

Our Lady of Mt Carmel Primary NEWSLETTER



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Term 4

Week 7

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UPCOMING DATES

TERM 4

Term 4 Week 7

Friday 20/11

Year 4 Water Fun Day-Star
Card Reward

Term 4 Week 8

Monday 23/11

Swimming Program
commences K-Yr 6

Tuesday 24/11

Swimming Program K-Yr 6

Wednesday 25/11

Swimming Program K-Yr 6

Thursday 26/11

Swimming Program K-Yr 6

Year 6 Beach/Surf Safety
Excursion

Friday 27/11

Swimming Program K-Yr 6

9.15am Year 3&4 Mass

NOTES SENT HOME TODAY

- Swimming Note
- Year 5 Excursion
- Bring Your Own Device
Parent Survey
- Year 1 Celebration Note
- Year 4 Star Card Reward

NOTES SENT HOME LAST FRIDAY

- 2016 Diocesan School Fees

Dear Parents,

On the weekend we all woke to the news of another tragic situation in our world. It is difficult not to be moved by events of human tragedy. Our thoughts and prayers turn to the victims as we try to make sense of what has happened.

When instances of tragedy, natural disasters and accidents occur the media has instant and in some cases non-stop coverage of what has happened. As adults we want to hear the latest information. As a child the images seen and news bulletins heard can serve to confuse and create fear. As parents we try to shield our children from the evils of the world but ready access to media and technology means we need to discuss some of these events with our children.

The reporting of the many negative things that happen in our world can create anxiety for our children. It makes dangers appear greater, more prevalent and closer to home. Our children will take direction from how we respond, which is why it is important for us to remain calm and reassure them. Ask your child what they know about an event they may have heard and begin your conversation there.

As human beings we share a common humanity and when one of us suffers, we all suffer. Our faith teaches us to love one another and to reach out to those in need. We can effect change in our local, school or home environment by:

Sharing kind words and deeds

Speaking out when we see someone is being poorly treated

Not judging a whole group by the actions of the few

Offering forgiveness

As Mr Jones has just visited Assisi it is fitting that we reflect on the Prayer of St Francis...



Lord,

Make me an instrument of Your peace.

where there is hatred, let me sow love;

where there is injury, pardon;

where there is despair, hope;

where there is darkness, light;

where there is sadness, joy.

O Divine Master,

grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console;

to be understood as to understand;

to be loved as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive;

It is in pardoning that we are pardoned;

And it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

Amen

Yesterday via Skoolbag I shared a few links that give parents tips on how to explain the news to our children. You might like to visit the site www.common sense media.org for more information.

Miss Olimpia Pirovic

Acting Principal

The Community of OLMC is Safe and Respectful

SPOTLIGHT ON RE



All classes have begun teaching the Advent unit in the classrooms. Advent is the Liturgical season that lasts for the four weeks before Christmas. It is the beginning of the Church's liturgical year. Kindergarten are talking about the Annunciation and Mary's role in the Christmas story. Year 1 are focussing on the story of the Visitors from the East, Year 2 are talking about waiting for Jesus and Year 3 are reading and finding out about Emmanuel. Year 4 are preparing by looking at John the Baptist, Year 5 are focussing on the Visitation and Year 6 are investigating the genealogy of Jesus.

We are also preparing for our Christmas Story on the 8 December and our choir is performing at Carols in the Park on the 10 December.

CHRISTMAS HAMPERS-REMINDER

Christmas hampers have been given to each classroom where you can donate items such as: Long life milk, puddings, toiletries (eg. Shampoo, deodorant, etc), cereals, tea, coffee, sugar, cakes, vegemite, honey, pasta, pasta sauce, spaghetti, baked beans, fruit, biscuits, sweets, jam.

Please make sure all of the items donated are non perishables due to the items donated being given to St Vincent De Paul. Please donate!! Thank you

From the Yr 6 Student Leaders

PRAYERS & SYMPATHY

Please keep in your prayers the Bortoluzzi family (Saxon 6G) on the recent passing of Saxon's Grandfather

*Eternal rest grant unto him O Lord.
And let perpetual light shine upon him
May he rest in peace
Amen*

SWIMMING LESSONS

Next week we begin our two-week swimming program. Please make sure that your child is ready and has all their equipment from Monday. Please check the note sent home with the eldest child today for further details.

NEW UNIFORMS

Mrs Cundy has begun taking appointments to fit children for the new school uniforms. Detailed information was sent home last week about ordering new uniforms. You can make an appointment for a uniform fitting on the website www.schoolinterviews.com.au and use the code **AAX3F**. Appointments are available on Monday and Wednesdays at this stage. We will also be arranging a day in the January holiday for fittings.

