



Newsletter

Term 4 Week 11 Wednesday, 16 December

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

Dear Parents,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for all of your support throughout this year. Some tough decisions have had to be made and some very stringent protocols followed. Your care and consideration for all the staff has been greatly appreciated and we look forward to 2021 where we can hopefully have some fun and exciting community and fundraising event.

Thank you to all our staff who have worked tirelessly this year, adapting at every term to ensure the best for the children. Thank you to all of our students who have had an interesting year, to say the least. Their resilience has definitely grown as they became more responsible for their learning and had to find other ways to stay connected to their friends.

To the students and families who are leaving us this year, especially the year 6s, I wish you all the very best for your new ventures and I thank you for all you have contributed to our community.

Father Kevin and the Parish community congratulate all our Year 6 students on their graduation and wish them every happiness for their secondary school years.

We look forward to celebrating their Confirmation in the evening of March 12 2021 at the Rupertswood Stadium. Early next year we will be able to finalise details and registration for the Sacrament.

This Sunday we celebrate the 4th Sunday in Advent.

Gospel

Luke 1:26-38

'I am the handmaid of the Lord.'



Reflection: The Annunciation to Mary begins our immediate preparation for the coming of Jesus among us. There was fear at the surprising call, leading to a question of how this can happen. Then there was a sign in that Elizabeth is expecting a child before Mary said 'yes.' She did not say "ok, I will do it", but "let it be with me according to your word." It was 'yes' to a way of life, a 'yes' to the Word of God, leaving the initiative with God.

Christmas Mass

To accommodate the large numbers at Christmas, the Parish will be celebrating Christmas Masses over 4 days- Christmas Eve, 6/8/10pm, Christmas Day, 8.30/10.30am, Dec 26, 5.30pm and Dec 27th at 8.30/10.30am. It will be essential to book for a Christmas Mass on the website - olmcsunbury.com

I wish you all a happy and blessed Christmas and a safe new year.

Warm regards,

Julie

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We proclaim a crucified Christ

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9 December 2020

*Parents of children in Catholic Schools
Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne*

Dear Parents,

As the days rush by towards Christmas, may I write in thanks for the tremendous love and care you have given your families in such a hard year.

Many of us are joyful at the simple prospect of 2020 being over!

For parents in Catholic schools, I am grateful for the collaboration between our incredible teachers and principals and yourselves, in guiding your children through long days and weeks of learning from home, with all the ups and downs of the lockdown situations.

For a number, some heartbreak and loss has been mingled with other challenges, as well as distance from loved ones. My own prayer has been for you and your families, and I am trusting that in the time ahead the Holy Spirit will bring fresh joy and encouragement, and some well-deserved rest.

As the year comes to a close, may I also bring to your attention a significant change that has been taking place in the background this year, in which principals and parish priests have been acutely involved: the creation of a new company, Melbourne Archdiocese Catholic Schools (MACS), to govern Catholic schools in Melbourne as of 1 January 2021.

For you, as parents, you will notice no real change in your Catholic schools. It will be largely 'business as usual' as the year begins and students find their way into a new grade and new challenges. However, the day-to-day business of Catholic schools will not alter as such.

In fact, the Constitution for MACS makes it crystal clear that the parish and the school, especially through leaders such as the parish priest, principal, and the School Advisory Council, will have a responsibility to collaborate and continue to build up Catholic schools as the faith-filled, generous learning communities that they are.

If you would like to learn more, please consult the material at the following website, which has been available throughout the year as this work has developed:

<https://governance.melbourne>

For my part, the change from Catholic Education Melbourne to MACS has been the fruit of much hard work, in which the legacy of Catholic education is being upheld with gratitude for the past and much hope for the future.

Let us work together in the time ahead to continue to provide the best, the very safest, and the most generous learning environment we can for students and their families.

Catholic schools are a fruit of the Gospel and I give thanks to the Lord Jesus and his faithful disciples in Melbourne for building such schools, filled with so many gifts and diversity.

May we celebrate the birth of the Lord this coming Christmas, filled with gratitude, blessed with some time away from it all, and sharing that manifold joy with one another for which Catholic faith has always been so famous.

With appreciation, and blessings on you and your family.

Yours sincerely in Christ Jesus,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'P. Comensoli', with a small cross symbol to the left of the first part of the signature.

Most Rev Peter A Comensoli
Archbishop of Melbourne

2021 Term Dates

Term 1	27 January — 1st April (Easter 2—5 April) 29 January — <i>first day for prep students, 1 February</i> —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.

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December and will reopen on 11th January 2021