



# Our Lady of Mount Carmel

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## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Families,

This Sunday our Gospel reading Matthew 18:15-20 will provide valuable guidance on conflict resolution within the Christian community. Jesus wants the relationships between Christians to be the kind of love and loyalty and dedication we see in our own families. Jesus, our greatest example of what God wishes for us to be, gives a guide to what conflict resolution looks, sounds and feels like at school and in the home.

***Verse 15: "If your brother or sister sins, go and point out their fault, just between the two of you. If they listen to you, you have won them over."***

As educators and parents, it's our responsibility to guide and teach our children in the ways of righteousness. When our children make mistakes or misbehave, it's important to approach them with love and with the understanding that they are on the same journey we were on, all those years ago. We do this by taking the time to have a private and gentle conversation, share our concerns, offer guidance, and listen to their perspective.

***Verse 16: "But if they will not listen, take one or two others along, so that 'every matter may be established by the testimony of two or three witnesses.'"***

If the initial conversations with our children don't lead to resolution, we may consider involving other trusted educators, family members or mentors who can provide guidance and support. Sometimes, a different perspective or the presence of additional people can help resolve conflicts more effectively.

***Verse 17: "If they still refuse to listen, tell it to the church; and if they refuse to listen even to the church, treat them as you would a pagan or a tax collector."***

There may be times when our children continue to disobey or engage in harmful behaviour despite our efforts. In such cases, it is vital to remember that we live in community where support can be found through our religious community. However, even in the face of persistent challenges, a loving and supportive attitude is maintained, just as Jesus did with tax collectors and sinners.

***Verses 18-20: "Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven...For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them."***

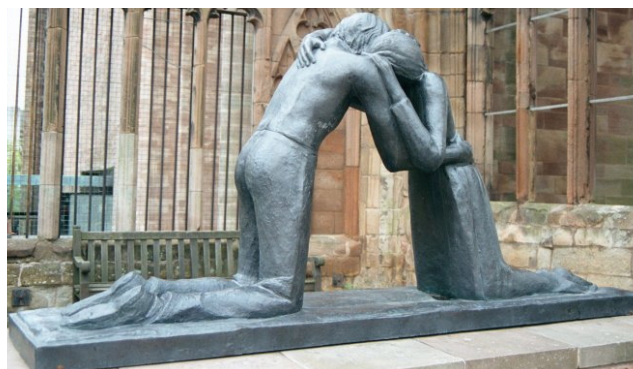
These verses emphasise the power of prayer and unity within our Christian community. We should always seek God's guidance to support us in our journey. There is strength and assurance in knowing that He is with our children and with us, as we no doubt ask for wisdom, patience, and understanding along the way.

As parents and educators we take lead from Jesus' teachings to approach conflicts within the our community with love, understanding, and a commitment to resolution. Whether it is our family unit, friendship group or the school setting, we need to seek support when needed, maintain a spirit of love and forgiveness, and remember the power of prayer and unity in this journey of forming people for mission.

*Lauren Anderiesz*

Acting Principal

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



## UPCOMING DATES

### Week 8:

**Thur:** 8:15am Morning Workout  
3:10pm-4pm **Band Practise - All Bands**  
**Fri:** Yr5 Excursion to Ku-ring-gai National Park (8:30am Departure)  
9am Yr2 Parish Mass

### Week 9:

**Mon:** Assembly: KB Prayer  
**Tue:** Uniform Orders: Before 4pm  
(Be sure to order any Summer Uniform items asap)  
Yr5-Yr6 Mission to Busk Auditions  
**Wed:** Yr3-Yr4 Mission to Busk Auditions  
**Thur:** K-Yr2 Mission to Busk Auditions

## NOTES HOME

### THIS WEEK

- New uniform ordering system
- Yr4 Passover Meal Experience

### LAST WEEK

- Mission to Busk Auditions
- Concert Band Performance Note (selected students only)

**PURCHASE SPOOKY DISCO TICKETS VIA QKR (MAKE SURE YOUR CHILD'S CLASS IS UP TO DATE)**

## MERIT AWARDS

KB	Susie-Marie • Elijah	KG	Annabelle • Billy
1B	Nidhi • Viaan	1G	Arshnoor • Aruja
2B	Elijah • Ariana	2G	Clara • Zayne
3B	Rishaan • Emma	3G	Magdalene • Rajveer
4B	Joshua • Rajan	4G	Joaquin • Sanoshan
5B	Jolenta • Thomas	5G	Aliyah • Benjamin
6B	Zahara • Anthony	6G	Marcus • Aarush
CA	Luke • Rita		

