



Our Lady of Mount Carmel

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Families,

Our membership of this learning community has a shared central focus - the best interests of the children in our school. We are all working towards helping each child to be their best self as a - **learner, friend, spiritual person, family member, citizen and individual.**

As we work with you to shape these precious little people we know that they are humans who make mistakes. Sometimes their mistakes are small ones and sometimes they are big ones. Some mistakes surprise us because they are out of character for a particular child. The bottom line is that sometimes, given a specific set of circumstances all children, even the best behaved, are capable of making really poor decisions or behaviour choices. I'm sure we can all think back to our school days and recall one instance where you made a really dumb choice that got you into lots of trouble, I know I can.

As teachers, we have a responsibility to share with you, as parents, the good things your child has done and the not so good things. Your children don't want to upset you, and know you may be upset if they make a mistake or poor choice that their teacher has to share with you. We don't enjoy having to share bad news with you, but we do so, because you have the right to know and we want your child to be the best person they can be. We want to work with you to help your child identify and take responsibility for their mistake, help make things right or fix the problem and help them prevent a repeat of the mistake.

In recent weeks, I know that some of my staff have been in touch with parents to share news of the mistakes or poor choices some children have made. There have been some conversations that were not examples of adults being their best selves or taking the conversation in the spirit it was intended. When we have to have these conversations I ask all people involved - parents and staff alike - to enter the conversation seeking to understand the situation. This requires all people to listen and speak respectfully to each other. When a teacher has a conversation with a parent they are doing so because they care about your child, they are sharing their expert perspective as educators who know their work. If a teacher is relaying information about a particular situation between children, they are doing so after an investigation with all involved. They are giving you an objective assessment and may seek your perspective to understand any underlying issues we may not be aware of. If a conversation becomes very emotionally charged or disrespectful it will be stopped and rescheduled for a time when everyone has had the opportunity to calm down. Our guiding principle is **The Community of OLMC is Safe and Respectful**, you have heard me say it many times, this means you and me, our teachers and children. We won't always agree, but we can do so respectfully. Let's endeavour to enter each conversation with open minds ready to listen and seeking to understand.



From this coming Friday, I will be taking a short period of leave for a week to travel to a family wedding. During my absence Mrs Anderiesz will take on the role of Acting Principal. I am sure you will all ensure it is a calm week and look after her!

Olimpia Pirovic

Principal

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UPCOMING DATES

Week 5: TTFM for Families & Students continues
Thur: Yr3 Excursion
 3:10pm-4pm OLMC Concert Band Practise
 3:30-4:30 & 7pm-8pm Confirmation Practise
Fri: Netball Clinic - Students to wear sports uniform
Sat: 6pm-7pm Confirmation Celebrations

Week 6:
 TTFM for Families & Students
Mon: Reconciliation Assembly
Tue: Uniform Orders due before 4pm

NOTES HOME

THIS WEEK

- Yr 1 Sydney Zoo
- 1 Blue Staffing Update

LAST WEEK

- Yr 1 Reward Day - Crazy Hair/Crazy Socks
- Yr 4 Staffing Update

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

See the last pages if you need to book supervision for the day with our Ambrose team

MERIT AWARDS

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| 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: Susie-Marie • Nicholas • Elijah • Veronica • Benji • Eva • Giorgio • Victoria • Senali • Michael • Elijah • Ilia • Tiana • Sera • Rohan • Adison • Kriti • Mansi • Alynna • Liya •

Opal Awards: Crystabel • Antonious • Charlize • Christian • Susie-Marie • Diya • Amelia • Marco • Elijah • Sebastian • Mia • Jad • Alana • Elyssa • Ralph • Lucas • Senali • Giorgio • Benji • Elijah • Sienna • Kiara •

Platinum Awards: Alexis • Daniella • Myah • Hannah • Zachariah • Arya •



SICKNESS AT SCHOOL

As with the wider community, we are also experiencing another increase in COVID, flu and colds amongst the staff and students. Over the past three weeks we have had to send numerous children home before 10am because they are too unwell to learn. Sick children attending school impacts the health of other students and staff. Staff who fall ill aren't able to come to work, which means your child doesn't have their regular teacher and regular learning.

