

Newsletter

Term 4 Week 5 Thursday, 4 November 2021

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

Dear Parents,

How fabulous to have everyone back at school this week. The sound of laughter and learning have been permeating the rooms and grounds and it has been delightful to be able to see the smiling faces enter the gates each morning.

One of the things we have noticed as the children returned last year and again this year after lockdown is some difficulty with resilience. This is to be expected after months at home not having to manage as many social issues and having less time restrictions and even boundaries in some instances. As a result, we have decided to take part in "The Resilience Project" in 2022. You may have read the book by Hugh Van Cuylenburg. If you haven't, I highly recommend you find a copy. Hugh also has a new book out at the end of this month.

Being part of the Resilience Project will help teachers, students and parents as there is content for all groups. I will share these with you in the new year. The main focus is what they called GEM – gratitude, empathy and mindfulness. The mental health statistics in Australia are confronting and the mission is to teach positive mental health strategies to help people become happier and more resilient.

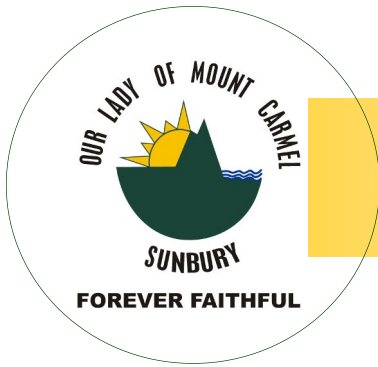
We are currently looking at staffing and class structures for next year. Just a reminder to please let me know if your child is not returning to OLMC in 2022. It is also worth noting that there will be a number of staffing changes with regard to who is teaching which year level. It is important for primary teachers to experience all year levels and to work across different teams.

While we are unable to offer remote learning for children whose parents choose to keep them at home, we have prepared packs so they are ready to go if a family or class are forced into isolation. These will either be sent home with the child or delivered to your house by one of our staff and left in your letterbox. There will be enough maths, literacy and RE for about a week and if isolation continues, the packs will be updated. The work will mostly be revision and your child's teacher will send out the spelling words via Seesaw. Please ensure you do what is best for your own family. The children need only complete the work that can be managed.

Happy birthday to the following children who have a birthday this week. I hope your day is filled with happiness and excitement:



Adam Minawieh	Jayden Paoly
Jonah Crook	Zac Paoly
Charlotte Graham	Emily Vasey
Ellana Ooriniyasi	
Zoey Armstead	



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Term 4 Week 2 Thursday, 4 November 2021

Assembly will be held next Monday at 9am via Google Meet. I will send out the link on Monday morning. This will be in place until further notice. As you can imagine the calendar for the remainder of the year is filling up quickly. Still no news on what we will be able to do for Graduation as yet. Here are some important dates to remember:

10th November – Prep Orientation session 1 – 9:30-10:30

11th November – Year 4 parent information session for year 5/6 lap top program – 7pm (Google Meet)

15th November – Information session for 2022 prep parents - 7pm (Google Meet)

16th November – First Eucharist Masses – 5pm and 6:30pm

18th November – Prep Orientation session 2 – 9:30-10:30

2nd December – Prep Orientation session 3 – 9:30-10:30

13th December – Prep Orientation session 4 and whole school orientation 12pm – 1pm

13th December – Year 6 Graduation – to be confirmed

15th December – **Students finish at 1pm**

The Catholic Church celebrated All Souls' Day on the 1st November and All Saints' Day on the 2nd November. On All Saints' Day there's a call to live as saints, to remind us how we're supposed to live. On All Souls' Day, we're talking about all souls and asking God's mercy for them. Many in our OLMC community have lost loved ones this year and we take this opportunity to pray for these families and the souls of those who have been lost to us.

This Sunday we celebrate the 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time:

Gospel

Mark 12:38–44

This poor widow has put in more than all.

Reflection: Jesus proclaims that the woman who put in two small copper coins had given more than all the rich people. In a very real way, it is a summary of the whole Gospel, for God looks at the heart and its readiness to give generously. Do I measure my worth by my external success, or am I free to look at my heart and be ready to be generous even in my poverty? I ask God to help me look at myself and at others as he looks at us.

God bless and take care,

Julie

School Absences : absent@olmcsunbury.catholic.edu.au

Sunbury Catholic Parish
School Fee Policy for our Parish Primary Schools

There are now three primary schools in the Parish of Our Lady of Mt Carmel. The Parish established the first two schools through the generosity of parishioners, and their continued support enables the Parish to sustain pastoral and financial assistance to our whole school community.

