



# Our Lady of Mount Carmel

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## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Families,

On Sunday our Gospel reading from Matthew 18:21-35 shares the parable of the unforgiving servant.

*In the parable, a servant owes a great debt to his master, but when he pleads for mercy, the master forgives him entirely. However, this forgiven servant then encounters a fellow servant who owes him a much smaller debt. Instead of showing the same mercy, he refuses and has his debtor thrown into prison. When the master hears of this, he reprimands the unforgiving servant, saying that he should have shown the same mercy he received.*

This parable provides a clear message about the magnitude of God's forgiveness compared to human forgiveness.

There are many stories in the Bible which demonstrate this,

*The Prodigal Son (Luke 15:11-32)*

*The Woman Caught in Adultery (John 8:1-11)*

*David and Bathsheba (2 Samuel 11-12)*

*The Conversion of Paul (Acts 9)*

*The Woman at the Well (John 4:1-42)*

*Zacchaeus (Luke 19:1-10)*

*Joseph and His Brothers (Genesis 37-50)*

*The Thief on the Cross (Luke 23:39-43)*

*Peter's Denial and Restoration (Matthew 26:69-75; John 21:15-19)*

*The Israelites' Rebellion and God's Forgiveness (Exodus 32-34)*

While these stories demonstrate God's boundless love, grace, and willingness to forgive those who genuinely repent and turn to Him, they also remind us that God expects us to show the same level of forgiveness to others, as he shows us.



While many of us first encounter explicit teachings about forgiveness through religious texts like those of Jesus, the idea of forgiveness can resonate with people of various beliefs and worldviews.

Reflecting on the following questions may help deepen our understanding of forgiveness and its significance in our spiritual journey and relationships with others.

\*Reflect on a time when you struggled with forgiving someone. How did it make you feel, and what did you learn from the experience?

\*How do you relate to the unforgiving servant in the parable? Have you ever been in a situation where you were unwilling to forgive someone for a wrongdoing?

\*What are the consequences of harboring unforgiveness in your heart, both for yourself and for your relationships with others?

\*Consider the phrase, "Forgive as the Lord forgave you" (Colossians 3:13). How can you apply this principle to your daily life and interactions with others?

\*What role does humility play in the process of forgiveness, both in seeking forgiveness and granting it?

*Lauren Anderiesz*

Acting Principal

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

## UPCOMING DATES

### Week 9:

**Thur:** 8:15am Morning Workout  
K-Yr2 Mission to Busk Auditions  
3:10pm-4pm **Band Practise - All Bands**  
**Education Mass:** Student Leaders Attending  
**Fri:** Year 1 Parish Mass  
Year 4 Passover Experience

### Week 10:

**Mon:** Assembly: KG Prayer  
**Tue:** Uniform Orders: Before 4pm  
(Be sure to order any Summer Uniform items, using the new ordering system - NOT QKR)  
K-2 Author Experience: Gus Gordon visiting  
**Thur:** 3:10pm-4pm **Band Practise - All Bands**  
**Fri:** Kindergarten Parish Mass

## NOTES HOME

### THIS WEEK

- Yr 3 Term 4 Reward Day
- Yr 6 Starrs Planetarium In-School Experience
- Yr 2 Science/ Art Materials
- Yr 2 Old Government House Excursion
- Yr 2 Staff Update

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

**PLEASE KEEP YOUR ADDRESS & PHONE NUMBERS UP TO DATE - changes can be made by emailing the school directly**

## MERIT AWARDS

KB	Crystabel • Antonious	KG	Ethan • Amelia
1B	Tiara • Henry	1G	Araiya • Aidan
2B	Lachlan • Isaac	2G	Charlotte • Peter
3B	Akins • Havishaa	3G	Saanvi • John
4B	Olivia • Zoe	4G	Owen • Amelia
5B	Isabella-Rose • Alexander	5G	Sean • Amelia
6B	Ryan • Mary	6G	Kruthi • Siya
CA	Charlotte • Elijah		

## STAR CARD AWARDS

**Gold Awards:** Zoe • Rhiyana • Joshua •

**Opal Awards:** Thomas • Sanaa • Kruthi • James • Desiree • Kiara • Aarush • Zanthé • Natalia •

**Platinum Awards:** Zahara • Henry • Harshi • Veronica • Abbey • Maria • Alessandro • Annabelle • Samaira • Tanishi • Emily • Osaiah • Sebastian •

**Principal's Awards:** Senali • Roman • Alyssa • Yohaana • Rosario • Kriti • Neev • Kushagra • Kira • Michael • Thea • Ruhi • Lachlan • Violette •

**Diamond Awards:** Deepika • Irwyn • Eliana •



## FAMILY AND SCHOOL PARTNERSHIP PRINCIPLES

This week, our Executive Director, Jack de Groot shared a new and important system document: the [Family and School Partnership Principles](#). This document, available on the Catholic Schools Parramatta Diocese (CSPD) website, is the outcome of collaboration between system leaders, schools, and parents/carers. It outlines the responsibilities of parents, carers, educators and other staff in ensuring that everyone feels welcomed and valued in CSPD schools.

CSPD acknowledges parents and carers as the first educators of their children. The research is clear that children and young people learn best, are happiest and are most engaged when schools work in partnership with parents and carers. This document sets out the foundations for successful partnerships between schools and families.

The document outlines:

- what families have a right to expect from their relationships with the school
- what the school has a right to expect from its relationships with the families
- guidelines for the respectful use of social media
- an explanation of what acceptable and unacceptable communication between families and the school looks like
- the complaints management process
- what to do when the partnership between a family and the school breaks down, including the steps the school may need to take to ensure the safety and wellbeing of students and staff
- links to key policies.

