



Newsletter

Term 4 Week 10 Thursday, 10 December 2020

Principal's Message principal@olmcsunbury.catholic.edu.au

Dear Parents,

I can't believe this is the second last newsletter for the year. What a year it has been!!! At this point I am hoping that we will start 2021 as we normally would with gates and bell times going back to pre Covid times. I will communicate with you towards the end of January to confirm the arrangements.

There have been a few changes over the past couple of days. Face masks are no longer required in school settings; however, they are recommended when physical distancing of 1.5m cannot be maintained. Parents are allowed onsite to collect book boxes, pay fees and to visit teachers if necessary. We will still not gather in the yard before and after school and please remember to social distance outside the school. We have come so far, we don't want to go backwards.

Further to information regarding staffing for next year:

Learning Support Officers:

Leanne Clement

Carmel Bladen

Nicole Pacuiullo

Nicole Owens

Nicole Keil

Matthew O'Keefe

Dianne Muir

Amanda Della

Karen Johnston

We hope to see Cassie O'Keefe back at some point next year as well, depending on her health and we ask for all of God's blessings for Cassie. Congratulations to Josie Spiteri-Fenton and Maria Pinto who have finished their teaching degree and who will be leaving us to pursue their new careers. Maria and Josie have been part of the OLMC community for some time now and we will miss them!! We welcome Alannah Moon and Natalie Babic to the learning support team.

Trisha Bell-Bartels and Michelle Tighe will be helping to release teachers for planning each week and Michelle will also work with Mark Gleeson in teaching STEM. Tom Stefaniw will continue in PE, Annemarie O'Connell in Auslan and Liza Rosati in Visual Arts. Ruth Lethlean will remain on our intervention team and support students in literacy.

Leadership Team:

Deputy Principal - Mark Gleeson

Religious Education Leader – Colin Healy

Student Wellbeing and Learning Diversity Leader – Shelley Ellis

Literacy Leader Prep-6 – Evelyn Pickering

Maths Leader Prep-2 – Kerry Dougherty

Maths Leader 3-6 – Evelyn Pickering

Antonia and Melissa will continue their wonderful work in the front office and the canteen will be up and running again under the watchful eye of Sally who will be looking for volunteers to assist her each week. Julie Wright will continue to take great care of our library.

Semester 2 reports will be sent home next week. Please read the accompanying information carefully as it will explain the reports and also will give you information about who your child's teacher will be next year and what time each child needs to come to school on the 29th January for their session

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Term Dates

Term 4
5th October -
16th December
1pm Finish

A great deal of time and effort has gone into the class lists and the reports. Teachers have continued to teach and assess each child right up until the end of this week to ensure they have covered as much of the curriculum as possible in this crazy year and are able to mark them accurately. Some children will not have made the full 12 months' progress that we may have hoped but each child has progressed in their own way. We will continue to work with them and teach them at their point of need in the time they are with us at OLMC. This is the same situation in every school across Victoria, especially those in the metropolitan area, where remote learning took place for close to 6 months.

The years 5s have been very busy with their school captain and house captain speeches. The year 4 and 5 children vote on the school captains and I interview a short list of 4 boys and 4 girls. The house captains are voted on by the children in years' prep -5 in their house. Due to the imbalance of numbers and gender in each house, there will be two captains per house, regardless of gender.

I am pleased to announce the following captains for 2021:

School Captains – Olivia Grant and Aiden Walters

School Vice Captains – Lilly Urbon and Jessie McDonald

Fatima Captains – Harper Gatt and Bridie Fish

Loreto Captains – Milana Borgese and Liam Joyce

Padua Captains – Thomas Wadden and Ashley Vasey

Penola Captains – Isla Lavelle and Summer Pietromonaco

Happy birthday to these children who have a birthday this week:

Quinn O'Brien

Wyatt Doricic

Darcy Anthony

Kiara Anthony

Chelsea Sultana

Sebastian Nurse

Jessica Preston

James Chapman

Lauren De Veth

Charlotte Wojewidka

This Sunday we celebrate the 3rd Sunday in Advent. Churches are opening up again which is great and we can now gather for the Eucharist.

Gospel

John 1:6–8, 19–28

'There stands among you the one coming after me.'

John knew that his role was to bring people to Christ. So is ours. We try to live our lives right so that people will be able to know through us that faith in Christ makes all the difference.

Tonight you have been invited to join a webinar run by one of our parents, Paula Jarski, who has had over 15 years' experience in dealing with online offences in her role in the Victorian Police Force. I strongly urge all parents to attend this session, no matter how old your children may be. If your child uses a device, it is essential that you also know the dangers that can be involved. Paula spoke to the children in year 3-6 today and these are some of the points she raised with them:

- * Playing online unsupervised exposes children to high risk of unwanted content and contact.
- * Everyone makes mistakes and it is important to know what to do if something goes wrong
- * Cyber bullying is real and common. What can you do if it happens to you?
- * Sharing images is dangerous
- * Be careful of what is real and what is not
- * Call it out even if they are friends
- * Grooming is real and common
- * Tips for preventing incidents online

God Bless

Julie



Book boxes have arrived. Due to COVID, this year we will allow children to collect the book box after school. If you have already paid your curriculum levy please arrange to have children come to the office at the end of the school day.