2022 School Fee Structure & Schedule

Family Fee cost \$2270.00

In order to support our families during the COVID-19 pandemic there was no increase of School fees for 2021, and so we have not been able to avoid a small increase for 2022 to \$2270.

This fee is charged annually per family. Billing is done at the start of the year for the full year and this account is required to be paid in full by the end of July. Payment may be made by Cash, Cheque, Credit Card or Direct Debit. *Payment by instalment can be arranged with the office before the end of February.*

Per Student Fee cost - \$360.00

In order to support our families during these difficult times we have not made any change to the Curriculum Levies charged for 2022. Each student is charged a curriculum levy in November/December \$360 for 2022. This fee must be paid mid December 2021 so that resources can be purchased and distributed. There are additional costs for Sacramental classes (charged by the Parish) and school camps (usually Years 3-6). Interscholar Sports can be an additional charge (Years 5 & 6) notified at the time.

One to one Laptop Program Year 5 & 6 Students only

Every student in year 5 and 6 has the opportunity to participate in a one to one laptop program, whereby all students are allocated an Apple Mac Laptop for their use at School and also at home (with controls) and Parents are billed (with school fees) for the rent of the machine whilst at OLMC in years 5 and 6. The cost for 2022 for the Laptop rental is \$490 for year 6 students and \$463 for year 5 students. At the end of Year 6 each family has the option to purchase the Laptop their child has been using for an extra buyout fee.

The three primary schools of Our Lady of Mt Carmel Parish receive limited funding from government sources. Parents who choose to send their children to our Parish Primary Schools are therefore obliged to pay school fees in order for the schools to repay loans, running costs, salaries and educational requirements. Parents will also be expected to participate in and support fundraising activities, which assists in the areas of maintenance, playground amenities and additional resources in curriculum.

It is a matter of justice that all parents are meeting their obligation and therefore the school fee policy has been developed to assist all parents.

Process for Collection of Fees

1. At the end of previous year, the school will inform parents of the fees, when due and payment options. Payments are to be made by the due date.
2. If there is a difficulty with fees at any stage, *onus is on parents to communicate with school* and contact the Principal who can negotiate a reasonable fee depending on circumstances. Also, some people, for budget purposes, need to pay weekly, fortnightly or monthly. The school can accommodate time payment plans, **but requests are to be made at the beginning of the year.**
3. Parents will be issued an account as shown below, and reminders throughout the year

<u>Fee</u>	<u>Sent Out</u>	<u>Due</u>
Book box, Stationery, resources, excursions, etc.	Early November	December (paid in advance)
Yearly Fee (Full Amount)	February	End of July*

**Unless payment plan is in place.*

4. If full amount is not received by the end of July, an Account Rendered is sent as a reminder.
5. One week later the Principal (or an agent of the Principal), will contact the parents. Arrangements are to be kept confidential between all parties.
6. If the agreed course of action is not implemented, a final letter will be sent one week later informing parents that the matter has been passed on to the Debt Collection Agency / Legal Team. In the event that the customer is in default of the obligation to pay, and the overdue account is then referred to an agency for collection, *the commission payable and legal costs incurred shall be added to the amount outstanding and form part of the debt.*
7. The Principal is to follow up the matter with the Agency. This will take place at various times during the year.

OLMC Christmas Raffle



The Christmas raffle is fast approaching

Our Christmas Raffle will be drawn on Tuesday 7th December

Casual Clothes Day, donations and raffle tickets due Thursday 2nd December

Children can wear casual clothes on Thursday 2nd 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.

Tickets

Each family will be given 10 raffle tickets and these will be given to the eldest child. Tickets are \$1 each. These need to be returned by Thursday 2nd December.

Ideas for Donations

Grade	Theme	Ideas
Prep	Christmas Decorations	Christmas decorations, lights, baubles, tinsel, wrapping paper
1 and 2	Holiday Fun	Water accessories, games, cards, outdoor games
3 and 4	Food and Wine Indulgences	Wine, Champagne, Beer, Nibbles, Chips, Lollies and BBQ Condiments.
5 and 6	Home Decor and Relaxing	Pamper items, Sunscreen, Moisturiser, Puzzle Books, Books, Magazine, Craft, Candles, Table Wear.

Lets make this a success for our kids

Thank you

Literacy News

Dear parents and caregivers

Just to bring you up to date with Scholastic:

There is an issue 8 on the Loop. You can have this order delivered to your home for an extra \$7.50. This looks like it will be the last order for the year, as the closing date is 8th December.

However I would be careful of ordering anything at the present, as the postal service is very much overwhelmed and I would hate you to order something for your child's Christmas and it not arrive in time.

