

# Our Lady of Mt Carmel Primary NEWSLETTER



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Term 1

Week 10

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## UPCOMING DATES TERM 1

### Week 10

#### **Wednesday 29/3**

- AFL Clinic

#### **Friday 30/3**

- OLMC Cross Country Carnival  
9-12pm

### Week 11

#### **Tuesday 4/4**

- God Day, Holy Week & Easter

#### **Wednesday 5/4**

- AFL Clinic

#### **Friday 7/4**

- Stage 3 Mass at 9:15am

## NOTES SENT HOME TODAY

- Yr 3-6 ICAS Competitions
- Yr 2 Star Card Reward

## NOTES SENT HOME LAST WEEK

- Yr 1 Excursion Easter Show
- Yr 5 Incursion Ranger Jamie

Dear Parents/Carers

Last Friday was an opportunity for many in our community to share their talents, time and or treasures at the Our Lady of Mount Carmel Fete. We often speak to our students about building community. We talk about sharing our **talents, time or treasure**. Talents were evident through the special individual skills and attributes that were shared with the community so that others benefitted; time is something that many truly gave in the lead up to and during the Fete. Finally treasure was evident through the financial support that families provided through donating prizes, sending in chocolates, baskets and bottles for the mufti days and simply coming and financially supporting the fete by purchasing goods and food. Some families were able to support the school in all three areas, whilst others may only have been able to help in one area, whatever the situation, I thank you for your contribution to our school and parish community, particularly on Fete day.

In the weeks and days leading up to the fete there was the continual viewing of the weather forecast. Rain seemed to be a consistent icon on the screen. Even Thursday evening as the rain bucketed down, there was a glimmer of 'hope' on my phone as only 2-5mm was forecast for Friday. Waking up on Friday morning the weather was quite dubious, as it had been for the last few weeks and could have swung either way, with at times the clouds looking quite ominous. Obviously there were many prayers being said by the OLMC community. As the day progressed there was more optimism as sights of blue sky began to appear, something not seen for a few weeks

Suddenly at 3pm (fete start time) the clouds disappeared and the many hours of preparation, planning and hard work from many were ready to be put into action. It is events such as this that allows us as a Catholic school and parish community to open our doors (and gates) to others and demonstrate what it means to be like Jesus. Values such as generosity, perseverance, diligence and commitment to purpose were certainly on display during the weeks and months leading up to Thursday afternoon set up, Friday afternoon and evening festivities, and Friday late night clean up (with a little extra on Saturday to top it off).

Often we can look at the work that goes into event organisation and there truly is an incredible amount, as an "added extra in our busy life" but it is these events that enable us to proclaim the message of Jesus: "Welcome my people . . . be my gospel to others." Certainly the crowds of people here on Friday evening must have been touched by the strength of the Our Lady of Mount Carmel spirit which is in the spirit of Jesus very alive and very well here in Wentworthville.

I would like to acknowledge particularly the hard work and dedication of all the stall co-ordinators and their bands of helpers, the many staff and parents who worked tirelessly to ensure not just the financial success of the Fete but the community spirit that remained evident throughout the evening. A very special thank you to Paula Epenian our Fete Coordinator for the enormous amount of work she has done the past year with the wonderful assistance of Diana Houry, Mary-Anne Boustany, Donna Bonnici and Norma Touma. Thank you also to our wonderful sponsors and companies who donated so generously.

The OLMC Fete was truly a parish and school community success. Thank you to all those who contributed in so many ways to make the day a wonderful success. We look forward to sharing the financial result once everything has been reconciled.

Steven Jones  
Principal

***The Community of OLMC is Safe and Respectful***

## Spotlight On RE - God Day

This is fast approaching and we have had a great response for our GOD DAY FOR PARENTS... if you want to be part of this and join with other parents preparing for Easter please return the slip sent home last week.

## Parish News

*Why celebrate Confirmation on a weekday?*

It's a good question, and one that many people ask. Unfortunately, there's no short answer for that. Choosing the best date to celebrate this very important sacrament requires a great deal of thought and planning. In short, we need to take into consideration the calendars of the Church, school, parish, diocese, and families, as well as taking into account the number of people we're expecting. At OLMC, we still prefer to celebrate around Pentecost and, ideally during a weekend Mass. But it would be inhospitable of us to invite the families and friends of 20 (or so) candidates without having somewhere for them to safely and comfortably participate. And we couldn't expect the visiting celebrant to give up two weekend dates when they're so busy with their own parishes as it is. So we compromise by celebrating on a Friday evening and have found that, because of this compromise, our Bishop Vincent Long Van Nguyen is also available to celebrate with us this year.

