

# Our Lady of Mt Carmel Primary NEWSLETTER



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Term 3

Week 6

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## **UPCOMING DATES**

### **TERM 3**

#### **Week 6**

##### **Thursday 25/08**

Kindergarten Excursion Botanical Gardens

12noon Year 5 to St Pauls Catholic College Creative Arts Matinee Performance

##### **Friday 26/08**

9:15am Stage Two Mass

8:00am Diocesan Athletics Carnival, Blacktown Int. Sports Park

##### **Sunday 28/08**

First Holy Communion workshops begin

#### **Week 7**

##### **Monday 29/08**

9:00am Assembly KG

##### **Wednesday 31/08**

Fathers' Day Stall

##### **Friday 2/09**

8:00am Fathers' Day Breakfast

9:15am Fathers' Day Mass

##### **Sunday 4/09**

**Happy Fathers' Day to all our Fathers' and Grandfathers**

## **NOTES SENT HOME THIS WEEK**

- Year 2 Fathers' Day Note
- Kindergarten Excursion Note
- Head Lice Note Year 2
- Year 3 Mrs Speranza Leave note
- Raffle Tickets being sent home today

Dear Parents

A story to share that you may have heard or read before, but a good story about the power of good deeds.

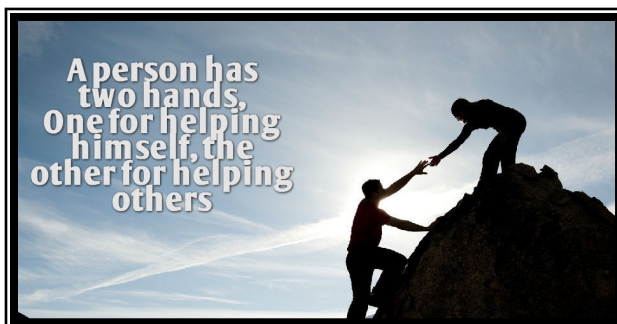
A poor farmer named Fleming, who lived in Scotland, heard a cry from a nearby swamp. He discovered a boy screaming and struggling in the quick sand. Naturally he rescued the boy. The next day a well-dressed nobleman came to Fleming's humble house, wanting to pay him for rescuing his son. While they were talking the farmer's own son came to the door and said hello. The farmer remarked that he was a bright lad. The nobleman offered a deal. He pledged to pay for the education of the farmer's son. The farmer's son attended the best schools and went on to graduate from St Mary's Medical Hospital.

We know him as Sir Alexander Fleming, who discovered penicillin. He later went on to save the nobleman's son once again when he was seriously ill with pneumonia. Penicillin saved his life this time.

The nobleman was Lord Randolph Churchill...

His son... Sir Winston Churchill.

What goes around comes around. By always doing good for others without seeking reward, we gain the true reward of life.



Our world today, continues to need all to do good deeds for one another, through volunteering to support someone or an organisation. We need to be careful that our children understand that when we do something for someone they don't necessarily get something in return. Often in today's society there can be an attitude of "what's in it for me?"

To take a quote from St Mary of the MacKillop,

***"Never see a need without doing something about it."***

As parents, we need to not only model this quote but also challenge and provide our children and teenagers with opportunities to support someone, do something without a reward or financial incentive. Wouldn't the world be a better place if everyone did good deeds just because it is the right thing to do? Sometimes there may even be benefits that we never envisaged.

Thank you to all in our community that contribute in many different ways, many quietly behind the scenes with no accolades. We truly appreciate your contributions and deeds.

All the best for the week ahead.

Mr Steven Jones

Principal

*The Community of OLMC is Safe and Respectful*

## CHILDREN'S SACRAMENTAL PRORAM

**FIRST EUCHARIST:** As the children and families begin the first of four workshops next week, I invite you to take some time to reflect on your own experience of holy communion; What's your first memory of Eucharist? Do you ever look back at your First Holy Communion photos? How did you prepare for this celebration? What did you feel before your First Holy Communion? Where did you celebrate? Who was there to celebrate with you? Please join me in praying for these families as they continue to live and grow in their faith.

*Paola Yevenes-OLMC Parish Wentworthville*

## VOICE OF YOUTH CLUSTER FINAL



Congratulations to the Year 6 students: Sakshi, Alannah and Sebastian (and Cheyenne - reserve) who represented OLMC at the cluster final last Thursday at St Paul's Greystanes. Special congratulations to Sebastian who won the Voice of Youth Cluster and will now present his speech at the Voice of Youth Eastern Divisional Semi Final at St Paul's Greystanes on Tuesday 6 September.

