

Our Lady of Mt Carmel Primary NEWSLETTER



24 June 2015

Term 2

Week 10

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UPCOMING DATES

TERM 2

Week 10

Thursday 25

**Stage Two Soccer Gala Day
Postponed**

Friday 26 June

First Eucharist Enrolment
Forms due to Parish Office (Yrs
4 and above)

LAST DAY OF TERM 2

**TERM 3 COMMENCES
MONDAY 13 JULY 2015**

UPCOMING DATES

TERM 3

Week 2

Monday 27 July

Staff Development Day –There
will be no school for students

NOTES SENT HOME TODAY

- Yr 5 Reward Day
- Mrs Sculley (KG) Long
Service Leave
- Photos
- S2 Soccer Gala Day
Postponed

Dear Parents/Carers

“Sometimes we take things, and especially people, for granted”

This generation of children has opportunities not even imagined by our own parents. This term, the children of Our Lady of Mount Carmel have had a number of wonderful learning experiences. Have they thanked anyone for this? Many no doubt have!

Staff have planned learning that has engaged, challenged, supported and provided the children with valuable and varied experiences. They have shared their knowledge and expertise with student teachers from the Australian Catholic University and opened the learning spaces for parents and new parents. Our Year 1 children have had the opportunity to participate in an exciting transport excursion that utilised many forms of transport and how they link together. Our Year 4 went to the Blue Mountains, clocking up many steps and they saw and experienced the wonderful sights. Our Year 5 students travelled into the city to learn about light. Our Year 2 students are visiting Warragamba Dam to learn about where our water comes from. Our school had the annual Athletics Carnival with all children having the opportunity to participate in a fun filled day of activities and events. Prior to this there have been opportunities for some children to represent the school at the annual diocesan cross country and soccer gala days.

Generous parents (and grandparents) have supported staff and children in various learning and community initiatives around the school – Mothers’ Day stall, various excursions, book club coordination, Athletics Carnival, Cross Country and Soccer Gala days. Our school prayer life has been enriched through Mothers’ Day mass, Friday parish masses and ANZAC day. Our school community has kindly donated to the Nepal appeal.

In the midst of all the busyness, we can sometimes overlook how lucky we are and what opportunities we have. We can sometimes take things and especially people for granted. As parents, I believe we need to instill in our children a spirit of gratefulness. One simple way is the act of saying thank you to...

~ their grandparents for baby sitting them,

~ their coach after training or a game for giving of their time and organisation with the gesture of the shaking of a hand,

~ their teacher for organising an excursion or special event,

~ their mother or father for cooking them dinner.

In the spirit of gratefulness I thank the parents, Father Paul and the Carmelite community and parish staff, the dedicated staff and the students of OLMC for all they have done during the past term.

I hope that the holidays provide families with the opportunity to re-energise and for many, the opportunity to recover from the winter illnesses.

Lord, for all that has been Thanks!

For all that will be Yes!

Mr Steven Jones

Principal



The Community of OLMC is Safe and Respectful

CHILDREN'S SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: Enrolment forms for this sacrament are due this Friday 26 June. We ask that **one parent/ carer for each child PLEASE attend the Parent Information Evening on Monday 20 July at 7:30pm in the Parish Centre** where all the workshop and celebration details will be explained and organised.

FAMILY MASS: Thank you to all our families who attended, participated and contributed to this spirited and delightful mass. Thanks especially to the children for their preparation and reverence. Our final Family Mass for 2015 will be on Sunday 16 August and we particularly invite families of Year 5 and Year 6 children to participate. If you are an experienced musician and would like to play your musical instrument at this Mass, please contact Paola on 0414 947 799 before the school holidays begin.

Paola Yevenes-OLMC Parish

OLMC FEAST DAY MASS

Thursday 16 July Eucharistic celebration - 10:30am. Followed by morning tea in the Narthex.

At this celebration the school and parish community will thank and farewell Mrs Pam Cooke for her years of service. After the Eucharistic celebration there will be a morning tea in the Narthex for all parents and parishioners.

STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY

On Monday 20 July 2015 there will be a Staff Development Day. During this day staff will be exploring Mathematics with a facilitator from Catholic Education Office. Please note that this is the second Monday of Term 3.

STAFFING

Mrs Pam Cooke Retiring



After 28 years of service to Our Lady of Mount Carmel Primary school community Mrs Pam Cooke has made the difficult decision to retire. Mrs Cooke's last day at OLMC will be Friday 24 July (Week 2 Term 3). On Thursday 16 July as part of our OLMC Feast Day Mass there will be an opportunity for the school and parent community to thank and farewell Mrs Cooke. All parents are invited to attend. Please RSVP using the tear of slip below.

Long Service Leave

The following staff will be on Long Service Leave at the commencement of Term 3.

Mrs Rhonda Sculley – Kindergarten Gold - Weeks 1-5

Mrs Kath Noble – Learning Support – Weeks 1 – 4

Mrs Kay Massey-Hale – Year 2 Blue & Year 1 Gold -Week 1

We wish them all a safe and enjoyable long service leave.

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MRS COOKE'S FAREWELL MORNING TEA

If you would like to attend a morning tea for Mrs Cooke's farewell please RSVP for catering purposes by returning this slip to the school office.

Name:.....

I will be attending No. of people

MERIT CERTIFICATES

NAME	CLASS
Saxon, Aleisha Antoine, Ashley	KB KG
Grace, Sophia Emily, Celeste, Seth, Harrison	1B 1G
Francine, Marisol Nerome, Ann	2B 2G
Joachim, Sajeeth Lourdes, Georgia	3B 3G
Aiza, Damon Kathiravan, Chanelle	4B 4G
Tanya, Cedhalia Marlon, Owen	5B 5G
Margerita, Michael Sarah, Ashleigh	6B 6G



Congratulations

Gold Award

The following children have worked really hard towards receiving 75 Star Cards

Sacha 3B, Harini, Kheneth 3G, Lourdes 3G



Congratulations

Opal Award

The following children have worked really hard towards receiving 90 Star Cards

Antoine KG, Jemma 3G, Georgia 3G, Jasmine 3G

CASH PAYMENTS

Parents please be aware that the school can not accept any cash payments for fees at the office on Friday. Cards will be accepted.

SCHOOL ZONES

A reminder to all our parents ahead of the break at the end of Term 2 that school zones remain in place for the safety of our children and families. School zones operate on all gazetted schools days, which are all days the school is open, even pupil free days. For most NSW schools, school zones operate as normal until (and include) Friday, 26 June 2015 and resume on Monday 13, July 2015, whether students are present or not.

PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE

Congratulations to the following children who have completed the Premier's Reading Challenge: David and Isabella. This brings our total complete to 52 children. Once again this year our aim is to have all children at OLMC complete the Premier's Reading Challenge. Children have until August 21 to complete the challenge.

The holidays just around the corner it is a great time to snuggle up with a great book to catch-up on reading for the challenge. The children will be able to borrow books from the school library during the holidays. You might even like to visit your local library to get more books.

BOOK FAIR

The OLMC Book Fair will close on Thursday morning. This year's fair has been a great success and we thank all parents for supporting it so well. This will enable us to purchase over \$1,000 worth of new books for our school library. During the fair we had a lucky door prize which was drawn on Wednesday morning by Guilio and the winners were Yasemin in 1B, Lara in 3B, Lara in 6B and Alannah in 4G. These children received a \$15 book fair voucher.

STAGE 2 SOCCER GALA DAY POSTPONED

The Stage 2 Soccer Gala Day due to take place tomorrow, has been postponed to a later date due to damage to the field.

We apologise for any inconvenience. A new date will be announced in the near future.

SCHOOL PHOTOS

School photos are being sent home today. Please ensure that your child has received his/her photo.

Should you have any questions please contact Don Wood Photography directly. Their number is: 9150 9503



We wish all our families a happy and safe term break.

Please note that the last day of this term is this Friday and school resumes for Term 3 on 13 July 2015

PARENTS & FRIENDS

Happy and Safe Holidays

We hope everyone has a wonderful and restful mid year break.