## STAR CARD AWARDS

**Gold Awards:** James •

**Opal Awards:** Rubeena • Georgia • Sarah • Joseph • Tiara • Elijah • Amalia • Lily • Alessandro • Liliana • Angelina • Jada •

**Platinum Awards:** Henry • Palash • Jamaica • Emily • Yara • Georgia • Sukhmani • Clara •

**Principal's Awards:** Sanoshan • Aadil • Aveesh • Isabella • Holly • Luther • Lucas • Alexander •

**Diamond Awards:** Ralph • Zacharia • Elijah • Alexis • Nicholas • Christian • Susie-Marie •



## PARENTS REQUIRING SUPPORT & CHILD PROTECTION REMINDERS

There will be a moment (many in fact), in every families journey through school that things won't be going as we hoped for and parents will need the support of 'The Team'. 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. Any emails that are directed to Mrs Anderiesz or Miss Pirovic will be redirected to the classroom teacher, as they are best placed to understand your 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. This process also allows us to initiate our policies and procedures to ensure all families and students receive a fair opportunity to be heard. 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 another parent and **approaching a child is never acceptable**. This is such a serious matter that it falls within the Government's Child Protection legislation around Working with Children. Consider how you would feel if a parent questioned, or made your child feel under pressure or afraid. Any parent found to be engaging in this behaviour will forfeit their place on any future excursions or volunteer activities.

## PICK UP IDEAS

Whether we consider it or not, driving is one of the very few actions we do, which requires us to think about 'community'. I really can't think of another activity, that we do so often, where our actions need to be reflective of 'the greater good'. Consider a driver who has blocked an intersection or roundabout, with all oncoming traffic now at a standstill, we all just think 'seriously, are you joking!' (*and many other words I'm sure*). Well this happens everyday at OLMC. Last week a concerned parent raised a few issues relating to the traffic situation during pick up time. It seems that traffic is at a standstill on Station Street, because the drivers on Bennett Street are not moving. This is causing other drivers to become very frustrated and impatient, some even driving on the wrong side of the road to pass the blockade of cars. We may not be able to control the driving habits of 'other' drivers, but we can shift our mindset to 'the greater good' to ease the traffic situation.



We regularly share this in the newsletter, but as a reminder, parents are asked to keep moving unless they can drive straight into a car spot. **KEEP MOVING!** I understand that this may mean **ANOTHER** round of the block, which is frustrating, however, let's be realistic, any location where 300 cars are attempting to come and go in a 15 minute window is going to be hectic, we are not going to avoid that.

So what can we do in the short term,

1. **KEEP MOVING.** A park will become available.
2. **FURTHER IS QUICKER.** Park on parallel roads to the school and walk. I know of parents who park near the medical centre in Wentworthville and walk. They are in and out quicker than those who decide to circle for 10 minutes.
3. **SPREAD OUT THE TIME.** Be mindful of the time you can collect your child. The gates open at 3:10pm and dismissal continues until 3:30pm. So come later. At 3:25 you could drive straight up to the gate without any hassles.
4. **WALK THROUGH THE SCHOOL.** While we have one pick up area, parents can still walk through the school using the Smith St gate/COSCH Gate. Sometimes this gate is opened slightly later, especially if the front gate is opened earlier, the COSCH gate will not be opened earlier and this is because it is not supervised.

However, we are always open to suggestions on how we can improve the situation and encourage any parent with realistic suggestions to email Mrs Anderiesz for discernment.

### SUMMER UNIFORM

All students will be required to wear their Summer uniform from the start of Term 4. As the weather begins to warm children have the option to wear either their **full** Summer uniform or their **full** Winter uniform, not a combination of both.

From Monday 11th September, families are asked to use the new ordering system (NOT QKR) which can be found at:

[Ourladyofmountcarmel.uniforms4u.com.au](http://Ourladyofmountcarmel.uniforms4u.com.au)



A note explaining this process was sent home today. This is also the time to **start looking for all those lost uniform items.** Each Term we donate hundreds of dollars worth of unlabelled and unclaimed uniforms to the Second Hand Uniform Shop - Some are brand new.

**Please clearly label your child's name on all items of clothing.**

### SCHOOL FEES

Thank you to all families who have finalised their 2023 School Fees Accounts. Parents with outstanding fees have now been sent a reminder notice via Australia Post mail. Please ensure payment is made as soon as possible. Should you be experiencing financial difficulties, please contact the school office so that a confidential meeting can be arranged with the Principal to discuss your situation.