We have recently got a subscription to Story Box Library for our students, which you can use at home. Hundreds of beautiful picture books read by actors and authors.

Story Box Library

<https://storyboxlibrary.com.au/login>

User name: OLMCSunbury

Viewer Password:OLMC#2021

As the children are on screens a lot of the time at the moment, you may wish to use this as a treat or use it more often when we return to school.

I also want to thank all the wonderful parents who are working in partnership with us to teach the children. I would like to acknowledge that it has been a difficult and long time but we will get there, if we all work together.

Take care and stay safe, we are all just waiting to see our beautiful children again.

Cheers Evelyn





24/7 Mental Health Services



Is it an emergency? If you or someone you know is at immediate risk of harm, call triple zero (000)

<p>Suicide Call Back Service <i>Anyone thinking about suicide</i></p> <p>  suicidecallbackservice.org.au  1300 659 467 </p>	<p>Lifeline <i>Anyone having a personal crisis</i></p> <p>  lifeline.org.au  13 11 14 </p>
<p>Beyond Blue <i>Anyone feeling anxious or depressed</i></p> <p>  beyondblue.org.au  1300 22 4636 </p>	<p>Kids Helpline <i>Counselling for young people aged 5 to 25</i></p> <p>  kidshelpline.com.au  1800 55 1800 </p>
<p>MensLine Australia <i>Men with emotional or relationship concerns</i></p> <p>  mensline.org.au  1300 78 99 78 </p>	<p>Open Arms <i>Veterans and families counselling</i></p> <p>  openarms.gov.au  1800 011 046 </p>



School Uniform News

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

Correct money appreciated please. Cash only.

A reminder to label all school uniform items especially jumpers & rugby tops and food/drink containers with your child's name. This will help stop the vast amounts of these items that end up in lost property.



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IMPORTANT DATES

Term 4: 4th October—Wed 15th December— Students finish at 1.00pm

OLMC RECYCLING CENTRE



PENS TEXTAS AND WHITE OUT PRODUCTS, USED BATTERIES, PLASTIC BREAD TAGS AND ORAL PRODUCT PACKAGING CAN ALL BE RECYCLED AT OLMC.

We are actively recycling a number of products to reduce the impact on our planet. Please continue to send your recyclable items to the School Office.

The boxes are located in the School Office Foyer



THE WONDER BREAD RECYCLING PROGRAM HAS NOW ENDED BUT PLEASE CONTINUE TO RECYCLE ALL SOFT PLASTIC, INCLUDING BREAD BAGS BY COLLECTING THEM AND PUTTING THEM IN THE REDCYCLE BIN AT COLES AND WOOLWORTHS SUPERMARKETS. LOCATED NEAR THE CHECKOUT.



WIN

**\$50 Rebel Sport
Gift Card!**

Entries close Friday 19 November
at 5pm. Submit your child's drawing
and/or complete the survey
to go into the draw to win.
T&Cs apply

Hume Healthy Kids



Hume Libraries and DPV Health are planning for new programs and activities for children (0-12 years) and their families to help improve mental wellbeing physical health and social connection in our local community.

These activities and programs will be delivered at the Hume Libraries and other community venues from January to July 2022.

We want to hear from families and children in Hume City about what programs and activities we could deliver to help improve health and wellbeing.

Please help us by completing the drawing activity with your children and/or parent/carer survey.

3 ways to get involved

1. Scan the QR code below to complete the parent/carer survey and upload your child's drawing.
2. Go to the link below to complete the parent/carer survey and upload your child's drawing.
<https://surveys.hume.vic.gov.au/s3/HumeHealthyKids>
3. Arrange to Click and Collect books from your library and request a copy of the survey with your order.

Scan QR code



Draw closes Friday 19 November 2021

If you have any questions or would like print copies of the drawing activity, please contact Jacqueline at libraries@hume.vic.gov.au

Submit your child's drawing and/or complete the survey to go into the draw to **WIN a \$50 Rebel Sport gift card!** T&Cs apply.

The Hume Healthy Kids project acknowledges the support of the State Library Victoria and Public Libraries Victoria.





RUPERTSWOOD JUNIOR BLAST PROGRAM



ANDREW PIZARO TO FACILITATE THE PROGRAM

JUNIOR (5-7yrs) (1HR) | MASTER (7-10yrs) (1.5HRS)

8 x FRIDAY 6pm SESSIONS FROM NOV 19th

JUNIOR - \$75 (CA Cost) PROGRAM incl Personalised Kit

MASTER - \$60 incl SHIRT & CAP

REGISTER rupertswoodcc.org.au