We praise and thank God for the gift of this past school term which was filled with grace and blessings, with challenges and opportunities, joys and sorrows.

We pray God gives us the rest and refreshment we need during this break. May all our efforts of this past term bear fruit so we may find fulfillment.

We also pray God watches over us, and guides us each day as He has done before, so that we are all able to return to school with a new spirit and a new energy.

Mothers' Day Stall Profits

Once again, a huge thank you to everyone who organised, coordinated and helped with the Mothers' Day Stall this term. We collected a grand total profit of \$3324.22, a record for the stall.

It was the concerted effort of so many people that led us to such a great outcome.

Entertainment Book

The 2015 Entertainment Books are still available for purchase through the school office. For \$65 you will receive over \$15,000 worth of offers from a fantastic variety of restaurants, arts, attractions and much more such as bowling alleys and movie theatres.

All books are \$65 and a percentage of each sale goes back to our school. You can also order a digital version of the book for your apple or Google device. Please note we can only accept the correct amount of money through the office due to auditor requirements.

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

As there are no netball games scheduled for the next 2 weeks, training for all teams have been cancelled & will resume on the first week back in Term 3. Please note that Round 12 will be on Saturday 11th July, the weekend before school resumes.

Playing times for Round 12 **Saturday 11 July, 2015**

Team	Court	Time	Versus
OLMC 1 (12s)	1	10:00am	Guildford Knights 7
OLMC 2 (11s)	7	9:00am	OLMC 3
OLMC 3 (10s)	7	9:00am	OLMC 2
Net Set Go	4	9:00am	-

We understand that playing times are earlier this year, we ask that you please be at the courts **no later than 30 minutes** before your game to warm-up with your team. Your cooperation is much appreciated.

For enquiries please phone Paula Epenian 0406 515 782 or Alycia Koulouris 0414 513 448.

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Term 3 Planner 2015

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat/Sun
1 July	13/7 School resumes for Term 3 9:00am Assembly	14/7	15/7	16/7 10:30-11:30am OLMC Feast Day Mass and Farewell Morning Tea for Mrs Pam Cooke	17/7	18/7 19/7
2.	20/7 STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY	21/7 9:00am Year 4B Assembly Prayer 7:00pm P&F Executive Mtg	22/7	23/7	24/7 9:00am Stage 2 Mass	25/7 26/7
3	27/7 9:00am Assembly 4G	28/7 ICAS English Competition	29/7	30/7	31/7	1/8 2/8
4 August	3/8 9:00am Assembly 3B	4/8 8:30am Cumberland Zone Athletics Carnival 7:00pm P&F Meeting	5/8	6/8	7/8 9:00am Mass Year 5 & Kindergarten	8/8 9/8
5	10/8 9:00am Assembly 3G Book Week Day	11/8	12/8	13/8	14/8 Feast of the Assumption 10:30am Assumption Mass	15/8 16/8
6	17/8 9:00am Assembly 2B	18/8	19/8	20/8	21/8	22/8 23/8
7	24/8 12 noon Assembly 2G	25/8 Netball Gala Day	26/8 Voice Of Youth Cluster Final	27/8	28/8	29/8 30/8
8 Sept	31/8 9:00am Assembly 1B	1/9	2/9 Fathers' Day Stall	3/9	4/9 8:00am Fathers' Day Breakfast	5/9 6/9 Happy Fathers' Day
9	7/9 9:00am Assembly 1G	8/9	9/9 Maths Olympiad	10/9 Kindergarten Excursion Botanical Gardens 3:30pm & 7:00pm First Eucharist Practise Sessions	11/9	12/9 & 13/9 First Eucharist Celebrations
10	14/9 9:00am Assembly KG	15/9	16/9	17/9 3:30pm & 7:00pm First Eucharist Practise Sessions	18/9 Stage 3 Touch Football	19/9 20/9 First Eucharist Celebrations

School Resumes for Term 4 on Tuesday 6 October 2015