

Our Lady of Mt Carmel Primary NEWSLETTER



16 July 2014

Term 3

Week 1

UPCOMING DATES

TERM 3

Week 1

Friday 18/7/14

10:30am Feast of Our Lady of Mt Carmel Mass

Week 2

Monday 21/07/14

School Assembly 3B

Tuesday 22/7/14

Small Steps-Anxiety Awareness Seminar For Parents 2:00pm & 7:00pm

Wednesday 23/7/14

8:00am Wednesday Workout

7:00pm P&F Executive Meeting

NOTES SENT HOME

TODAY

- Grade Overviews
- Small Steps-Anxiety Awareness Seminar note
- St Nicholas Netball Gala Day
- Zone Athletic Carnival

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The Community of

OLMC is

Safe and

Respectful

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to routine!!

On Monday morning, in homes all over Wentworthville and beyond, the "back to routine" blues began!! Yet no doubt there was a sense of anticipation and excitement at reconnecting with routines and with our friends and colleagues. In all our homes on Monday, I'm sure this school community was in one way or another the focus of our activity and thoughts... bags packed, shoes shined, nervousness, excitement, last minute reminders and checks.

So at 9am we gathered as a community... we come (as we do everyday) seeking to belong once again, wanting this community to be a safe and respectful place for ourselves. As individuals we come together to create a community... **what a challenge!**

If each of us want this to be a happy, safe and respectful place...

what responsibilities lie with each individual?

At the beginning of this term, we start afresh...

- **to learn**
- **to support**
- **to commit**
- **to enjoy**
- **to create a wonderful community**, which seeks to be

... authentically Catholic

.... inviting and safe for all whereby all care for self, others and the environment.

Best wishes for what will undoubtedly be a wonderful term. When individuals seek ways to be happy and safe, the community continues to flourish.

In this place find a sense of... church – community – communion

Hear a call to... loving kindness – compassion – unity

Know a time for... believing – supporting – upholding

Recognise a feeling of... openness – integrity – truthfulness

Expect a movement to – encouragement – include – forgive

Experience a school for... prayer – people – God

Inhabit a haven for... the weak – the peacemakers – the spirit

Mr Steven Jones

Principal

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: Thank you to all the marvellous parents who attended Monday night's meeting-it was so good to see so many of you there! Group Leaders should receive their packages soon. There will be Group Leader Training in the Parish Centre on next Monday 21 July at 9:30am and again at 7:00pm.

New Group Leaders who would like some guidance or previous Group Leaders who would like to brush-up on facilitating groups are all welcome to come to either of those training sessions. Families are reminded that there will be a **Commitment Ceremony at 6pm (Vigil) Mass on Saturday 26th July and again at 10:30am Mass on Sunday 27th July**. Families are asked to please attend one of those Masses.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD: All parents are asked to please consider becoming a Leader or helper for this delightful ministry. Children's Liturgy of the Word runs at 9:00am Mass on most Sundays of the school term. Both the position of Leader and Helper is very easy. Both roles consist mainly of praying with the children, reading the Gospel reading and encouraging discussion and reflection. All resources and training is provided and naturally, you are welcome to ask your own children to assist you.

Children's Liturgy of the Word resumes on Sunday 27th July.

For further information please phone Paola Yevenes on 0414 947 799.

DATE CLAIMER-SMALL STEPS-AN ANXIETY AWARENESS INFORMATION SESSION

All parents are invited to an information session presented by Mental Health Association NSW

Date - Tuesday 22 July 2014

Time - 2-3pm (Parish hall) and 7-8pm (Mercy Library)

Did you know?

- An anxiety disorder affects one in ten children
- Anxiety impacts on a child's social, family and school life
- Early intervention may assist in preventing the onset of more serious problems including depression and substance abuse in adolescence
- Children with anxiety are generally not disruptive in class or at home
- Anxiety disorders can be resolved with timely information, care, treatment and support

Information covered in the presentation...

