

Our Lady of Mt Carmel Primary NEWSLETTER



8 March 2017

Term 1

Week 7

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UPCOMING DATES TERM 1

Week 7 Catholic Schools Week

Wednesday 8/3

- Fete Meeting 7pm Narthex

Friday 10/3

- Yrs 3-6 Music for Sport Excursion

Week 8

Monday 13/3

- Accepting Fete Trash n' Treasure

Wednesday 15/3

- Basket Bazaar Mufti Day
- AFL Clinic

Friday 17/3

- Stage 2 Mass at 9:15am

NOTES SENT HOME TODAY

- AFL After School Program
- Yr 2 Stationary Supplies
- Yr 5 Problems with iPad Connectivity

NOTES SENT HOME LAST WEEK

- Fete Ride Wrist Bands Form

Dear Parents/Carers

Catholic Schools Week 2017: 'Learning Connected'

This year from 5 - 11 March 2017 Our Lady of Mount Carmel will join with Catholic schools across NSW and the ACT to celebrate Catholic Schools Week (CSW).

The theme for Catholic Schools Week 2017 is 'Learning connected', building on Pope Francis' statement that 'Everything is connected'. This sense of connection calls for shared responsibility for the care of nature and our human relationships in a changing world.

Catholic Schools Week is about forging and strengthening connections between everyone who has a stake in our Catholic schools – students, staff, families, priests, parishioners, and members of the wider community – by showcasing our activities and actions. We are immensely proud of our Catholic heritage, and are committed to offering children in our schools the opportunity to follow Jesus as a member of the Catholic school. Catholic schools are places of welcome and evangelisation. They focus on the message of Jesus within and beyond our communities and provide the best educational opportunities for the children in our care.

During Catholic Schools Week, we take the opportunity to highlight not only the best of what we do, but also what happens in our schools every day. Throughout this week our Meet the Teacher and Goal Setting Meetings have provided the wonderful opportunity to share staff's learnings and observation about every individual child (glows), seek parents feedback and insights and provide some clear learning goals (grows) moving forward. In addition, we have commenced our Kindergarten 2018 Enrolment period and will welcome some prospective families this Thursday morning to showcase a typical day at Our Lady of Mount Carmel.

Our school has a supportive and talented community of teachers, parents, carers, Parents & Friends, clergy, parishioners and support staff who work together to give students the best education possible. This special week on the Catholic Schools' calendar provides an opportunity for the community to recognise our committed and gifted teachers and support staff for their work in encouraging success, promoting discipline, supporting creativity and instilling compassion in our young people.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for all your support of Our Lady of Mount Carmel and look forward to celebrating Eucharist at the culmination of Catholic Schools Week next Monday 13 March at 10:30am.

Lord Jesus, You came among us as teacher,

to reveal to us the Father's endless love and mercy.

Our Catholic schools continue to give witness to your compassion
and wisdom, seeking always to ensure that we are all welcome no matter who we are.

May our Catholic schools continue to be places of connection and sources of hope
and enthusiasm for our young people and their families.

May the work of our Catholic schools always be guided by the inspiration of your Spirit.

Steven Jones
Principal

The Community of OLMC is Safe and Respectful

Spotlight on RE

All classes are studying units based on Lent and Easter and are beginning to organise learning sequences for GOD DAY. God Day has become our Easter focus for children and parents and we celebrate and reflect on the events in the life of Jesus leading into Easter. This year God Day will take place on Tuesday 4 April, our reflective walk will occur on Thursday 6 April with parents invited to walk the journey at 2.30pm.

Parents will also have the opportunity, as last year, to join in God Day and prepare spiritually for Easter. A note regarding this will be sent out next week. BE PREPARED!!!

Parish News

CHILDREN'S SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME

CONFIRMATION: WHAT'S IN A NAME?

It has been a long-held tradition that, at Confirmation, the candidate will choose a new name. Usually a saint's name. This custom came about at a time when the Catholic Church felt vulnerable, and she wanted to give her children the strength needed to proclaim their faith. One of the ways we did this was by looking to the saints and to scripture for that support, and naming our children after those good people, places, or events. Today, some of our most popular names are still those of saints or of scripture and, for their Confirmation, the candidates will be asked to consider using their name - their Christian name - as their Confirmation name. This is the name that God has given us, has called us by; the name that He has inscribed on His hand (Is 49:16). We honour the names that our parents gift to us with their love, history and tradition.

