

Our Lady of Mt Carmel Primary NEWSLETTER



6 April 2016

Term 1

Week 11

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UPCOMING DATES

TERM 1

Week 11

Thursday 7/04

OLMC Cross Country at school

Friday 8/04

9:15am Stage 1 Mass

**LAST DAY OF SCHOOL FOR
TERM 1**

NOTES SEN T HOME TODAY

- Yr 2 Star Card Award
- Year 5 Star Card Award
- Principal's Challenge
- Premier's Reading Challenge
- Parramatta Council Holiday Activities
- Yr 6 iPad Use

Dear Parents

Pope Francis declared that from December 8 2015 until December 2016 would be JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY. Leviticus talks about a jubilee year "of great favour" so it is not a new idea. Jubilee years have been documented since 1300 and the last year of Jubilee was 2000 "to proclaim the Lord's favour".



Pope Francis says, "We need constantly to contemplate the mystery of mercy. It is a wellspring of joy, serenity, and peace. Our salvation depends on it.

***Mercy:** the word reveals the very mystery of the Most Holy Trinity.*

***Mercy:** the ultimate and supreme act by which God comes to meet us.*

***Mercy:** the fundamental law that dwells in the heart of every person who looks sincerely into the eyes of his brothers and sisters on the path of life.*

***Mercy:** the bridge that connects God and man, opening our hearts to the hope of being loved forever despite our sinfulness.*

At times we are called to gaze even more attentively on mercy so that we may become a more effective sign of the Father's action in our lives. For this reason I have proclaimed an Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy as a special time for the Church, a time when the witness of believers might grow stronger and more effective."

The motto for the year, *Merciful like the Father*, serves as an invitation to follow the merciful example of God who asks us not to judge or condemn but to offer love and forgiveness instead. This love and forgiveness is unconditional in any and all situations.

How can we be merciful like the Father at work, at home and at school?

Not just to your friends and work colleagues but to all?

Pope Francis is really stretching us and to be merciful like the Father.

The Jubilee Year also brings certain graces. Cathedrals and basilicas have "Holy Doors" where those entering and praying receive graces from God. In our diocese there are four such doors. They are St Patrick's Cathedral Parramatta, Mount Schoenstatt Shrine, Mulgoa, Our Lady of Czestochowa Chapel, Marayong and the Shrine of the Holy Innocents, Kellyville.

As we conclude Term 1 and all that it has offered, we thank our Merciful Father for all that has been achieved. May the holiday break offer all the opportunity to stop and refresh ready for another term.


Steven Jones, Principal

The Community of OLMC is Safe and Respectful

CHILDREN'S SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

CONFIRMATION: Thank you to all the parents who turned up last night—it was great to see so many of you!! Workshop resources are being prepared this week and workshops begin from Sunday 1 May for three weeks.

FIRST RECONCILIATION: Enrolment forms are due back at the Priory office by 6 May.

FIRST EUCHARIST: New enrolments for this sacrament are now closed for Sunday 16 October and Sunday 23 October is just about full as well. Saturday 15 October is still available.

For further information about any of these sacraments, please contact Paola on 0414 947 799.

SPOTLIGHT ON RE

All classes are exploring the time after Easter and Jesus rising from the dead. ALLELUIA is our Easter word and it means Hip Hip Hooray!!

Children are finding out what the Apostles did after Easter and how they were affected by the events of Easter.

During the day as a whole school community we stop and pray the Regina Caeli in place of the Angelus. This is the prayer of the Church said between Easter and Pentecost.

REGINA CAELI

- V. Queen of Heaven, rejoice, alleluia.
R. For Christ Your Son, and Son of God, alleluia.
V. Has risen, as he said, alleluia.
R. Pray for us to God, alleluia.
V. Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, alleluia.
R. For the Lord has truly risen, alleluia.*

God of life, You have given joy to the world, by the Resurrection of Your Son Our Lord Jesus Christ. Through the prayers of His Mother, the Virgin Mary, bring us to happiness of eternal life. We ask this through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

School will recommence for Term Two on Tuesday 26th April 2016.

WINTER UNIFORM

All students are to return to school in full winter uniform with appropriate haircuts and hairstyles as per the uniform policy. No undercuts, rats tails, lines, extreme lengths or hair colouring is acceptable. Girls must also ensure their hair is tied back if shoulder length or longer.