- ◆ The difference between normal anxiety and anxiety disorders
- ◆ Types of anxiety disorders
- ◆ Signs and symptoms of anxiety disorders

PROPOSED NEW ENTERPRISE AGREEMENT FOR TEACHERS AND SUPPORT STAFF

There will be a stop work meeting Wednesday 23 July 2014 for 3 hours from the commencement of school. The action involved members of the Independent Education Union (IEU) to discuss concerns regarding the proposed new Enterprise Agreement. We do not expect any interruption to school attendance and supervision will be provided. Should there be any change to this situation, parents will be informed.

ADDITIONAL PE LESSONS THIS TERM

Students are required to wear their sports uniform on Thursday for an additional PE lessons this term on the following dates:

Year One	Week One	17 July 2014
Year Two	Week Two	24 July 2014
Year Three	Week Three	31 July 2014
Year Four	Week Four	7 August 2014
Year Five	Week Five	14 August 2014
Year Six	Week Six	21 August 2014
Kindergarten	Week Seven	28 August 2014
Year One	Week Eight	4 September 2014
Year Two	Week Nine	11 September 2014
Year Three	Week Ten	18 September 2014

YEAR SIX STAR CARDS REWARD

Parents

Year 6 have achieved the required star cards for a grade reward. The students have voted and have decided on going to the park. Year 6 will be going to the park for the middle session on **Thursday 17 July 2014**.



Mrs Smith and Mrs Meares

OLMC NETBALL CLUB



Playing times for Round 12 on Saturday
19 July are as follows :-

Team	Court	Time	Versus
11's (OLMC1)	9	10:30am	St John's 6
10's (OLMC2)	5	9:30am	Holroyd Hotshots 12
Rising Stars (OLMC3)	11	11.30am	St John's 8
Net Set Go	4	9.30am	-

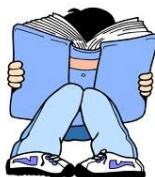
Please be at the courts 30minutes before your game to warm-up with your team. For enquiries please phone Margaret Nolan 0405 509 253, Paula Epenian 0406 515 782 or Alycia Koulouris 0414 513 448.

PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE

There was a lot of reading for the Premier's Reading Challenge during the holidays. The deadline to complete the challenge is August 22.

Congratulations to these children have completed the challenge during the hollidays: Celeste Ieronimo, Sanjana Vaasudevan, Charbel Epenian, Ryan Khanlu, Sacha Sahyoun, Shuvani Singh, Aradhana Korula, Angelina Kolouris, Aiza Reshty, Ann Maria Clivin, Miriam Epenian, Bronte Carter-Robinson, Marcus Dias, Bradley Farah, Chanel Joseph, Anthony Mbonu, Madisen Azar, Brock Carter-Robinson and Stephanie Raftopoulos.

This now brings our total complete to 95 children. Remember to keep reading as the completion



ROAD SAFETY TIPS FOR PARENTS

KEY POINTS TO REMEMBER AROUND SCHOOLS

Driving Near School Buses

There is a 40km/h speed limit for traffic passing a school bus that is setting down or picking up school children.

This speed limit is for all traffic travelling in the same direction as the bus, whether the bus is stationary or moving.

The 40km/h speed limit must be obeyed when the rear wig wag lights on the bus flash.

Flashing headlights on these buses also alert oncoming motorists that children are close by.

As a driver, remember: When the lights on the bus are flashing, you must slow down to 40km/h.

Never park in or near a bus stop or bus zone.

For information about fines and demerit points, visit rms.nsw.gov.au.



PARENTS AND FRIENDS

Welcome Back

Who can believe term 3 is already upon us? The year is flying by so fast! We hope you all feel rested and ready to work to your full potential to achieve your learning goals.

Our thanks to the teachers and staff for their work during first semester. We are particularly grateful for the time you have taken to prepare our children's reports and for the parent teacher interviews. We hope the holidays have given you a refreshing break and you are all enthusiastic about term 3 and the promise it holds.

