

# Our Lady of Mt Carmel Primary NEWSLETTER



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Term 4

Week 8

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## **UPCOMING DATES**

### **TERM 4**

#### Week 8

**Monday 28/11 to Friday 2/12**

Swimming Lessons All Week  
(K-6)

**Thursday 1/12**

Year 6 Beach Awareness Excursion

#### Week 9

**Monday 5/12 to Friday 9/12**

Swimming Lessons All Week  
(K-6)

**Tuesday 6/12**

1-4:30pm New Uniform Shop Open  
(Appointments only)

**Thursday 8/12**

8:30-11am New Uniform Shop  
Open (Appointments only)

2-4:30pm New Uniform Shop Open  
(Appointments only)

**Friday 9/12**

Semester 2 Reports sent home

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

- Yr 3 Star Card Reward Day
- Family Christmas Mass
- Invitation to sell Christmas Cards After Mass

## **New Uniform Appointments**

[www.schoolinterviews.com.au](http://www.schoolinterviews.com.au)

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Dear Parents

As we enter the second week of Advent this weekend, we focus on the role John the Baptist played in awaiting the coming of Jesus.

John the Baptist must have been a strange man. Certainly he was a driven man, and when a person is as strongly driven as that all that is important is that somehow the rest of the world comes to see at least something of what he sees. And what John the Baptist saw was the Holiness of God.

John the Baptist spoke to a people that had grown very comfortable, very lazy in their spiritual lives, very sure of themselves and the righteousness of their designs. And in that John the Baptist spoke of an age much like our own.

We try to explain all human suffering, failing and evil in terms of psychological disorders, social change, pressure, tension, anxiety and so on. Yet the truth of the matter is, we fail to change our heart and to prepare for Jesus' coming.

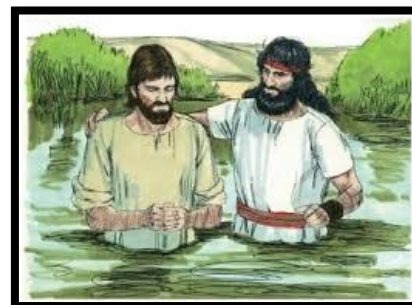
John calls everyone to change. He in fact calls the whole of Israel without exception to a change of heart. If the people do not change, John says that they will be overcome by a catastrophe that will destroy Israel. John spoke of Jesus as someone who will continue warnings of the coming destruction and calling the whole people to a change of heart.

That call is addressed to us. We hear it especially during the time of Advent when as a community we are called to a change of heart. That challenge is addressed to all of us.

There are no exceptions. We are probably all aware of areas in our lives that need to be changed and to be touched by the power of God's forgiveness. We all need to recall the significance of our Baptism; we all need to be challenged by the word of the Lord. We don't have to make a trek into the wilderness to hear the word of the Lord. We hear it here, in this place. Hearing it and acting on it – this is the best preparation for the One who is to come.

**Lord, make us ready!**

Mr Steven Jones  
Principal



*The Community of OLMC is Safe and Respectful*

## OLMC FAMILY CHRISTMAS MASS AT 5PM CHRISTMAS EVE

All children are warmly welcome to participate in the OLMC Family Christmas Mass at 5pm on Christmas Eve. Children and parents are also invited to choose a role for the Mass. Look out for the participation forms in the church and school, nominate your preferred role and **return your form to the Children's Liturgy of the Word team leader by Sunday 18 December.**



### SPOTLIGHT ON RE

On Tuesday 13 December, religious songwriter and singer Andrew Chinn, will be visiting our school to be part of our Christmas Story celebration. The night will begin at 5.30pm with the school band performing, awards will be announced at 6pm and then Andrew will begin the evening with each class participating. Children can wear Christmas themed clothes. The evening will be on the back playground as in previous years, please bring a rug to sit on or some chairs.

**Christmas Hampers:** We are collecting Christmas food items for Christmas hampers. The St Vincent de Paul Society will distribute these hampers to the needy of our school and parish. Christmas cake, lollies, chips, tea, coffee, sugar and biscuits are just some of the suitable items that can be donated.

### SCHOOL OPAL CARD FOR NEW STUDENTS AND STUDENTS GOING FROM YEAR 2 TO YEAR 3

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.

**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

**Who Needs To Apply:** Most students who already have a school Opal card won't need to re-apply for another card. It will be sent to the student's school at the beginning of the school year in 2017. **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

Please contact the school office for information about applications.

