

Our Lady of Mt Carmel Primary NEWSLETTER



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Term 2

Week 10

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UPCOMING DATES

TERM 2

Week 10

Parent Teacher Interview Week

Thursday 30/6

Stage 2 Boys Soccer Gala

Day

Friday 1/7

LAST DAY OF TERM 2

Sunday 3/7

6pm WYD 2016 Commissioning
Mass

TERM 3

Week 1

Monday 18/7

SCHOOL RESUMES FOR TERM 3

NOTES SENT HOME TODAY

- *Principal's Holiday Challenge Term 3 2016*
- *Yr 2 School Supplies Note*
- *Yr 5 School Supplies Note*
- *Yr 1 Star Card Reward Note*

Dear Parents

“Saying thank you doesn't cost you anything”.

Everything seems to cost more these days. I'm sure you, like I, would have said this during the course of the last couple of months. Groceries bills have increased, electricity bills have increased, ... This generation of children have opportunities not even imagined by our own parents, obviously with many experiences and opportunities costing a monetary value. But not everything costs something, saying thank you is a wonderful example. 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 promoted the school and shared their knowledge with student teachers from Australian Catholic University, colleagues in other Diocesan schools and amongst one another. Some of our grades have had the opportunity to participate in exciting excursions. Our school has had our annual Athletics Carnival, students have proudly represented OLMC in cross country and soccer. The lunch time discos raised funds for World Youth Day and were enjoyed by many, thanks to the organisation of our school leaders.

Generous parents (and grandparents) have supported staff and children in various learning and community initiatives around the school – Mothers' Day stall, mass and morning tea, excursions, Parents and Friends meetings. Our school prayer life has also been enriched through the Mothers' Day mass and the praying of the Regina Caeli (until Pentecost) and the Angelus.

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 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 babysitting them, their coach for training, their teacher for taking them on an excursion, ...

In the spirit of thankfulness I thank the parents, Father Paul and the Carmelite community, the dedicated staff and the students of OLMC for all that you have done this term and the parent community who have trusted and supported us throughout the first six months of the year. I hope that the holidays provide families with the opportunity to re-energise and for many recover from the winter illnesses.

As the holidays come around, I encourage all our students to participate in the Principal Challenge that has been sent home this week and continue the school goal for **all students** at OLMC to complete the Premier's Reading Challenge. Winter is a fantastic time to curl up with a book and read or design a Christmas card.



Mr Steven Jones
Principal

The Community of OLMC is Safe and Respectful

STAFFING

At the commencement of Term 3 there will be a number of staff on leave...

Mrs Bernadette Nolan will be on Long Service Leave for the first 6 weeks of Term 3 (18 July – 26 August). I am pleased to announce that Mrs Elisa Speranza has been appointed by Catholic Education, Diocese of Parramatta as the acting Religious Education Coordinator during Mrs Nolan's leave. Mrs Diane Jones has been appointed to take Mrs Nolan's Year 1 teaching responsibilities and relieve Mrs Speranza two afternoon's per week for her acting leadership responsibilities.

Mrs Johra Brackenbury will be attending World Youth Day followed by a week of long service leave (18 July–10 August). During Mrs Brackenbury's absence Mrs Kay Massey-Hale will be undertaking Mrs Brackenbury's teaching commitments. We look forward to hearing Mrs Brackenbury's WYD experiences upon her return midway through week 4 next term.

Mrs Sara Butler will be attending the International Literacy Conference in Boston USA followed by the International Reading Recovery Conference in Vancouver Canada (18 July – 2 August). Miss Butler has been provided with this wonderful opportunity through the Catholic Education, Diocese of Parramatta in the form of a grant. Staff and students look forward to hearing of Miss Butler learnings upon he return in week 3.

NAIDOC CELEBRATIONS

On Monday 27 June we welcomed Animals of the Dreaming into our school community as part of NAIDOC celebrations. The theme for NAIDOC Week is **Songlines: The Living Narrative of our Nation**. The whole school community thoroughly enjoyed the singing, stories and the opportunity to pay respects to country; honour those who work tirelessly on preserving land, sea and culture and to share the stories of many sites of significance or sacred places with the nation. They also enjoyed viewing close up various native animals.



