

# Our Lady of Mt Carmel Primary NEWSLETTER



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Term 1

Week 8

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## UPCOMING DATES TERM 1

### Week 8

#### **Thursday 16/3**

- Basket Bazaar Mufti Day

#### **Friday 17/3**

- Stage 2 Mass at 9:15am

### Week 9

#### **Monday 20/3**

- OLMC Fete Meeting Narthex 7pm

#### **Wednesday 22/3**

- AFL Clinic 3:2
- 0pm

#### **Friday 24/3**

- Mufti Day bring a bottle
- OLMC Fete Day

## NOTES SENT HOME TODAY

- God day 4/4/
- Yr 5 Easter Visual Arts
- Parents Reading Session

## NOTES SENT HOME LAST WEEK

- Yr6 Taronga Zoo Excursion

Dear Parents,

During the season of Lent it is a timely reminder that we consider the events that have shaped our lives. Each of us can reflect on milestones; times in our lives that have changed the way we think or feel. The Gospel reading this Sunday is the story of the Woman at the Well (John 4:5-43).

The Samaritan woman's personal encounter with Jesus compels her to start spreading the good news about the amazing man she has met. She meets Jesus face to face and feels compelled to act on what she has felt. The Samaritan woman's life was changed through her encounter with Jesus.

The Samaritan woman offers us an example of discipleship when she allows herself to be led into a personal encounter with Jesus. This encounter spurs a conversation of the heart and brings her to have abiding faith in him. She is inspired to share her new faith with others immediately.

### **Jesus was on a journey from Judea to Galilee.**

*Where is your journey heading during this season of Lent?*

### **Jesus asked the Samaritan woman for nourishment (water).**

*How are you nourishing **yourself** during this season of Lent?*

*How are you nourishing **others** during this season of Lent?*

### **The Samaritan woman leaves the well to spread the good news to the community.**

*What can you leave behind during this season of Lent?*

*What opportunities do you have to spread the good news?*

Lent is a time for each of us to again seek out a face to face encounter with Jesus. Through prayer, contemplation on scripture or reflection on encountering Jesus in the face of others, we build on a one to one relationship with Jesus. When we acknowledge this relationship, like the Samaritan woman, we are compelled to act on it.

All the very best as you continue to be nourished by others during your Lenten journey over the coming week.

Steven Jones  
Principal

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

## 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](http://www.olmcwenty.org.au)

Poalo Yevenes

## Principal's Holiday Challenge

Thank you to all the students who entered the Principal's Summer Holiday Challenge. The OLMC Parish School Fete flyer entries are displayed at the entry to the Mercy library. The postcards, emails, photos and pictures are displayed in the Mercy library.

All entries (including those who participated in the Executive Director's Summer Reading Challenge) entered the draw. Congratulations to the following winners...

Year 1 Joseph

Year 2 Nicolas

Year 3 Simona

Year 4 Disha

Year 5 Christopher

Year 6 Daanya

Overall Estelle



## Clean Up OLMC

A huge thank you to the families who gave of their time last Saturday morning to clean up the Smith street playground gardens. The school community is very appreciative of the efforts of the parents and children who attended.

## Wet Weather/Extreme Weather Pick Up

Just a reminder that students are to be picked up from their classroom until 3:20pm. Please stand at the entrance to your child's classroom and your child(ren) will be sent to you. After this time, they are collected from Year 4 (directly behind the banner on the Verandah).

## Premier's Reading Challenge

The premier's Reading Challenge is on again. Next week your child will get their login details, which are the same as last year. The Challenge encourages children in kindergarten to Year 2 to read or experience 30 books from the Challenge List. The Children in Year3 to Year 6 independently read 20 books from the Challenge List. Last year all children completed the Challenge. Can we make it two years in a row?

## Merit Certificates

Name	Class
Olivia Matthew	KB
Mahit Ethan	KG
Makayla Jacob	1B
Diana Ojas	1G
Isabella Aadhya	2B
Skyler Matteo	2G
Damon Seth	3B
Celine Aiden	3G
Francis Aaron	4B
Elisha Luca	4G
Rachael Sajeeth	5B
Sacha Daniel	5G
Feliciana Damon	6B
Daanya Mark	6G

## Basket Bazaar Stall Mufti Day Thursday 16 March

As advertised in the Fete Newsletter the Bazaar Basket Stall Mufti Day is on this **Thursday 16 March**.

On this Mufti Day we are asking each family to donate ONE basket full of items to the value of \$10 to \$15 relating to a theme placed in a basket, gift box, tray, plate etc, wrapped in clear cellophane and tied with a bow or ribbon. Popular themes from previous fetes include; chocolates, gardening items, baking ingredients (in date), tea and coffee, hair products, toy cars, play dough, party supplies and car care items.

Sorry for the confusion with the newsletter last week advertising the date as Wednesday.

## Fete

Just a reminder that ...

- all raffle tickets are to be returned by this Friday 17 March
- pre-purchased Unlimited Ride tickets close Monday 20 March

Fete Flyers in bundles of 10 will be sent home today with the eldest child in each family. We would appreciate your assistance in helping us advertising our School and Parish Fete by distributing a flyer to your local neighbours. Thank you.

## Quality Catholic Schools Survey

All Catholic schools in the Diocese of Parramatta will be once again participating in the Quality Catholic Schooling (QCS) survey.

