

Our Lady of Mt Carmel Primary NEWSLETTER



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Term 2

Week 1

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UPCOMING DATES TERM 1

Week 2

Monday 1/5

- Assembly – Yr2G

Tuesday 2/5

- Diocesan Cross Country Carnival
- Open Morning for 2018
Enrolments – 9:30am

Wednesday 3/5

- Learning Q&A – NAPLAN -:30am
- Child Protection Briefing –9:00am
- Mother's day gift stall wrapping

NOTES SENT HOME TODAY

No notes sent home

Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome back to term 2! I do hope that the beautiful Easter weather enabled you to enjoy the break from routine! The children certainly seem refreshed and enthusiastic about the learning possibilities that lie ahead of them throughout the term.

As we began Term 2 there are many past and current events that remind us of how complicated and difficult life can be for us as parents. Both Easter and ANZAC day are about paying the supreme sacrifice.

During Holy Week, we walked with Jesus and were reminded of how extremely difficult emotionally it must have been for Him and His family. Imagine as a parent kneeling beneath the cross on barren ground and seeing your son (child) dying with excruciating pain whilst you are helpless.

What faith and trust in God Jesus and Mary displayed!

Do we as parents today display this same faith in God?

Yesterday, all Australians stopped to remember ANZAC day and recall the sacrifice of many lives that have been lost fighting for freedom. Again, we were reminded as parents about how helpless we can feel when our children leave our close proximity. Some were not too much older than our year 6 students.

Out of these two emotional challenges for parents there is always hope and the importance of never giving up. Sometimes all we can do as parents is prepare our children to pray, be safe and respectful, and never take peace and harmony for granted.

Peace is quiet.

Peace is no war.

Peace is still.

Peace is clouds floating through the sky.

Peace is a smile between friends.

Peace is a hug from someone who loves you.

Peace is saying sorry.

Peace is a sleeping child.

Peace makes us feel good.

Peace is something we share.

As we remember those who have died so that we may be set free,

Let us all work for peace.

Best wishes to all members of our community for a "hope filled" Term 2 full of many exciting events.

Steven Jones
Principal

Parish News

CHILDREN'S SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME

CONFIRMATION: A reminder to all parents that the Confirmation enrollment forms are due now. And that the Parent Information Evening is at 7pm on Monday 8th May. Looking forward to seeing you then.

FIRST RECONCILIATION: Forms for the first sacrament of reconciliation are due by 12th May.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: Thank you to the families who have enrolled their children into this process. Celebrations for both Sunday 15th and 22nd October are now closed, but Saturday 14th is still available.

For enquires about any sacraments for your child, please visit our website www.olmcwenty.org

Principal's Holiday Challenge

There were three challenges for the Term 1 holiday. Students can choose to do one or all three of the challenges. Please click on the Reading link to register your reading during the holidays for the [Principal's Challenge](#). Entries close this Friday.

Staffing

Further to the staffing update at the end of Term 1. The following staff members are on long service leave at the commencement of Term 2.

Mrs Maree Murphy – Week 1 - Mrs Daniela Cesarini & Mrs Mary Dalli will be working in the school office during Mrs Murphy's absence.

Mrs Barbara Aboud – Week 1 – Mrs Aida Almeida will be replacing Mrs Aboud during her absence

Mrs Hilary Smith (5Gold) – Weeks 1, 2 and Monday & Tuesday of Week 3 – Mrs Di Jones will be teaching 5Gold.

In addition **Mrs Bernadette Nolan** will be on pilgrimage with other leaders from the diocese. Mrs Nolan's pilgrimage will be to Jordan, Israel (Holy Land) and Italy for the first two weeks on next term and then taking long service leave until mid week 4. Congratulations to Mrs Jodie Meares who has been appointed by Catholic Education, Diocese of Parramatta as the acting Religious Education Coordinator and Mrs Kath Noble who has been appointed acting Coordinator during Mrs Nolan's pilgrimage and leave.

Winter Uniform

All students are to commence wearing winter uniform from the beginning of this term, Monday 24th April. Should your child not have their full winter uniform they may wear the full summer uniform for this week only. Please note that students are to wear either the summer or winter uniform, not a combination of both (e.g. girl's summer uniform with tights). Girls are to wear any of the following navy tights, navy knee high socks or navy ankle socks. Boys must wear their ties with the long sleeve shirt.

Morning Supervision

Just a reminder that the morning supervision does not commence until **8:30am**. Should you require your child(ren) to arrive at school prior to 8:30am please contact COSHC to arrange before school care. Children should not be left unattended outside the school gates before 8:30am

Peer Review

Next Tuesday our school will engage in the 2017 Peer Review. **Peer Review** is a key part of the School Compliance audit process which allows Catholic Education, Diocese of Parramatta (CEDP) to view, assess and provide critical feedback on the curriculum presented by the school being reviewed.

The process of Peer Review enables all schools to assure that they are fully compliant according to **NSW Education Standards Authority (NESA)** and Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta (CEDP) requirements. A sampling approach is used to target specific Key Learning Areas (KLAs) and stages of learning and examine these in close detail to ensure that they are meeting syllabus requirements and overall NESA specifications. In 2017, Science and Technology and Personal Development, Health and Physical Education are the KLAs and Stage 2 the stage of learning. On Tuesday Stage 2 staff, Mr Nicholas Jones, Miss Pirovic and Mr Steven Jones will be attending the Peer Review.

