



Newsletter

Term 4 Week 10 Thursday, 9 December 2021

Principal's Message

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Dear Parents,

Welcome to the last newsletter of 2021. I would like to thank all of the students, parents, and staff for your resilience, agility and support throughout the year. As I said to one of our year 1 students last week, "Every day may not be good but there is something good in every day" (Alice Morse Earle) It is up to us to find it and be grateful. I would also like to thank Father Kevin for everything he does to support the work we do.

As we reflect on this year, we remember those in our staff and family communities who have lost someone close to them. I will keep you in my prayers as you navigate the next few weeks and hope that you find courage and strength.

On Monday we celebrated Year 6 Graduation with the students and their families. It was a thoroughly enjoyable evening and the weather was beautiful. This year's grade 6s have been an absolute pleasure to know and I wish them all the very best in their transition to secondary school. I reminded them they will always be part of the OLMC community. A number of awards were presented as well. Congratulations to the following students:

Hume Council Scholarship Award – Chelsea Farrugia

Josh Bull Community and Citizenship Award – Amelia Haxby

The McEwen Award for Outstanding School Citizenship – Liam Joyce

Salesian College Scholarship – Bridie Fish

This week many of the year 5 students presented their application speech to their peers and teachers. It is not any easy thing to do and the children really impressed me with their courage and confidence. The year 5s then used what they have learnt about preferential voting in their Life and Faith unit and a short list of candidates was established. Tomorrow I will interview those children in the next stage of the process and work with the leadership team to decide on the best candidates for the 2022 School Captains. This can be a really bitter sweet moment as those who are chosen are over the moon while those who are not successful in this role are really disappointed. At the start of next year we will elect House Captains, Sports Captains, an SRC president and RE leader. There are plenty of opportunities for leadership whether or not you wear a badge.

Students will meet their 2022 teacher and classmates on Monday and receive their Semester 2 reports on Tuesday. These were again a challenge due to the long duration of remote learning. Be proud of and celebrate everything your child has been able to achieve.

I will email you the time your children need to be at school on Monday 31st January for the one hour 'getting to know you' session. I have found that many families lose the letter that goes into the report so you will receive an individualised email instead. This will also include the name of your child's teacher. Please note that unless there has been a significant oversight, class lists cannot be changed. It is also important to note that classrooms are for learning and sometimes your child's best friend is not the best person to support their learning. They will still have time together on the playground and in year level activities.

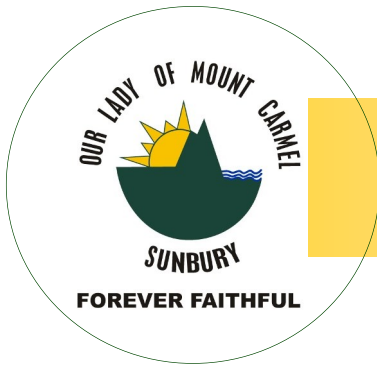
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End of term 4

Wednesday
December 15th
1pm finish





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We are sad to say goodbye to the families who are leaving us at the end of the year. We thank you for all of your contributions and we wish you all the very best in your next adventure:

Barnes, Carter, Clement, D'Crus, Farrugia, Fish, Fitzpatrick, Gardner, Handley, Harris, Haxby, Jones, Joyce, Kumar, Kiliva, McDonald, Paoly, Pietromonaco, Wilson.

Happy birthday to the following children who still have a birthday to come in December:

Lucas Blume	Frankie Chiodo	Sophie Kiss	Julian Caruana
Daisy Crook	Wyatt Doricic	Bradley Spark	Henry D'Couto
Annika Haines	Zac Fulton Scanes	Charlie Musone	Lauren De Veth
Owen Scown	Abby McKay	Julia Salomon	Jessica Preston
Georgia De Brincat	Isabella Musone	Marley Stott	Allura Qoriniyasi
Sebastian Nurse	Lachlan Nott	Ellena Zographos	Roman Stella
Ryan Rajab	Charlotte Wojewidka	Darcy Anthony	Charlotte D'Crus
James Chapman	Lucas Flinn	Kiara Anthony	Summer Pietromonaco
			Erin Wilson



Many of you will know Miss Alannah Moon who has worked with us this year as a Learning Support Officer and Performing Arts teacher. Alannah is leaving us to take up her first full time teaching position at St Vincent's in Strathmore. We wish Alannah all the very best and we know that St Vincent's will be very lucky to have her.

We are also saying goodbye and thank you to our counsellor, Cecilia Tankey, who has been with us for 2 years and has worked with many of our students. We will do our best to find someone to replace Cecilia but this is not an easy task. If you have any concerns about your children please take them to your local GP for a mental health plan and recommendations for a local psychologist.

This Sunday we celebrate the 3rd Sunday in Advent:

Luke 3:10-18

'Someone is coming who will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.'