The QCS survey provides information from students, staff and parents about our school's cultural behaviour, relationships and learning community, and assists us in our focus on continuous improvement.

Between 20 March and 1 April 2016 all staff and students in Years 5 and 6, and 60 randomly-selected parents will be asked to complete an online survey. Staff and students will complete the survey online at school. Parents will be sent home a paper survey but will also be able to complete the survey online if preferred. The survey will take about 20-30 minutes to complete.

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.

If you have any questions please contact Steven Jones.

## 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 2018 Kindergarten parents –

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. Please let anyone know who is interested in enrolling. To date over 60 enrolment forms have been collected.

## Music In Sport year 3 – 6 Excursion

Last Friday Years 3 - 6 attended Riverside theatre to watch and listen to a performance titled, Music in Sport. Music in Sport was a fun filled experience for Years 3-6. We got to watch and listen to an amazing performance by the Sydney Symphony Orchestra who played many songs. We also got to learn about the many different instrument families and their connections. We were very lucky to be able to be apart of this harmonious excursion.

Daanya Aga said, "The excursion was fun and educational. We also got to learn some history behind music."

Elyce (Student Leader)



## Coffee and Milo Tins Needed

Year 1 are doing some experiments at school. We need some small and large coffee or milo tins. They need to have a lid as we will be putting liquid inside. Any donations will be greatly appreciated! Thank you

## Project Compassion Discos

During the last week of this term the student leaders will be holding lunchtime discos for Project Compassion with a gold coin entry.

3 April – Year 1 & 6

4 April – Years 2-4

5 April – Kindergarten & Year 5

## AFL Afterschool Program

Last Wednesday, despite the weather, the whole school had a special AFL clinic session. AFL was enjoyable and challenging. We got to do many fun activities that made us get up and going. It was a great time to learn skills in AFL and use the skills they taught us in the activities. The coaches were very relatable, amazing and funny. AFL was a wonderful experience as a sport.

Rachelle (Student Leader)

Children participating in the AFL Program each Wednesday at 3:20pm after school may wear their sports uniforms that day. All Children **must be collected at 4:15pm** at the end of the program

## Parents and Friends

### Clean Up Our Corner of Australia Day Saturday 11 March

Thank you to the Sparks family (Ruby and Georgia), Khoury family (Isabella and Mia), Natalia Nehme, Clivin family (Ann), Raad family (Joseph and Elizabeth) and Gardner family (Emily and Caitlyn) who came and helped us make our school look great for the fete. Thanks also to Mr Jones and Miss Pirovic for giving up their Saturday morning too.

We are so grateful for your time and effort. I am sure that everyone agrees that the school looks amazing.

### Bazaar Baskets Thursday 16 March

Please remember that **TOMORROW is a mufti day**. In return for wearing your own clothes to school we would ask that each family brings a themed basket for the fete to the value of \$10 - \$15. Choose a theme for your basket and place items in a container wrapped with cellophane. Possible ideas include gardening, cooking, tea and coffee, hair products, toys or car care items. Your only limitations are your imagination and that everything in your basket must be in date. Please remember to wear a sun smart hat, closed in shoes and clothes that are suitable for learning! (Skater shoes are not acceptable for school.)

### School and Parish Fete Meeting.

Only one more meeting 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 **Monday 20 March** at 7:00pm and lend a hand. Tea and coffee will be served.

### Trash and Treasure

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. We are still accepting donations for our 2<sup>nd</sup> 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!

**There is only one more Friday left until the fete!!!! It is not too late to get involved.**

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 volunteer needed form sent home with the students
2. Can you cook? Our Maltese & Italian Food Stall (please call Antoinette on 9788 0617) and our Indian & Sri Lankan 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 Arts & Crafts stall is looking for donations. If you can help with any handmade items please contact Margaret Nolan at [cmnolan@optusnet.com.au](mailto:cmnolan@optusnet.com.au).
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 are due back at school **Friday 17 March**. That is this Friday so please finish selling your tickets or buy some more yourself so you don't miss out on a chance to win one of the great prizes on offer

5. Unlimited Rides Wristband pre-purchases strictly close on **Monday 20 March**, so get your order form in now. No orders will be accepted after this closing date.

If you have any questions, please Paula Epenian on 0406 515 782 or email [olmcfete@gmail.com](mailto:olmcfete@gmail.com).

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# Kindergarten celebrates learning

Kindergarten had a great time reading the story of Mrs Wishy-Washy.

*Cow, Pig, and Duck are playing in the mud, when along comes Mrs. Wishy-Washy. "Oh lovely mud", think the three friends. But Mrs Wishy-Washy says, "Just Look at you!" and washes them clean: wishy-washy, wishy-washy. Guess what happens the moment Mrs. Wishy-Washy turns her back on these mud-loving animals?*

**Better have a scrubbing brush ready!**

Kindergarten loved dressing up as Mr or Mrs Wishy-Washy and wrote about these mischievous animals and how Mrs Wishy-Washy scrubbed them clean. They all loved dancing to the Wishy-Washy song.



WE ALL LOVED DANCING TO THE MRS WISHY-WASHY SONG



WE ALL HAD A GREAT TIME MAKING MRS WISHY-WASHY



WE WROTE ABOUT MRS WISHY-WASHY

