

Our Lady of Mt Carmel Primary NEWSLETTER



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Term 1

Week 9

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UPCOMING DATES TERM 1

Week 9

Friday 24/3

- Mufti Day bring a bottle
- OLMC Fete Day

Week 10

Wednesday 29/3

- AFL Clinic

Friday 31/3

- OLMC Cross Country 9-12pm

Week 11

Tuesday 4/4

- God Day

Wednesday 5/4

- AFL Clinic

Friday 7/4

- Stage 3 Mass 9.15am

NOTES SENT HOME TODAY

- Yr 1 Excursion Note
- Organisation for Fete Day
- Cross Country Carnival

Dear Parents,

Fred Hollows was a passionate ophthalmologist who became known for his work in helping restore the eyesight of countless thousands of people in developing countries around the world. He believed that the basic attribute of mankind was to look after one another. This belief led Fred and Gabi Hollows to set up the Fred Hollows Foundation and produce at a lower cost the treatment of cataract blindness for over one million people in developing countries. The foundation is proud to carry on Fred Hollow's legacy, delivering sight-saving care to those most in need.

In Sunday's gospel we hear the story of how the blind man comes to see the light of Jesus, both physically and spiritually. When Jesus' disciples first see the blind man they presume that his affliction is a result of sin. But Jesus sees in the blind man something else: this roadside beggar who has always inhabited a world of darkness will be the one to display the work of God and point to who Jesus really is.

The story of the blind man is a perfect choice for the Lenten season. During this season we are invited once again to open our eyes to Jesus, to step out of the darkness and into the **light**; to look towards the future with **hope** and not despair.

We all have areas of "blindness" in our lives.

We all can be the light of Christ for others, maybe not to the extent of Fred Hollows but we can look after the needs of those less fortunate in other ways, just as many of our children have financially supported our project compassion appeal.

*The light of God surrounds us,
The love of God enfolds us,
The power of God protects us,
The presence of God watches over us,
Wherever we are, God is,
And where God is, all is well.*

On the theme of seeing, I encourage all in the community to come and **see** and experience the many wonderful stalls, rides and activities at this Friday afternoon's Fete. A huge thank you to everyone who has helped in the lead up to the biennial Parish School Fete that will take place this Friday afternoon. If you can spare an hour or so to help at a stall or sell raffle tickets, it would be greatly appreciated by the organisers. Please spread the word with family, friends and neighbour to come and support our fete.

All the best as you share the light of Christ with those you encounter.

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

CHILDREN'S SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME

Does my child need to be Confirmed?

We are fortunate indeed at Our Lady of Mt Carmel to be blessed by so many cultures and faiths. We each practise traditions that reflect, embrace, and enhance one another's faith experiences. For many people, the tradition of celebrating Confirmation and/or Eucharist occurred at their Baptism. The best way to find out if your child needs to be Confirmed is to read their Baptism certificate. This certificate will tell you exactly which sacraments were celebrated. And if you need a copy of your child's baptism certificate, simply phone the parish where your child was baptised and I'm sure they will happily provide you with another.

For any enquiries regarding your child's sacraments, please phone or SMS Paola on 0414 947 799.

Paola Yevenes

Merit Certificates

Name	Class
Edward Samyel John-Sayed Kiara	KB KG
Dylan Navya Amelia Arav	1B 1G
Caitlyn Sarayu Winona Ashley	2B 2G
Lara Tristan Sanjana John	3B 3G
Adam Jayden Mia James	4B 4G
Lara Faustina Skyler Samuel	5B 5G
Kiara Aleena Sophie Gianluca	6B 6G

Merit awards for Week 8

Eva Siya	2G
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School Uniforms

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

WINTER UNIFORM

GIRLS

Tunic	School tartan tunic
Blouse	Lemon long sleeved blouse with Peter Pan collar
Zip Jacket	Royal blue with school crest (also part of the sports tracksuit)
Jumper	Fleecy royal blue jumper Wool/Nylon jumper - optional
Tights or Socks	Navy blue ankle or knee high socks or navy blue tights
Sports Top	Short sleeve royal blue polo top with school crest
Sports Track Suit	Royal blue & gold long sleeve jacket and pants with school crest
Sports Socks	White turn-down school socks or ankle socks visible above shoe
Sports Shoes	Mainly white with white tie up laces or coloured shoe that matches uniform eg: royal blue, navy, black
School Shoes	Black school shoe with low heel
Hair	Shoulder length or longer hair must be tied back. No hair colouring is permitted. Hair ties, ribbons and headbands must be white, navy blue or school uniform pattern.
Hat	Royal blue <i>school</i> hat with school crest.