The following is a reminder for parents;

1. If your child is sick with flu-like symptoms, please keep them at home until they are well
2. If your child test positive for COVID, you are invited to contact the school to inform us of the diagnosis
3. If your child presents with flu-like symptoms during the school day, the office staff will contact you and your child will be sent home

Although we can not control the spread of flu and colds, we can put in preventative measures to reduce the spread. As you know through news coverage last week, several schools have had to revert to online learning due to significant increases in staff and student absences due to COVID. While we understand it can be a challenge to arrange care for sick children, and may even require an adult to stay home from work, this is the least that we can all do to prevent us from reverting back to online learning.

PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE

The PRC is in full swing at OLMC with OVER 80 students completing the challenge ALREADY!!!!

A big congratulations to the following students who completed the PRC in the last 7 days: **Year2:** Veronica & Luther **Year 3:** Cooper **Year 4:** Kushagra, Inayat & Lawrence **Year 6:** Katrina N

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**

CONDOLENCES



During this past week two of our teachers have experienced the death of family members. Mrs Elise Stevenson's father suddenly passed away last week and Mrs Elisa Speranza's sister passed away earlier this week after a prolonged illness.

As a community we pray for Mrs Stevenson and Mrs Speranza and their family members at this sorrowful time.

SUPPORTING AN OLMC FAMILY



Many in our school and parish community would know, the Clivin family have been faithful and generous members of our parish and school community for more than 14 years. We have been fortunate to call them friends, and we have witnessed their kind and gentle involvement in our parish.

Their plight to receive permanent residency has endured longer than what most of us would tolerate (more than 14 years!). Now, we urgently need your help to assist them with the fight for their futures.

In the parish centre and school office is a petition to The Honourable Andrew Giles MP, Minister for Immigration, Citizenship and Multicultural Affairs, to grant Laila, Clivin and their two daughters, Ann Maria and Ann Sapna, permanent residency in Australia. Please consider signing this petition either on paper or using the online petition [ClivinFamilyPermanentResidency](#) as soon as possible so they can present this to the Minister along with other legal paperwork.

THE GREAT OLMC BOOK FAIR

Ahoy Hearties! From Thursday 22 June to Thursday 29 June OLMC will be hosting its annual Book Fair. The Library will be transformed into a trove of treasures with books provided by Ashton Scholastic. Parents, grandparents and buccaneers are welcome to visit the book fair after school to buy a book or a treat. Students will also be able to purchase during lunchtimes. A brochure will come home closer to the fair so that families can preview some of the titles. Proceeds from sales will go towards purchasing new books for classrooms and our school library.

COMPETITIONS: We will be running several competitions during the next few weeks. Students will be able to win \$10 book fair vouchers that they can use towards the buying books or treats from our book fair. Competitions will be announced each week during assembly with the students having 5 days to submit their entry.



NATIONAL SIMULTANEOUS STORYTIME

Today, our school, as well as hundreds of schools around Australia, celebrated National Simultaneous Storytime. This national event promotes the value of reading, ignites the fun of books, promotes Australian authors and publishers and provides opportunities to involve communities to participate. This year we acknowledged the artistry of Rebecca Young and Heath McKenzie, who share a truly inspiring story which celebrates all winners ... especially those who don't come first.

Family Task: Family members can chat about the events of moments that they are proud of. Or our students could write about a time when they found something difficult, but didn't give up?



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. 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 **by Monday 22 May**.



Tell Them From Me

P&F NEWS



Happy Birthday! - A big Happy Birthday to Miss Pirovic who celebrates her birthday tomorrow. Thank you for all that you do for our school. We hope you have a beautiful day celebrating. All our love, the OLMC children, families and community.

