



# Our Lady of Mount Carmel

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## Newsletter Term 2 Week 4

### PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Families,

This coming Sunday we mark the feast of the Ascension. We are coming to the end of the Easter season and Christ's presence on earth. Today I share a reflection by Diannne Bergant, a biblical theologian, for you to consider.

*You and I..... We are Christ's new body on earth!*

*"The Feast of the Ascension is really a kind of transitional moment in the Easter season. It is a time between times; a moment when we have left one place in our journey, but have not yet arrived at a second. The Glory of the Risen Christ has already been revealed in us, but not yet totally. While the stories that describe the Ascension fit well into the unfolding story of redemption, the feast celebrates the exaltation of Jesus. The readings allow us to focus on this theological point while we commemorate a turning point in the life of the church. We do this by considering the enthronement of Christ in the heavens and the new body of Christ on Earth.*

*Many Easter accounts have directed our attention to the appearances of Jesus which were intended to strengthen the Christians' belief in his bodily resurrection.*

*This is a day we stand awestruck, watching Jesus ascend into the clouds of heaven, there to be enthroned at the right hand of God. This is a day to be overwhelmed by the reality of the divinity of the one whom we have known in his humanity.*

***Christ who ascended into heaven in his body carries on what he began on earth through his new body, the community of believers. He teaches through its apostles and evangelists. He ministers through its prophets and pastors. We have not been left alone; we have his power, the same power with which he performed marvels when he walked the earth. We have not been left alone; we have each other. Together we make up the new body of Christ."***

*Olimpia Pirovic*  
Principal

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



## UPCOMING DATES

### Week 4:

**Thur:** 3:10pm-4pm  
OLMC Concert Band  
Practise

**Fri:** Netball Clinic -  
Students to wear sports  
uniform

### Week 5:

TTFM Begins for Families & Students

**Mon:** Assembly 6G

Year 6 History In-School Experience

**Tue:** Uniform Orders due before 4pm

Year 5 Rocks Excursion

Soccer Clinic - Yr3 & Yr1 Students wear sports uniform

**Wed:** Stage3 Girls Soccer Gala Day

## NOTES HOME

### LAST WEEK

- Yr5 Reminder - Personal Development Parent Zoom
- Grade Overviews

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

## MERIT AWARDS

KB	Dhruv • Susie-Marie	KG	Roman • Eliana • Victoria • Elijah
1B	Charlotte • Elijah	1G	Tiana • Arshnoor
2B	Isaac • Rubeena	2G	Sebastian • Peter
3B	Alana • Anupriya	3G	John • Saanvi
4B	Michael • Alexia	4G	Abbey • Alexander
5B	Steven • Alissa	5G	Arkyn • Chanel
6B	Jada • Angelina	6G	Reuben • Kiara
CA	Arshnoor • Sipa		

## STAR CARD AWARDS

**Gold Awards:** Suzie-Marie • Nicholas • Elijah • Veronica • Benji • Giorgio • Victoria • Senali • Michael • Elijah • Ilia • Sera • Rohan • Adison • Kriti • Mansi • Tiana • Alyna • Liya • Eva •

**Opal Awards:** Antonious • Sienna • Kiara •

**Platinum Awards:** Hannah • Zachariah • Arya •



## PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE

**The PRC is in full swing at OLMC with OVER 73 students completing the challenge ALREADY!!!!**

A big congratulations to the following students: **Kindy:** Samaira **Year 1:** Aarush, Natalia, Senali, Elijah, Alexander, Shanaya, Isaac, Jayden, Lillian, Nysa, Liam, Erik, Charlotte, Veronica, Annalisa, Yana, Eloise, Emily, Felizia, Elise, Vrushti, Shriansh Raj, Rosario, Jordan, Sebastian, Sipa, Michael, Arshnoor, Henry, Andrea, Amber, Elvin, Isabel, Alexa, Aidan, Frances, Maria, Alexander, Osaiah, Tiana, Pia, Aanya, Viaan, Tiara, Kiara, Rishhan, Araiya, Neev, Gabriella, Ben, Amelia, Rayans, Addison, Esther, Aruja, Desiree, Zante Mikhail & Nidhi **Year2:** Scarlett & Clara **Year 3:** Thea **Year 4:** Blaise & Alexia **Year 5:** Chanel, Krisha, Yelesta & Aliyah **Year 6:** Dennis, Ralph & Zahara

### 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**

## NO COLLECTING STUDENTS DURING BREAKS

As all of our families know, we have a MASSIVE construction site at OLMC with our roof being changed. As parents can appreciate, this brings many different challenges, most of which we address and solve at a school level. One problem we can not solve is the early collection of children during breaks for appointments. When you collect your child during a break, we need to make an announcement over the PA for your child to know you have arrived at school. Your child then has to go and collect their bag from the classroom. This is usually a very easy task because we don't have tonnes of scaffolding impacting access in and around the school. As our roof repairs continue, how our students access the school constantly changes. This is safe because they are always accompanied by a teacher, however during an early pick up this is not possible. Your child has to make their way into their classroom, using a path very unfamiliar to them which makes it unsafe!!!! If you are collecting your child early, please do so before or after break times, it will also reduce your wait time. **This would mean collecting them before 11am or after 11:30am or before 1:30pm or after 2:10pm.**



## STAFFING UPDATE

Ms Vivian Mikhael has made the decision that it is time for her to retire from work. She will be taking a period of leave from the 23 May and will then resign her position. I know that I speak for everyone in expressing gratitude for the focused, caring and committed work with our children and staff since 2013 and we will be sorry to let her go. We wish Vivian all the very best as she looks forward to making new plans without a regular work schedule.