ENGAGING ADOLESCENTS™ PARENT COURSE

Parenting skills for resolving teenage behaviour problems

A three-session program for parents and carers
at St Mark's Catholic College, Perfection Drive, Stanhope Gardens
on Thursday evenings of 11th August, 18th August and 25th August 2016
from 6pm – 8pm.

Learn:

- ✓ Some common ground shared by parents & reasonable expectations to hold about adolescents
- ✓ New understandings of adolescence
- ✓ A three-option model & flow chart for decision-making
- ✓ Self check-in, first - for parents.
- ✓ Building relationship with your teenager and making the best of your non-crisis conversations with them
- ✓ Skills for tough conversations for handling those problems you just can't ignore

Registration

The course costs \$10 per parent/couple/carer(s) to cover the cost of the parent workbook (only one required per family). This workbook will be available for purchase on the night.

Register for this course by contacting St Mark's College office on 9852 0500

What parents have said...

A step dad recalled an incident at the weekend with his 12 year old step daughter. He said that the input he had received the previous week from the course helped him keep his cool and brought a more favourable outcome.

A single Mum who had presented as quite anxious on the first night told the group in week 2 that she had made an appointment with her 15 year old son during the week and had had a far more favourable discussion with him than would previously have been the case.

• An end to the arguing and yelling! • It saved our lives • Simple, sane, effective •

MERIT CERTIFICATES

NAME	CLASS
Amelia, Billy Lucas, Joseph	KB KG
Zachary, Antoine Georgia, Sai	1B 1G
Rouba, Sylvana Serena, Julian	2B 2G
Disha, Ann Kalim, Charbel	3B 3G
Alannah, Christopher Zac, Georgia	4B 4G
Bianka, Emmanuel Kathiravan, Abhyudit	5B 5G
Aaron, Cheyenne Amber, Jaydon	6B 6G

Congratulations: Gold Award

The following children have worked really hard towards receiving

75 Star Cards

Emily 3G, Leon KG, Jacob KG, Arav KG, Varsha KG, Bryson KB, Logan KB, Disha 3B, Riley 2G, Samuel 4B, Alannah 4B, Jemma 4B, Sajeeth 4B, Thomas 5B, Tiana 5B, Natalia 2G, Emily 4G, Chloe 3G



Congratulations: Opal Award

The following children have worked really hard towards receiving

90 Star Cards

Elisha 3G, Weston 3G, Taliah KG, Myra 2B, Sajeeth 4B, Anne 4G, Shuvani 4G



Congratulations: Platinum Award

The following children have worked really hard towards receiving

120 Star Cards

Sacha 4B



Student Banking News

The Commonwealth Bank has announced a new school banking competition commencing in Term 3. All students who make just 3 or more deposits during Term 3 will be automatically entered. There are fantastic prizes to be won including Mini Instant Cameras, Camping Kits, magazine subscriptions and Playstation 4 packs. Full details will be sent home with next week's banking. Our school also has a chance to win a sports equipment pack valued at \$200.



If you would like to open a Commonwealth Dollarmites bank account for your child please contact Maree Murphy in the school office for more details. Student banking is conducted every Tuesday at Our Lady of Mt Carmel.

PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE

Lots of reading is continuing across the school. We are eager to see which will be the next grade to complete the Premier's Reading Challenge. This week we congratulate the following children who completed the challenge: Ruby, Claudia, Charlotte, Keon, Aadhya and Cedhalia. This brings our total number of children who have completed the challenge to 110. The Winter holidays are a great time to snuggle up and read a great book, so the children will be able to borrow books from the library for the holidays.

BOOK FAIR

Thank you to all the families who came to support our 2016 Book Fair. There were many little people, and some big people, who were excited by their new books. Your support has enabled us to gain over \$1,000 worth of new books for our school library. Happy Reading!

CUMBERLAND ZONE ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

The following children have been selected to take part in the Zone Athletics Carnival which takes place on Tuesday 9 August 2016: Jacinta, Lara, Timothy, Montana, Cheyenne Rafka, Aaron, Sarah, Claudia, Alannah, Francis, Thomas, Christopher, Mark, Jayden, Jenna, Peter, Rachelle, Zachery, Maya, Achol, Nhial, Ayii, Cedhalia, Georgia, Sophie, Claudia, Jordan, Jayden, Zara, Damon, Hannah, Joseph, Elisha, Anne.