We are excited by this renewed focus on developing and fostering new and strengthened relationships.



## MISSION WEEK

In weeks 1 and 2 next term the Catholic Church in Australia celebrates Mission Week. This year Pope Francis has called us, "You shall be my witnesses" (Acts 1:8), reminding us that, "every Christian is called to be a missionary and witness to Christ."

As usual our focus for Mission month will be the Carmelite parishes of Raimea and Zumalai where our sister school is located. The children have been very excited by Our Mission to Busk opportunity and auditions are being held this week, with busking licences being issued to all successful buskers.

On Friday 20th October between 1:40 pm and 2:30pm will perform around the school. Donations made will be our contribution to Mission Week and will go directly to our Carmelite family.

All performers are encouraged to continue practising their performances in the lead up to this exciting afternoon.

Students, parents and friends are invited to come along and spend the afternoon walking around enjoying the talent on display whilst throwing coins into the performer's buckets.

We are looking forward to a wonderful afternoon of entertainment as well as a celebration of the extraordinary talents at OLMC. We also look forward to raising money for Carmel Impact so that they can be supported in the work that they do to help those less fortunate than ourselves.



## 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.

A reminder to families to use the new ordering system which can be found at:  
[Ourladyofmountcarmel.uniforms4u.com.au](http://Ourladyofmountcarmel.uniforms4u.com.au)

A note explaining this process was sent home last week

QKR is no longer in use for uniform orders.

**PLEASE CLEARLY LABEL YOUR CHILD'S NAME ON ALL ITEMS OF CLOTHING.** There are so many jumpers, jackets, hats, containers and drink bottles in the lost property cupboard that do not have a name on them. Each Term we donate hundreds of dollars worth of unlabelled and unclaimed uniforms to the Second Hand Uniform Shop - some are brand new. Please check that all your child's school uniform and belongings have a label with their name clearly marked, this will ensure that their lost items are returned.



## P&F

### **Spooky Disco**

A reminder to purchase your tickets on the QKR! App for the OLMC Spooky Disco! Every purchase includes a disco pack which contains a glow stick, bubbles, a packet of chips and a lolly. A social event not to be missed! Below are some of the frequently asked questions we have been asked,

### **Spooky Disco FAQs**

***Do the kids have to dance?*** No, but they probably will once they get here and see the atmosphere.

***What is in the pack?*** Packet of chips, bubbles, glow stick and lolly.

***What goodies are available on the night?*** Lollies, fairy gloss, glow sticks etc.

***Who is the Dj?*** We actually have a team from Dj KitKat coming to entertain the kids (and parents).

***What will the Disco part of the night entail?*** Dancing, games, prizes and crowd interaction.

***What if kids don't want to dance?*** We have sporting equipment available for the kids to use and plenty of space for our community to just hang out and enjoy each others company.

***What's in the photo tent?*** Themed walls for photos, Disco Groove meets Harrypotter / Addams Family

***Do I purchase tickets on Qkr for younger/older siblings not attending OLMC?*** If they are participating or would like a disco pack then yes. The voucher will be sent home with your child.

***Why is dinner not provided?*** To coordinate dinner for a community of families takes days of prep, dietary considerations, planning, purchasing, serving, cleaning, packing up etc. The Annual "Welcome Dinner" is the event of the year which focuses on gathering for a meal. This event is about the kids, having fun and our community gathering. Families have flexibility in what they bring and are encouraged to bring a picnic blanket.

***How will I receive the voucher?*** Vouchers are given to the student that they were purchased under (including if there are multiple siblings not at the school ). Vouchers have already started to go home!

***Do adults pay for entry?*** No

***Weather?*** The Dj has already been paid in advance & the bags are all made up and ready, if it rains (don't jinx us) we will advise a contingency plan.



### **P&F Support Crew**

We thank all the parents who are already in our support crew group. Help is always required and appreciated from all the parents and friends at OLMC. This also ensures all events continue running yearly and remain successful for our children. If you would like to join the support crew, keep up to date with all the upcoming events and help out where possible, please text Karly on 0447 000 536.



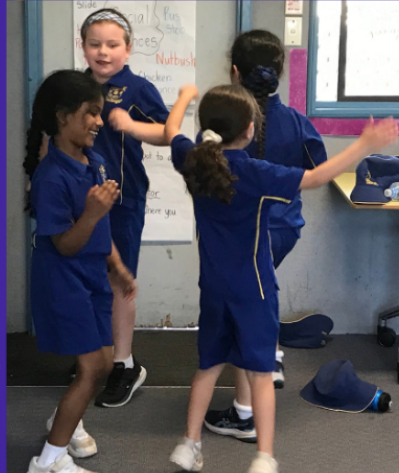
# CAPA Term 3: Dance!

(Creative And Practical Arts)

Throughout Term 3 in CAPA, the students of OLMC have been learning about different aspects of Dance. Here is a snippet of what they have been learning.....



Kindergarten have been learning how their body uses different levels when they are dancing.



Year One are exploring the basic Elements of Dance & having lots of fun learning social dances!



Year Two are gearing up for their "Body Boogie"



Year Three are discovering how they can tell a story through dance



Year Four are exploring the world of different cultural dances



Year Five have been looking at the fun of flashmobs & may even have a surprise in store for Week Ten!



Year Six have been enjoying the opportunity to explore their own preferred style of dance & choreography

We are looking forward to putting all of this learning into action next term as the children prepare for our Christmas concert!