Parents can collect boxes when settling their school account after 9am daily



Monday 14th December—Christmas raffle will be drawn

Monday 14th December - The graduation liturgy will take place at school and this will be filmed for families to be able to view in their own time. This will also include the year 6 dance.

Lunch will be provided for the students.

Monday 14th December - Graduates and their parents only are invited to join us for a picnic on the green from 5:30 to 7:00pm. Families will need to bring their own chairs, picnic blankets and food. For child safety reasons and being on school grounds, this is an alcohol free event. There are still limits to the amount of people we can have onsite and the social distancing requirements of 1 person every 4 square metres still apply. At this picnic I will speak briefly to acknowledge this wonderful group of students and the families who have their last child at OLMC.

Wednesday 16th December - Year 6 parents are invited to join us in the school yard as the year 6s leave via a whole school guard of honour. The bell will ring at 1pm so you are welcome to gather from 12:45.

SPLASH PUPIL OF THE WEEK AWARD



Class	Pupil of the week	Has demonstrated the 3 R's
Prep JR	Chadley McMahon	For the great kindness and respect he shows to others- what a beautiful friend
Prep MR	Havish Kumar	For being a responsible member of our grade. Excellent effort Havish
1H	Frankie Chiodo	For being a responsible reader and writer and being resilient when things don't work out.
	Lila Debono	For being kind and friendly towards others and always using a positive mindset at school.
1S	Alissa McKay	For being an outstanding learner this year. I have been so impressed in the way she has shown curiosity, creativity and determination in all that she does. Keep working hard and asking great questions. Superstar effort, well done Alissa.
2 JB	Hunter Stott	For staying on task and completing work during STEM
2R	Lucas Flinn	For using the disposition of creativity and determination during Visual Arts (Mrs Rosati)
	Sam Preston	For great listening and contributing during our Space Unit (Mrs Tighe)
3BC	Emily Browning	For being a risk taker and showing great courage to try challenging things.
3CC	Julia Saloman	For being a kind and caring friend and always striving to be the best learner she can be!

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4PS	Nicholas Martinho	For being a kind and thoughtful classmate who is always willing to share his materials with others.
	Sabrella Aphram	For using the disposition of creativity and inspiring her classmates with her artistic skills.
4SF	Jackson Misiti	For beginning to use the disposition of persistence when attempting a new task.
	Lauren de Veth	For beginning to use patience and self-reflection in her learning.
5/6C	Steven Pucar	For having a growth mindset and showing determination when working on Maths tasks.
	Myles Luca	For displaying the 3r's through his actions every day and being a role model for others.
5/6MT	Rhys Jones	For being such a gentleman and always being happy to help others!
5/6R	Eden Zudetich	For his work ethic, particularly during these final weeks of school. He is a resilient member of our grade who always pushes himself to do better in his learning.
	Cooper Pietromonaco	For challenging himself with his learning and showing determination to complete his presentation on a chosen saint this week. Well done, Coops!

Dear Parents

As we bring this difficult year to a close, we are assessing our resources for maths ready for 2021. Remote learning showed us that many children enjoyed using lego as a resource to develop their maths skills.

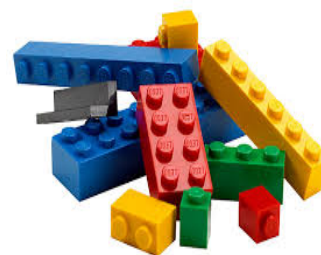
If you have any lego at home that your children have outgrown or you no longer need, the school maths dept would love to make good use of it.

Please contact me via email or drop off to the office.

Thank you for your support.

Kerry Dougherty kdougherty@olmcsunbury.catholic.edu.au

F-2 Numeracy Leader and Numeracy Intervention Teacher



2021 Term Dates

Term 1 27 January — 1st April (Easter 2—5 April)

29 January— first day for prep students, **1 February**—Year 1 – 6 students start

Term 2 19 April — 25 June

Term 3 12 July — 17 September

Term 4 4 October — 17 December

School Uniform News

School Hats (\$10) and Bottle Green socks (\$5) are available for sale from the school office.

Correct money appreciated please.

Lost Property Reminder:

Please check lost property in the MPR before the end of the school year as it is full with unnamed items. **These will be cleared out by the end of term if not claimed .**

Please label all school items with your child's name especially school jumpers, vests and rugby tops. This will help in reducing the vast amounts of these items that are in lost property.

If the school item is a hand me down from another family please ensure you remove this name.

Found: Kathmandu black jacket (child's size). Please contact office if your child is missing this item.



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