## TOURNAMENT OF MINDS

Tournament of Minds is a problem solving program for teams of students from both primary and secondary years. Students are required to solve demanding, open-ended challenges from the discipline of Language Literature. Tournament of Minds is an opportunity for students with a passion for learning and problem solving to demonstrate their skills and talents in an exciting, vibrant and public way.

Good luck to the following Year 5 and 6 students...Aiza, Jacinta, Damon, Cheyenne, Sarah, Fabian and Sebastian who are representing our school this Sunday at the Sydney West Regional Tournament at the University of Western Sydney, Kingswood campus. Thank you to Miss Dooley, Mrs Worsley, Miss Butler and Mr Jones who have helped the students prepare for this weekend's event and the parents for supporting these students.

## REQUEST FOR PHOTOS FOR FATHERS' DAY MASS



We would like to request that parents please forward photos of their child/children with their fathers to our school email address, [olmcwenty@parra.catholic.edu.au](mailto:olmcwenty@parra.catholic.edu.au) and mark the subject as 'Fathers' Day Photo

The photos will be used in a presentation at our Fathers' Day Mass.

Last day for photos is Monday 29 August.

## ILLNESS AT SCHOOL



As the weather has changed, there have been many children and teachers away from school recently. We ask for parents cooperation by keeping sick children at home until they are well enough to come to school. This will lessen the spread of illness through the school community.

## MERIT CERTIFICATES

NAME	CLASS
Joshua, Navya Lachlan, Millie	KB KG
Emma, Amogh Abraham, Sarayu	1B 1G
Hannah, Gabriella Markos, Yasemin	2B 2G
Isabella, Nhial Aurelia, Jessica	3B 3G
Shuban, Maddison Matthew, Faith	4B 4G
Timothy, Elyce Sophie, Meilan	5B 5G
Logan, Joseph Harshil, Sakshi	6B 6G



### Congratulations: Gold Award

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

*Sameet KG, Makaanaka KG, Liyana KG, Alessandra KB, Annalise KB, Hannah KB, Billy KB, Erica KB, Aurelia 3G, Benjamin KG, Nishan 3B, Kiara 5B, Joyce 5B, Maddison 4B, Mary 4B, Peter 4B, Emily 2B, Catherine 2G, Gevin 3B, Charlotte 1B, Deng 1B, Isabella o 1B, Ashley 1B.*



### Congratulations: Opal Award

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

*Erinn KB, Stella KB, Billy KB, Kinjal KB, Elizabeth 3G, Isabella 3B, Jared 4G, Clara 6G, Lara 4B, Peter 4B, Claudia 4B, Michaela 2G, Sylvana 2B, Massimo KG, Elizabeth KG, Julian 2G.*



### Congratulations: Platinum Award

The following children have worked really hard towards receiving 120 Star Cards

*Alannah 4B, Harini 4B, Samuel 4B, Marcus 2G*



### Congratulations: Principal's Award

The following child has worked really hard towards receiving 150 Star Cards

*Serena 2G*



### Congratulations: Diamond Award

The following child has worked really hard towards receiving 210 Star Cards

*Sajeeth 4B*

## UNIFORM SHOP

Parents who wish to make an appointment for a uniform fitting with Mrs Cundy can do so using the online booking system. Visit the website [www.schoolinterviews.com.au](http://www.schoolinterviews.com.au) and use the code **t94ng** to make a booking which suits you. When ordering new uniforms it is advisable to try the uniforms before purchasing in order to ensure a correct fit.

## PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE

This is the last week of the Premier's Reading Challenge. Children who have not completed their online record now need to submit it in writing to Miss Pirovic by Thursday afternoon. In this last week all the children in Year 3 and Year 4 completed the challenge. We now have 331 children who have completed the challenge with 53 children left to complete the challenge.

Congratulations to the children who completed the challenge this week; Christopher, Annabelle, Aurelia, Gevin, Victoria, Sabrina, Chris, Jessica, Nhial, Prit, Daniel, Francesco, Amelia, Maddison, Marco, Theresa, Alannah, Daniel, Andrea, Peter, Ashlee, Rachael, Matthew, Dylan, Christopher, Georgia, Rebecca, Claudia, Melissa, Jathush, Elizabeth, Kim, Mary, Jenna, Emily, Thomas, Sakshi, Francis, Christopher, Sebastian and Owen.

## SCHOOL FEES



Thank you to all parents who have finalised their Term 3 accounts. A reminder that all accounts including those on Flexible Payment Plans were due for payment by 22 August. Should you be currently experiencing financial difficulties and unable to finalise your account, please contact the school office to make a confidential appointment with Mr Jones.

