



# Our Lady of Mount Carmel

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## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Families,

This coming Sunday marks the end of our church's liturgical year right before we begin the Advent Season. The last Sunday of our liturgical year is when we celebrate the solemnity of Christ the King of the Universe. This solemnity reminds us that even as we are getting ready for the Advent and Christmas season, we must prepare ourselves for the second coming of Christ at the end of time, when he will bring about the Kingdom of God on earth.

The reading for this solemnity comes from the Gospel of Matthew. We hear as the final days of Jesus' life draw near his preaching takes on a growing sense of urgency and clarity. The story Jesus tells - sometimes referred to as the parable of the "sheep and goats" - cuts right to the heart of authentic Christian discipleship. On Judgement Day, only one thing will matter: *How did you treat the person who came to you in need?*

Catholic Catechism or Teaching refers to the acts Jesus describes in this parable as *the corporal works of mercy*. In the Gospel five corporal works of mercy are referenced:

- ~ *When I was hungry, you fed me.*
- ~ *When I was thirsty, you gave me drink.*
- ~ *When I was a stranger, you welcomed me.*
- ~ *When I was naked, you clothed me.*
- ~ *When I was in prison, you visited me,*

Our Church also included two additional corporal works of mercy - taking care of the sick and burying the dead. We are invited to help build the Kingdom of God by enacting the corporal works of mercy Jesus describes in this parable. We are not only called to care for individuals but also to address structural causes of poverty, keeping in mind the Church's preferential option for the poor.

Through this Gospel, we are invited to reflect on how well we are doing at helping to build the Kingdom of God. We will be judged on our response to the needs of others. Our judge is the Good Shepherd (Jesus as God) who has given us a living example in giving his life for his sheep. We are reminded that what really matters is what we do with the opportunities we are given to help others - especially those in need.



*Lord our God,  
Just as the rain comes down to water the earth and make it fruitful,  
So you send forth your word to do your will in the world.  
May this wisdom from heaven take root in our hearts  
And bear fruit in holy words and loving deeds.  
Through Christ our Lord.  
Amen.*

*Olimpia Pirovic*

Principal

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

## UPCOMING DATES

### Week 7:

**Thur: 8:15am LAST Morning Workout for 2023**

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

**6:30pm OLMC Music Concert - Parish Church - Band and Choir Children**

**Fri: Kindy 2024 Orientation**

### Week 8: SWIMMING PROGRAM BEGINS

**Mon:** Assembly

**Tue:** Uniform Orders: Before 4pm (Be sure to use the [new ordering system](#) - not QKR)

**Thur:** Yr6 Surf Awareness Program

**Bus departs from school at 8:30am**  
Expected return time 2:45pm

## NOTES HOME

### THIS WEEK

- Preparing for Swimming Lessons
- Yr1 & Yr5 Canteen Orders during Swimming

### LAST WEEK

- OLMC Music Concert - Band & Choir Chn
- Yr5 Reward Day - Fri 1st December
- Kindy, Yr1, Yr5 & Yr6 - PE & CA Class Swap
- Yr2 Reward Day - Fri 24th November

## MERIT AWARDS

KB	Christian • Alexis	KG	Roman • Tanishi
1B	Osaiah • Viaan	1G	Senali • Natalia
2B	Thomas • Ruth	2G	Harshi • Matthew
3B	Anupriya • William	3G	Pravi • Jack
4B	Zoe • Matthew	4G	Kushagra • Khushi
5B	Olivia • Jolenta	5G	Adriana • Yara
6B	Matthew • Ethan	6G	Anthony • Dieter
CA	Olivia • Gia		

## STAR CARD AWARDS

**Opal Awards:** Peter • Rita • Samyel • Matthew • Shivani • Danasha • Olivia

**Platinum Awards:** Jessica • Isabella-Rose • Paul • Aailyah • Jada • Rajan • Valli • Amelia • Siya • Olivia • Kimberly • Azalea • Desiree •

**Principal's Awards:** Emilian • Emily • Gabriel • Oscar • Gabrielle • Anthony • Isaac • Krisha • Joseph • Palash • Amelia • Zoe • Rubeena • Michael • Zoe • Joanne • Isabelle • Sienna • Willow • Araiya • Arshnoor • Erik • Annabelle •

**Diamond Awards:** Anabel • Alessandro • Abbey • Kushagra • Senali • Ruth • Hayden • Frances • Havishaa • Tiana • Thea • Adison • Neev •