The new Winter Uniform for girls consists of a lemon blouse and blue/yellow tartan tunic with navy blue stockings, or socks (ankle or knee length). For boys it will be a blue school shirt with tie and navy blue trousers with grey school socks. Sports jackets or school jumper may also be worn.

EMAIL CONTACTS FOR OLMC WENTWORTHVILLE

Thank you to the 164 families who have completed the survey. These families along with any other emails previously held at school will receive an electronic copy of the school newsletter today. Should you not receive an electronic copy, please complete the survey <http://goo.gl/forms/gfuXKQDAw4> or ensure you can access Skoolbag.

MERIT CERTIFICATES

NAME	CLASS
Jac Hughes, Karman Singh	KB
Makalya Waweru, Jacob Zahra	KG
Dominic Lawlach, Deng Majak	1B
Jake Dimitrioski, Harish Dulipkumar	1G
Rouba Hadchiti, Damon Olter	2B
Bracston McMahon, Sai Praveen	2G
Isabella Haddad, Bradley Meadows	3B
Elisha Zammit, Francis Sivayogabala	3G
Maddison Aktila, Peter Giotas	4B
Emily Shumack, Minh-Kim Tran	4G
Rachelle Juan, Thomas Zebec	5B
Feliciana ChristopherSagayara, Jordan Sathi	5G
Royel Stowers-Tong, Thomas Saunders	6B
No merits this week	6G

SCHOOL FEES/PAYMENTS

A reminder to parents that Term 1 school fees are now overdue for payment. Please ensure all payments are up to date prior to the commencement of Term 2. Any family who may be experiencing financial hardship should contact Mr Jones at the school office as soon as possible.

Please note that we cannot accept any cash payments at the office tomorrow or Friday. Only Eftpos payments can be accepted.

UNIFORM FITTINGS DURING CROSS COUNTRY CARNIVAL

Uniform fittings will be available tomorrow during the Cross Country Carnival from 9:00am until 12noon. No appointments are necessary, however children **may not** be taken from the carnival for a fitting until they have completed their race.

CARES (Community & Road Education Scheme)

Auto Place X Peter Brock Drive, Prospect

Phone: 9672 9058

Open Day

Tuesday 19 April 2016

Come along during the school holidays and ride in a safe environment with real traffic lights.

Bring your own bike and helmet

FREE Face Painting

Parking is on site and free

Bring a picnic

Sausage sizzle and drinks

Adult supervision required

MACKILLOP SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Congratulations to Emily Shumack, Amirah Roach, Claudia Sammut and Rebecca Saad who swam at last Thursday's NSW CPCS Mackillop Swimming Championships at Sydney Olympic Park. The relay team came fourth in their heat and 13 overall against all relay teams from across NSW Catholic Schools.



CROSS COUNTRY CARNIVAL TIMETABLE

Approximate starting time	Age in 2015	Distance
9:10	Year 1	500m
9:20	Kindergarten	500m
9:30	12/13 Year olds 19 girls/20 boys	3Km
9:50	11 Year olds 30 girls/ 13 boys	3Km
10:10	10 Year olds 28 girls/ 20 boys	2Km
10:30 boys	8/9 Year Old boys 62	2Km
10:45 girls	8/9 Year Old girls 53	2Km

School Holiday Music Workshops

Boys & Girls in Years 3 - 12 are invited to the Big Bash and the Big Sing!

The **Big Sing** is a great opportunity to gather with other singers in a relaxed, fun environment and explore your voice further, guided by a professional singing teacher.

When: Thursday 21 April, 9am-3pm

Where: Christina Creede Music Centre, Our Lady of Mercy College Parramatta, Victoria Road, North Parramatta

Cost: \$75 (OLMC Student), \$110 (non-OLMC Student)

When: Friday 22 April, 9am-3pm

Where: Christina Creede Music Centre, Our Lady of Mercy College Parramatta, Victoria Road, North Parramatta

Cost: \$75 (OLMC Student), \$110 (non-OLMC Student)

To apply please go to:

<http://www.olmc.nsw.edu.au/the-academy/apply-now>

PARENTS AND FRIENDS

Happy And Safe Holidays

Our Lady of Mount Carmel P&F would like to wish all our families a safe and restful break. It's been a wonderful and eventful term one and we look forward to another great term when we return on Tuesday 26 April.

Tiny Tots Playgroup

Tiny Tots Playgroup will resume Friday 29 April in the Parish Hall from 9:15am.

Playgroup is a fun way for babies, toddlers and pre-schoolers in our community to meet every week, get to know each other as they grow and spend some time playing and making craft.