Q&A as per last term

On the 3rd May at 8:30am there will be a Q&A session for parents. The topic for this Q&A will be NAPLAN.

Spotlight on RE-

During the beginning of Term Two, the Angelus will be replaced with the Regina Caeli until Pentecost. This prayer acknowledges Mary as Queen of Heaven and connects the humanity of Jesus in the Angelus with His divinity in the Resurrection. The prayer can be traced back to the 16th Century and has become a Prayer of the Church.

Queen of heaven, rejoice. Alleluia

For Christ Your Son and Son of God Alleluia

Has risen as he said Alleluia.

Rejoice and be glad O Virgin Mary Alleluia

For the Lord has truly risen.

Let us pray.

God of life, You have given joy to the world

By the Resurrection of Your Son

Our Lord Jesus Christ

Through the prayers of His Mother, the Virgin Mary

Bring us to happiness of eternal life

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen

Mothers' Day Mass

Parents are invited to come and celebrate the gift of Mothers with Mass and morning tea Friday 12 May at 10:30am. We look forward to seeing you there

Learning Q&A

On the 3 May at 8:30am there will be a Q&A session for parents. The topic for this Q&A will be NAPLAN. It is an informal opportunity to have a chat and for parents to ask questions they may have. Keep checking our newsletter for

upcoming topics. If you have any topics you would like us to explore please email your suggestions to the school email address.

Mothers' Day Stall Wrapping Day

If any parents are able to come and help with the Mothers' Day stall Thursday 11th May, it would be very much appreciated. The stall will run from 9am until 1pm so any help is welcome, even if it's for just one hour. Pre-schoolers are welcome. The stall will be held in the demountable and morning tea and refreshments will be provided. If you can help please contact Sonia Farah on 0431 692 960 or Joanne on Sakr 0418 623 867

Parent and Friends

Welcome back to term 2. We hope you had a peaceful and blessed Easter break and feel ready to meet the challenges this term will bring.

Anzac Day

This morning we remembered Anzac Day during our morning prayer at assembly. Anzac Day commemorates the landing of Australian and New Zealand troops on the Gallipoli Peninsula and Australia's first experience of war after federation. On Anzac Day, we remember those who have sacrificed themselves to serve Australia in all of the Defence Forces during the many armed conflicts Australian's have served in all over the world, and give thanks for those people who continue to serve Australia in the Army, Navy and Air Force today. You might like to ask your child whether they did anything at school this week to commemorate Anzac Day in their classroom.

Child Protection Briefing

Next **Wednesday 3 May at 9am**, a child protection briefing will be held in the library. Any parents who wish to help at the school or attend excursions need to attend a child protection briefing and complete the online training and volunteer form, every two years. You can access these online components at <http://childprotection.parra.catholic.edu.au/volunteers>

Mothers' Day Stall and Raffle

Our annual P&F Mothers' day stall will be held **Wednesday 10 May** in the demountable. Children are encouraged to bring some money to buy great gifts for their well deserving mums, grandmothers and mother figures. On the day, we will also be selling raffle tickets for a chance to win some great prizes for our mums! Our fundraising committee would love to hear from anyone who is able to donate anything for our Mother's Day Raffle. If you can help please contact Sonia Farah on 0431 692 960 or Joanne on Sakr 0418 623 867.

P&F General meeting

Our next P&F General Meeting will be held on Tuesday 16 May at 7pm in the school library.

We encourage as many people as possible to attend. A note and meeting agenda will be sent home with students the week before the meeting; we look forward to seeing as many people as possible there. If you have something you would like addressed at the meeting please email olmcwenty@parra.catholic.edu.au with the subject "Parents and Friends meeting", and we will endeavour to address your concerns.

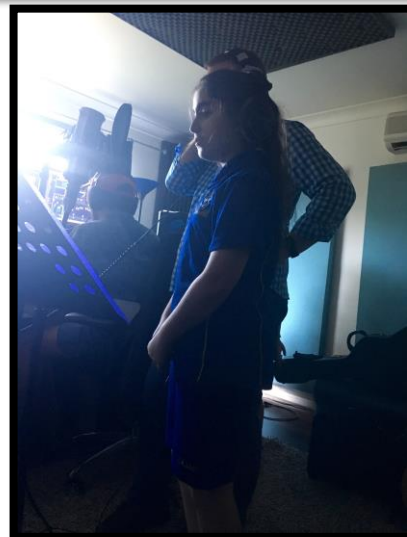
This column is compiled by P&F Communications. If you have any queries or wish to contribute please email olmcwenty@parra.catholic.edu.au and attention it to P&F Communications.

Learning



Recording of School Song

On Monday 24th April Emily, Melissa, Emilie and Samuel went to Springwood with Mr Jones to record the school song with Andrew Chinn. The school song was written last term by Andrew Chinn after consultation with students, staff and parents. When the students arrived at the recording studio, the owner showed us around the studio and explained the equipment that was being used. Then we started the recording of the song. First Andrew recorded the guitar, followed by his vocal. Then it was our turn to record each separately the chorus of the song. It took a couple of attempts each. The school song will be fully recorded and ready for sharing in a month or so. It was a great day and lots of fun. We look forward to hearing the final product with the school community.



Melissa & Samuel