Parish Feast Day

The Feast of Our Lady of Mt Carmel will be this Friday 18 July. Don't forget to wish our Parish priests a Happy Feast Day when you see them! We pray this special day brings many blessings to us all as a community.

We will be gathering to celebrate with a Mass at 10:30am in the Parish Church. As always, everyone is welcome to attend.

The P&F is providing each child with a packet of chips and a drink to celebrate this important day. If your child has any allergies that prevent them from having these things, please let the school office know immediately [as](#) per the note sent home today.

A special thanks to Stephanie Woods, sister of Isaac and Elisha Zammit, for her assistance in purchasing the drinks and chips. Also, a big thank you to Mrs Danielle Gardner for organising the treats for our children.

Entertainment Books

The new 2014 | 2015 Entertainment™ Membership Books are still available from our school office for **\$65 each**. Choose from the traditional Entertainment™ Book or the NEW Entertainment™ Digital Membership, which puts the value of the Book into your iPhone or Android smartphone! Plus, 20% from every Entertainment™ Membership we sell contributes towards our fundraising at our school! The more Entertainment™ Memberships we sell, the more money we raise – so please tell your family and friends! For just \$65, you'll receive over \$20,000 worth of valuable offers! Contact the school office to order your book.

P&F Executive Meeting

The **P&F Executive is reminded that there is a meeting next Wednesday 23 July at 7:00pm** to prepare the agenda for the upcoming P&F General Meeting on Wednesday 6 August.

If there is anything you would like to have discussed at the meeting please email the below address, or place it in writing and attention it to Danielle Gardner: President; and send it via the school office.

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 Mary-Anne Boustany

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Term 3 Planner 2014

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat/Sun
1	14/07 TERM 3 COMMENCES School Assembly 3G	15/07	16/07 8:00am Wednesday Workout	17/07	18/7 Feast Of Our Lady Of Mt Carmel, Mass at 10:30am	19/7 20/7
2	21/07 School Assembly 3B	22/07 Small Steps-Anxiety Awareness Seminar For Parents 2:00pm & 7:00pm	23/07 8:00am Wednesday Workout 7:00pm P&F Executive Meeting	24/07	25/07	26/07 27/07
3	28/07 School Assembly 2B	29/07	30/07 8:00am Wednesday Workout Maths Olympiad	31/07	1/08 School Census Day	2/08 3/08
4	4/08 School Assembly 2G	5/08 Cumberland Zone Athletics Carnival	6/08 8:00am Wednesday Workout 7:00pm P&F Meeting	7/08	8/08 STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY Feast of St Mary Of The Cross Mackillop	9/08 10/08
5	11/08 School Assembly 1B	12/08	13/08 8:00am Wednesday Workout Voice of Youth School Final	14/08	15/08 9:15am Feast Of The Assumption Mass	16/08 17/08
6	18/08 School Assembly 1G	19/08 Netball Gala Day	20/08 8:00am Wednesday Workout	21/08	22/08 Diocesan Athletics Carnival	23/08 24/08
7	25/08 School Assembly 4B Voice of Youth Cluster-Greystanes	26/08	27/08 8:00am Wednesday Workout	28/08	29/08	30/08 31/08
8	1/09 School Assembly 4G	2/09	3/09 Wednesday Workout Fathers' Day Stall	4/09	5/09 Fathers' Day Mass and Breakfast	6/09 7/09 Fathers' Day
9	8/09 School Assembly 5B	9/09	10/09 8:00am Wednesday Workout	11/09 Holy Communion Practise	12/09 Stage 3 Touch Football Gala Day	13/09 First Holy Communion 14/09 First Holy Communion
10	15/09 School Assembly 5G	16/09	17/09 8:00am Wednesday Workout	18/09	19/09 LAST DAY OF TERM 3	20/9 21/09