**Confirmation enrolment forms are due on 28th April.** For further enquiries, please phone or sms Paola on 0414 947 799. Paola Yevenes

## Staffing

- Mrs Maree Murphy (Financial Administrator) will be on long service leave next week and the first week of next term. During Mrs Murphy's leave, Mrs Mary Dali (Mon, Wed, Fri) and Mrs Daniela Cesarini (Tues, Thurs)
- Mrs Elisa Speranza will be on long service leave next week. Mrs Rita Saad will replace her at this time.

We wish Mrs Murphy and Mrs Speranza a very safe and relaxing long service leave breaks.

## Child Protection Briefing

There will be a Child Protection briefing on **Thursday and Friday** morning @ 8:30am in the Library. This will enable parents to help in the classroom or excursion or school events.

## Office Money Collections/Payments

During Mrs Murphy's Long Service Leave money collection and payments will only be accepted between 8:30am and 3:15pm each day.

## Daylight Saving

Daylight Saving ceases this Saturday evening. Don't forget to turn your clocks back one hour and enjoy the extra hour. Term 2 commences Monday 24 April. Please note that Tuesday 25 April is a public holiday and school will recommence on Wednesday 26 April.

## School Uniforms

Just a reminder that all students are return to school at the commencement of Term 2 in full winter uniform.

## Merit Certificates

Name	Class
Ariana Vincent	KB
Jada Angela	KG
Adriana Charlize	1B
Estelle, Benjamin	1G
Jasmine, Abraham	2B
Mia, Antoine	2G
Rouba, Jonathan	3B
Michae, Lachlan	3G
Claudia, Nishan	4B
Chloe, Peter	4G
Joachim, Jathush	5B
Eleni, Lincoln	5G
Ezekiel, Maya	6B
Rachelle, Jordan	6G

## Returning All Notes

Parents are asked to place all notes, money and uniform orders for the school office in their child's bag so that the students can use the class office pouch to send these items to the school office. We ask for your co-operation in using this system so that we are able to provide efficient customer service in the office each morning before school.

## Kindergarten 2018 Enrolments

Kindergarten 2018 Enrolments have commenced. Please let family and friends know that packs can be collected between 8:15am and 3:30pm from the school office. The next open morning organised for prospective 2018 Kindergarten parents is 2 May (Tuesday) – 9:30-10:30am In addition, there will be an evening early next term, "How to Help Your Child Get Ready for School?" on Wednesday 3 May from 7-8pm in the OLMC Mercy Library.

## Quality Catholic Schools Survey

School Survey (QCS). As a parent if you are randomly-selected to complete the survey, I would encourage your participation as this will help our school to identify our strengths and areas in which we can focus our improvement. Please complete the paper copy and return it to school in the envelope provided by next Friday 31st March 2017. Alternatively, the online survey by same date. Thank you to all those families who have completed online and returned the surveys.

## Old Style School Hats

On sale now for just \$5! Buy now before they are all sold! Great for a spare to wear this year! Send your order to the school office

## Cross Country Carnival

On Friday morning all students will take part in the OLMC Cross Country Carnival. Kindergarten, Year One and students turning 7 this year will run a set course inside the school, with support from the Year Six students. All other students will complete a course around the school perimeter. There are set qualifying times that must be met to qualify to go to the next level. Parent helpers are needed to guide children on the route.

## Project Compassion Lunchtime Discos

Next week, the school leaders have organised lunchtime discos for a Gold Coin donation. All funds will go to support our Project Compassion Drive.

Monday 3 April-Years 1 and 6

Tuesday 4 April-Years 2 to 4

Wednesday 5 April-Kindergarten and Year 5

## Uniform Appointments

Uniform appointments are available for next week. Visit [schoolinterviews.com.au](http://schoolinterviews.com.au) and use the code **tzeq6** to make appointments.

