

# Our Lady of Mt Carmel Primary NEWSLETTER



3 February 2015

Term 1

Week 2

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## UPCOMING DATES

### TERM 4

#### Week 2

#### Wednesday 3/02

Yr 6 Camp Collaroy

#### Thursday 4/02

Yr 6 Camp Collaroy

#### Friday 5/02

Yr 6 Camp Collaroy

#### Week 3

#### Monday 8/02

9am Assembly

#### Tuesday 9/02

7pm Kindergarten Information night

#### Wednesday 10/2

10:30am Mass Ash Wednesday

7pm Year 5 BOYD Parent Meeting

#### Friday 12/02

12 noon- Opening School Mass & Commissioning

School Census Day

6pm Welcome BBQ all families

## NOTES SENT HOME LAST

### FRIDAY

- School Information Notes
- Yr 2 Stationery Note

## NOTES SENT HOME TUESDAY & TODAY

- Yr 6 Sports T-Shirt
- Zone Swimming Carnival
- BYOD iPad Information Night

Dear Parents,

Welcome to the 2016 school year!

Thank you to everyone for all that you have done to ensure the children have returned refreshed, enthusiastic, dressed immaculately and ready to learn in 2016.

A special and warm welcome...

- To all our new families and students, we hope you feel welcomed and part of this wonderful school learning community.
- To our Kindergarten students who have come to "big school" with great excitement, enthusiasm and anticipation.
- To Miss Jessica Dooley, Miss Vanessa Carter, Mrs Lisa Sinclair and Ms Laura Rowell who have joined our school staff in 2016

And a welcome back...

- To our wonderful staff who have spent many hours planning and preparing during the holidays.
- To our returning families who continue to trust and support our school community.

A special thank you to all families who brought their child(ren) into school last Wednesday for the Mathematics Assessment Interviews. This day commenced our goal of interviewing individually every child in the school as quickly as possible. Sorry to those families who couldn't be accommodated, the response was once again absolutely overwhelming and shows your support and commitment to your children's education.

We pray for God's blessing on each of these people and for all our community for the year ahead.



*God, our Father*

*Bless us, so that Your Spirit within us*

*Will give us a common bond*

*As together we take responsibility for the*

*Well-being of Your gift of creation to us.*

*We ask for strength and determination*

*To create more space in our lives for You,*

*So that by the example of our lives,*

*Our children will be inspired to follow  
Your ways.*

We look forward to catching up with many of you during the upcoming weeks. Everyone is invited to join our parish and school community next Wednesday at 10:30am for Ash Wednesday Mass and Friday at 12pm for our opening school Mass where we will welcome our new Kindergarten students and commission our school leaders.

As always if you are unsure of something or have any concerns, please ask a member of staff who will be only too willing to assist you.

May the year ahead bring you many blessings.

**Mr Steven Jones-Principal**

*The Community of OLMC is Safe and Respectful*

## CHILDREN'S SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM 2016

Welcome back to all our school families, and an especially warm welcome to any new family starting at OLMC this year. Thank you to all the parents who have enquired about the dates and forms for the children's sacraments-*we love that kind of enthusiasm!* At this stage, we still don't have the enrolment form available, but it should be finalised in the next couple of weeks. In the meantime, visit our website- [www.olmcwenty.org.au](http://www.olmcwenty.org.au), "Like" our facebook page or just watch this space for further details.

## SPOTLIGHT ON RE

All classes have settled into school and are preparing to celebrate Ash Wednesday next week and the Opening School Mass. Classes are focussing on Lent as a Liturgical season of the church where we investigate ways of fasting, penance and alms giving. This year is also "The Extraordinary Jubilee Year Of Mercy" and so later this term and throughout the year, this will also be included in the religious aspect of the school.

As we approach Easter, the greatest feast in our year, children will be again be participating in God Day and this year parents will also be invited to take part. More information about God Day will be sent home later in the

## 2016 TERM DATES

Term 1 Thursday, 28<sup>th</sup> January – Friday, 8<sup>th</sup> April  
Good Friday 25<sup>th</sup> March – Easter Monday 28<sup>th</sup> March  
Term 2 Tuesday, 26<sup>th</sup> April – Friday, 1<sup>st</sup> July  
Term 3 Monday, 18<sup>th</sup> July – Friday, 23<sup>rd</sup> September  
Term 4 Tuesday, 10<sup>th</sup> October – Friday, 16<sup>th</sup> December  
Please see the school website for further key dates throughout 2016. [www.olmcwentworthville.catholic.edu.au](http://www.olmcwentworthville.catholic.edu.au)

## WELCOME MS LAURA ROWELL (SCHOOL COUNSELLOR)

During the school holidays, the Catholic Education, Diocese of Parramatta informed the school that Ms Laura Rowell would be our school counsellor in 2016. I am sure you join with me in welcoming Laura to OLMC. Laura will be at OLMC every Monday and alternate Tuesdays. We thank Miss Lauren Fullwood for her support during the past couple of years. Lauren and Laura met last week to handover information.

