (Transit Systems) 8005 - Darcy Road -Constitution Hill -Wentworthville (Hillsbus) 705 - Parramatta Station - Westmead (Hillsbus) 8021 - Girraween - Wentworthville (Hillsbus)	7515 - to Merrylands Station (Transit Systems) 7520 - Sth Wentworthville to Walpole St (Transit Systems) 2570 - to Westmead (Hillsbus) 2535 - Wentworthville - Old Toongabbie -Toongabbie (Hillsbus) <i>*timetables are attached to the last pages</i>

BOOK FAIR THANKS

A big thank you to our families for your generosity in purchasing books and other items from our Book Fair. It has been wonderful to hear the excitement of our students as they come in and peruse all the possibilities. Parents, grandparents, aunties and uncles, we couldn't do it without your support. Proceeds from sales will go towards the purchase of new books for our school library



BAND UPDATE



This term all of our band students have learnt so much and been busy practising their instruments. Our Training Band is now ready to begin playing together. From the first week of Term 3 both the Training Band and Concert Band will have after school practise on Thursday afternoon between 3:10-4:00pm.

THANK YOU FROM MRS CUNDY

Last week we farewelled Mrs Cundy and Ms Mikhael. After many many years at Our Lady of Mount Carmel, these two dedicated staff members decided it was time to put themselves, and their families first, and retire. It was a beautiful farewell, one that touched their hearts. Both Mrs Cundy and Ms Mikhael wish to sincerely thank our community for the thoughtful gifts they received and all the beautiful messages of well wishings. Remember, it's not goodbye forever, we hope to see both of these amazing ladies during a visit sooner rather than later.

OLMC ATHLETICS CARNIVAL RESULTS

Last Friday saw the running of the OLMC Athletics Carnival for 2023 after we somehow managed to dodge the weather! A big thank you to **ALL** of our OLMC students who got out and competed in the events. Seeing everyone getting involved and enjoying themselves is what the carnival is all about. Another big thank you to all of the parent helpers who assisted throughout the day, especially those who arrived at the oval early to assist with the set up.

	Champion		Runner Up	
	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys
8 Years	Charlotte P	Aarav R	Lakshara S	Sakrit K
9 Years	Amelie L	Daniel B	Saanvi A	Joshua S
10 Years	Amelia O	Alexander S	Amelia P	Michael S
11 Years	Eloise F Anabel Y	Victor O	-	Alessandro O
12 Years	Grace O	Ethan D	Angelina N	Luke G

Final House Points:

1st - **Blue** 1067

2nd - **Gold** 1052

3rd - **Red** 1037

4th - **Green** 994

To see more photos from the day visit our facebook page.



P&F NEWS



School Holidays

We hope you all have a lovely break and look forward to seeing everyone next term!

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.

Family Movie

Lights! Camera! Action! Movies at the Library. A garden gnome who has a knack for solving mysteries and is called upon to investigate the case of the missing gnomes.

Session is for children aged 5 and over. Bookings are required for each person attending and will open one week prior at 9am.

Auburn Library
Monday 10 July at 2:30pm

All children must be accompanied by an adult at all times.

Youth Movie

Can a furry little creature solve the case of a missing detective? Join us to find out if he can crack the case!

Suitable for youth aged 13 and over. Bookings are required for each person attending and will open one week prior at 9am.

Auburn Library
Thursday 13 July at 2:30pm

Board Games

Join us for a fun morning of board games!

Suitable for children 5 and over.

All sessions run from 10am - 12pm.

Bookings are required for each person attending and will open one week prior at 9am.

Guildford Library
Friday 7 July

Greystanes Library
Wednesday 5 July

Lidcombe Library
Wednesday 12 July

Regents Park Library
Monday 10 July

All children must be accompanied by an adult at all times.



To make a booking or for more information,
please scan the QR code or visit
www.cumberland.nsw.gov.au/library-holidays

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School Holiday Activities Term 3



Special Agent Craft

Do you think you have what it takes to be a Special Agent? Join us for this Super sleuth craft session where you will make a badge, notebook, magnifying glass and test for finger prints!