## School Fees

Unfortunately some parents who are paying by Bpay instalments have received a reminder notice for Term 1 school fees from CEDP. If you have already commenced payments and have sent your form to CEDP with those details, please disregard your overdue payment notice. Should you have any queries regarding your account, please contact Maree Murphy in the school office. We apologise for any inconvenience caused.

## Parents and Friends

### Fete day on Friday!

We were truly blessed that all our prayers were answered and we had beautiful weather on Friday afternoon for our fete. The atmosphere was joyous and judging from all the laughter and smiling faces we are certain that everyone had a fantastic time. We look forward to presenting the final figure when we have finalised the numbers of what has been a most successful fete.

A huge thanks to our organising committee for all of their hard work. This fete would not have happened without the efforts of Paula Epenian, Donna Bonnici, Diana Khoury, Mary-Anne Boustany and Norma Touma. These ladies worked tirelessly for many months before the fete to coordinate sponsors, organise raffle prizes, facilitate stalls and communicate with us about the wonderful things that were happening. Thank you all so much. We are blessed to have people like you in our community.

Thank you to everyone who coordinated a stall from the parish and the school. Your willingness to give of your time and your efforts, both before the fete and on Friday, made the whole day possible. Without you we would just have had tents on the back playground. We are extremely grateful.

Thanks also to everyone who helped on a stall. We were so pleased to have so many people prepared to step up for an hour or so and help us to present such a fabulous event. Your time and effort are appreciated.

Thank you to everyone who helped to make our school look festive for the big day on Friday with our clean-up day and with hanging bunting. The playground certainly looks amazing and we are grateful for all your effort.

Our gratitude also to the staff of the school and parish. Without your willingness to place notices in the Carmel and newsletters and field enquiries, our community would have been in the dark, and our trash and treasure would have been sparse. Thanks especially to everyone who helped with the Chocolate wheel on fete night.

## Parents and Friends

Congratulations to all the winners of our major raffle. Thank you to everyone who sold tickets and returned them for the draw.

- 1<sup>st</sup> Prize: Prepaid \$1000 EFTPOS card  
**won by Patini Dimitrios**
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize: Innovo 4 Burner Gas BBQ by Sunbeam  
**won by Kamil Ozsut**
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize: Uniden Digital Wireless Home surveillance system  
**won by Jacklene Kahlil**
- 4<sup>th</sup> Prize: Studio 1000 Makeup, Hair and photography package  
**won by David Azar**
- 5<sup>th</sup> Prize: iPad mini 2, Wi-Fi 32 GB, Sony headphones, \$50 iTunes Card  
**won by Andrea Giotas**
- 6<sup>th</sup> Prize: Nespresso Delonghi Lattissima Plus Capsule Coffee machine  
**won by Richard**
- 7<sup>th</sup> Prize: Stainless Steel 4 Burner Jumbuck BBQ Plus cover  
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**won by Sonia Tudros**
- 8<sup>th</sup> Prize: Dyson DC 58 Animal Pro Handheld Vacuum  
**won by Sonia Tudros**
- 9<sup>th</sup> Prize: Samsung Stainless Steel 100W 34L Microwave  
**won by Azric George**
- 10<sup>th</sup> Prize: Jade's Mobile Hair Makeover Voucher  
**won by Anthony Mansour**

### A HUGE thank you to our sponsors

We would like to acknowledge the sponsorship of the following organisations:

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We are very grateful for our partnership with these companies for their contribution to such a successful fete.

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# OLMC FETE 2017!



What an amazing spectacle we all witnessed on Friday Night! It was a fun and entertaining experience for all ages! Excitement filled the air as the school community flooded into the OLMC Fete with many rides and attractions to offer people of all ages.

We had many captivating stalls to see. There were a selection of delicious cultural delicacies to choose from, many sweets, lollies and chocolates that kids and adults all enjoyed. We also had fascinating and attractive stalls with chances to win all sorts of prizes.



Most of the students and adults got to dunk their teachers, Year six peers and not to forget our Principal Mr Jones in the DUNK TANK! There were amazing rides for everyone to love, specifically the Storm, rocket ship, the flying chairs, the teacups and the giant slide.

Thank you to all the parents and volunteers who contributed to make this fete the great success that it was!

Elyce Joseph and Rachelle Juan.