## KINDERGARTEN INFORMATION MEETING 9 FEBRUARY 2016

Just a reminder to all Kindergarten parents that there is a Kindergarten Information evening next Tuesday 9 February at 7pm in the Mercy Library as previously advised. We strongly encourage a member from each family, both new and existing to come along.

## YEAR 5 BYOD (Bring Your Own Device-iPad) Information Evening 10 February 2016

All Year 5 parents/guardians are asked to attend an information meeting next Wednesday evening in the Year 5 Learning Space. Please refer to the note send home this afternoon for further details.

## MORNING DROP OFF PROCEDURES

When dropping off in our kiss and drop area in Bennett Street, please move promptly as it assists with the flow of traffic and consider others. It is important to note that between the hours of 8:30-9:30am Monday to Friday it is a **No Parking** area. This means, you must not stop for more than two minutes and must remain in or within three metres of the vehicle. Failure to comply with this signage may result in a fine. Please note, council rangers and police are often present before and after school around school zones.

## CAMP COLLAROY

During the next three days (Wednesday to Friday) our Year 6 students are on camp at Collaroy Centre, Collaroy. We wish them all the very best and look forward to hearing all the wonderful adventures. Thank you to Miss Lawrence, Miss Carter, Miss Butler, Miss Pirovic and Mr Jones for accompanying them. Skoolbag will be providing the school community with updates.

Attention Year 5 2016 - Early date claimer for Year 6 2017 – Camp Collaroy will be the 1-3<sup>rd</sup> March 2017 (please note this is the first week of school in 2017)

## ADDITIONAL PE UNIFORM

Throughout this year, we have been able to organise some additional Physical Education lessons with Mr Jones on a Tuesday. Listed below are dates that students can wear their sports uniform on a Tuesday as an additional day.

Term 1 dates –

Week 3 9<sup>th</sup> Feb – Year 2

Week 4 16<sup>th</sup> Feb – Year 3

Week 6 1<sup>st</sup> March – Year 5

Week 7 8<sup>th</sup> March – Year 6

Week 8 15<sup>th</sup> March – Kindergarten

Week 9 22<sup>nd</sup> March – Year 1

Week 10 29<sup>th</sup> March – Year 2

Week 11 5<sup>th</sup> April – Year 3

## UNIFORM FITTINGS

From 8:30-9am everyday this week the Uniform Shop will be open for fittings. Appointments can be made online at the following website: [www.schoolinterviews.com.au](http://www.schoolinterviews.com.au). Use the code AAX3F to access appointments. If you do not have access to the Internet, please ring the school office to make an appointment. Please note this will be the last opportunity to organise appointments until later during the term when the winter uniform fittings are organised.

## GIRL'S SUMMER UNIFORM DRESS

Just a reminder that the girl's summer dress has a box pleat that needs to be unpicked at the bottom.

## LABELLING OF ALL ITEMS

Please ensure that all personal items (clothing, lunchboxes, bags, etc) are clearly labeled with your child(ren)'s name. Each year there are numerous items of clothing, especially hats and jackets that have no names or identification in lost property.

## PRINCIPAL'S HOLIDAY CHALLENGE

Don't forget to send in your child's entries for either the "A Moment in Time" and or a postcard by this Friday.

## EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S SUMMER READING CHALLENGE: PLEASE SUBMIT YOUR ENTRIES ASAP

A reminder that entries in the Executive Director's Summer Reading Challenge are due 5 February 2016. Please send any hardcopy entries by mail to Trudy Gosney at Locked Bag 4, North Parramatta NSW 1750 by 5 February 2016. Thanks to all those who have supported the Challenge. So far more than 3000 texts have been read!

## CHANGES OF ROUTINE

From time to time there may be changes to who picks your child(ren) up from school. We would request to assist staff in ensuring the safe collection of all children that you send a letter (or ring the school office if there is a late change) to notify the school of any changes.

## FAMILY INFORMATION

Have you changed your address, phone numbers – home, work, mobile or emergency contact numbers during the holidays? If so, could you please let the office know as a matter of urgency as we will need to update our contact details to ensure swift contact and communication when needed.

## STUDENT BANKING

Our student Banking Day is Tuesday. If your child has a Commonwealth Bank account please send their deposit book and deposit to school each week. All deposits are rewarded with a sliver token which can then be traded for a prize once you have received 10 tokens. If you would like to open a Commonwealth Savings Account for your child please contact the school office for further information.