## ROAD SAFETY - YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

One of the biggest issues for our parent community is Road Safety and the behaviour of adults during the afternoon pickup period. We all have a part to play in ensuring the safety of our whole community. As individuals, we are **personally responsible for our own safety** when using the road as either a driver or pedestrian. The school has no power to 'police' community members who do not follow the road rules. We encourage our families (drivers and pedestrians) to be patient at all times, mindful that split-second decisions can have a long-term impact and be aware that **ALL** school zones have a period of traffic build-up during peak times. As a school, we have contacted the relevant authorities numerous times regarding the road issues, with the advice being... *'all community members are encouraged to be active in responsible citizenship and report illegal behaviours to the local police when they witness it.'*

On a day-to-day basis the best way we can ensure everyone's safety is to do the following at all times:

- Be patient, calm, respectful and safe - remember everyone has to wait a little.
- Follow the road rules - even when the police, rangers Mrs Anderiesz or Ms Pirovic are not around.
- Wait patiently to pull into a parking space. If none are immediately available, go around the block to keep traffic flowing allowing parked cars to move.
- Not park across driveways, double park, overtake or do u-turns on Bennett, Smith, Station and Garfield Streets
- Only cross the road at the zebra crossing or pedestrian islands - it may take you a few extra minutes to get to your car, but the safety of you and your child is worth it. Don't take risks by crossing the road from in between cars.

## SCHOOL ZONES

### Understanding the rules

School zones operate between 8am - 9.30am and 2.30pm - 4pm during school term. A speed limit of 40km/h as well as increased fines and demerit points apply during these hours.

#### NO STOPPING

- Stopping is not permitted at any time
- Dropping off or picking up passengers is not permitted
- Minimum penalty \$352 and 2 demerit points



#### NO PARKING

- Drivers may stop to drop off or pick up passengers for a maximum of 2 minutes
- Drivers must remain within 3 metres of vehicle
- Vehicle must not be left unattended
- Minimum penalty \$196 and 2 demerit points



#### BUS ZONE

- Stopping is not permitted in a bus zone
- Dropping off or picking up passengers is not permitted
- Minimum penalty \$352 and 2 demerit points



#### DOUBLE PARKING

- Stopping next to legally parked vehicles is not permitted
- Dropping off or picking up passengers is not permitted
- Minimum penalty \$352 and 2 demerit points



#### DRIVEWAYS & FOOTPATHS

- It is illegal to park on or across a driveway, footpath or any other vehicle access
- Minimum penalty \$352 and 2 demerit points



#### MOBILE PHONES

- It is illegal to use mobile phones while driving
- \$469 penalty and 5 demerit points



School zone rules are for your child's safety. Please drive carefully and park legally.

## URGENT: SCHOOL UNIFORMS - LAST DAY FOR 2023 ORDERS

To ensure delivery of uniforms before the end of the year, please place your uniform order as soon as possible to ensure you will be able to exchange uniform sizing if necessary and to guarantee students receive a uniform to start school

Please note: all orders for 2024 new students need to be placed before Tuesday 28th November 2023 to ensure delivery before the end of the school year. The last delivery for Our Lady of Mount Carmel uniform orders is Thursday 30th November 2023. All orders for the 2024 are to be placed using the online ordering system via

<https://ourladyofmountcarmel.uniforms4u.com.au>

## STUDENT MEDICATION / ACTION PLANS

We are requesting all parents to check the dates on their child/ren's Action Plans - Asthma, Allergy, Anaphylaxis and Medical. If your child's plan is due to expire soon, please make an appointment to see your doctor and request an updated plan.

**All plans must be kept up to date and supplied to the school office**, along with any medication your child may need while at school and the medication forms, found on the school website or by clicking the link: [Administration of Frequent Medication](#)

If you receive an email/notification from the school or Compass regarding your child's medical plan or medication, this means your child's plan or medication is about to expire and you must provide a new plan or new medication to the school office.

**Parents are responsible for keeping medical plans and medication up to date with the school office.**

## SWIMMING LESSONS

Next week the children will commence their swimming lessons.

**During the first two days of the swimming program, the instructors will assess the children's ability and check this against the information parents provided.** During this period the assessments take place in either the deep pool or the shallow pool. The swim teachers need to ensure the children are capable swimmers before using the deep pool. Throughout the two-week program, the swim teachers will constantly assess the children **and will alter the groupings as required.** Sometimes the children will use alternate pools depending on what they are being instructed in during that day's lesson. Please remember parents are always welcome to observe the lesson from the viewing area but must not enter the pool deck area.

For some of our students, this is a very new experience. Our students have been watching this short clip which provides a visual of the pool and facilities and outlines the expectations of being an OLMC swimmer and the step-by-step process of arriving, swimming and departing the pool. If your child (or it may even be yourself) is feeling a little unsure, you may find viewing the clip as a useful way of reducing the worries. [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wnrfJmROX\\_Q](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wnrfJmROX_Q)



**From time to time, parents decide to attend the pool to watch their child. Please be aware that no parent will be admitted inside the swimming area. All parents are expected to wait behind the glass, in the waiting area.**

## CHRISTMAS CONCERT

The annual OLMC Christmas Concert is fast approaching and is set to be held on **Tuesday 5th December**. Be sure to save the date!