## PARENTS AND FRIENDS

### Fathers' Day Stall

Thank you to everyone that came on Wednesday to help with the gift wrapping for the Fathers' Day Stall. We appreciate your help in providing this service for our children. The Fathers' Day Stall is next Wednesday 31 August. This is an opportunity for the children to buy a gift for their father, grandfather or father figure. Don't forget to give your child a little bit of pocket money for the day to enable them to buy a gift.

If you can come along to help with the stall, please come to the Parish Hall from 9:00 on Wednesday morning. Younger siblings are welcome and refreshments are provided. Thank you to everyone who has donated prizes for the Fathers' Day Raffle, your support is truly appreciated. We have some wonderful prizes this year. Tickets are 50 cents each and will be sent home with the eldest child in each family today.

### The Father's Day Raffle Prizes Are:

- First Prize: Triton multi tool and reciprocating saw (valued at \$200) donated by the Farah family
- Second Prize: 100ml Boss aftershave by Hugo Boss donated by Chemist Warehouse Parramatta
- Third Prize: \$50 Dan Murphy's Voucher donated by the Epenian family
- Fourth Prize: \$50 eftops card donated by the Epenian family
- Fifth Prize: \$50 Wenty Leagues Voucher donated by Wenty Leagues
- Sixth Prize: \$50 Wenty Leagues Voucher donated by Wenty Leagues
- Seventh Prize: \$30 Master's Voucher donated by the Taouk family

## PARENTS AND FRIENDS

Please write the name and contact number of the person buying the ticket and the name and class of the child who sold it on the ticket stub and return all tickets and money to school by Wednesday 31 August. The raffle will be drawn at the Fathers' Day breakfast on Friday 2 September. If you require any further information about anything regarding the Fathers' Day stall or raffle, please contact Sonia Farah on 0431 692 960 or Joanne Sakr 0418 623 867.



### Fathers' Day Breakfast Friday 2 September 2016

All Fathers, Grandfathers, Parents and Carers are invited to celebrate the gift of Fathers at our annual Fathers' Day breakfast. Breakfast will take

My Dad  
is my  
best  
Buddy.

place at 8:00am at the Parish Hall at the rear of the school grounds (entrance from Smith Street) on Friday 2 September. This will be followed by the celebration of Mass at 9:15 in Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church Wentworthville. We look forward to seeing you all there

### P&F Outdoor Movie Night 16 September

P&F's outdoor movie night has this year been scheduled for Friday 16 September at 6pm in the Smith Street playground, please save the date and stay tuned to see what we will be watching!!!

### Next Fete Meeting 21 September

The next meeting has been scheduled for Wednesday 21 September 7pm in the church Narthex. Please save the date, a reminder will be sent closer to the date.

### Getting Our Fete On!

As you may know by now, our fete has been scheduled for Friday 24 March 2017. This is our major fundraising event and we are calling on anyone who is able to help by:

1. 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 or
2. donating raffle and chocolate wheel prizes or vouchers or
3. volunteering during the fete, even if it is for an hour.

We are still looking for coordinators for the following stalls: Fruit salad marquee, Drinks and snow cones, Sippah Milk booth, Trash & Treasure, DunkTank, Pick-a-number bottle stall. If you can help in any way, we would love to hear from you. Please email us at [olmcfete@gmail.com](mailto:olmcfete@gmail.com).

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## Catherine McAuley Westmead

### Enrolments for Year 7 2018

There will be three Open Mornings specifically for Year 7 2018 enrolments on: **Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> September, Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> October and Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> November 2016**

**9.15 – 11am**

To book places for a school tour on one of these tour mornings please contact our School Reception on 9849 9100.



# BOOK WEEK 2016

Once again we had a fabulous Book Week celebration this year. It was so wonderful to see the variety of costumes the children and teachers came dressed in. It was very clear that a great deal of planning and effort went into creating the costumes. So many creative children raided wardrobes to transform themselves into a book character.

Our day began with an assembly, expertly lead by our student leaders. At our assembly we paraded our costumes and played a few literary games. We also heard two wonderful stories, Piranhas Don't Eat Bananas and My Dog Bigsy presented by Year 2 and Year 3 respectively. The teachers planned many fun activities to help explore particular stories and our day concluded with a Trivia competition that had three winning teams on 27 points each!

This year we also had a book swap with children donating books and selecting a new pre-loved book to take home. To participate in the book swap the children made a gold coin donation. We were able to raise \$300 for the Indigenous Literacy Foundation. Thank you to all who participated, helped to make costumes and the teachers who coordinated such a wonderful day.

