

Our Lady of Mt Carmel Primary NEWSLETTER



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Term 2

Week 7

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UPCOMING DATES

TERM 2

Week 7

Wednesday 8/6

Yr 6 Parent/Teacher Interviews

Thursday 9/6

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**Postponed: Stage 3 Boys Soccer
Gala Day**

Friday 10/6

OLMC Athletics Carnival at
Merrylands Oval-check Skoolbag
alert on Thursday in case of
cancellation.

Week 8

Monday 13/6

**Queens Birthday Public Holiday
No School**

Friday 17/6

9:15am Stage 2 Mass

NOTES SENT HOME ON FRIDAY

- *Kindergarten Excursion to the Sydney Observatory*

NOTES SENT HOME TODAY

- *Year 4 & 5 Incursion-Rhythms of Africa*
- *Mrs Orlando leave notice*

Dear Parents

If we were to accept that an idealist is a person who represents things as they might be rather than as they are, then, there is a strong likelihood that at some stage of life we have all been idealists. We've all been starry-eyed about something whether it be our first day in high school, our first job or our first home; but somehow, whatever it was, it didn't live up to our expectations and we were confronted with reality, the reality with which we have to live.

It is so easy to talk about the ideals of our Catholic faith but so difficult to live them. Reconciliation, forgiveness and acceptance of one another are easy to talk about, but, when confronted with the huge diversity of people in our society, they are so difficult to live out. It's not easy to demonstrate love to a person with whom we have a personality clash or whose behaviour we find difficult to accept. Yet, God's love says to us, "I love you unconditionally, no matter what you have done". These words are a wonderful encouragement to keep plugging away and not to be disheartened by failure.



It is of great importance that we give our children a proper perspective of the **value of education**. From the time we are born we are all learners. From our earliest years we take in information that keeps us from harming ourselves and enables us to ask for assistance. Throughout our childhood and adolescence, we acquire skills that equip us to achieve our independence as individuals and to take our place in our family as people in our own right.



Possibly, the single most important quality we can help our children to develop and that will enhance every part of their lives, is the **value of integrity**. To have integrity means that you are totally honest and truthful in every part of your life. In order to be totally honest with others, you firstly have to be totally honest with yourself. If you are always honest and true to yourself, you cannot be false to anyone else. What a different society we would have if everyone had integrity as a personal ideal.



It is said that **compassion** is the highest form of love. In Jesus' time there was little compassion in any society in the world. It was a time of contrasts: the powerful and the disenfranchised, the rich and the poor, the free and the enslaved, the socially accepted and the outcasts. Jesus stood out in His society as a person of active compassion: "And when Jesus went out He saw a great multitude; and He was moved with compassion for them and healed their sick." Matt. 14:14. "When Jesus saw her, He had compassion for her and said to her, 'Don't weep'. Then He came and touched the coffin and said, 'Young man, I say to you, arise'." Luke 7. 13:14.

It is our job as parents to keep putting before our children an optimistic view of life, to encourage them to see things as they might be – and can be - if they keep striving for their ideals. What better ideals than to encourage our children to ongoing education, integrity and compassion.

Mr Steven Jones

Principal

The Community of OLMC is Safe and Respectful

CHILDREN'S SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

FIRST RECONCILIATION: Just a reminder that we will celebrate the children's first sacrament of Reconciliation next Tuesday 14 and Wednesday 15 June at 7pm sharp in the Parish Centre. Please bring along a plate to share for supper afterwards.

CONFIRMATION: Thank you to all who celebrated the Order of Confirmation with us last Friday. As part of their preparations, the children were asked to consider how they would like to share their experiences with others. Below is Angelina's experience:



My name is Angelina Koulouris. Over the past 3 weeks I have learned about the sacrament of confirmation. Our group has been meeting every Monday night.

Together we worked through our booklets and answered the questions about confirmation.

Confirmation has reminded me to respect others, show compassion and remember the Ten Commandments. Confirmation renewed my commitment to God. Upon confirmation we will receive wisdom, understanding, knowledge, piety and fear of God.

My Parents, Sister, Brother, Grandparents and Godparents all attended on June 3 to celebrate the sacrament of confirmation with me. I would like to thank Mrs Angela Sparks for leading my confirmation group. Thank you for her time and all her efforts.

Angelina

Mrs Paola Yevenes-OLMC Parish

SPOTLIGHT ON RE

Classes have green cloths on their classroom sacred spaces as we have now entered the season of Ordinary Time in the Church's calendar.

Ordinary time now continues until Advent, it is a time for us to focus on the life of the Church. Each Sunday is a numbered week in ordinary time. It is a season of expectedness as we wait for the coming of Christ.

Our Monday assembly is still focussing on the Corporal Works of Mercy as we stop, pause and reflect on the merciful face of Christ.

Stage 2 will be joining the parish for Mass on Friday 17 June at 9.15am. Parents are most welcome to join them.

MERIT CERTIFICATES

NAME	CLASS
Annalise, Alessandra Lachlan, Millie	KB KG
Veer, Aryan Saxon, Saadhana	1B 1G
Seth, Bridie Nouhad, Marie-Jose	2B 2G
Michael, Anila Victoria, Jayden	3B 3G
Amelia, Samuel Matthew, Emily	4B 4G
Jenna, Kiara Jordan, Damon	5B 5G
Natalie, Marlon, Jewel, Tanya (Weeks 6&7) Achol, Michael	6B 6G

PARENT EDUCATION SURVEY

Parent Education programs are an important way that we support our parent community. At Our Lady of Mount Carmel we provide parent education through information sessions, our weekly newsletter, our school youtube channel, links shared via our Skoolbag app and pamphlets.