## OLMC NETBALL CLUB

OLMC Netball Club will be holding **registrations** for the 2016 season on **Friday 12 and Monday 15 February**, from 3.10pm to 3.30pm at school, in the front playground. Our club belongs to the Parramatta and Auburn Netball Association (PANA). We play each Saturday morning at the NSW State Netball Courts at Auburn. The PANA website address is [www.pana.nsw.netball.asn.au](http://www.pana.nsw.netball.asn.au) This year's competition commences on 12<sup>th</sup> March. Training is held for one hour, one afternoon per week at the school court. For enquiries please contact Paula Epenian 0406 515 782 or Alycia Koulouris 0414 513 448

## ZONE SWIMMING SQUAD

Zone notes have gone home. The order of events will be sent home next week. The following children will be participating in the Zone Swimming Carnival: Aurelia 3G, Anne 4G, Emily 3G, Tim 5B, Zac 4G, Rebecca 4B, Claudia 4B, Damon 5G, Francis 6G, Maya 5G, Alannah 6G, Sebastian 6B, Tristan 6G, Sophia 6B, Ella 6B, Michael 6B, Cedhalia 6G, Joseph 5B, Emily 4G, Shane 5B, Sarah 6B, Georgia 4G, Fabian 6B, Jayden 6B

## PARENTS AND FRIENDS

### Welcome back!

The P&F would like to welcome all our families, new and existing, to a new year of great learning at Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Wentworthville. It's always so good to catch up with friends and meet new people in the first week back at school. May our year together be filled with positive experiences and growth, with the intercession of Mary, Mother of Mercy.

### Next P&F meeting

This term's P&F meeting will be held on Tuesday 16 February at 7pm in the Mercy Library. We encourage as many people as possible to attend the meeting.

You don't need to be a part of the P&F committee or have a role to attend the meeting and contribute in a positive way to our school.

The P&F team and parents meet with Mr Jones and Miss Pirovic once a term to discuss, plan and action important events as well as fundraising activities for school. A note and meeting agenda will be sent home next week with students; we look forward to seeing you all there. If you are unable to attend but would like to add an item for discussion to the agenda, please email [olmcwenty@parra.catholic.edu.au](mailto:olmcwenty@parra.catholic.edu.au) and attention it to P&F meeting. Refreshments and snacks will be provided.

### P&F welcome back BBQ next Friday

The P&F will be holding its annual welcome back BBQ on Friday 12 February at 6pm at our school (entry via Smith Street). Please mark the date in your calendars!

We look forward to seeing as many people there to celebrate the beginning of the year and for a chance to meet other families in our school. More information on the welcome BBQ and RSVP details will be sent home with students this week.

### Tea and Tissues for Kindy parents

Thanks to everyone who came to the Tea and Tissues on Monday after drop off. It was great to see so many parents excited AND emotional about the new year and the learning adventures awaiting their children at our school. A huge thanks to all the parents who coordinated and helped with the morning tea, it's your support that makes our gatherings so memorable.

### Tiny Tots Playgroup

Tiny Tots Playgroup will resume this Friday morning 5 February at 9:15am. Playgroup is on Fridays 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 have 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](mailto:olmcwenty@parra.catholic.edu.au) and attention it to P&F Communications.*

# OLMC Emergency Procedures

Emergency procedures are an important part of our school's Work Health and Safety Policy. Each year we review our procedures for evacuation and lockdown of the school. We practise these procedures with our staff and children so that everyone knows what to do should the need arise. Outlined below are the procedures we follow for Evacuation Situations. All people who are on the school site must follow the directions of the school staff. The school staff have the duty of care for the children and all present on site.

## Evacuation Procedures

In situations when an emergency occurs that requires evacuation we have three evacuation areas:

**Primary Evacuation Area:** Car park in the school playground, adjacent to the Parish Church off Garfield Street.

**Secondary Evacuation Area:** Top playground grass area, near the double gates facing Smith Street.

**Alternate Evacuation Area:** Friend Park, Station Street, Wentworthville

The emergency situation is notified to a member of the school staff who will initiate the warning signals.

The signal to evacuate will be made by either a siren sounding over the PA system, a spoken message over the PA system or portable loud hailer.

The position and type of emergency will be announced via the PA or loud hailer. Teachers move the children and any parent helpers to the **Primary Evacuation Area** unless otherwise advised.

The school staff will follow directions and make judgments to get the children safely to the evacuation point.

On arriving at the evacuation area the children are seated in their class lines in order for the teachers to check the class rolls to ensure all students are accounted for. The office staff check the visitors book to ensure all visitors and parent helpers are present.

No one is allowed to leave the evacuation area until the all clear is given by the Principal or Assistant Principal.

In the event that we have the need to be evacuated and depending on the situation parents will be notified via the Skoolbag app and/or a text message. It is important for parents not to panic and await instructions on collecting their children. As teachers and staff of this school our priority is to ensure the safety of all children and we require the trust of our parents to do this. If you have any questions about these procedures please ask a member of staff