

# Our Lady of Mt Carmel Primary NEWSLETTER



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Term 4

Week 6

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## **UPCOMING DATES**

### **TERM 4**

#### Week 6

**Wednesday 16/11**

3:20pm AFL Clinic

**Friday 18/11**

9:15am Stage 2 Mass

Catherine McAuley Yr 7 Orientation Day

#### Week 7

**Monday 21/11**

Year 5 Science Incursion

**Tuesday 22/11**

Kindergarten Excursion-Jeral Puppets

**Thursday 24/11**

9:00am Fr Paul Farwell Assembly

Year 4 Star Cards Reward

**Friday 25/11**

Year 2 Excursion to Opera House

Year 4 Excursion Power House Museum, Castle Hill

## **NOTES SENT HOME FRIDAY & THIS WEEK**

- BYOD Information Night
- Year 4 Police Visit
- Band Recruitment
- Year 6 Excursion-Manly Beach
- Year 4 Star Cards
- Year 1 Incursion-The Super Pollinators

Dear Parents

Recently I came across an article by Michael Grose on 12 positive personal attributes to raise confident, well-balanced, resilient 21<sup>st</sup> Century children. I thought I would like to share a summary of these personal attributes with you.



### **Persistence**

Children understand the link between persistence and success in all areas of their endeavour.

### **Personal responsibility**

Children are encouraged to take responsibility for their own behaviour.

### **Respect**

Children are encouraged to treat others with grace and kindness. Manners are respect in action.

### **Making friends**

Children have the skills and attitudes to make friends and work effectively within groups.

### **Handling rejection**

Children can handle rejection, disappointment and failure realistically. They are able to bounce back from these situations.

### **Managing emotions**

Children can effectively manage their emotions in healthy ways to minimise the negative effect on others.

### **Resolving conflict**

Children know a variety of ways to manage conflict without using power or avoidance.

### **Smart decision-making**

Children can impact positively on their own well-being and the well-being of others.

### **Optimism**

Children have a positive view of the future and feel confident in their ability to deal with challenges.

### **Health and fitness**

Children's lifestyle contributes positively to their physical well-being and personal confidence.

### **Motivation**

Children are personally motivated to achieve and improve.

### **Organisation**

Children can organise time, space and possessions to maximise effectiveness at school and at home.

Of course, these don't evolve overnight, but take time, encouragement and support by all who enter the life of a child... parent, teacher, coach, neighbour, friend ... Every little interaction counts.

All the best for your interactions in the upcoming week.

Mr Steven Jones

Principal

*The Community of OLMC is Safe and Respectful*

## CLOSING OF THE HOLY DOORS



Last weekend marked the end of the Extraordinary Year of Jubilee...The Year of Mercy. This Jubilee Year was proclaimed by Pope Francis, it was a time to stop, take a look at how we proclaim God's mercy to all those we meet and act on it. On Sunday the Holy Door in St Patrick's Cathedral was closed at the end of 6pm Mass celebrated by Bishop Vincent. Other Mercy doors were also closed in Churches over the weekend at St Mary's Cathedral, Sydney, the Shoenstatt shrine at Mulgoa and at the Shrine of the Holy Innocents at Kellyville. The Cross and relics which visited our school in September completed their journey around our Diocese. Each parish and school received a canvas print of Rembrandt's "Forgiving Father" as a reminder that we all need to show the mercy of our loving Father at all times.

During the Year, 20 million people walked through the Holy Doors at St Peter's in Rome and a billion participated in Year of Mercy events worldwide.

## CATHOLIC OUT OF SCHOOL HOURS CARE

Thank you to all the families who have submitted Expressions of Interest for the OLMC COSHC. The Early Learning and Care Services, Catholic Education, Diocese of Parramatta has collected these forms to review and proceed with the Enrolment applications.

The following timeframe will now take place –

**Enrolment Forms** will be sent to all families who completed the Expressions of Interest in the next day or two. These must be completed and returned by Monday, 21 November.