Finally, I would like to wish all of our OLMC a blessed and happy Christmas. I hope you are able to spend time with family and enjoy the company of your loved ones. Thank you for all you have done to support your children, their teachers and myself this year. I pray that the peace of the coming of our saviour fills your hearts and homes.

God bless,

Julie



Farewell from Mr Healy



To all students, parents and friends of Our Lady of Mount Carmel School,
I am just writing to thank for the past 14 years of support during my time as Religious Education Leader.

It is not really a 'retirement' but a "repurposing" of my career as I return to the school next year as a CRT (Casual Relief Teacher). Teaching and working with students and staff has been a constant in my life since my first class in 1989. The world has changed as has the roles and responsibilities of teachers and the resources and insights now available to us.

In 2022 it is time to hand on the baton to Mr Nelson Graham, a fine leader, supporter and model of the faith in action in today's world.

I look forward to seeing you all in 2022, hope you have a holy and safe Christmas and a bright and prosperous new year.

Colin Healy

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A big thank you to the following year 4 students for helping to clean up the Quiet Area: Morgan Harmer, Mason Ellis and Jessie Irvine.

IMPORTANT DATES

December

13th December	Prep Orientation session 4 and whole school orientation 12pm – 1pm
14th December	Reports go home
15 th December	<u>Students finish at 1pm</u>

Term Dates 2022

Term 1:	28 th January—8th April (Easter 15th April—18th April) (Preps 31st January /Yrs 1—6 1st February)
Term 2:	26th April —Friday 24th June (Monday 25th Anzac Day)
Term 3:	11th July—16th September
Term 4:	3 rd October—16th December

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

SPLASH PUPIL OF THE WEEK AWARD



Class	Pupil of the week	Has demonstrated the 3 R's
Prep J	Aria Scerri:	For her wonderful efforts at being a responsible learner by focusing on and completing tasks this week. Great job Aria
Prep M	Ashanti Mayom	For being a responsible and respectful class member and always showing the three R's. Well Done Ashanti
1 H	Roman Cammarano	For being resilient and being a wonderful kind friend to others.
1 R	Oliver Lepua	For reading with confidence and taking on the role as one of the narrators in our Nativity play!
2 A	Charlie Dixon	For showing his best effort in class and producing amazing work that shows his capabilities. Good job Charlie, keep up the great work.
2J	Bella Scerri	For using the disposition of collaboration in maths when working with her peers to learn about capacity. Well done on working with others to solve problems.
2J	Jonathan Squatritto	For completing his first year at Our Lady of Mount Carmel showing that he is a respectful, responsible and resilient student.
3BC	Isla Tait	For displaying the dispositions of determination and risk taking when presenting her awesome biography on Turia Pitt to the grade.
3CC	Lucas Flinn	For showing kindness and compassion and looking after his friends and teachers.
4 PS	Evie Lavelle	For taking the initiative to revise all of her spelling words and for making such great progress with her Reading and Spelling.
4 ST	Samuel Dillon	For using the disposition of reflection to make the right choices.
5/6 C	Daisy Handley	For showing initiative and stepping in and offering to help when she sees a need.
5/6 MT	Lily Munslow	For her positive attitude to learning and being a kind and helpful class-mate the entire year!
5/6 R	Tyler Stott	For the enthusiastic manner in which she takes part in all learning activities. Tyler sets a great example of the 3Rs in all that she does.

Naomi Harrison and Charlotte Graham

Grade 2 Old Bus Tour

On the 2nd of December, 2021, for a Life and Faith excursion, we went on an old bus



*tour. All of the Grade 2s went on the bus.
2J in front of the old Sunbury Coaches bus.*

We visited old landmarks around Sunbury. There were no seatbelts on the bus. We went around Evans Street and Jacksons Hill.

Our friend Bonnie, got really excited when we traveled through Jacksons Hill. She saw her dog! It was a great experience for all of us.



Fun Fact: Sunbury Coaches has been running for 41 years.

We didn't go faster than 60kph. We saw the George Evans Plaque near the Hume Library. Did you know: George Evans founded Sunbury with the Jacksons brothers?

It took us 30 minutes to travel around Sunbury.



2A in front of the old Sunbury Coaches bus.

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The bus driver told us this amazing fun fact: Jacksons Hill used to be a golf course. We were traveling over it in the old Sunbury coaches bus!

How cool is that!



Bindi by Kirli Saunders

By Isabella Cammarano

This book is about an 11 year old indigenous girl who has faced a lot in the past year with a broken wrist, and the **BIGGEST** fire she has ever seen. Bindi has a lot of animals like a horse named Nell.

I liked this book because of the interesting names and Bindi's personality of being kind hearted and risk taking. I found it sad when they released the baby garall { a black cockatoo in indigenous language.} Bindi has a lot of animals including horses, dogs, bunnies and chickens. Bindi is athletic and plays hockey with her friends Olive, Marco and Henry. I liked how Kirli Saunders wrote the book; it wasn't in the traditional style of writing. Bindi likes art but doesn't like math. The bush fire was big and swept over all of New South Wales and houses burnt down. Bindi has a connection to country on her mum's side. All in all I really liked this book.