### TOUCH GALA DAY

We regretfully share with our community that for this year we have made the very difficult decision to not participate in the Stage2 Touch Gala day. This has been a decision based on limited staffing and other events occurring during the term. It is very unfortunate, however our Stage 2 children will have another opportunity next year. Please contact Mrs Carswell if you have any queries.

## P&F NEWS

### Congratulations

We hope all our OLMC dads' and father figures enjoyed the Father's Day breakfast and mass with their children! It was great seeing everyone together.

A big thank you to the Moses and Azar families for their donations and congratulations goes out to our raffle winners.

### Spooky Disco

It's time to let loose, relax, catch-up and spend time with our OLMC community. This year we are having a Disco Social event. This is a family event. Siblings are welcome and lots of dancing and fun is mandatory! Jump onto the Qkr App to purchase your entry ticket for \$5 which also includes a Disco pack. A ticket will be sent home to bring on the night to redeem your bag and gain entry to this Rockin Event!

In order for us to be able to enjoy this event together, we need your help! As the saying goes, 'many hands make light work'. Your assistance is greatly appreciated! If you are able to help, please sign up to the link:

<https://signup.com/go/mbUNORV>





# **Year 6 Voice of Youth Cluster Finals**



On Thursday, 24th August, the students of Year 6 visited Our Lady of the Lourdes, Seven Hills, for the Eastern Division Voice of Youth Cluster Finals. Representing our school was Vinnie, who spoke about Why all Children Should Play Video Games and Amelia, who spoke about Animal Testing.

The Voice of Youth is an annual competition that has been held at the Parramatta Diocese for the past 36 years. It involves all Year 6 students across the 60+ Western Sydney Catholic schools.

Contestants select a topic that is important to them that they wish to present. The topic may deal with any number of deep issues or topics pertinent to the world in which we live. Contestants are then required to prepare and deliver a prepared speech. It is a wonderful opportunity for young people to develop skills in planning, research and organisation - skills which are all needed in the modern world.

## **Amelia:**

My own experience with Voice of Youth was something I really enjoyed doing and it was a great experience. I know that many people can get really nervous when speaking in public, but our teachers and classmates encouraged us to try our best and say our speech. I was a little bit nervous starting, but each time I progressed and practised, I got more familiar with my speech which gave me more confidence to say it to a larger audience. Stepping up onto a stage where everyone had their eyes on me was a little bit nerve racking but before I started my speech I shook off my nerves and began. All the feedback I received helped me to deliver my speech the best I could in front of everyone. By the time the day arrived, my friends knew my speech as much as I did from all of the practice I had done in front of them. Overall I loved the experience and I thank my teachers for helping me create and say my speech.



## **Vinnie:**

Imagine a big audience, imagine performing on a stage, imagine judges, and what do you think of? Voice of Youth! It was a little intimidating to perform in front of such a large audience, especially without palm cards. However, having the courage to do it can make you proud of yourself. I know that most of Year 6 were as nervous as I was when they saw me up there. Even though public speaking can be hard, no one is ever in it alone. Everyone was so supportive, even when me and Amelia didn't make it to the next round. I performed last and it made everything feel nerve racking, especially since all

the speakers had serious topics, and then I came in talking about video games. It was still an incredible experience, thanks to my peers and friends. I thank my teachers for giving me persuasive devices and a good structure. I thank my peers for never giving up hope on us, last but not least, my parents for encouraging me to do my best and helping me practise. Overall it was a fun experience and I hope to do public speaking again in the future.



OLMC PARENTS & FRIENDS

# FRI DAY 13TH SPOOKY



# DISCO

5.30 -8:30pm 13th October 2023  
School Grounds

***OLMC FAMILY EVENT • GAMES • LIVE DJ • PRIZES TO BE WON***

**PURCHASE ON QRK! APP**

**\$5 FOR ENTRY INCLUDING A DISCO PACK -**

**CONTAINING GLOW STICK, BUBBLES,**

**PACKET OF CHIPS & A LOLLY**

**EXTRA FUN ITEMS AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE**

**ON THE NIGHT 50C- \$2**

***BRING YOUR OWN PICNIC SNACKS & BLANKET***

**COME IN YOUR BEST DRESSED SPOOKY OR DISCO OUTFIT**

# *Parramatta Marist* **OPEN NIGHT** **2023**



Join us for our annual Open Night

- Meet our staff and students
- Tour our facilities
- Hear about our great school

More info will be sent closer to registered attendees

**Tuesday, 21 November 2023**  
**5:00pm – 7:00pm**

**Presentation: 5pm | Tours from 5:45pm**

**REGISTER NOW**

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