

Our Lady of Mt Carmel Primary NEWSLETTER



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Term 4

Week 6

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Dear Parents/Carers

It is hard to believe that we are coming to the end of another school year! Time quickly passes as we busily attend to all the learning and activity in our daily life.

The teachers are busy preparing end of year reports and discussing the progress of the children in their class. They are reviewing the children's work and reflecting on how much the children have grown academically and socially.

UPCOMING DATES

TERM 4

Term 4 Week 6

Thursday 12/11

9:15-10:45am Kindergarten
2016 Orientation-Group 2

Friday 13/11

9:15-10:45am Kindergarten
2016 Orientation-Group 2

Catherine McAuley Yr 7 2016
Orientation Day

NOTES SENT HOME TODAY

- Year 6 Excursion: Surf Safety Day-Manly Beach

NOTES SENT HOME LAST

FRIDAY

- Year 1 Sanitizers for classroom

All of our children are different. Some students excel and others struggle. Some students achieve high grades with a small amount of effort. While for those who struggle, hard work and preparation may not achieve a high grade. It is natural to feel upset if we find that our hard work has not given us the result we had hoped for. However, it is important to acknowledge and celebrate the gains that our efforts have achieved.

Perseverance and resilience are the tools that can help us continue to work towards achieving our goals. As parents and teachers we acknowledge these qualities as we encourage our children to continue with their efforts.

In the gospel on Sunday we heard how Jesus observed the crowd putting money into the treasury. He noticed that many of the rich people put in large sums of money. He saw a poor woman place a few coins into the treasury. Jesus told his disciples that this woman had given more than all the others, for she had not given what was extra but all she had. This is what we ask of our students, and ourselves to give all of ourselves to our work and to others.

Do you give all of yourself to your learning?

Do you give all of yourself to help others?

Do you give all of yourself to God?



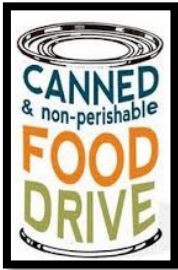
*Lord,
Let my heart be moved by those
who give all they have,
Even when it may yield a small amount.
Help me to rightly value their
contributions.*

*Miss Olimpia Pirovic
Acting Principal*

The Community of OLMC is Safe and Respectful

CHRISTMAS HAMPERS

It's that time again!!



We have been asked to help St Vincent De Paul in our parish with donations for Christmas hampers.

Suggestions are: Breakfast cereals, long life milk, tea, coffee, sugar, pasta, pasta sauce, cans of baked beans, spaghetti, meat, fish, fruit., biscuits, Christmas cake, Christmas pudding, sweets, toiletries e.g. soap.

Deodorant, shampoo etc, vegemite, jam, honey.

Please check use by dates and no perishables please.



MORE INFORMATION ON CHRISTMAS HAMPERS

This term we ask you to donate to the homeless people who want our help. St Vincent De Paul has asked us to do this. To help the homeless people, we are giving them Christmas Hampers full of food items.

The Student Leaders will come around to classrooms with a basket on Friday and we will ask the students to donate non-perishable food like anything in a tin or can.

Imagine having no food and water.

Imagine being truly hungry.

Please donate food and put it in the Christmas Hampers, to give it to the homeless, so that they will have something to eat this Christmas.

From the Student Leaders



MERIT CERTIFICATES

NAME	CLASS
Royden, Sai	KB
Charlise, Dominic	KG
Jorja, Gabriella	1B
Marie-Jose, Claudia	1G
Sabrina, Nhial	2B
Nerome, Ayii	2G
Harini, Sajeeth	3B
Faustina, Melissa	3G
Alan, Karl	4B
No Merits This Week	4G
Denver, Sakshi	5B
Cheyenne, Francis	5G
Marcus, Ricky	6B
No Merits This Week	6G



Congratulations

Gold Award

The following children have worked really hard towards receiving

75 Star Cards

Gevin 2G, Bhakti KB, Gabriella KB, Madeline 2G, Celine 1G, Bracston 1B



Congratulations

Opal Award

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

Kalim 2G, Jorja 6B, Emily 1G



Congratulations

Platinum Award

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

Natalie 5G, Veer KB, Nicolas KG, Ruby KG



Congratulations

Principal's Award

The following children have worked really hard towards receiving 150 Star Cards

Jasmine KB, Marcus 1B



Congratulations

Diamond Award

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

Caitlyn KG

ORDERING NEW UNIFORMS

From next week we will begin taking appointments for new uniform fittings. Appointments with Mrs Cundy will be available before school and some during the afternoon on Wednesdays. Parents will be able to make appointments online using the School Interviews website. A letter will be sent home on Friday with information on how to book your appointment.