Bindi by Kirli Saunders

This book is about an 11 year old indigenous girl named Bindi who lives on a farm backing into bushland. She has two dogs, Rocky and Tazz and two horses, Nelly and Scoot. Her horse is Nelly. She also has three close friends named Henry, Olive and Marco and two siblings, Omeo and Elsie. She loves to do art but isn't a fan of maths.

Bindi doesn't like to show off her art because she is shy but her teacher decided a group of people are going to paint a mural. The group she chose were Bindi and her friends. Bindi was nervous to paint it. Bindi is looking after a black cockatoo that hurt its wing, same as Bindi but she just broke her wrist when she fell off her horse.

By Ellena Zographos and Emma Cortese

Bindi by Kirli Saunders

This book is about an 11 year old indigenous girl called Bindi that lives in a yellow house and has a lot of animals-pets and she spends a lot of time with her three friends Marco, Henry and Olive and she has faced a lot in the past and has a brother named Omeo and a little sister Elsie.

I sort of liked this book. It's not really my type because the pages are quite short and I don't really like books that have interesting words and words I don't know what they are but overall I guess I liked it but what I like about it is that it has a lot of animals-pets and the main character found a baby garall (a black cockatoo) in the bush. This book is way different to me because I have only a little bit of pets and Bindi has tons of different types of pets and it's also different because she lives in a yellow house and I live in a house with brown bricks and she has a brother and a sister and I only have a brother and me. She loves hockey, art and caring for others and I LOVE DANCING and I like seeing my friends and I like going on my ipad and spending time with my family and lastly I love going girl shopping with my mum or with my best friend. I like how Bindi has a horse named Nellie but she calls it Nell and I like horses. They are cute. In the middle of the book she broke her wrist from riding her horse. And also in the middle of the story a bushfire started and everyone's house burnt down except Bindi's house and all you could see was the bed frames showing through the houses. So pretty much I like it.

Madilyn Grech

Bindi by Kirli Saunders

Bindi is a story of an indigenous girl who faces bushfires and many lost hockey games. The doctors say the bird that she just saved is going to die but like her, the bird has a broken wing and Bindi has a broken wrist.

Bindi loved the bird so much she looked after it until the bird's wing got better despite what the doctor said. They were in lockdown and not the covid lockdown; the biggest fire their town has ever seen. Bindi and her family and the bird were in the safe place like the other families they were in there for four days but then there was a whisper and when the whisper got to Bindi's family her mother cried with joy because they were able to go home. Their house only had a hint of charcoal on it. Later Bindi's team won their first hockey game and they were so happy.

Bindi cried both happy and sad tears when she released the bird back into the bush.

Andrew Martinho and Brandon Busutill

4ST Book Responses

OLMC RECYCLING CENTRE



PENS, TEXTAS AND WHITE OUT PRODUCTS, USED BATTERIES, PLASTIC BREAD BAGS 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.



HUME LIBRARIES SCHOOLS NEWSLETTER

DECEMBER 2021



The graphic features a central yellow sun with the text "BIG Summer Read" in red and black. Radiating from the sun are several colorful lines, each ending in a different cartoon character: a purple book, a pink cloud with a face, a black and orange striped character, a yellow squirrel, and a red book. The background is a bright blue sky with white clouds. Logos for "Lifelong Change Lives", "Public Libraries Victoria", and "Bolinda" are in the top corners. Below the sun, the text "JOIN. BORROW. PLAY. WIN!" is written in bold, followed by the dates "1 DECEMBER 2021 - 31 JANUARY 2022". Below this, it says "Download the Beanstack Tracker app, register to play at <https://ply.beanstack.org> or visit your local public library". At the bottom, a black box contains the text: "BIG Summer Read is a joint program with Public Libraries Victoria to encourage children to read. Summer is the perfect time for children to indulge in books and stories for pleasure. Go into the draw for your chance to win one of four \$100 book vouchers!"

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JANUARY SCHOOL HOLIDAYS—FOLLOW THE MAGIC

This January we are calling all kids to Follow the Magic.

All programs are free but **BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL**. Please see the [Hume Libraries website](https://www.humelibraries.vic.gov.au) for details.



Be enthralled by the amazing talents of **Luke the Magician**. Laugh out loud and be mesmerised as Luke inserts his unique sense of comedy into his magic.

And hold onto your hats ... crowd favourites **CARP Productions** will be back in the library! See them live in action as they present **Fantastic Fairytales**.



Other activities to keep the kids entranced include Kick Bricks and Planks, NGV Kids on Tour art activities, Lego, and more.

DESIGN SHARE GROW
FIND RARE SEARCH
LAUGH READ

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