

Newsletter

Term 4 Week 9 Thursday, 3 December 2020

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Dear Parents,

Last Friday the SRC organised the dress up day with the theme – “What do you want to be when you grow up?” There were some fabulous outfits with a wide range of occupations represented from farmer to nurse and from gamer to midwife. Thank you to everyone who has embraced our dress up days this term. Here are some photos from last Friday

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Term Dates

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

The 5/6s have been unable to attend camp this week. The teachers have been working hard behind the scenes to ensure the children could have somewhat of a camp experience, onsite at school. The children have been fabulous in understanding that this year was like no other and we couldn't do everything we wanted to do or in the way we wanted to do it and I thank them for their resilience and patience. It has been so rewarding to see how much they have grown in their maturity. We are also treating the year 6s to a day at Funfields which they are very excited about! In past years the Clark family have been very generous in offering us the use of Tullamarine Indoor Action Sports. We are very grateful for all the fun days our students have spent there.



The year 5s presented their school captain speeches on Tuesday. I am so proud of the way they spoke and the content of their speeches. The year 4 and 5 students voted and the shortlist has been prepared for me to interview on Monday. House captains will be decided later next week. All of these badges will be presented at the start of next year at our Opening School Mass, all things going well. I will let you know the details when I can.

In past years I would have had dinner with the School Captains and Vice Captains on the night of our Open Day but that didn't happen this year due to restrictions. On Tuesday night, the School Captains and Vice Captains joined me for dinner at Vic's. We celebrated the year that it has been and I thanked them for their leadership and resilience. Their manners were impeccable, ordering their own meals and chatting at the table. Thank you Lisa, Ben, Myles and Keira for being great role models.

Year 6 Graduation will look different this year as we are still bound to Covid and social distancing restrictions. OLMC church is unavailable and St Anne's seating restrictions would limit numbers to one parent per child. I am also mindful of the luck (or lack thereof) we have for planned outdoor events. After much consideration and discussion, the following will take place:

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.

Attached to this week's newsletter is a letter from me regarding Semester 2 reports. Please read this carefully.

Tomorrow is a casual clothes day with a Christmas theme. Please remember to send in your hamper donations as well as raffle tickets

Happy birthday to these children celebrating their birthday this week:

Emma Cortese

Jai Pansino

Riley Portelli

Kevin Lam

Isabella Musone

Bradley Spark

This Sunday we celebrate the 2nd Sunday in Advent.

Gospel

Mark 1:1-8

A voice cries in the wilderness: prepare a way for the Lord.

Reflection:

- * John the Baptist preached forgiveness. This is one of the special gifts of God, and one of the big celebrations of Advent. We are a forgiven people, and we welcome the forgiveness of God in our repentance. This means we are firstly grateful for forgiveness - that we do not have to carry forever the burden of our sin, meanness, faults and failings. God covers them over in mercy.
- * The second step of welcoming forgiveness is to try to do better in life - to move on from this sinfulness and meanness to a life of care, compassion, love and joy, and to make steps to forgive others.

Only a week and a half to go!!

God bless,

Julie



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Dear Parents,

I am pleased to offer this report as feedback on your child's learning for Semester 2. As our school moved to remote learning as a result of COVID-19 again in Semester 2, our usual ways of working and engaging with students have subsequently looked different. Included in this change has been how we assess and report on student learning. Our school, teachers, students and families have all had to adapt, change and respond to the landscape – sometimes on a daily basis. There have been countless positive opportunities and new learning, but there have also been challenges and we have each responded as best we can on a weekly basis.

I thank your child for all they have achieved and all they have contributed – they should be proud of their efforts, even in the challenging moments. I also thank each parent and family member for your encouragement, feedback, patience and willingness to engage with us to support your child's ongoing wellbeing and learning.

Teachers have used a broad evidence-base to make balanced assessments of your child's progress at this point in time. Such evidence includes teacher observations, assessments, notes and work samples. Online conversations and student conferences were also considered.

It is important to note that due to the extenuating circumstances related to COVID 19, it has not always been possible to address or assess all of the curriculum content in its usual extent or depth and that some children may have progressed at a reduced rate due to the situation or may not have progressed to the next stage of their learning yet. Reviewing and revisiting of skills and content, will be an ongoing process next year.

In that context, this report again looks slightly different from usual. Following the advice of the Victorian Curriculum and Assessment Authority (VCAA), Victorian Department of Education and Training, and Catholic Education Commission of Victoria Ltd (CECV), this report will provide:

For English and Mathematics

- a short description of what was taught
- achievement via a teacher judgment against the Victorian Curriculum F–10 achievement standards using progression points, which are represented by a dot on the reports.
(Please note that while it may say 'at standard', if the dot is not yet at the end of the year level, then this indicates that the student is working towards/has not yet achieved that achievement standard.)
- progress from the last time that curriculum area was reported on
- children may have progressed at a reduced rate due to the situation or may not have progressed to the next stage of their learning yet.

For all other curriculum areas delivered

- a short description of what was taught, and a short comment on progress and achievement in student learning across the semester.

The report will also include a comment on how your child has adjusted to the remote and flexible learning environment, with reference to the 'Personal and Social Capability' curriculum.

Please don't hesitate to contact your child's classroom teacher or myself for clarification. I thank you for understanding the variations in this Semester 2 report, as impacted by the change in learning environments this Semester, and the approach our school has taken.

Yours sincerely,

Julie Freeman

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Icy Poles will be on sale for \$1 tomorrow

4th December—Wear casual clothes with a Christmas theme & bring a donation to go towards the Christmas raffle.

