



# Our Lady of Mount Carmel

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## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Families,

How wonderful was our Spooky Disco last Friday evening?

This event was organised by our Parents and Friends Association. The OLMC Parents and Friends Association plays a key role in supporting fundraising efforts but more importantly the building of community spirit amongst our school community.

Each year our elected Parents and Friends representatives work tirelessly with Mrs Anderiesz and myself to plan and coordinate events such as our annual Welcome Dinner in Term 1, welcoming our Kindergarten parents, Stalls and Breakfasts to celebrate Mothers' Day and Fathers' Day, Feast Day treats for our children, Social events for families such as last week's disco, Parish and School Fete, and many other community occasions throughout the year. These elected representatives rally the support of parents to help at the events through the P&F Support Crew.

Everyone in our community enjoys attending these events. However, we find ourselves at a crossroad which is threatening the future of the OLMC Parents and Friends Association. During the past two years we have noticed a trend of decreased participation in the more formal aspect of attending Parents and Friends Association meetings held in the 4th week of each term or even volunteering to be a committee member or organiser.

These community events require people to offer their time to help plan, organise, pack, serve food, set up and pack away. I know you value the entertainment and community spirit of the events our Parents and Friends Association provide. We all live busy lives, however we need to make time for the things we value. By turning up to these events shows you value them. The future of the OLMC Parents and Friends association needs you to think about how you can support it and not turn away when our committee members call for help or when the annual election of the new committee comes around

On **Tuesday October 31 at 7:00pm** in the school library, we will be holding our final Parents and Friends Association meeting for the year. It will include our Annual General Meeting where we will nominate and elect our committee members for 2024. I urge you all to consider how you can give some time in service to our school community. Without this formal support we will need to re-imagine how our Parents and Friends Association operates into the future. [Use this link](#) to find out about the roles of our committee members.



*Olimpia Pirovic*  
Principal

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

## UPCOMING DATES

### Week 2:

**Thur:** Year 2 Excursion

**9am** Rosary on the back playground

**8:15am** Morning Workout

**9am** Kindergarten Class led

**3:10pm-4pm** **Band Practise - All Bands**

**3:30pm & 7pm** Holy Communion Practise in Parish

**Fri:** Mission to Busk Event (See Below for Further Details)

### Week 3:

**Mon:** Assembly Yr6

**Tue:** Uniform Orders: Before 4pm

(Be sure to order any Summer Uniform items, using the new ordering system -

**NOT QKR**)

**6:30pm-8:30pm** 2024 Kindergarten Parent Information Evening

## NOTES HOME

### THIS WEEK

- Kindy & Yr5 Sport Note

### LAST WEEK

- Yr 6 Graduation Signature Bears/Balls
- Yr 5 Camp Collaroy 2024
- Yr 5 & Yr 6 Mindset & Behaviours
- Yr 5 & Yr 6 Technology Acceptable Use Agreement
- 2024 Band Continuers email (Band Only)

## MISSION TO BUSK: FRIDAY 20TH- GET YOUR COINS READY

## MERIT AWARDS

KB	Zachariah • Isabella	KG	Isabel • Victoria
1B	Gabriella • Eloise • Isaac • Amelia	1G	Michael • Yana
2B	Evelina • Sakrit	2G	Holly • Pranshu
3B	Lachlan • Ilia	3G	Isabelle • Kayana
4B	Reis • Alexia	4G	Olivia • Henry
5B	Alexander • Pranav	5G	Benjamin • Miranda
6B	Matthew • Dennis	6G	Ralph • Haritha
CA	Gabrielle • Rita		

## STAR CARD AWARDS

**Opal Awards:** Madisen • Isaac • Noah •

**Platinum Awards:** Patrick • Joanne • Sophie • Annabelle •

**Principal's Awards:** Ethan • Inayat • Emma • Harshi • Isaac • Isabel •



## MISSION TO BUSK - THIS FRIDAY!



Students, parents and friends are reminded that Mission To Busk is happening this **Friday 20th October between 1:40pm and 2:30pm** on the school grounds. All 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 are raising money to support our sister communities in Timor L'Este through the Carmelite foundation, **Carmel Impact**. This year the OLMC community in Zumalai was impacted by major flooding which caused landslides that washed away

homes and roads. The floods also mean that this year's rice crop and their Winter stores of rice were destroyed. All the support we give makes a huge difference to our sister communities in Zumalai and Raimea. [Visit the Carmel Impact site](#) to learn more or make a further donation.

## ARE YOU LEAVING?

We know that from time to time family situations change which may necessitate a change in school. If your child will be changing schools at the end of the year, NOW is the time to provide written notification and the completion of [Notice of Student Leaving Form](#). This form is available on our website or from the school office.

Please be aware that a full term's (10 weeks) notice is required if your child will be leaving the school to avoid a full term's fees being payable.