Well done to all these children on being selected and best of luck at the Zone!



As our school will be running the Cumberland Zone Athletics Carnival, we will be requiring **many** parent helpers to assist on the day with various positions. If you are able to help out on the day please notify Mrs Jodie Meares via the school office.

Your help is greatly appreciated.

UNIFORM REMINDER FOR TERM 3

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 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 is a blue school shirt with tie and navy blue trousers with grey school socks. Sports jackets or school jumper may also be worn.

PLEASE TAKE THE TIME DURING THE HOLIDAYS TO WRITE YOUR CHILD'S NAME AND CLASS ON ALL ITEMS OF CLOTHING.

PARENTS & FRIENDS

It's Holiday Time!

On behalf of our P&F, we would like to wish you a safe and restful mid-year school break. With the colder weather setting in, these holidays could be a good time for all our kids to complete the Premier Reading Challenge if they haven't already done so!

Parish And School Fete 2017 – Call For Help

As you will know by now our school and parish fete date for 2017 has been set for Friday 24 March 2017.



This is our major fundraising event and we are calling on anyone who is able to help by:

- taking up a role either on the fete organising committee or as a stall holder. You may like to help or even job share a position with a friend
- donating raffle and chocolate wheel prizes or vouchers
- signing up for a sponsorship package if you have a business looking to advertise in the community
- volunteering during the fete, even if it is for an hour.

Please email us at olmcfete@gmail.com and let us know how you can help make Fete 2017 an even better fete!

Next Fete Meeting 20 July; Save The Date

Our next Fete 2017 meeting will be held on Wednesday 20 July in the Parish Centre (NartheX) at 7pm.

Please come along to the fete meeting to find out more about next year's fete. We are calling for as many people as possible to volunteer and help in ANY way from now, so everyone is able to enjoy is fantastic community event. Light refreshments will be provided.

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

There will be no netball this Saturday or the next.

Round 11 resumes on Saturday 16 July.

Enjoy the break everyone!



Our Lady of Mount Carmel Term 3 Planner 2016

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat/Sun
1 July	18/7 School resumes for Term 3 9:00am Assembly 3B	19/7	20/7	21/7	22/7 9:15am-10:15am OLMC Feast Day Mass	23/7 24/7
2.	25/7 9:00am Assembly 3G	26/7 7-8:30pm P&F Executive Meeting	27/7	28/7 Yrs 4 & 5 Incursion: "Rhythms Of Africa"	29/7	30/7 31/7
3	1/08 9:00am Assembly 2B	2/08 ICAS English Competition	3/08	4/08	5/08 9:15am Kindergarten & Year 5 Mass	6/08 7/08
4 August	8/08 9:00am Assembly 2G	9/08 8:00am Cumberland Zone Athletics Carnival @ Blacktown Int. Sports Park 7:00pm P&F Meeting	10/08	11/08	12/08	13/08 14/08
5	15/08 9:15am Assumption Mass	16/08 ICAS Maths Competition 7:00pm First Holy Communion Parent Information	17/08	18/08	19/08	20/08 6:00pm Holy Communion 21/08 10:30am Holy Communion
6	22/08 9:00am Assembly 1B	23/08	24/08	25/08 Kindergarten Excursion Botanical Gardens	26/08 9:15am Stage 2 Mass 8:00am Diocesan Athletics Carnival, Blacktown Int. Sports Park	27/08 28/08
7	29/08 9:00am Assembly KG	30/08	31/08 Fathers' Day Stall	1/09	2/09 8:00am Fathers' Day Breakfast 9:15am Fathers' Day Mass	3/09 4/09 Happy Fathers' Day
8 Sept	5/09 STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY (TBC)	6/09	7/09	8/09	9/09	10/09 11/09
9	12/09 9:00am Assembly KB	13/09 4G Cares Excursion	14/09 4B Cares Excursion	15/09	16/09 9:15am Year 6 & Year 1 Mass	17/09 18/09
10	19/09 9:00am Assembly 1G	20/09	21/09	22/09	23/09 Stage 3 Touch Football LAST DAY OF TERM 3	24/09 25/09

School Resumes for Term 4 on Monday 10 October 2016