REMEMBRANCE DAY

Today we commemorate Remembrance Day. On this day we particularly remember the end of World War One. As a school we stopped for a minute of silence at 11:00am to remember those who have served our country and particularly those who have lost their lives.



OPAL SCHOOL TRAVEL PASSES

The School Opal card gives eligible students free or discounted travel between home and school, using the train, bus and ferry services you nominate in your application. The School Opal Card replaces the old paper School Student Transport Scheme (SSTS) Travel Pass.

Who Can Apply: To be eligible for a School Opal card, students may need to live a minimum distance from their school

Years K-2 (Infants): There is no minimum distance

Years 3-6 (Primary): 1.6km straight line distance or 2.3km walking

Years 7-12(Secondary): 2.0km straight line distance or 2.9km walking.

Who Needs To Apply: Most students who already have a school student travel pass won't need to apply for the School Opal card. It will be sent to the student's school at the beginning of the school year in 2016. An application is needed if the student:

- Has not had a travel pass before
- Is moving from Year 2 to Year 3
- Is moving from Year 6 to Year 7
- Is changing schools
- Is changing address

How To Apply

Step 1: Complete the application at

Transportnsw.info/school-students

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Step 2: Print, sign and date the completed application, then submit it to the student's school for endorsement.

Step 3: The school then sends the endorsed application to Transport for NSW. Once approved, the School Opal card will be sent to the address provided on the application.

Brochures on the Opal School Passes are available from the school office.



PARENTS & FRIENDS

IGA Wenty Community Chest Helping Our School

Throughout the Year, our friends at our Local IGA Supermarket at Wentworthville have supported our school community at events like the Fete and provided supplies for other events by way of donation. We are very pleased to announce that the owners of IGA Wentworthville have nominated our school as the recipient of all funds raised by the *IGA Community Chest* program. A portion of sales from items labelled on the shelf with the *Community Chest* logo go into a pooled fund, and at the end of the year this money will be donated to our school. We are very thankful for the support of IGA Wentworthville and the opportunity for our school to now benefit further from *IGA Community Chest*. We encourage our families to support this program by shopping at IGA – Wentworthville Mall, 32 Dunmore Street, Wenty.

PRC - Term 4 General Meeting 16 November

The Parents Representative Council (PRC) Term 4 General Meeting will take place on Monday 16 November 2015 at 7pm. The meeting will be held at the Diocesan Assembly Centre, Cnr Flushcombe Road & Marian Sreet, Blacktown. For further information please contact the PRC Secretary: prcparrasecretary@gmail.com

Orientation Days For Kindy 2016

This week will see the second set of Kindergarten 2016 students coming in on Thursday and Friday for Orientation. We look forward to welcoming new families into our school and community and we are also excited for our existing students and their families who will have siblings starting at Our Lady of Mount Carmel next year.

A LETTER FROM OUR PILGRIM

Dear everyone,

What an amazing trip this has been. I have seen so many holy sights during the past week.

After a long flight we arrived in Jordan and visited Mount Nebo where Moses saw the promised land to the west and visited the River Jordan where John the Baptist baptised Jesus. Also had a swim (float) and mud bath in the Dead Sea. After Jordan we had the experience of crossing the border into Israel, an interesting experience. Boys and girls no older than my two boys, Patrick and Daniel walking around with M16 machine guns.

Since arriving in Israel we have been to Galilee (celebrated Mass on the Sea of Galilee, visited Mount Beatitudes), Haifa (Mount Carmel and Elijah's cave), Jerusalem (Mount Olives, Garden of Gethsemane) Bethlehem, Nazareth and the Old City of Jerusalem.

Yesterday morning we got up at 3.30am to leave by 4.30am to have a private Mass in the Holy Sepulchre. It was a tiny area (the tomb) where Jesus was laid after being taken down from the cross. This was an amazing experience. Afterwards we did the stations of the cross in the streets of Jerusalem led by Father Chris. We then visited the Western (wailing) Wall and then back to the hotel for morning prayer. By 9.00am all that had happened! We then went off to Bethlehem museum and then on to the Holocaust museum.

Today we are on our way to Masada an ancient fortification in the south of Israel that overlooks the Dead Sea followed by Jericho. Tomorrow afternoon we fly to Rome.

I hope you are all well, I've lit candles for you and your families and your intentions.

Take care and say hello to all the students.

Steven



Church of Dominus Flevit, where Jesus wept over Jerusalem



Tomb of Christ in the Holy Sepulchre



Garden of Gethsemane



Sower's Bay - Parable of the Sower



Cave of Elijah at Mount Carmel



The Sea of Galilee



Bethany beyond the Jordan where John the Baptist baptised