**Confirmation letters** will be issued to parents on Wednesday, 23 November.

Please note, we have been informed that the email address and phone number that are on the flyer are not currently in operation until specific staff to Our Lady of Mount Carmel COSHC have been appointed. The contact details have been allocated to the service but as yet the email and mobile are not operational. In the event that parents need to contact someone in the interim, please contact the Administration Officer Karen Hickson. Karen works Monday to Thursday via [khickson@parra.catholic.edu.au](mailto:khickson@parra.catholic.edu.au) or 9840 5633

## PUNCTUALITY

During the past few weeks, there has been an increase in the number of students arriving late to school. We would request that all parents please ensure that all children arrive prior to 9am, as this is when school commences. Arriving late is not only a disruption to the learning of your son or daughter, but to the whole class.

## LIBRARY BOOKS



Please return any library books or readers that may be at home to school before the end of this term.

## MERIT CERTIFICATES

NAME	CLASS
Billy, Stella Georgia, Mason	KB KG
Irene, Chelsea Bhakti, Sai	1B 1G
Subhaashini, John Serena, Lila	2B 2G
Bradley, Claudia Jessica, Weston	3B 3G
Amelia, Sajeeth Faith, Jared	4B 4G
Emmanuel, Emilie Gianluca, Isabella	5B 5G
Ella, Royel Natalie, Jaydon	6B 6G



### Congratulations: Gold Award

The following children have worked really hard towards receiving 75 Star Cards  
*Nhial, Natalie, Leah, John, Oscar, Chiara, Antoine, Keon, Zachary, Nilan, Roman, Tony, Harini, Amelia, Georgia, Faith, Lincoln.*



### Congratulations: Opal Award

The following children have worked really hard towards receiving 90 Star Cards  
*Jerome, Nhial, Ayii, Adriana, Ann Maria, Gabriella, Chanel, Leah, Charlise, Jasmine, Sarayu, Chloe, Sabrina, Luca, Jochim, Kayla, Ojas, Erica, Annalise.*



### Congratulations: Platinum Award

The following children have worked really hard towards receiving 120 Star Cards  
*Caitlyn, Sai, Chloe, Eknoor, Massimo, Kinjal, Eleni, Bracston.*



### Congratulations: Principal's Award

The following child has worked really hard towards receiving 150 Star Cards  
*Ashley, Isabella, Charlotte, Andrea, Chloe, Christopher, Alessandra.*



### Congratulations: Diamond Award

The following child has worked really hard towards receiving 210 Star Cards  
*Lara, Rebecca*

## EXTENDED LEAVE FORM AND ABSENCE NOTES

If you are planning to go on holidays please ensure that you have completed an "Extended Leave Form" for your child and lodged it with the school office or class teacher at least one month prior to the travel date. Please ensure you submit an absence notification to the school office if your child is unwell or not going to attend school. A **Skoolbag** notification is a quick and efficient way to do this.

## UNIFORM APPOINTMENTS

Our online uniform appointments are open for bookings now. Please ensure you book your appointment early to avoid disappointment. All bookings can be made on the website [www.schoolinterviews.com.au](http://www.schoolinterviews.com.au) using the code **7wdh6** for the following times and dates:

**Tuesday 6 December 8:30-9:00am**

**Tuesday 6 December 2:00-4:00pm**

then

**Thursday 8 December 8:30-10:30am**

**Thursday 8 December 2:00-4:00pm.**

**This will be the final day for all uniform sales for 2016.**

Our uniform shop will then re-open on the following times and dates:

**Friday 27 January 2017 8:30am-3:00pm**

**Tuesday 31 January 2017 8:30am-12noon**

Please note appointments must be made for fittings on each of these days. If you already know your child's size, we are able to take your order directly over the counter at the school office.

Payment must be made before all orders can be processed. Please contact the school office if you require any further information.

## OLMC CHRISTMAS CARDS FOR SALE

We still have OLMC Christmas Cards specially designed by our some of our students for sale. Please contact the office if you would like to purchase them.