BOYS

Trousers	Navy blue half elastic backed trousers
Shirt & Tie	School blue long sleeve shirt with blue/gold striped tie
Zip Jacket	Royal blue with school crest (also part of the sports tracksuit)
Jumper	Fleecy royal blue jumper Wool/Nylon jumper - optional
School Socks	Short grey school socks with blue/gold band
Sports Top	Short sleeve royal blue polo top with school crest
Sports Track Suit	Royal blue & gold long sleeve jacket and pants with school crest
Sports Socks	White turn-down school socks or ankle socks visible above shoe
Sports Shoes	Mainly white with white tie up laces or coloured shoe that matches uniform eg: royal blue, navy, black
School Shoes	Black school shoe (no boots)
Hair	Neat and simple haircuts. No undercuts, number ones, rat tails or hair colouring, for example. (Principal discretion re extreme styles).
Hat	Royal blue <i>school</i> hat with school crest.

Quality Catholic Schools Survey

Randomly selected families will receive the Quality Catholic 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.

Parent Reading Session – How to help your child with reading

Just a reminder that the school will be running a session for parents on: How to help your child with reading. These sessions are aimed particularly for parents of children in Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2. Parents in all grades are welcome to attend.

The following will be covered during the session:

- How to develop good reading behaviours?
- What children need to know about a book so they can engage with it
- Some important tips for reading with and to your child
- What can you do as a parent to develop reading skills in your children

These sessions will take place in the Mercy library next Tuesday 28 March from 7-8pm and Wednesday 29 March from 9:30-10:30am. A detailed note was sent home last week with a return slip for organisational purposes. Please return this slip (available on the school website) or send an email or note confirming your attendance at one of the above sessions to the school office.

Student workbooks

Workbooks were sent home last Friday. Just a reminder that students need to bring these workbooks back to school so that they can continue working in them.

Parents and Friends

The Fete is finally Here! Fete Day on Friday!

We hope you are looking forward to all the fun and excitement we will share on Friday afternoon after school as much as we are. Please pray for sunshine for our big day.

Children will be collected from their classrooms. If your child is being collected by someone different on Friday, you will need to send a letter to your child's class teacher in the morning. Children will not be permitted to leave their classroom unless in the care of an adult and will need to be collected by 3:30 as on any other school day. COSHC is taking place on Friday in the Year 4 classrooms.

If you have not sent back your raffle tickets, please return them to school, whether sold or unsold. Remember there are fantastic prizes on offer and you must be in the drawer to have a chance to win. Tickets will be sold at the fete as well.

- 1st Prize: Prepaid \$1000 EFTPOS card
2nd Prize: Innovo 4 Burner Gas BBQ by Sunbeam
3rd Prize: Uniden Digital Wireless Home surveillance system
4th Prize: Studio 1000 Makeup, Hair and photography package
5th Prize: iPad mini 2, Wi-Fi 32 GB, Sony headphones, \$50 iTunes Card
6th Prize: Nespresso Delonghi Lattissima Plus Capsule Coffee machine
7th Prize: Stainless Steel 4 Burner Jumbuck BBQ Plus cover
8th Prize: Dyson DC 58 Animal Pro Handheld Vacuum
9th Prize: Samsung Stainless Steel 100W 34L Microwave
10th Prize: Jade's Mobile Hair Makeover Voucher
The raffle will be drawn at 8:30pm at the fete.

A reminder that wristbands may be purchased on fete day at \$27.00 from the rides stall. **Please do not send in your pre-order form as it can no longer be accepted.**

If you are on school grounds to help on fete day during school hours, please remember that we require you to sign in at the school office and wear your visitor badge. If you have donations for the cake stall, please take them to the canteen on the day of the fete.

Thank you to everyone who has 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.