We will discuss this further at the Confirmation Parent Information Evening, but for now, please remember to enrol your Year 5 (or older) child into the process. Enrolment forms at school, church or online at www.olmcwenty.org.au

Poalo Yevenes

Smith Street

Just a reminder that Smith Street directly outside the school gates is a bus zone. Stopping or parking to drop your child(ren) off in a bus zone incurs a fine of \$253. Further, it was observed on Tuesday a number of parents after stopping in the bus zone, completing a U turn over double yellow lines at the crest of the hill (another possible fine). Once again, we request that all parents and carers please adhere to the road safety signs around the school, including not driving into the driveway in front of the school where our students enter of a morning and exit in the afternoon.

Contact Details

All newsletters will be sent via email and Skoolbag only. Please ensure the school has an up to date email for both Parents. Should you not receive this email, please email the school, as we do not have your current email address.

Merit Certificates

Name	Class
Kashvi Advait Amelia Matthew	KB KG
Erica Hannah Sienna Kaushal	1B 1G
Joseph Majak Charlise Georgia	2B 2G
Leah Logan Serena Rohan	3B 3G
Ayii Weston Francesco Ansh	4B 4G
Amelia Melissa Sacha Kim	5B 5G
No Awards this week Montanna Emilian	6B 6G

AFL Afterschool Program

All children participated in an AFL Skills Clinic today. Notes have been sent home today with details of the after school program which will commence on Wednesday 15 March. Parents who would like their child to participate in the program must register and make payment on line. All registration details can be found in the note. This is an external program and all questions should be referred to the contact on the note sent home.

School Fees

Thank you to the parents who have paid Term 1 accounts or have put Flexible Payment Plans in place for 2017. Should you have any queries regarding your school fees account or if you still wish to arrange your Flexible Payment Plan please contact Maree Murphy in the school office

Attendance

every learner
every day 

Currently - 89.7% ~ 2017 Goal - 90%

Every Learner, Every Day is a school and diocesan approach designed to promote the importance of school attendance. School attendance plays a critical role in enhancing the lives of students in schools. Every day of attendance adds to a student's achievement and success at school. Schools in partnership with parents are responsible for promoting the regular attendance of students. As a school and diocese we have collectively set an attendance rate goals of 90% for the 2017 school year.

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. There are three open mornings organised for prospective 2017 Kindergarten parents –

9 March (Thursday) – 9:30-10:30am

29 March (Wednesday) – 9:30-10:30am

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.

Uniforms

Discontinued Uniforms

Last week a yellow price list was sent home to all families with new low prices for our discontinued school uniforms. Please be aware that there is limited stock and these uniforms are only to be worn in 2017. In 2018 our new style uniforms will be compulsory for all students.

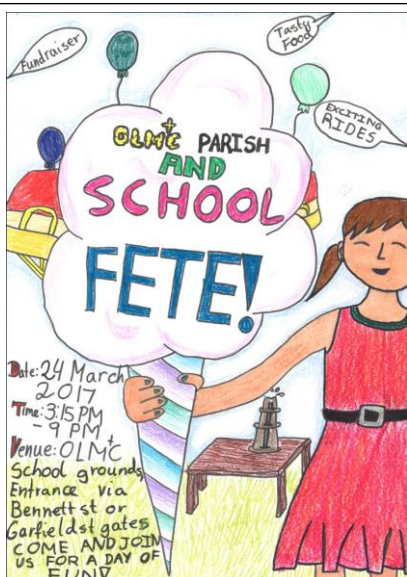
Winter Uniforms

Students will change into the winter uniform from Monday, 24 April. Winter uniform includes a tie for all boys and navy tights or ankle/long navy socks for girls. All items are available for sale from the school. Please place your order with full payment for the order to be processed and sent home with your child as soon as possible. We are unable to supply orders over the counter.

Uniform Appointments

Now is a good time to check your child's winter uniform and ensure you are ready for Term 2. Appointments to try on the uniform can be made using the www.schoolinterviews.com.au website using the code **tzeq6**. Please book now as there are limited times available. Parents who are unable to attend their appointment are asked to cancel their timeslot online as a courtesy to others. Thank you.

Fete Poster Competition Winner



Daanya 6 Gold

Parents and Friends

School and Parish Fete Meetings.

There are two more meetings before the fete to organise all those last-minute details. It is not too late to get involved. Please come along to the Parish Centre **TONIGHT Wednesday 8 March** and **Wednesday 20 March** at 7:00pm and lend a hand. Tea and coffee will be served.