SECOND HAND UNIFORMS

SALE

ALL SECOND HAND CLOTHING WILL BE SELLING FOR HALF PRICE FROM NEXT TUESDAY

24 NOVEMBER 2015.

MERIT CERTIFICATES

NAME	CLASS
Mia, Eva	KB
Mrunal, Saadhana	KG
Lara, Bracston	1B
Noah, Luke	1G
Jessica, Zachery	2B
Victoria, Disha	2G
Leah, Daniel	3B
Jemma, Shuban	3G
Timothy, Meilan	4B
Luka, Orlando (Wk 6)	4G
Alannah, Chanelle (Wk 5)	
Harshil, Logan	5B
No Merit Certificates this week	5G
Abhidi, Kimberley	6B
Jade, Natalia	6G
Jala, Holly, Marinelle	



Congratulations

Gold Award

The following children have worked really hard towards receiving

75 Star Cards

Christopher 2G



Congratulations

Opal Award

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

Malith 2G, Bhakti KB



Congratulations

Platinum Award

The following children have worked really hard towards receiving

120 Star Cards

Marten KB, Maroun KB, Ryan KB



Congratulations

Principal's Award

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

Aleisha KB



Congratulations

Diamond Award

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

Georgia KB, Eva KB

NEWS FROM MR JONES

Dear All,
I hope the term has moved along smoothly and everyone is looking after one another.

Well after 17 days visiting 3 countries, celebrating 16 masses including in the tomb where Christ was laid to rest and at St Peter's tomb, morning and evening prayer each day, the pilgrimage has come to an end. It has been an amazing experience. I have learnt and experienced so much.

Since my last email, when we arrived in Rome we visited St Peter's Basilica and Square, spending 12 hours walking over, under, through and around the whole site. As we walked out on dusk at the end of the day, it felt like we had been at the Easter show from dawn till dusk, almost 20,000 steps. On Sunday we saw Pope Francis and said the angelus with him (well not really said as it was in Italian). Since that day we have visited numerous basilicas, the colosseum, the many incredible sites of Rome and enjoyed the food.

The last two days we have been in Assisi, the city of peace. With the current events taking place in the world, this place gives one heart that peace may at some stage come, as it hosts, approximately every seven years, a prayer session for the 351 religious leaders of the world, including atheists. Assisi is such a peaceful place, so different from the hustle of Rome.

Lynda arrived safely last night after 28 hours door to door and was a little shattered when I spoke to her late last night. She is off today on a morning tour of the Vatican and St Peter's whilst I make my way down from Assisi. I am really looking forward to catching up with her.

My prayers have been with you all and our school community during the past 17 days.

Take care and say hello to everyone for me.

Steven



APPLE STORE FOR OUR SCHOOLS

Apple provides a number of ways to help families buy the devices to support student learning. These include the Apple Store and a custom online store which has been built specifically for Parramatta Diocesan schools. Parents are able to access pricing discounts and after purchase service. The Apple stores will help set up devices so they are ready to work on our school network. You can access the online store at <http://byod.parra.catholic.edu.au>.

PARENTS & FRIENDS

We pray for our world and our community.
Lord, make me an instrument of your peace. Where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy.

O, Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love; For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; it is in dying that we are born again to eternal life.

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.

Orientation Days For Kindy 2016

Over the last two weeks we have had Kindergarten 2016 Orientation at our school.

The feedback from parents has been great with many children wanting to transition from preschool to “big school” the very next day!

We thank our Kindy teachers, their support team, the uniform shop and school staff for another great orientation experience.

It's hard to believe we will soon be farewelling our year 6 students and welcoming a new set of students! But we look forward to another great year at Our Lady of Mount Carmel next year.

Tiny Tots Playgroup

Tiny Tots Playgroup will be running for the next few Fridays until the end of term. This is a great way for babies, toddlers and pre-schoolers in our community to meet and spend some play time.

This is also great for the parents of course, providing an opportunity to meet socially with other parents in the community.

Playgroup is on Fridays from at 9:15am in the Parish Hall and the cost is \$2 per session or \$20 per term. Tea/coffee, bikkies and a chat are provided for the adults! Children need to have their own, nut-free morning tea from home.

OLMC STRAWBERRY PATCH

Year 4 Gardening Group

Mrs Cox told us that there was a garden bed in Area 4 that would be a good place for a Strawberry Patch.

First of all we had to prepare the soil.

We dug up all the weeds, added

some mushroom compost and some garden compost. We then made soil mounds to put the plants on.

Mrs Cox brought in some small strawberry plants, which we planted and then

put sugar cane mulch around. During the week we supervise the watering.

Anyone in the school can come and water with the small watering cans.

Sometimes we have as many as 10 children who come and water and

help pick out the weeds. Lots of different children from all the Year

Groups come and help.

When the strawberries are ripe we pick them and Mrs Cox puts them in the freezer. We recently had enough strawberries to make strawberry ice-cream. It was delicious!! Next time we will make some muffins to share with everyone who helps out!

Year 4 Gardening Group - Georgette, Meilan, Aiza, Alannah, Montana, Amirah, Elyce, Joyce, Thomas Z, Aradhana, Alan, Feliciano and Emilie.



"It's interesting and fun. I also like learning about plants," Rachael (Yr 3)



"I like the flowers because they can grow into strawberries," Saanvi (K)



"It's something fun to do when there's nothing else to do," Faith (Yr3)



"I like watering because it's fun and the plants get to grow, we get to use the small watering cans," Nhial (Yr 2)