Soccer Gala Day - Congratulations to all the children who attended the Soccer Gala Day today. A wonderful effort made by all. Thank you to the staff who assisted.

Uniform Donations - Uniform donations for our second hand uniform shop are required and greatly appreciated. If you have any uniforms for donation, please hand them in to the school office.

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



K - 2 Police Visit

On Tuesday, 16th May, the infants classes had a visit from Cumberland Police Liaison officer, Dean, who taught them about stranger danger. The students brainstormed who safe people are, where there are safe places and what to do if they are lost.

I learnt that if you are lost in the shops you can take 3 deep breaths to calm down, find a shopkeeper and if you can't find a safe person stay where you are. - Alexa 1G.



A safe person is someone you can trust. A stranger like a shopkeeper, police, fireman, doctor and nurse are also safe people. - Luther 2G.

I learnt that a stranger is someone I don't know. When I am lost I can tell a 'safe' person my name, age and my parents phone number. - Vicky 2B.



I learnt that police are safe people and help people when they are lost. - Amber 1B.



Dear Parents and Carers,

Service Name: Our Lady of Mount Carmel Wentworthville

Friday 09th June 2023 has been confirmed by the school as a Pupil Free Day. Ambrose School Age Care Our lady of Mount Carmel, Wentworthville therefore has tentative full-day care planned on this day. If you require full-day care please ensure you complete and return the form by the due date. Based on demand this will reviewed and confirmed on Friday 26th May 2023.

- **Opening Times:** 7am to 6:30pm
- **Fee** (per child for the day, prior to Child Care Subsidy deductions)
 - \$65 for booking received by due date
 - \$75 for booking received after due date
- **Booking Due Date:** Thursday 25th May 2023

Please complete the request slip below and return to the service as soon as possible to tentatively secure your position. Places will be allocated on a first come, first served basis with priority given to families already enrolled at the service.

Parents/Carers will be notified by Friday 26th May 2023 on the outcome of your request of care for the Pupil Free Day.

Please note: if your child normally attends before &/or after school care on a Friday and does not attend the pupil free day on Friday 09th June 2023, they will be removed from the roll and no fees charged for this day only.

Families new to Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Wentworthville will be required to complete the enrolment process.

If you have any further enquiries, please do not hesitate to contact me on 0409361929.

Kind Regards,

Jena Sheather - Area Coordinator / Nominated Supervisor

I will require care on the Pupil Free Day, Friday 09th of June at Ambrose School Age Care Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Wentworthville. I accept that if I book care for my child/ren and they do not attend on the day, my child/ren will be marked absent and the pupil-free day fee will be charged.

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| Parent/Carer Name: | <input type="text"/> | | |
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Office Use Only

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| Received by: | <input type="text"/> | Date | <input type="text"/> |
| Parent Notified: | <input type="text"/> | | |

Pupil Free Day

09 June 2023 | 7.00 am - 6.30 pm

Our Program...

Theme: Fun Fitness & Gardening Day

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| Connect: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Tunnel Ball• Yoga | Active: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cricket• Basketballs | Creative: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Painting your own plant pots |
| Nature: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Gardening & Compost• Baking | Inquisitive: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Identifying flower by smell | Spontaneous: |



Pupil Free Day Fee \$75 (CCS applicable)

Early-Bee Discount: Book before 6pm 19th May 2023 to receive a \$10 per day discount.



Our Menu...

Breakfast: Pancake with maple syrup, Cereals, Toast with various toppings

Afternoon tea: Weet-bix slice with Fresh fruits.

Cooking experiences: Traffic light biscuits

Remember to bring:

- Bucket hat
- Full school lunch
- Morning Tea
- Enclosed Shoes



For more info scan the QR code or visit ambrose.org.au/enrol

Learning for life

Return your booking form by 25th May 2023