### SWIMMING LESSONS

The children have really enjoyed the start of the swimming lessons. It was interesting to read this week in the *Herald Sun* that the Victorian government is proposing and planning that all Victorian children will have to be able to swim 50 metres and demonstrate survival skills in the water under a new curriculum in place from next year. Just a couple of reminders...



- Students can wear either their full sports uniform or full school uniform every day for the two weeks of the program.
- Rash shirts should **not** be worn under uniforms due to students overheating.
- All items of clothing should be labelled with your child's name (including shoes and goggles).

## MERIT CERTIFICATES

NAME	CLASS
Amelia, Ojas Joel, Amelia	KB KG
Nicholas, Ciano Tony, Saadhana	1B 1G
Hannah, Noah Michaela, Jorja	2B 2G
Aaron, Isabella Francesco, Morris	3B 3G
Peter, Elizabeth Andrea, Emily	4B 4G
Thomas, Montana Natalia, Abhyudit	5B 5G
Achol, Hannah Owen, Anok	6B 6G



#### **Congratulations: Gold Award**

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

*James, Neha, Hannah, Kaushal, Marten, Thabeesh, Alessandra, Bhakti, Aadhya, Royden, Tony, Keillan, Saxon, Winona, Jake, Harish, Azhric, Aleisha, Saadhana, Mrunal*



#### **Congratulations: Opal Award**

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

*Raphael, Jessica, Chiara, Mia, Tristan, Mary, Aaron, Jac, Hannah, Navya, Kaushal, Amelia, Alessandra, Georgia, Aadhya, Roman, Nerome, Alfio.*



#### **Congratulations: Platinum Award**

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

*Catherine, Adam, Kruti, Mia, Logan, Gabriel, Kiara, Charlise, Jasmine, Georgia, Aadhya, Roman, Claudia, Zachery, Lachlan, Liyana, Eknoor, Sienna, Chimir, Adriana, Annabelle, Joseph, Millie, Charlize.*



#### **Congratulations: Principal's Award**

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

*Aurelia, Deng, Irene, Veer, Marisol, Stella, Caitlyn, Sai, Sarayu, Claudia, Elizabeth, Kalim, Benjamin, Joel, Makanaka, Amelia, Georgia, Mason, Riya, Leon.*



#### **Congratulations: Diamond Award**

The following children have worked really hard towards receiving 210 Star Cards

*Lucas, Alexander, Taliah*

## MATHS OLYMPIAD 2016

This year OLMC registered 57 committed and determined mathematicians to participate in the Australasian Problem Solving Mathematical Olympiad. This competition consists of 5 separate contests where students compete on an individual basis as well as a team. The aim of the competition is to develop important problem solving skills and strategies and to stimulate enthusiasm and enjoyment for mathematics. Over 29,000 students entered Maths Olympiad this year.

Congratulations to all students who participated and received their awards at our school assembly on Monday: Fabian, Panshul, Sarah and Raizelle were recognised for scoring in the top 10% of all participants. Cheyenne, Sakshi, Naveena, Manyaa, Sebastian, Francis, Damon and Meilan were ranked in the top 25%. Tristan received an Outstanding Effort award for his commitment and encouragement of others during three Maths Olympiads.

## AMENDED CANTEEN MENU DURING SWIMMING PROGRAM

During the swimming program, there will be some changes to the hot food and lunch menu regarding lunch orders for Years One and Two only. The following items will be the only items available to order: Nuggets, Pies, Sausage Rolls, Hot Dogs, Two Minute Noodles, Burgers, Sandwiches, Pizza Wraps, Hashbrowns. All other canteen snack items and drinks will be available as usual.

## COSHC REVISED TIMEFRAME

All families who have been offered first round places should have received an enrolment form for each child. Please complete the enrolment forms and return them with all other documents to the school office. 2017 enrolments will be confirmed for the days and sessions as requested on your expression of interest form pending return of this enrolment form by **Monday 28 November 2016**. Please note these were due back on Monday. For further information please contact the COSHC team on 9840 5643.

## ROAD SAFETY AROUND OUR SCHOOL

During the past week there have been a number of incidences of parents driving unsafely when picking up or dropping off their children on Bennett Street. Parents are reminded that it is illegal to U-Turn, overtake on Bennett Street or park across driveways. Parents should be concerned with the safety of all children not just their own or meeting their own deadline. We are trying to get 380 students safely to and from school each day and every parent plays an important role in making sure this happens for all children not just their own.

The maxim we live by at our school is that ***The Community of OLMC is Safe and Respectful***. It is unfortunate that there have been incidences recently among our parent community that do not reflect this expectation. We ask for all parents to be respectful, patient and abide by all road rules.