## STAFF UPDATE

Mrs Carswell is due to commence parental leave at the end of Week 3 (unless her baby has other plans). Miss Nicholas has been appointed to take over the teaching responsibilities for 1Blue. We wish Mrs and Mr Carswell all the very best as they await the safe arrival of their baby.



## ATTENDANCE UPDATE

The start of a new term is a good time to reset our routines and set new goals. Improving our school attendance rate continues to be a focus this term. Our overall school attendance rate since the start of Term 3 is sitting at **88%**. Kindergarten and Year 1 are our star attendees with attendance rates over **90%**. Setting good bedtime and morning routines help to get our children to school on time. Getting to school between 8:30-8:50am allows your child to have time to play with friends, shake off any troubles from home before they start their lessons. If you are finding it difficult to get your child off to school in the morning, a chat with your child's teacher, Mrs Anderiesz or Ms Pirovic might be helpful in developing a new plan.

## GRANDPARENTS DAY CELEBRATION

In honour of the special Grandparents within our community, and to coincide with National Grandparents Day, we will be marking this event with a Grandparents' Day Liturgy and picnic lunch on

**When:** Monday 30th October 2023. Liturgy to begin at 1pm. Lunch to begin at 1:30pm

**Where:** Liturgy to be held at the Church followed by lunch in the school playground.

**What to bring:** A picnic blanket (optional) and food to share with your family.

Families are invited to stay after the liturgy and enjoy a picnic lunch with their child/ren or extended family members. Families can bring a picnic blanket and some lunch to enjoy on the back playground.

**IMPORTANT:** *While we understand that some students may want to sit with family friends to enjoy the celebration, we ask that families do not provide food to other children as some children have life threatening allergies.*



## STUDENT PRESENTATION

Thank you to all parents for the effort you have given to ensuring that your children are wearing their correct uniforms on the correct day. The children have started the term looking fresh, tidy and presentable. Many children have grown taller since they last wore their summer uniform and have needed hems to be adjusted. Some of our girls are wearing bike shorts below their uniforms to make them more comfortable, please check that the length of these are shorter than the hem of their dresses.

We appreciate that parents have followed our school uniform expectations in relation to hair styles. As the term continues, we are sure the children will continue to look tidy and wear their uniform with pride.

If you haven't already done so, please check that your child's name is clearly labelled on all their items of clothing and lunchboxes/containers/drink bottles. Parents spend a great deal of money on these items and we want to ensure they have the best chance of being returned when lost. If your child has lost something, please remind them to look in the lost property cupboard, their classroom or the playground where they left it.



## 2024 KINDY PARENT INFORMATION EVENING

The 2024 Kindergarten Parent Information Evening will be onsite and in-person on October 24th, beginning at 6:30pm. At least one parent is expected to attend to ensure families receive the information they need and are supported to help transition their child into Kindergarten at Our Lady of Mount Carmel. Some of the topics that will be covered include, welcome to OLMC School and Parish, family, school & student responsibilities, orientation, playgroup and first days of 2024.



## HOLY COMMUNION

We continue to pray for those children celebrating their First Holy Communion over the next two weekends. May they realise how special this time is, and a memory that will remain with them until they are adults. Practice sessions are occurring at 3:30pm and 7pm on Thursday 19 October in the Parish Centre. Candidates for first Holy Communion are encouraged to attend a session so that they can familiarise themselves with the celebration. All children **MUST** be accompanied by a parent/carer for the duration of the session.



## P&F

### Thank you!

Thank you to everyone who attended the P&F spooky disco! It was lovely to see the children and adults dancing and enjoying themselves. Thank you to all the volunteers who helped out. A massive thank you to Karly Jouni for organising such an amazing social event.





# OLMC P&F SPOOKY DISCO

Well what a night we had last Friday! Our P&F Committee hosted 🎵👻 the most spine-tingling, bone-chilling event of the year – the Spooky Disco! 🍊🌟🧛🧛 We danced with the shadows and grooved to the haunting beats, mesmerised by how our school yard had been fantastically transformed into a mysterious realm where ghosts, ghouls, and glitter collided on the dance floor 🌙🌟

🌟🌟 As the moonlight spilled through the clouds, it revealed a dance floor pulsating with eerie energy. The DJ spun tracks that sent shivers down our spines while casting a spell that compelled even the most reluctant wallflowers to join in 🕸️🕷️

👻🎉 The air was charged with an electric mix of excitement and mystery. Whether it was the photo booth, games corner or the party table, every corner held the promise of a surprise. The many costumes were not mere disguises but portals to another dimension, where reality and fantasy collided in a spectacular display of creativity.

🌟🌟 The Spooky Disco was not just an event; it was a journey into the unknown, an experience that left us bewitched, bothered, and bewildered



♥️ We thank our incredible Parent Committee, and their band of many helpers, for orchestrating such a delightful and memorable social event for our community. ♥️