Suitable for ages 5 to 12.
All sessions start at 2:30pm.
Bookings are required* and will open one week prior at 9am.

Auburn Library
 Monday 3 July

Merrylands Library
 Wednesday 12 July

Wentworthville Library
 Wednesday 5 July

Granville Library*
 Wednesday 12 July

Greystanes Library*
 Monday 3 July

Guildford Library*
 Friday 14 July

Lidcombe Library*
 Friday 14 July

Regents Park Library*
 Thursday 6 July

All children must be accompanied by an adult at all times.

Escape Room

Detective Casey Closed has left you a strange message and now she has gone missing. Help us follow the clues to find her and solve the case!

Suitable for ages 10 to 14.
Bookings are required and will open one week prior at 9am.

Merrylands Library

Tuesday 4 July

Session 1: Starts at 2pm to 3pm

Session 2: Starts at 3:30pm to 4:30pm

Parents must remain on the premises while the session is in progress.

Storytime

Mysteries, spies, and adventure! Our free Storytime session will be an encounter with mysterious sounds, missing cakes and detectives.

Suitable for families.

All sessions start at 11am.

No bookings are required.

Auburn Library
 Thursday 6 July

Granville Library
 Thursday 13 July

Merrylands Library
 Tuesday 4 July

Wentworthville Library
 Tuesday 11 July

Please aim to arrive 10 minutes beforehand so that the sessions can begin on time.

All children must be accompanied by an adult at all times.

Chris Tobin Kids

Join us for NAIDOC Week to celebrate one of the oldest continuing cultures in the world. Darug Elder Chris Tobin will be with us to present a talk to give you an understanding of traditional Darug culture. Don't miss out on your chance to learn more about Australia's Aboriginal culture, history and heritage.

Suitable for ages 5 and older. Bookings are required and will open one week prior at 9am.

Auburn Library

Wednesday 5 July at 11am

Parents must remain on the premises while the session is in progress.

CSI Forensics Lab – Forensic Fizzics

Become a forensic crime scene investigator with this forensic science holiday activity! Join us for this science based, drama filled, highly engaging workshop. Children will work together to find clues just like real investigators!

Suitable for ages 8 to 12.

Bookings are required and will open one week prior at 9am.

Wentworthville Library

Friday 7 July at 2:30pm

Parents must remain on the premises while the session is in progress.

Cumberland Young Writers Award

Cumberland Council Libraries are excited to announce an inaugural Young Writers Award. The competition will be open to students from 8 to 18 years old who live in or attend schools in the Cumberland City Council LGA or are members of the Council library service. The competition provides opportunities for young writers and illustrators to showcase their talents.

Cumberland City Council Libraries will be working with bestselling children's author Ashleigh Barton to run workshops for students who are interested in learning to write.

Each session will run for 2 hours.

Granville Library

8 to 11 years old:

Tuesday 4 July at 2:30pm

12 to 14 years old:

Thursday 6 July at 2:30pm

15 to 18 years old:

Tuesday 11 July at 2:30pm



[Turn over for more programs](#)



School Travel Advice

For trip planning visit www.transportnsw.info or call 131 500.

For current Hillsbus school and route services visit www.cdcbus.com.au or call 02 8889 7000.

