



Newsletter

Term 4 Week 9 Thursday, 2 December 2021

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

Dear Parents,

As we inch closer to the end of the year there is a great buzz around the school. We have had a number of staff who have been unwell but the students have been very resilient in their absence. Let's hope for a smooth finish to the school year.

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The Preps were finally able to celebrate their '100 day so of school' on Monday. It has been a big year for them and they have blossomed into such responsible passionate learners. A huge thank you to Vic Scerri and his family and staff for the delicious lunch they provided at Vic's.



End of term 4

Wednesday
December 15th
1pm finish

Congratulations to the Scown family on the birth of baby Isaac. I am sure Owen and Eva will make an excellent big brother and big sister. We welcome Isaac to the OLMC community.



Thank you to our lovely Christmas Raffle ladies for once again organising this great event. Thank you to all families for your hamper donations and purchase of raffle tickets. At the start of next year, we hope for parents to gather together to plan our 2022 community and fundraising events. We look forward to being able to have everyone back onsite!

We only have a handful of staffing changes for next year:

Mr Colin Healy will retire from being a permanent member of the OLMC staff. Colin will do some CRT work here next year so it is not goodbye but a time for a lifestyle change. I would like to thank Colin for everything he has done at OLMC, especially in his role as Religious Education Leader. We wish him all the very best.

Alannah Moon has been working with us as an LSO all year and a performing arts teacher this semester. Alannah has been offered a full time teaching role at St Vincent's in Strathmore. We wish Alannah all the very best as she begins her first classroom teaching position

Paula Seric will return one day a week next year in a literacy support role. We welcome Paula back after carer's leave since April.



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We are busy allocating students to teachers for next year. This is a huge task and takes many weeks. Once the classes are confirmed it is virtually impossible to make any changes. It is not as simple as moving one child as this causes a snowball effect as students are placed based on ensuring there are other students they work well with and there is an even spread in each class of gender and needs. We do not accept 'teacher shopping'.

2022 Teaching Staffing:

Prep – Ms Danielle Jongbloed and Christine Cassar

Year 1 – Mrs Rita Rocco and Mrs Harper

Year 2 – Ms Amanda Caiafa and Miss Bianca Cristini

Year 3/4 – Miss Francesca Rizzo, Miss Nicole Jovanovic and Mrs Emma Mallia-McKenzie/Mrs Kate Faulkner

Year 5 – Mr Len Devlin and Mr Tom Stefaniw/ Mrs Amy Thompson

Year 6 – Mrs Evelyn Sfyris/Ms Bec and Mrs Trish Cairns

Physical Education – Mr Tom Stefaniw

STEM – Mr Mark Gleeson and Mrs Michelle Tighe

Visual Arts – Mrs Kerrienne Bell-Merrick

Auslan (Prep -2) - Mrs Kerrienne Bell-Merrick

Auslan (Year 3-6) – Mrs Annemarie O'Connell

Literacy support – Paula Seric

NCCD support – Ruth Lethlean

Classroom release – Mrs Trisha Bell-Bartels and Mrs Michelle Tighe

Deputy Principal (Organisation and Technology) – Mr Mark Gleeson

Deputy Principal (Faith and Mission) – Mr Nelson Graham

Student Wellbeing/ Learning Diversity – Mrs Shelley Ellis

Learning and Teaching – Ms Bec Power

Maths Prep -2 – Mrs Kerry Dougherty

Maths 3-6 – Mrs Rachael Zabielski

Literacy – Mrs Evelyn Pickering

This Sunday we celebrate the 2nd Sunday in Advent.

The second Sunday of Advent gives us the opportunity to prepare our hearts in faithful waiting, celebrate the [birth of Jesus](#), and ready ourselves for his second coming.

It's a beautiful chance to reflect on the ways prophecy has been fulfilled and to ponder what the future (promised to us through prophecies) will bring.

[Psalm 46:10-11](#) says:

...Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth."
The Lord Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress."

Happy birthday to everyone who is celebrating this week. I hope you have a fabulous day!



Orlando Cole

Emma Cortese

Jai Pansino

Riley Portelli

IMPORTANT DATES

December

6th December	Year 6 Graduation
13th December	Prep Orientation session 4 and whole school orientation 12pm – 1pm
6th December	Year 6 Graduation
15 th December	Students finish at 1pm

Canteen : Limited menu will only be available.

SPLASH PUPIL OF THE WEEK AWARD



Class	Pupil of the week	Has demonstrated the 3 R's
Prep J	Oliver Austin	Congratulations on your responsible approach to learning tasks and the respectful way you speak, play and work with others. Awesome efforts!
Prep M	Emma Brndusic	For working so hard on her writing by practicing her skills of writing on the lines and being a determined learner. Well Done Emma
1 H	Quincy Stephens- O'brien	For being a responsible class member and always being kind to others and bringing her beaming smile to us each day.
1 R	Harry Zabielski	For displaying respect, resilience and responsibility with all students and staff.
2 A	Abigail McKay	For asking questions to extend her learning and clarify things. Keep trusting yourself and your abilities. Well done Abigail.
2J	Bonnie Grant	For always being a good friend, having a positive attitude towards everything she does and always joining in class discussions.
3BC	Hanano Marshall	For going above and beyond to display respect and acts of kindness towards others in every day classroom and in the yard.
3CC	Mahika Chand	For being a self motivated learner and sharing a very interesting power point presentation on Audrey Hepburn.
4 PS	Zane Tomasini	For taking responsibility for his learning and participation in class and demonstrating excellent Restorative skills.
4 ST	Brandon Busuttill	For his outstanding effort in improving all areas of his work since the return to onsite learning.
5/6 C	Ellie Bonnitcha	For an absolutely amazing effort researching and paraphrasing information about Ronald Reagan, and an even more amazing effort when presenting her facts to the class. Fantastic effort Ellie!
5/6 MT	William Chapman	For making positive choices for his learning and his dedication to ensuring he completes tasks to the best of his ability.
5/6 R	Juliet Luca	For an outstanding display of resilience and determination. Juliet planned, researched and delivered a presentation about David Attenborough to our grade this week. Fantastic work, Juliet!

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.

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

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.

Cheers Evelyn

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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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.

