

Our Lady of Mt Carmel Primary NEWSLETTER



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Term 3

Week 1

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UPCOMING DATES

TERM 3

Week 1

Friday 22/7

9:15-10:15am OLMC Feast Day
Mass

Week 2

Monday 25/7

9:00am Assembly 3G

Tuesday 26/7

7-8:30pm P&F Executive Mtg

Thursday 28/7

Yrs 4&5 Incursion "Rhythms Of
Africa"

NOTES SENT HOME THIS WEEK

- Soccer Gala Day Carnival Information
- Yr 6 Parramatta Park Reflection Day
- Yr 4&5 Incursion-Rhythms Of Africa
- Kindergarten Incursion-Living Eggs

Attention Parents:

**The Stage 3 Soccer Gala
Day has again been
postponed due to the
rain**

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, anxiousness, 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 and together create community... **what a challenge!**

If each of us wants 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



The Community of OLMC is Safe and Respectful

FAMILY MASS & CHILDREN'S SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

Unfortunately the Family Mass that was advertised for this weekend has been cancelled. Look out for more opportunities to get involved in this Mass next year.

First Holy Communion: A reminder that enrolment forms for this celebration are due on Friday 5 August. Celebrations for 16 and 23 October are closed but Saturday 15 October is still available. To discuss dates or for any further enquiries, please phone Paola on 0414 947 799 or view the enrolment form which can be found in the parish centre. OLMC school office or online at www.olmcwenty.org.au.

Paula Yevenes-Our Lady of Mt Carmel Parish,

OUR LADY OF MT CARMEL FEAST DAY



On Friday July 22 we gather to celebrate the patron of our school and parish.... Our Lady Of Mt Carmel. The Carmelite priests who lived on Mt Carmel, took the name of Our Lady, the mother of Jesus as their special saint and so she became known as Our Lady Of Mt Carmel.

We celebrate with our community this special day and honour the Carmelite priests who look after our parish. We pray to Our Lady of Mt Carmel, asking her blessing on our school and for us to become the very best people we can be. Please join us for this celebration at 9:15am in the Parish church.

PRINCIPAL'S HOLIDAY CHALLENGE

Thanks you to all the students and parents who have returned their Principal's Holiday Challenge - Design a Christmas Card. A wonderful response to date, it will be very difficult for the judges. Also, don't forget to complete the reading log online at <http://goo.gl/forms/ZWnjdk6WKng95lpr2> To date there have been 23957 pages read. Please return the Christmas card and or complete the online reading log by next Wednesday 27 July as the draw will take place on Monday 1 August.

SCHOOL HOURS

Supervision on the playground commences at 8.30am each morning. Our school day then commences at 9:00 am. Children should be ready for class at this time. Recess is 11am–11.30am, Lunch is 1.30pm–2:10pm Final dismissal time is 3:10pm. Supervision finishes at 3.30pm and all children should be collected by this time. Please ensure you have collected your child(ren) by this time as staff have various meetings and planning after school.

SCHOOL OPAL CARDS

One of the more significant changes created by the recent introduction of the School Opal card is the need for students to tap on and off when they travel to and from school. Busways, the bus operator that provides our school bus services, wishes to remind families that the Opal data gathered by tapping on and off is used to determine demand for bus services. If students don't tap on and tap off, services may be cancelled due the lack of recorded patronage. With this in mind, we ask for your assistance in reminding your children that tapping on and off at the beginning and end of each trip is one of the conditions of using a School Opal card.

ICAS

ICAS competitions are another of the extra curricular opportunities we provide to our students. Last term children in Year 3–Year 6 competed in the Science Competition. This term the children will be participating in either the English or Mathematics Competitions. The English Competition will be on Tuesday August 2 and the Mathematics Competition will be on Monday August 15 (please note this is a changed date). Be sure to check the newsletter for the results once they arrive.

PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE



There was lots of reading happening during the holidays. The Year 1 teachers have added the books that they have read to their children which means that all the children in Year 1 have now completed the Premier's Reading Challenge. This now brings our total number of students who have completed the challenge to 176, which is nearly half of our school. Children have until August 19 to complete the challenge.

Congratulations to the following children:

Chelsea, Estelle, Taliyah, Xavier, Veer, Saanvi, Chelsea, Oscar, Maroun, Bhakti, Brandon, Gabriella, Jake, Roman, Mia, Emma, Caitlyn, Azhric, Chivonne, Chiara, Aleisha, Saxon, Naethan, Charlise, Saadhana, Keillan, Royden, Antoine, Mia, Mrunal, Dominic, Deng, Emily, Nicholas, Ryan, Amogh, Alessandra, Irene, Gabriella, Tony, Neha, Isabella, Kruti, Siya, Winona, Zachary, Eva, Nilan, Aryan, Marten, Ashley, Marisol, Chloe, Charbel, Bradley, Ayden, Ryan, Sacha, Emily, Elyce, Maya, Aiza, Miriam and Panshul.

CUMBERLAND ZONE ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

A reminder that our school will be running the Cumberland Zone Athletics Carnival on Tuesday 9 August. We will be requiring many parent helpers to assist on the day with various positions. If you are able to help please notify Mrs Jodie Meares via the school office. Your help, as always, is greatly appreciated.