SPLASH PUPIL OF THE WEEK AWARD



| Class | Pupil of the week | Has demonstrated the 3 R's |
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| Prep JR | Ivy Luca | For always being a responsible member of Prep JR and working collaboratively with others. Terrific efforts Ivy! |
| Prep MR | Russell Salomon | For showing so much growth this year and always being a great model of the 3 R's in everything he does. Excellent Russell |
| 1H | Naomi Harrison | For always showing an interest in her learning and working collaboratively with others on different culture stories. Also for being a responsible learner. |
| | Olivia Cortese | For showing a keen interest when learning about other cultures and bringing photos in from other countries she has visited to share with 1/H. Thank you Olivia for always being a responsible learner. |
| 1S | Audrina Cole | For showing confidence to make new friends and give new learning a go. I love the way that she has been coming up and sharing things with me throughout the day. Keep smiling and being your happy self. Good work, Audrina! |
| | Zac Fulton Scanes | For taking turns and listening to others during class discussions. He has been trying really hard during writing time and has been working well with his peers. Keep up the great work Zac! |
| 2 JB | Hannah Zudetich | For being creative in all learning areas. Your positivity towards learning and your contagious smile brings a sense of joy to the classroom. |
| | Ashton Falzon-Pout | For joining in whole class discussions and always giving everything a go. |
| 2R | Tahlia Bekker | For showing resilience, sportsmanship and having fun during all P.E lessons. From Mr. Tom |
| 3BC | Jessie Irvine | For displaying amazing responsibility by acting on feedback to improve her learning. |
| | Samuel Plummer | For being a respectful, kind and reliable classmate who always offers his help to Miss Cristini and his peers. |
| 3CC | Layla Bonnici | For being a risk taker and challenging herself with her learning. Keep up that awesome effort Layla! |

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| 4PS | Ben White | For putting in an extra effort to focus on his schoolwork and make positive choices in the classroom. Great work, Ben! |
| 4SF | Harvie Paterra | For working towards using the disposition of quiet reflection for his learning. |
| | Darcy Anthony | For making excellent use of a fraction wall to find equivalent fractions. |
| 5/6C | Ben Kelly | For always being inclusive of others and displaying the 3R's in his actions every day. |
| | Jagan Fitzpatrick | For displaying a growth mindset when undertaking tasks that present a challenge. |
| 5/6MT | Macey Newman | For putting lots of effort into improving her learning and approaching new tasks with a positive attitude. |
| | Charlotte D'Crus | For focusing on her learning and showing confidence and leadership at camp. |
| 5/6R | Connor De Veth | For displaying sustained engagement, determination & persistence and being able to master his Life & Faith research |
| | Madalyn Moloney | For working diligently during class and ensuring she is being a good friend to her peers |

OLMC Christmas Hamper Raffle

With Christmas raffle is fast approaching our Christmas Hamper Raffle will be drawn on the Monday 14th December.

Casual Clothes day and Donations 4th December

Children can wear casual clothes on Friday 4th December. On this day instead of a gold coin donation we ask that the children bring in a gift for our Christmas hampers and also the return of the raffle tickets and money that will be drawn on 14th December.



Tickets

Each family will be given 10 raffle tickets and these will be given to the eldest child. Tickets are \$1 each. For any reason you are unable to buy these tickets please speak to Julie Freeman. As we really want all the kids to be in the draw to win 1 of our beautiful hampers.

Things to donate

| Grade | Theme | Ideas |
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| Prep | Christmas Galore | Bonbons, baubles, solar decorations, crafts, ham bag, decorations, table wear, Christmas cards / gift cards, wrapping etc |
| 1 and 2 | Christmas Indulgence | Chocolates, mince pies, wine, beer, plum pudding, nibbles, candles etc (no perishables please) |
| 3 and 4 | Holiday Relaxing | Pamper items, sunscreen, aloe vera, puzzle books, magazines, craft etc |
| 5 and 6 | Summer Entertaining | BBQ condiments, water balloons, outdoor toys, lollies, travel games, cards etc |

Let's make this a success, and please help with the fundraising money for our beautiful school. Thank you

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 if not claimed by the end of term.

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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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.

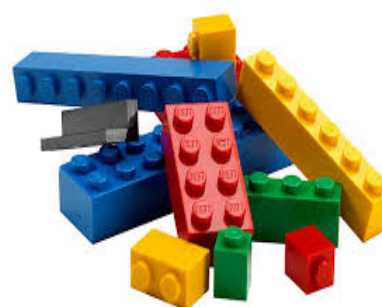
If you have any lego at home that your children have outgrown or you no longer need, the school maths dept would love to make good use of it.

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

Thank you for your support.

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F-2 Numeracy Leader and Numeracy Intervention Teacher



2021 Term Dates

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| 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 |

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GO GREEN-RECYCLING AT OLMC

Bread Tags for Wheelchairs

Are you saving your bread tags?
Please send them along to School
as soon as possible and deposit them
in the box in the Office foyer.
We will make arrangements for them to
be recycled and the money earned will go
to "Bread Tags for Wheel Chairs".
Thanks for your support and keep up the
good work.



Terracycle Oral waste recycling

We are collecting all oral waste such as, empty
toothpaste tubes & caps, toothbrushes &
packaging, floss picks & floss containers and electric
toothbrush heads. Please deposit any oral waste in the box
(no plastic bags please) located in the Office foyer. Every
piece of waste recycled earns our School \$\$\$ so tell family