All proceeds go towards supporting our mission focus at Zumalai and Raimea Parishes in East Timor.

Cost: \$4 per pack or 2 packs for \$6



## PARENTS AND FRIENDS

### Orientation for Kindy 2017

Kindergarten 2017 orientation has just wrapped up and we are looking forward to welcoming new students and new families into our school and community next year.

### Next Fete Meeting 23 November

Our next Fete 2017 meeting will be held on Wednesday 23 November in the Parish Centre (Narthex) at 7pm.

Please come along to the fete meeting to find out more. This is our major fundraising initiative for our school and parish community so we are calling for as many people as possible to volunteer and help in ANY way.

## PARENTS AND FRIENDS

We still have some committee and stall holder positions to fill:

Fruit salad marquee

Sippah Milk booth

Trash & Treasure

Dunk Tank

Pick-a-number bottle stall

Cup cake decorating

Children's beauty parlour

Drinks and snow cones

So please contact us at [olmcfete@gmail.com](mailto:olmcfete@gmail.com) if you have any ideas or would like to volunteer either by helping on the day, running a stall either on your own or with a friend or being a part of the organising committee. Light refreshments will be provided at the meeting.

### Our School's Getting LittleBits Thanks To ClubGRANTS 2016

Mrs MaryAnne Boustany from the Fete Committee and P&F worked with Miss Pirovic earlier this year to apply for a grant from ClubGrants and we are pleased to announce that Our Lady of Mount Carmel Wentworthville was awarded a \$5000 grant to purchase LittleBits for our school. Briefly, ClubGRANTS is a shared State Government and club industry initiative. Participating clubs in 2016 were Wenty Leagues, Club Merrylands Bowling, Guildford Leagues and Merrylands RSL Club.

We will soon get our delivery of LittleBits, which are educational kits that help our budding problem-solvers to easily build more than just simple circuits and electronics.

With a focus on STEM (science, technology, engineering, and mathematics) education, LittleBits open up a world of electronics projects and help our students rely on their imaginations to invent whatever contraption they can think of: a remote controlled car, a pinball machine, a bubble blowing machine.

LittleBits are made up of tiny circuit-boards with specific functions engineered to snap together with magnets. No soldering, no wiring, no programming, just snap together for prototyping, learning and fun. Each bit has a specific function (light, sound sensors, buttons, thresholds, pulse, motors, etc.), and modules snap to make larger circuits.

Just as LEGO allows you to create complex structures with very little engineering knowledge, LittleBits are small, simple, intuitive, blocks that make creating with sophisticated electronics a matter of snapping small magnets together.

Watch this space for information on when to expect LittleBits at our school!

*This column is compiled by P&F Communications. If you have any queries or wish to contribute, please email [olmcwenty@parra.catholic.edu.au](mailto:olmcwenty@parra.catholic.edu.au) and attention it to P&F Communications.*

# Year 3 Botanic Garden Excursion

Last week Year Three went to the Royal Botanic Garden in Sydney to learn about plants. We were even allowed to pick up plant matter from the ground and fill our small brown bags to take back to school with us! We learnt so many interesting things. Here are some of the facts we discovered:

Chocolate grows on trees. Elizabeth

Chocolate is made out of cacao beans. A cacao bean is really big. It has about 1,000 seeds. 1 cacao bean only makes enough chocolate for one chocolate bar. Emily

A sequoia tree will grow to be as tall as the AMP Building in the city. It would take over 1,000 years for it to grow that tall. Kalim

There is a creature called a spider monkey that lives around cocoa trees. Christian D

In Sydney Harbour there was a prison called Fort Denison. Zachary K

Seeds move around in different ways, like flying, exploding and floating. Ryan

Seeds have to be moved around because if they are bulked up in one place they won't grow well. Victoria

Plants breathe in carbon dioxide and breathe out oxygen. We breathe in oxygen and breathe out carbon dioxide. If we didn't have plant we wouldn't be alive. Elysha

Leaves can carry seeds like a helicopter. Madeline

