



# Our Lady of Mount Carmel

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## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Families,

Last week many of our staff, including myself, had conversations with families centred around student social and emotional wellbeing. Some of these conversations were planned and regularly occur, however some were a result of the timing of the term. Week 6 and 7 of every term is challenging. Everyone starts to get tired and forget about what safe and respectful means in all contexts of the school day. However, any opportunity for staff and parents to work together needs to be viewed as a positive chance for partnership. This means, that in partnership, we are all striving to ensure that we provide our students with the opportunities needed to develop the emotional capabilities required to participate as active citizens. My own children have experienced not connecting with other students or not agreeing on the outcome of many many many situations. However as a parent, I have always verbalised to my children, firm support for school decisions, even if I thought I may have done it a little different. This is because I understand that in the long run these experiences are building their resilience and ability to cope with the range of situations they will definitely face in their future.

Another way to build resilience in our children is to help them understand the differences between minor and major incidents. I have had many conversations about these differences and have really had to keep myself in check when asking my children about their days at school. Keeping it positive helps our children to move on. Questions such as, 'What did you learn today?' 'What was the best part of your day?' 'What is something new that you tried?' Keeps the tone of the conversation positive and focus on the most important aspects of them attending school.

An important aspect of working as a team is knowing the roles of each member and who to approach for help. Just like any organisation, we have systems in place to ensure parents receive the most accurate information and appropriate support.

1. Any issues regarding your child need to be directed to your child's classroom teacher FIRST, as they are best placed to discuss any concerns.
2. Each Stage of learning has a coordinator. Coordinators deal with ongoing or major issues. Parents might request a meeting with a Stage Coordinator AFTER they have spoken with the classroom teacher and still seek further support.
3. In serious cases, Stage Coordinators will direct issues to myself or Miss Pirovic. Parents can also request a meeting with us AFTER they have communicated with the classroom teacher and Stage Coordinator.

Please respect this process to ensure you promptly receive the most accurate information about any concerns you may have. Allowing the school to impartially deal with issues, demonstrates respect to the different parenting styles of all families within our community and ensures consistency of procedure.

**No parent is to approach a child or another parent (whether in person or via online communication) when issues arise. Such contact only causes to heighten the situation and has lasting negative impact on all parties.**

While we are accustomed to receiving lots of feedback, families have an opportunity to formalise their feedback and guide our actions towards school improvement. The 'Tell Them From Me' survey is available at <http://tellthemfromme.com/3gwfy> and we urge all families to participate to ensure we continue to improve our practices for the benefit of our children and the OLMC Community.



This week we welcome Miss Pirovic back from her leave. While we are happy she has had a relaxing break, let's all encourage her never to leave us again!

*Lauren Anderiesz*

Acting Principal

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

## UPCOMING DATES

**Week 7:** TTFM for Families & Students  
**Thur:** 8:15am Morning Workout  
 3:10pm-4pm OLMC Concert Band Practise  
**Fri:** Staff Development Day - **NO STUDENTS**

**Week 8:**  
**Mon:** King's Birthday (Public Holiday) - **NO STUDENTS**  
**Tue:** Year 1 Zoo Excursion  
 Uniform Orders due before 4pm  
**Wed:** 2:45-3:30pm Second Hand Uniform Sale

## NOTES HOME

### THIS WEEK

- Yr1 Recycled Materials
- OLMC Athletics Carnival 2023
- Language Data Collection

### LAST WEEK

- Important Building Update
- Stage 3 Personal Hygiene

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

## MERIT AWARDS

KB	Mia • Levi	KG	Emily • Deepika • Kiyaan • Joshua
1B	Osaiah • Neev • Pia • Maria	1G	Sebastian • Desiree
2B	Noah • Lachlan	2G	Charlotte • Luther
3B	Akins • Adison	3G	None presented
4B	Eli • Olivia	4G	Charlotte • Jamaica
5B	Aaliyah • Abigail	5G	Yara • Sana
6B	Anthony • Dennis	6G	Shivani • Victor

## STAR CARD AWARDS

**Gold Awards:** Tiana • Aruja • Shriansh • Frances • Aarush • Jayden • William • Charlize • Isabel • Irwyn • Lily • Alyssa • Oscar • Eloise • Rosario • Alexander • Alexander • Tilila • Scarlett • Henry • Sukhmani • Olivia • Rishaan • Lachlan • Jack • Sophia • Luke • Aayan • Isabelle • Michael • Malek • Aakash • Alessandro • Marcus •

**Opal Awards:** Veronica • Rose • Sipa • Michael • Serah • Kriti • Lucinda • Olivia • Luke • Amelia • Evelyn • Eva • Alyn • Zahara •

**Platinum Awards:** Azalea • Roman • Rohan • Ralph •

**Principal's Awards:** Arya • Daniella •



## EXCURSION NOTES

We are asking families to put a process in place to ensure they know the details of Grade excursions. Over the past three weeks, we have had several excursions, and on each of those days we have had some children arrive late. However, this is not just for excursions, we have also had children turn up to school in the wrong uniform on clinic days or for Grade reward days. And time after time we hear, "Oh, well you didn't send a reminder."

**The reminder is the note. That is why our notes have a section for parents to complete, cut and return the completed section. The rest of the note, with all the information, is for families.**

Families need to have a process (stick it on your fridge, put it in your Google calendar or take a photo, check the school calendar on your COMPASS App) in place to ensure they remember when events are on and specifics for those events. **We can not be sending reminders for every single event held at school!**, this is a family responsibility.

## PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE

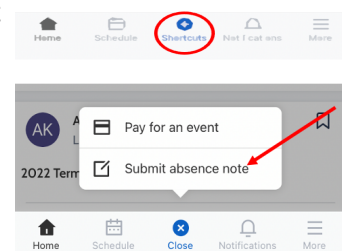
**The PRC is in full swing at OLMC with OVER 144 students completing the challenge ALREADY!!!!**

A big congratulations to the following 5 students who completed the PRC in the last 7 days:

**Year 2:** Jaden K      **Year 4:** Sanaa B  
**Year 5:** Emily F, Katrina J & Pranav M

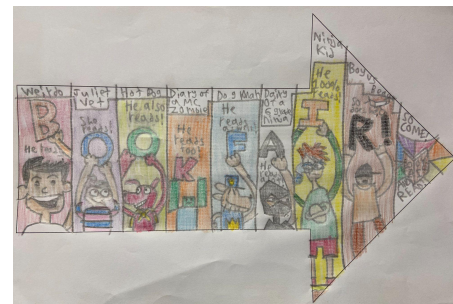
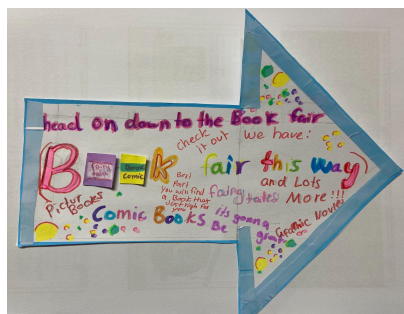
## SUBMITTING ATTENDANCE THROUGH COMPASS

Did you know that parents can submit student absence notes via COMPASS? When you log into COMPASS, you land on the parent home page. Simply select '**Shortcuts**' plus then choose '**Submit absence note**' and then choose the child who will be absent. Absences can be entered the night before or the morning of absence. (This is not for holidays or travel, an application is required for leave)



## 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 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.

**Competition #1 Winners:** Matthew T (Yr6) Amelia P (Yr4)

**Competition #2 :** Buccaneers can create a bookmark to demonstrate their most creative skills, extra points for the use of a Pirate Theme. All bookmarks must be handed to Mrs Anderiesz by 3:20 Friday afternoon. Only 1 entry per student. 2 winners will be announced during next week's assembly.

## ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

The annual Our Lady of Mount Carmel Athletics Carnival is to be held Friday, 23 June at Holroyd Sportsground, Peel Street, Merrylands. **Please ensure that your child has returned their permission slip so that we are aware of the pickup arrangements for every student.** If no arrangements are made your child will return to school with their teacher. All students will be travelling to the venue by bus and no parent is permitted on the bus with the children. Parents who are attending are reminded that the students must stay with their group at all times, this includes during eating times and no child will be permitted to go to the canteen. We are asking families to be mindful of their movements as COVID safe distancing is still an expectation, even when outdoors. Students are allowed to wear a coloured t-shirt that corresponds with their colour house if they wish.



## WELCOME TO OLMC

We are very fortunate and excited to welcome four new staff members to our OLMC community. Our year 6 students had the chance to interview our new staff members to help our community get to know our new teachers.

**Name:** Mr McCarthy **Grade:** Yr6 & Yr4 Learning Support  
**What inspired you to be a teacher?** Knowing I can help each student reach their full potential  
**What is the best part of your job?** Seeing students progress and do well  
**How do you relax?** I like to listen to music or go for a walk  
**Do you have any pets?** I have a Shar pei Labrador mixed breed. He is 2 years old  
**How many siblings do you have?** I have 3 siblings. They are all brothers  
**What is your favourite food?** Pizza  
**If you weren't a teacher, what career would you have?** A youth worker



**Name:** Mrs Xiberras **Grade:** Kindy Learning Support  
**What inspired you to be a teacher?** Helping children and seeing the expression on their faces when they learn something new  
**What is the best part of your job?** Meeting all the children  
**How do you relax?** Going for walks  
**Do you have any pets?** No  
**How many siblings do you have?** Three brothers  
**What is your favourite food?** Seafood  
**If you weren't a teacher, what career would you have?** I would help people in need



**Name:** Mrs DiStefano **Grade:** Kindy Learning Support  
**What inspired you to be a teacher?** Working with kids and helping them learn  
**What is the best part of your job?** Supporting the little kindy kids  
**How do you relax?** A cup of tea before bed is just the best  
**Do you have any pets?** A dog  
**How many siblings do you have?** I have one brother  
**What is your favourite food?** Chocolate  
**If you weren't a teacher, what career would you have?** Graphic designer



## P&F NEWS



Please come by to our upcoming second hand uniform shop sale on Wednesday, 14th of June 2:45pm - 3:30pm. Located in the demountable (near the basketball court), entry via the Smith Street gate. Items will be \$5 each and the sale is cash only.

For any donations, please bring them into the school office.

Volunteers are required to assist on the day to sort the uniforms and serve our parents.

Please sign up to the link: <https://signup.com/go/GMXEDqs>

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# Kindergarten's Excursion Sydney Zoo



Zoo Keeper  
Laura explaining  
kangaroos diet.



We found a  
penguin!



We found an emu!



We found a fish and  
shark!

As part of our Science unit this term, Kindergarten went to their first Excursion on Friday the 2nd of June.

Kindergarten had a session with a Zoo keeper who introduced us to all the different animals in the zoo. He described their names and what they eat. We also had the opportunity to touch a spiny leaf insect, a Shingle back lizard and a children's python. We spent the rest of the day exploring the zoo and learning all about different animals. We were reading all the information about each animal, discussing what they eat, what shelter they need, how the animals interact with each other and how the zoo keepers take care of the animals. There were many excited faces and many questions about each of the living things. We had a fantastic time on our wild exciting trip to the zoo.

It will be an excursion we will never forget!!!



We found the tiger!



OLMC parents touching a  
lizard