Further details regarding the evening will be sent home in the coming weeks. To assist in preparation and organisation, the children are asked to wear the following for the evening's performance:

**BLUE Classes (eg KB, 1B, 2B etc)** Girls are to wear a **RED** top and **BLUE DENIM** shorts or **BLUE DENIM** skirt, or they may wear a **RED** dress. **Boys** are to wear a **RED** top and **BLUE DENIM** shorts.

**GOLD Classes (eg KG, 1G, 2G etc)** Girls are to wear a **GREEN** top and **BLUE DENIM** shorts or **BLUE DENIM** skirt, or they may wear a **GREEN** dress.

**Boys** are to wear a **GREEN** top and **BLUE DENIM** shorts.

ALL CHILDREN are to wear closed toe shoes **NO** thongs or sandals.



## P&F NEWS



### **Second Hand Uniform Sale on TODAY!**

Wednesday 22nd November  
2:45pm - 3:30pm.

\$5 per item, **cash sales only**

Where: in the demountable, next to the basketball court.  
Entry via the side parent gate outside the school office.

## STAR CARD AWARDS

The last day for children to submit their star card awards will be Friday 1 December.



Once all cards are counted and finalised, invitations will be sent to those recipients of Principal Awards to the coveted Principal's Morning Tea.

## KINDERGARTEN 2024

**REMINDER:** This Friday 24 November we welcome all of our 2024 Kindergarten students to their orientation. Orientation is a valuable experience of familiarisation with the school and the peers and teachers our new Kindy children will engage with.

Session 1: 9:15-10:45am

OR

Session 2: 11:45-1:15pm







# YEAR 4'S EXCURSION TO LUNA PARK



On Thursday 16th November, Year 4 engaged on an excursion to Luna Park to explore various Maths concepts.

Read some of Year 4's comments:

“Year 4 went on an excursion to Luna Park because the students convinced their teachers with their persuasive writing. It was so fun! We went on so many fun rides, did a Maths scavenger hunt, caught the train there and back. We even saw the Sydney Harbour Bridge and the Opera House. This was the best excursion ever!” Aakash

“Our excursion to Luna Park was so much fun. We got to go on multiple rides such as the Boomerang which is a rollercoaster, travelled through Coney Island & went on the dodgem cars. It was the best excursion ever. Thank you to our teachers for giving us this experience.” Amelia

“At Luna Park I experienced a lot of things. We learnt a lot of different maths like the angles of rides. We had a maths booklet to complete and then we got to go on the rides.” Amelie

“Year 4 went to Luna Park because we convinced the teachers why we should go on an excursion there. I loved going on the rides with my friends like the Big Dipper which had 2 loops.” Kristopher

“Luna Park was a great experience and the rides were amazing. My favourite ride was the Volare which is the flying chairs. The Big Dipper was one of the scariest rides which was a fast rollercoaster.” Eli





### McKillop Rep Trials - 2024

2024 Parramatta Diocesan Team Sport Trials are OPEN for the sports of:  
AFL, Cricket, Football, Hockey, Netball, Rugby League, Rugby Union, Softball & Touch Football.

### ELIGIBILITY - EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI) NOMINATION FORM

To be eligible for selection for these trials the 2024 CSPD Primary Sport TEAM Registration Form must be completed.

One form is to be completed per child, per individual sport.

Each sport has its own criteria therefore, it is imperative that the correct form is completed.

<https://docs.google.com/.../1FAIpQLSceDmL1MIJmz.../viewform>

More detailed information can be located in the 2024 CSPD Parramatta Primary Sport Rep Team Trials Info for Parents on the CSPD website:

[www.primarysportparra.catholic.edu.au](http://www.primarysportparra.catholic.edu.au)



NOMINATIONS  
ARE OPEN



PRIMARY SPORT  
Catholic Schools  
Parramatta Diocese



EXPRESSIONS  
OF INTEREST

**2024**

**Parramatta Diocesan PRIMARY**



**Team Sport Trials  
Nominations OPEN**



**AFL, Cricket, Hockey, Football (Soccer), Netball,  
Rugby League, Rugby Union, Softball & Touch**

The expression of Interest registration window is OPEN for the sports listed above. Closes on 13th February 2024. One nomination per sport. A copy of responses to the submitted form will be emailed to the address provided in the EOI.

**Click on QR Code to nominate**