The CEO are hosting a PARENT WORKSHOP: 9 March 7-9pm

Lose the bubble-wrap and step away from the helicopter! Join bestselling author and parenting expert, Michael Grose for an interactive evening designed to challenge thinking and empower parents to raise independent, resilient and confident children. For more information visit <http://parra.catholic.edu.au/event-details/michael-grose-parent-and-teacher-workshops>

Clean Up Our Corner of Australia Day Rescheduled for Saturday 11 March

Thank you to everyone who volunteered to come and help us make our school look great for the fete. Unfortunately, the weather was not on our side last weekend. We have made the decision to try again this Saturday 11 March from 9 – 12. We hope that the rain will hold off and that many people will be able to help. In the event of wet weather, please check SkoolBag.

Trash and Treasure 13 March

Do you have things at home that you no longer need? Old toys? DVD's? CD's? Books? Old household items? Consider packing them all up and bringing them down to the school. From **Monday 13 March**, we will be accepting donations for our 2nd Hand Book store and our Trash and Treasure stall. Donations can be brought to the school office.

We advise that we are not able to accept donations of electrical goods or clothing.

FETE 2017 help needed!

The P&F would love to hear from anyone who can help with our fete scheduled for **Friday 24 March**.

There are a few things you can do to help:

1. Fill out the volunteering form sent home with the students
2. Can you cook? Our Maltese Food Stall (please call Paula on 0406 515 782) and our Indian Food Stall (please call Jovan on 0425 265 958) would love it if you could make a dish. If sweets are more your style, our cake stall would love it if you would bake something. Please call Mary-Anne on 0410 483 609.
3. Our craft stall is looking for donations. If you can help with any handmade items please contact Julianna via olmcfete@gmail.com.
4. Please keep selling as many raffle tickets as you can. The family who sells the most tickets in our school wins:

A Samsung Galaxy Tablet, Headphones AND a \$50 Google Play card

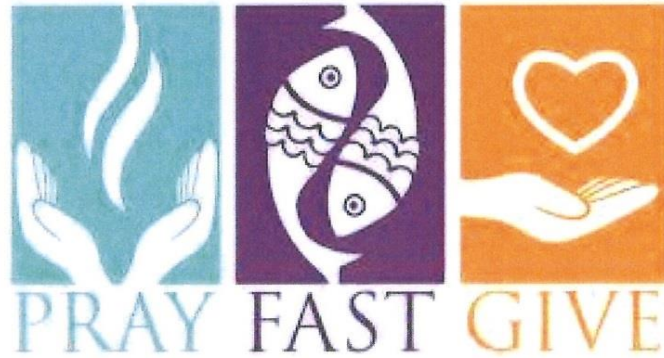
Keep us posted with your progress by returning your sold books and money in an envelope with your child to put in their classroom office pouch. You can also drop it off at the school office. If you would like more books to sell, you can indicate that on the return envelope and new tickets will be sent home to you with your child. Books are also available from the school office.

Please note that all tickets (sold and unsold) and money will need to be returned to school by Friday 17 March.

If you have any questions, please call Paula Epenian on 0406 515 782 or email olmcfete@gmail.com.

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

LENT 2017



Lent is the liturgical season of the Church that precedes Easter. It lasts for 6 weeks, or 40 days; the Sundays are not included in Lent as they are always Holy Days.

Lent is a time of prayer, fasting and giving. We are preparing spiritually for the great feast of Easter. We remember the human Jesus who sacrificed His Life so we may have life in Heaven and prepare to celebrate the Divine Jesus resurrected from the dead and sitting at the right hand of God.

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fast and abstaining from meat in the Roman Catholic Church, Eastern Rite Churches may fast and abstain every Friday or in some cases every day during Lent.

Project Compassion is one way we can give to others less fortunate than ourselves. It is going without something that we usually enjoy or look forward to. It may be a cup of coffee from our favourite café, or one less glossy magazine. For children it may be giving some of their pocket money to the mission box or going without a food they enjoy.

At school this year our efforts for Project Compassion are going towards purchasing pigs for villages in East Timor. This should not be seen as extra money but part of what children may have or be given. Our school goal is \$1000, and class efforts can be seen on the board in the front playground.

LENT IS A GOOD TIME TO BEGIN FIVE MINUTES OF FAMILY PRAYER.
A TIME OF PRAYING.... (TALKING TO GOD FROM THE HEART)
A TIME OF FASTING... (NOT WATCHING TV OR PLAYING GAMES FOR 5 MINS.)
A TIME OF GIVING....(TIME TO GOD)