EXTRA SPORTS UNIFORM DAY

Students are required to wear their sports uniform on **Tuesdays** for an additional PE lessons this term on the following dates.

- 26 July Week 2 **Year 1**
- 2 August Week 3 **Year 2**
- 9 August Week 4 **Year 3**
- 16 August Week 5 **Year 4**
- 23 August Week 6 **Year 5**
- 30 August Week 7 **Year 6**
- 6 September Week 8 **Kindergarten**
- 13 September Week 9 **Year 1**
- 20 September Week 10 **Year 2**

OLMC NETBALL

Playing times for Round 12, Saturday 23 July 2016

Team	Court	Time	Versus
OLMC 1 (12s)	4	11:00am	Regents Park 8
OLMC 2 (11s)	7	9:00am	Regents Park 9
OLMC 3 (10s)	9	11:00am	OLMC4
OLMC 4 (8s)	7	11:00am	OLMC3
Net Set Go	4 & 5	10:00am	-

Wet weather makeup for Round 3 & Round 8 Sunday 24 July.

Team	Court	Time	Versus
OLMC 1 (12's)	1	11:00am	Guildford Knights 5
OLMC 2 (11's)	5	9:00am	Guildford Knights 6



Saturday is also Round 7 & Sunday is Round 3 & 8 makeup games for OLMC 1 & 2 only. For enquiries please contact Paula on 0406 515 782 or olmcnetball@gmail.com

PARENTS & FRIENDS

Welcome back to term three! We hope everyone had some time to relax and enjoy themselves during the holiday break and you are all enthusiastic about Term 3 and the promise it holds.

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. It is a wonderful opportunity to discuss the learning our children are experiencing. As we head back to work for Term 3 we ask Our Lady to help us to meet the challenges we have set ourselves and to provide us with the strength to meet those challenges that we did not anticipate. We also ask a special blessing on Mrs Brackenbury, Ms Butler and Mrs Nolan as they continue their travels.

PARENTS & FRIENDS

Feast Of Our Lady of Mount Carmel

Sub Tuum Praesidium

*We fly to Thy protection,
O Holy Mother of God;
Do not despise our petitions
in our necessities,
but deliver us always
from all dangers,
O Glorious and Blessed Virgin.
Amen*

As has become tradition, the OLMC P&F association will be helping the children celebrate our feast day by giving them a treat on Friday. The children will receive a packet of chips and a juice popper. The children will receive a packet of Smiths chips in a plain, salt & vinegar, BBQ or chicken flavor. They will also receive a Prima Popper in an apple & blackcurrant, apple & raspberry, apple, orange & mango, orange or tropical flavor.

If due to allergies your child is not able to have any of these items please contact the school office via email or phone so alternatives can be arranged. Please make this notification by the end of the school day on Thursday 21 July.

OLMC Fete: Our next Fete 2017 meeting will be held on Wednesday 20 July (TONIGHT!!!) in the Parish Centre (Narthex) at 7pm.

Please come along 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 this fantastic community event. Light refreshments will be provided.

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! If you are not sure what you could contribute, please consider coming along to the fete meeting tonight to find out more about what is involved.

P&F General Meeting

The Parents and Friends Meeting is taking place on Tuesday 9 August at 7pm in the school library. Please mark this date in your diary and join us. If you have anything you would like to discuss please feel welcome to attend the meeting, or place the matter in writing and send it Attention: Pauline Raad, President, through the school office. A light supper will be served at the meeting and all are encouraged to come along and find out more about our school and community.



This term our 'On Demand Writing Task' will involve the students listening to a piece of music then using it as a stimulus for writing. The children received a letter with a brief from a soundtrack agency. The brief asks the children to write a story or promotional campaign to match a provided soundtrack.

The children might write a story that could be produced into a movie trailer, ad campaign, news story, documentary or any other form they may choose. Our older children are asked to produce a Story Board Portfolio with a plan of their ideas, an original text. While our younger children will be asked to create a story that is inspired by the soundtrack.

The teachers will be preparing the children with similar activities to those listed below to get their imaginations working.

How Can You Help Your Child Prepare At Home?

When you listen to sounds and music talk about the emotions they elicit.

When watching movies/TV shows/radio or TV ads focus on the sound effects and music. Talk about how this helps tell the story.

Get everyone in the family to close their eyes and listen to the music. What do you think the story would be to match the soundtrack? What's happening? What sound effects can you hear? Listen again and watch the video this time; Did it match what people thought?

Search for sound effects and play them for your children and get them to guess what the sound is.

Here are some searches you can do on YouTube that might help you family conversations:

Serge Prokofiev: Peter and the Wolf. Vancouver Symphony Orchestra

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MfM7Y9Pcdzw>

Disney Fantasia (1940) Original Soundtrack

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ij06pRMO9hM&list=PLWAb6uoo1JI9k7McxMEf2xBIUmNTR81ZX>

For The Birds

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QowZR8X9WHk>

How Music Can Change a Film

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rn9V0cN4NWs>

These live links will be pasted into the email with today's newsletter.