We are seeking feedback from parents about the best way to provide information and learning opportunities for our parent community. We would like to know what style of presentation you prefer as well as any topics you would like further information about. Use this address to access the online survey:

<http://goo.gl/forms/LFYTYJOSVovlQImO2> Thanks to the parents who have taken the time to complete the survey already, we'd love to have more people respond.

TERM 2 SCHOOL FEES

Reminder notices have been sent to families who have not finalised their Term 2 accounts as yet. Please ensure payment is made as soon as possible. Should your family be experiencing financial difficulty please contact the school office to arrange a meeting with Mr Jones.

PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE

The children continue to be reading lots of great books to complete the Premier's Reading Challenge. Congratulations to Joel, Thomas and Tanya who completed the challenge in the past week. How are your children going with their challenge? Will every child complete the challenge this year?

Reminder!

NEXT MONDAY 13 JUNE IS THE QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY. THERE WILL BE NO SCHOOL ON THIS DAY.

BOOK FAIR

Our annual Book Fair is taking place this term between Friday June 24 and Wednesday June 29. During our Book Fair, Ashton Scholastic send out a range of books and products that children and parents can purchase.

The Book Fair will be open before and after school for parents to visit with their children or during lunchtime for the students only. The Book Fair will also be open during the parent teacher interview period. A percentage of the sales go towards the purchase of new books for our school library – last year we were able to buy over \$1000 worth of books for our library.

The children will have the chance to preview some of the books from the fair and write a wishlist, but ultimately the decision to purchase will be the parents. We hope to see many attend our Book Fair.

STAGE 3 BOYS SOCCER GALA DAY

Due to the heavy rain we received over the weekend, the Soccer Gala Day has had to be postponed to a later date. We will notify parents once we have a new date.

OLMC ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

We are currently awaiting confirmation as to whether the Holroyd Sportsground oval will be open for us to have our Athletics Carnival this Friday 10 June. We will notify parents via the Skoolbag app by Thursday afternoon.

HOW TO DOWNLOAD THE SKOOLBAG APP



For iPhone and iPad users:

1. Click the "App Store" icon on your Apple device.
2. Type your school name in the search, using suburb name will help.
3. You will see your school appear, click "Get" then "install".
4. The app is FREE to download.
5. When installed click "Open"
6. Select "OK" to receive push notifications, when asked.
7. Click the "More" button on the bottom right of the App, then "Setup".
8. Toggle on the Push Categories that are applicable for you by tapping the on/off switch.

For Android users:

You must first have signed up with a Google Account before installing the app

1. Click the "Play Store" button on your Android Device
2. Click the magnifying glass icon at the top and type in your school name, using suburb name will help.
3. Click the school name when it appears in the search.
4. Click the "Install" button.
5. Click "Accept" for various permissions (please note, we do not modify any of your personal data on your device).
6. Click "Open" when installed.
7. Click the "More" button on the bottom right of the App, then "Setup".
8. Toggle on the Push Categories that are applicable for you by tapping the on/off switch.

Please Note: Some brands of Android phones need the setting in "Notification Manager" changed to "Allow" instead of "Notify" in order for the push notifications to work. The phone must also be running at least version 4 system software to run the app.

PARENTS AND FRIENDS

Checking In With Your Children

As we head toward the halfway mark for the year, it's a good idea to check-in on how your child/children are travelling.

Their teachers are checking in with them too, but it is important that we are all connected and showing some positive energy about the school year and how they are performing.

This is important as we head into winter and children may feel that reduced sense of freedom that comes with colder weather.

Keeping it simple: How are your children's sleep, diet and homework habits? If something is not working, then you might think about changing some things. For instance, bringing bedtime earlier or introducing a five-minute exercise session. The important thing is to keep them thinking in a positive way.

Sports and teams are important: Team sports in winter can be challenging as cold and wet weather set in but it's important to persevere. The routine and team environment create great habits and the exercise is a wonderful way to use some energy!

Parish and School Fete 2017

Our school and parish fete date for 2017 has been set for Friday 24 March 2017. This is our major fundraising event and we can't wait to come together and celebrate with our community again.



The next step will be coordinating the involvement of various stall holders and convenors to ensure we are organised and well set to begin preparing for this event.

We will shortly begin calling for donated raffle and chocolate wheel prizes as well as sponsorship for the fete. If you have a business where you are able to donate goods or vouchers, or if you are interested in being a sponsor please contact us at olmcfete@gmail.com.

Next Fete Meeting: Save The Date

Our next Fete 2017 meeting will be held on Wednesday 22 June in the Parish Centre (Narthex) at 7pm.

We still have some committee and stall holder positions to fill so please contact us at olmcfete@gmail.com if you have any ideas or would like to volunteer either by helping on the day, running a stall or being a part of the organising committee.

Please come along to the fete meeting to find out more. This is our major fundraising initiative for our school and parish community so we are calling for as many people as possible to volunteer and help in ANY way. 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.

HOW TO SHORTEN OUR SCHOOL TRACK PANTS

Our school uniforms are made for our children to have room to grow. As a result the length of some pants and dresses may need to be shortened. Most items a pretty straight forward but shortening our track pants requires some specific attention. The following instructions are the recommendation of our uniform supplier and can be done by parents at home or an alteration service. If you are getting someone to alter them for you ensure they follow these guidelines.

<p>Step 1 Lay the leg of the track pants on the table.</p>	
<p>Step 2 Open the zip up. This is very important in ensuring the zip still works.</p>	
<p>Step 3 Fold inwards to suit the required length. The hem can be pinned into place.</p>	
<p>Step 4 Sew the shortened hem into place. Make a few extra stitches where the zip ends is to ensure that it doesn't slip through.</p>	
<p>This stitching can then be removed later to adjust return to the longer length.</p>	