This is also great for the parents of course, providing an opportunity to meet socially with other parents in the community and school.

Playgroup is usually held every Friday during the school term from at 9:15am in the Parish Hall (Smith St playground, on the school grounds). The cost is \$2 per session or \$20 per term. Tea/coffee, bikkies and a chat are provided for the adults! Children need to bring their own, nut-free morning tea from home.

This column is compiled by P&F Communications. If you have any queries or wish to contribute, please email olmcwenty@parra.catholic.edu.au and attention it to P&F Communications.

OLMC NETBALL

Playing times for Round 2, Saturday 9 April

Team	Court	Time	Versus
OLMC 1 (12s)	4	11:00am	Regents Park 8
OLMC 2 (11s)	7	9:00am	Regents Park 9
OLMC 3 (10s)	TBA	11:00am	OLMC 4
OLMC 4 (8s)	TBA	11:00am	OLMC 3
Net Set Go	4 & 5	10:00am	-



Remember hair must be tied back, nails need to be clipped and no jewellery is permitted.

We understand that playing times for some teams are earlier this year, we ask that you please be at the courts **no later than 20 minutes** before your game to warm-up with your team. Your cooperation is much appreciated.

If you have not yet done so, uniforms can be ordered at sydneynetballshop.com.

If anybody has old uniforms they no longer want, you can pass them onto your team manager or Paula.

Please let Paula know if your child is interested. For enquiries please phone Paula Epenian 0406 515 782 or olmcnetball@gmail.com

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Term 2 Planner 2016

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat/Sun
1 April	25/4 ANZAC DAY	26/4 School Resumes Winter Uniform 9:00am Anzac Prayer	27/4 Mothers' Day Stall Wrapping Day 2:30pm Second Hand Uniform	28/4	29/4	30/4 1/5 Confirmation Workshops begin
2. May	2/5 9:00am Assembly	3/5 9:30-10:30am Open Morning-2017 Enrolments Diocesan Cross Country 7:00pm P&F Executive Mtg	4/5 Mothers' Day Stall	5/5 Year 3 Excursion	6/5 10:30am Mothers' Day Mass & Morning Tea	2/5 3/5 Mothers' Day
3	9/5 9:00am Assembly-Yr 1	10/5 Yrs 3 & 5 Naplan Testing	11/5 Yrs 3 & 5 Naplan Testing 2:30pm Second Hand Uniform	12/5 Yrs 3 & 5 Naplan Testing	13/5	14/5 15/5
4	16/5 9:00am Assembly-Yr 2 7-8pm First Reconciliation Information Night	17/5 9:15am & 6:30pm Child Protection Briefing 7pm P&F Meeting	18/5	19/5	20/5 9:15am Stage 3 Mass Mufti Day-WYD 2016	20/5 22/5
5	23/5 9:00am Assembly-Yr 3	24/5	25/5 Stage 3 Soccer Gala Day 2:30pm Second Hand Uniform Shop	26/5	27/5 9:15am Stage 1 Mass	28/5 29/5 First Reconciliation Workshops begin
6 May/ June	30/5 STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY 3:30pm & 7pm Confirmation Practice Session	31/5 9:15am Assembly-Yr 4 ICAS Science Competition	1/6	2/6	3/6 7:30pm Confirmation	4/6 5/6
7 June	6/6 9:00am Assembly-Yr 5 Year 2 Excursion Warragamba Dam	7/6	8/6 2:30pm Second Hand Uniform Shop	9/6	10/6 OLMC Athletics Carnival	11/6 12/6
8	13/6 QUEENS BIRTHDAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY	14/5 9:00am Assembly Yr 6 7pm Celebration of First Reconciliation	15/5 7pm Celebration of First Reconciliation	16/5	17/5 9:15-10am Stage 2 Mass	18/5 19/5
9	20/6 9:00am Assembly-Yr 1B	21/6	22/6 2:30pm Second Hand Uniform	23/6 Kindergarten Excursion-Sydney Observatory	24/6 Semester 1 Reports sent home	25/6 26/6
10	27/6 9:00am Assembly-Yr1G Parent Teacher Interview Week	28/6 3:30-8:30pm Parent Teacher Interviews	29/6 Parent Teacher Interview Week	30/6 S2 Boys & Girls Soccer Gala Day Parent Teacher Interview Week	1/7 LAST DAY OF TERM 2	2/7 3/7g 6pm WYD 2016 Commissioning Mass