Mufti Day Friday 24 March

A reminder that this Friday is our last fete mufti day. We would ask that each child bring a bottle to donate to the bottle stall. Any bottle is fine. If your bottle contains alcohol, we ask you to make sure an adult delivers it to school and that you **do not send it with your child**. 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.)

Bazaar Baskets Thursday 16 March

Thank you to everyone who donated a basket on Thursday. We were amazed by the great selection of ideas.

School and Parish Fete Meeting.

Thank you to everyone who attended our final fete meeting on Monday evening. It was great to see so many people willing to help with this great event.

It is not too late for you to volunteer. Please contact **Paula Epenian** on **0406 515 782** or email **olmcfete@gmail.com**. Remember your gift of time is important to the success of our fete and each volunteer receives a food and drink voucher.

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 2nd Hand Book store and our Trash and Treasure stall. Donations can be brought to the school office. If you can help with these stalls on the day we would love to hear from you. Please contact **Paula Epenian** on **0406 515 782** or email **olmcfete@gmail.com**. **We advise that we are not able to accept donations of electrical goods or clothing.**

Raffle tickets Draw

As you are aware, raffle tickets were due back on Friday. Everyone who returned their tickets on time went into a draw to receive a prize. Mr Jones and Miss Pirovic held this draw on Monday morning at assembly and we would like to congratulate Samyel Kindergarten, who won a trip to Jenolan Caves. Ezekiel Year 6B, who won an Explora bus trip to the Blue Mountains and Chanel Year 5G, who won a Bowlarama voucher.

Congratulations to Georgette Her family sold a massive 35 raffle ticket books. We hope you enjoy your Samsung Galaxy Tablet, Headphones and \$50 Google Play card and we thank you for your amazing effort.

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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 and look forward to another successful fete. See you all on Friday!

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.

EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

At Our Lady of Mount Carmel we provide our students with a range of extra curricular activities that allow the children to extend their academic, creative and sporting skills. There are also lunchtime extra curricular activities including the gardening club, choir and basket ball competitions. These activities are open to a range of students across our school and are voluntary. Extra curricular activities are additional to the classroom learning programs we have in place for our students.

ACADEMIC

The children from Year 3 to Year 6 are able to participate in ICAS competitions in Science, Mathematics and English. These are international competitions organised by the University of New South Wales. These occur at various times during Term Two and Term Three.

Stage 3 Children also have the opportunity to participate in the Mathematics Olympiad. This is a very challenging Mathematics competition where the children solve a variety of problems.

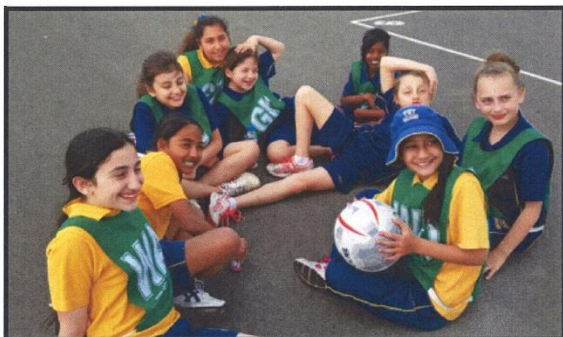


SPORTING

We have a great variety of extra curricular sporting activities available to our students. Currently we have a four week AFL clinic that is running after school and open to all of our students.

Throughout the year children from Year Two up are able to represent our school at zone, diocesan and state levels in cross country, swimming and athletic events. These are dependent on times students achieve at our school carnivals.

Children in Year 3 - Year 4 are able to participate in Gala Days for Soccer, Touch Football and Netball. These events are open to all students regardless of skill level. This is an opportunity for children to participate in team sport in a fun environment.



CREATIVE

Children are able to extend their creative skills through participating in our school band. Our band is organised by Margaret Chiccareli and they have lessons every Friday. Children from Year 3 - Year 6 are able to participate in band and learn to play an instrument. The band perform at various school events and have an annual concert at school.

Children who enjoy singing are able to join the lunchtime choir group with Mrs Moore and Mrs Kirby.

For the first time last year we offered children the opportunity to participate in Tournament of Minds. A team of children from Year 5 and Year 6 developed a script for a specific scenario. They had to create all their props and staging, rehearse and perform their piece with minimal support from their teachers.