Conditions of Carriage: Students must have a valid Opal card and must tap on and off every trip. Further details about the SSTS are available at: www.transportnsw.info

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OUR LADY OF MT CARMEL PS

Bell Times

Effective 10/05/2021

Morning: 09:00

Afternoon: 15:10

MORNING BUSES

Route	Time	Bus Route
8005	08:00	EX DARCY RD PS via Darcy, R>Binalong, R>Burraboogie, Bogalara, R>Bulli, L>Hollis, R>Emma, R>Constitution, R>Ferndale, L>Hart, R>Old Windsor, R>Briens, L>Mons, R>Darcy to Westmead schools (08:25), returns Darcy, L>Bridge, R>Veron, R>Lane, L>Dunmore, L>Station, R>Fullagar, R>Garfield, R>Smith to school
705	08:13	EX PARRAMATTA STATION via Park, R>Hawkesbury, L>Darcy, L>Bridge, R>Jordan, R>Lytton, L>Veron, R>Lane, L>Station, R>Bennett, L>Garfield, L>Smith to school
8021	08:32	EX CNR MAGOWAR RD & GIRRAWEE RD via Girraween, L>Mandoon, L>Targo, R>Magowar, R>Pendle, L>Smith, L>Jones, R>Stapleton, R>Emert, R>Oatlands, L>Jones, L>Smith, to school

AFTERNOON BUSES

Route	Time	Bus Route
2570	15:30	TO WESTMEAD via Smith, L>Station, R>Dunmore, R>Lane, L>Veron, R>Lytton, L>Jordan, R>Bridge, L>Austral, R>Toohey, L>Church, L>Hawkesbury Rd to Darcy
2535	15:30	TO WENTWORTHVILLE, OLD TOONGABBIE & TOONGABBIE via Smith, L>Station, L>Dunmore, R>Emert, L>Stapleton, L>Jones, L>Oatlands, L>Emert, R>Dunmore, L>Hart, L>Ferndale, L>Constitution, L>Emma, L>Hollis, R>Bulli, L>Bogalara, Burraboogie, R>Binalong, L>Fitzwilliam, L>Ballandella, L>Burraboogie, R>Binalong, L>Darcy to Fulton

School Travel Advice Sheet

OUR LADY OF MT CARMEL PRIMARY, WENTWORTHVILLE

Bus Timetable Change

Dear Student,

From Monday 27 March, buses will no longer be using Friend St due to safety concerns.

School routes 7015 and 7520 will operate via Verlie St instead. There are no other changes to these routes.

MORNING SERVICES

Bus No	Departing	Bus Route
7015	7:38	EX MERRYLANDS STATION via Merrylands, L> Fowler, R> Kenyons, R> Binda, L> Merrylands, R> Holroyd, R> Hilltop, L> Coleman, <u>L> Verlie</u> , R> Frances, L> Hamilton, L> Richmond, R> Hollywood, L> Centenary, R> Irrigation, R> Hampden, R> Old Prospect, R> Boronia, L> Wirrallee, L> Centenary - Station to school (Arr. 08:11)
7004	8:21	EX CERDON COLLEGE, KENYONS RD via L> Rubina, L> Merrylands, R> Holroyd - Hilltop, L> Frances, R> Benson, R> Hayes, R> Rainbow, L> Frances, R> Hamilton, L> Monterey, L> Hollywood, R> Richmond, R> Fairmount, R> Centenary - Station, L> Fullagar, R> Garfield, R> Smith to school (Arr. 08:41)
7019	8:30	EX OUR LADY QUEEN OF PEACE SCHOOL via R> Old Prospect, R> Chelmsford - Boronia, R> Old Prospect, L> Centenary - Station, L> Fullagar, R> Garfield, R> Smith to school (Arr. 08:50)

AFTERNOON SERVICES

Bus No	Departing	Bus Route
7515	15:33	TO MERRYLANDS STATION via Smith, R> Station - Centenary, R> Old Prospect, L> Boronia - Chelmsford, L> Old Prospect, L> Hampden, L> Irrigation, R> Centenary - Sherwood, L> Paton, R> Arcadia, L> Kenyons, L> Fowler, R> Merrylands to Pitt St.
7520	15:33	TO WALPOLE ST via Smith, R> Station - Centenary, L> Hollywood, L> Richmond, R> Hamilton, R> Francis, <u>L> Verlie</u> , R> Coleman, L> Hilltop, R> Clarence, L> Walpole.

Key: L> Bus turns left; R> Bus turns right; EX - bus departs from

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