## SECOND HAND UNIFORM SHOP

Just a reminder that the Second Hand Uniform Shop is open every Monday from 8:40am until 9:00am and then for 10 minutes after assembly. Then on Tuesday afternoon from 2:30pm. **Please contact Michelle Dowling if you have any questions on 0402 061 255.**

## PARENTS AND FRIENDS

### Thank You P&F Committee

The end of the year is rapidly approaching and as we are working hard to get the best results we can in everything we do, as a Parents and Friends committee we would like to acknowledge the work that our volunteers have contributed to our success. We appreciate everyone who has covered books, volunteered in the classroom or volunteered as a parent helper on an excursion or at one of our sporting carnivals, processed book club orders or helped in any way. Your assistance makes it possible to give our children the opportunities to learn that we provide. We also wish to acknowledge those who take on a formal role in our Parents and Friends committee. Thank you all for a successful year of building community spirit and helping our children grow. We especially want to acknowledge those who are stepping back from their role this year.

Sue Shumack has been the secretary of the Parents and Friends for the last two years. She has ensured that our meetings have run smoothly and have been recorded accurately and succinctly. Thank you so much. Anna Chawa has led the social committee, with Kayleen Deguara assisting her, to organise our movie night for the last few years. We thank both ladies for their gift of time and for ensuring the movie night has grown in popularity to be a much-anticipated evening in the school calendar.

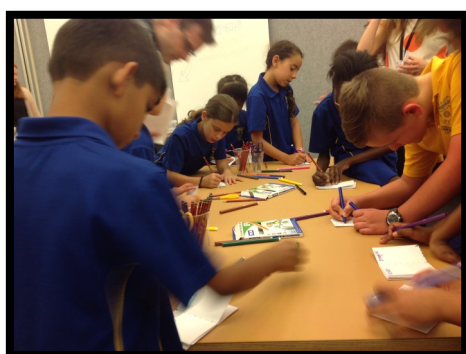
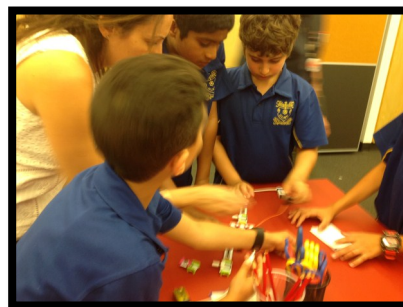
Katherine Ang and Thressa Zammit have run the Second Hand Uniform Shop for the last three years, ensuring that everything ran smoothly and helping us with the transition from the old-style uniform to the new, by making good quality uniforms available. We appreciate the many mornings and afternoons you have spent in the Parish Meeting room sorting through clothes and processing our orders. Thank you everyone for your commitment to the children of our school and for your gift of time. It is invaluable.

### Fete News

Thank you to everyone who came to our final fete meeting for 2016. It is great to be able to see things taking shape and we are grateful for all the hard work that has already taken place. Our next fete meeting will be Wednesday 15 February 2017 in the Parish Centre, when we will need as many people as possible to make this great event the success we are hoping for. Please mark this date in your calendar for next year. In the meantime, we would ask those people with businesses in our local community to please consider supporting our fete by donating a prize, or by making a monetary contribution. Not only would you be supporting our school and parish, but you would be gaining some great advertising as well through the school and parish community. If you would like to become a sponsor, donate a prize, coordinate a stall or have a question you need answered regarding the fete please email us at [olmfete@gmail.com](mailto:olmfete@gmail.com)

# **YEAR FOUR EXCURSION TO THE POWERHOUSE MUSEUM**

On 25 November 2016, Year Four went on a journey through the Powerhouse Discovery Centre to learn about inventors and inventing. The first thing Year Four experienced was a warm welcome from the staff. The staff then took Year Four into the Lobby of the building and they guided the students into a private room. In the private room the students were given a sheet of paper with dotted lines to create a little booklet, the booklet was used to write the different stages of how to be a great inventor.



The stages were imagine, create, play, share, reflect and the last is where the new cycle begins again with imagination. After the students had completed each of their booklets, half of the class was brought to the museum to take a polaroid photo of an inspiring object and the other half stayed in the room to do a fun activity.

The activity was that they had to use little bits to create their very own inspiring inventions. After that the classes swapped and did the same things the others did. The staff gave the students a polaroid camera that prints out stickers of the picture taken, so the students could take a photo of something in the museum that inspired them the most. They stuck these into their booklets. Once it was time to leave, the class thanked the staff for the fun-filled and exciting day they were given.

*Year 4 Teachers*