## MEDICAL UPDATES

Please make sure your child's Asthma Plans, Anaphylaxis Plans and medication are all kept up to date. All plans must be current. All medication, including puffers, need to be within the use by date. If you receive an email or a note sent home with your child, please have your doctor fill in the forms and return them to school as soon as possible.

## TELL THEM FROM ME (TTFM)

From Monday, 22 May to Friday, 9 June we will be inviting our students and parents to provide feedback on their experience of our school using an online survey. The 20 minute surveys are an important part of our whole school evaluation and planning process. As we value the role of parents and carers within our school community we would greatly appreciate your feedback. The information you provide will be used to maintain our commitment to working together in partnership to further improve student learning and wellbeing. Parents can access the link to complete the survey <http://tellthemfromme.com/3gwfy>

Students (Years 4-6) and (Years 7-12) will also be given the opportunity and time to participate in this survey during regular school hours. Students will be given a random username and password to access and complete the survey online. Students' names cannot be linked to their responses which allows it to be completely anonymous. Results will show all student scores combined together – it is not possible to single out individual students in the results. The survey measures include wellbeing, physical health, and behaviours and attitudes linked to student success. Participation in the survey is entirely voluntary, **if you do not** want your child/children to take part in the survey, please email Mrs Anderiesz at [Landeriesz@parra.catholic.edu.au](mailto:Landeriesz@parra.catholic.edu.au) by **Monday 22 May**.



## ROAD SAFETY - U TURNS

Being responsible road users is the expectation of every driver. This means following all the road rules. School Zones are high traffic areas with hundreds of people driving in and out over two short periods of the day. This means that every driver must be alert, patient, respectful and above all safe. Unfortunately not all parents/family members doing the school drop-off or pickup are following the road rules. There have been a number of occasions where parents have been observed doing an illegal u-turn on Bennett Street. Any road which surrounds a school has double lines for the whole length, which means u-turns are not allowed. This includes Bennett, Garfield and Smith Streets.



We remind all parents to follow the road rules and in particular to do the following:

- Do not double park and have your child or other adults enter the car while it is illegally stopped
- Please park legally and obey the street signs
- If there is no available parking space, keep the traffic flow going and complete another lap of the block
- Do not park across our neighbour's and/ or up the Parish driveway.
- Leave enough time to account for the extra traffic and time it might take you to drop-off or pick up your child/ren

## P&F NEWS



**Thank you!** - A big thank you to our parent volunteers who helped out during the Mother's Day celebrations. From the mums who helped organise the Mothers' Day Stall to those who helped prepare the breakfast and the dads who helped serve our mum, making them feel very loved. It was lovely seeing our OLMC mothers, grandmothers and aunts enjoying breakfast together with the children.

### Raffle Prize Winners -

- 1st - \$150 Coles/Myer Voucher donated by the Moses Family - **Inayat Dosani 4B**
- 2nd - \$100 Her Gift Card donated by the Obeid Family - **Ghaith Nader 2B**
- 3rd - \$100 Her Gift Card donated by the Azar Family - **Michael Saba 4B**
- 4th - \$50 Coles/Myer Gift Card donated by the Taouk Family - **Willow Pereira 2G**
- 5th - \$50 David Jones Gift Card donated by the Khoury Family - **Giorgio Kambel**
- 6th - 1 Hour Massage donated by Ruth Laria - **Michael Mitri KG**
- 7th - Moon & Back Mums Pack - **Charlize Kattouch KG**
- 8th - Prize item - **Zachary Ayoub 5G**



**P&F Term 2 Meeting** - We had our Parents and Friends Association meeting for Term 2 last night. Thank you to those who attended this informative night.

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



# Mother's Day Celebrations

OLMC 2023



Thank you to all students, staff, parents for all things Mothers Day - artworks, stall, Mass practise, breakfast and Mass. What a wonderful way to celebrate our mothers - with our OLMC community and celebration in full swing again.

God, our Father, we ask you to bless and protect all the mothers and grandmothers, together with those others who, in various ways fulfil a mother's role. May these special women who give so much to others, so unselfishly and generously, know that you are with them always. Amen. ♡





# OLMC WOMEN IN LEADERSHIP FORUM

**Wednesday, 24 May 2023**

You are invited to attend the sixth annual OLMC Women in Leadership Forum. It will be an opportunity to be inspired by renowned women from a variety of fields, as they share their perspectives on women in leadership and discuss how each of us can be courageous advocates with limitless possibilities.

**Date:** Wednesday, 24 May 2023

**Time:** Drinks and canapes from 5.30pm. Panel Presentation and Q&A session from 6.30pm.

**Venue:** Ailsa Mackinnon Community Centre, Our Lady of Mercy College Parramatta. Enter via Gate 7 Ross Street. Parramatta Leagues Club has kindly offered free parking for our visitors on Level 3 and the upper levels.

**RSVP:** Please RSVP by Friday, 19 May 2023 at [www.olmc.nsw.edu.au/WILForum](http://www.olmc.nsw.edu.au/WILForum)



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