

Our Lady of Mt Carmel Primary NEWSLETTER



5 April 2017

Term 1

Week 11

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UPCOMING DATES TERM 1

Week 11

Thursday 6/4

God Day Reflection Walk for
Parents 2:30pm

Friday 7/4

- Stage 3 Mass at 9:15am
- Last Day of Term One

TERM TWO Begins on 24 April

**Please see Term 2 Planner on
last page for additional dates.**

NOTES SENT HOME TODAY

- Premier's Reading Challenge
Login Information
- Cross Country Zone note

NOTES SENT HOME LAST WEEK

- Yr 4 Star Card Reward
- Yr 5 Star Card Reward
- 5G - Mrs Smith's Leave
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Dear Parents/Carers

Easter is the most significant event of the Christian calendar. It is a period of intense sorrow for Christians, brought about by the death of Christ on the cross (Good Friday) but also of great spiritual happiness through the miracle of the Resurrection (Easter Sunday).

As Holy Week begins with Palm (or Passion) Sunday this weekend and we recount the time when Jesus arrived in Jerusalem on a donkey and the people of the city laid palm fronds on the road, they joyfully cried out to him, "Hosanna; Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord".

Holy Week comprises of the seven days before Easter. The last three days of Holy Week link Lent and Easter and they are called the Triduum (meaning three days): Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday. The Easter Vigil begins the new season of Easter on Holy Saturday night.

Proclaiming **ALLELUIA! Christ is Risen** on Easter Sunday is a joyous event. It is a time of great hope, for death has been overcome by God's power and grace.

As we come to the end of our Lenten journey, let us not forget that God made a great promise to all of us by raising Jesus from the dead. Jesus' resurrection is a triumph over death. It also holds the message that love is stronger than hate and hope is stronger than despair.

All parents are invited to gather tomorrow (Thursday) at 2:30pm to join Mrs Nolan for a reflective walk throughout the school.

We pray for our transformation Resurrection Spirit, O Lord,

We pray for transformation in our hearts and in our attitudes;

For transformed lives; for transformed relationships;

For transformed community; for a transformation of society

and the transformation of the world.

As this is the final newsletter for the term I would like to thank everyone for all who contributed to OLMC being a safe and supportive community throughout the term...

- To our dedicated and thoroughly professional staff
- To our supportive and encouraging parent community
- To our enthusiastic and hard working students

Wishing everyone a safe and relaxing school holidays.

Steven Jones
Principal

The Community of OLMC is Safe and Respectful

Parish News

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: Thank you to all the parents who have enrolled their children for this process. For those who haven't, *both 10:30am Masses on the 15 and 22 October are filling up fast*; so if you particularly wanted to celebrate on either of these dates, you'll need to get your form in soon. 6pm (Vigil) Mass on Saturday 14 October is also still available.

Enrolment forms for Confirmation, First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion can be found on our website www.olmcwenty.org.au or phone Paola on 0414 947 799.

Spotlight On RE

Yesterday all classes and a group of parents celebrated God Day. Each group concentrated on a scripture passage related to Easter. After studying this passage the story was represented through multi media. Ask your child/children what they represented and the story it tells. On Thursday classes and parents take part in a reflective Easter prayer walk. Parents are welcome to join the walk at 2:30pm.

Easter Services at Our Lady Of Mt Carmel Church

Sunday 9/4/17 Palm Sunday

Holy Thursday, Mass of the Lord's Supper 7:30pm

Good Friday 14/4/17

9am Stations Of The Cross followed by Individual Reconciliation.

3pm Mass Of The Lord's Passion

Easter Saturday 15/4/17 7:30pm Vigil Mass

Easter Sunday 16/4/17 7am, 9am and 10:30am Masses. No evening masses.

Prayers & Sympathy



Sister Noni Ball, past principal of Our Lady Of Mount Carmel school passed away on Monday 27 March 2017. She was 88 years old. Her funeral was yesterday.

Eternal rest grant to her O Lord and May Perpetual Light Shine Upon Her. May She Rest In Peace. Amen

APOLOGY

We apologise for last week's newsletter not being emailed out until Friday. There was due to a technical issue.

STAFFING

The following staff members will be taking 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 of next term and then she will be 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 during Mrs Nolan's pilgrimage and leave.

We wish all our staff taking long service leave a relaxing extended break.

Principal's Challenge

There are 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](#).

Winter Uniform

All students are to return to school in full winter uniform with appropriate haircuts and hairstyles as per the uniform policy. No undercuts, rats tails, lines, extreme lengths or hair colouring is acceptable. Girls must also ensure their hair is tied back if shoulder length or longer and not wear nail polish.

Naplan-Years 3 & 5

Year 3 and 5 parents will receive today a note regarding the 2017 Years 3 and 5 NAPLAN (National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy). Please note the following dates –
Tuesday – 9 May – Language Conventions & Writing
Wednesday – 10 May – Reading
Thursday – 11 May – Numeracy
Friday – 12 May – "Catch Up" day for students who may miss a test or who were absent

Regina Caeli

When we return to school in 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.

Canteen Update

Munch Canteens is delighted to let you all know that we have overhauled our menu for term 2, we have added a lot more variety and an increased vegetarian offering to the menu. We have also listened to the feedback regarding our on line ordering and are delighted to advise that the new cut of time to place orders will be 9AM on the day you want the food. All food will be produced fresh on site by the canteen operators, we really look forward to working closely within the School Community for term 2." *Greg Fitzgerald-Munch Canteens*

CANTEEN FUN DAY

Thursday 6th April

Donuts \$2,

Mixed Lolly Bags \$1

Easter Eggs 50 cents,

Lollipops 40 cents

Mini Eggs 20 cents

Munch Canteen

**End Of Term
Bonanza
Meal Deal**

*The Munch
Man Specials:*

**Chicken
goujons: Juice
or water \$4**

Cross Country Team

Congratulations to the following students who have qualified, within the required time, to represent Our Lady Of Mt Carmel at the Parramatta Diocesan Cross Country on Tuesday 2 May 2017. Please ensure that you engage in a regular training program during the holidays.

Ayii, Marten, Bracston, Harrison Nhal Aiden Marisol Celeste Chloe, Yasemin, Charlise, Zara, Ayden, Nerome, Zachery, Kalim, Chris, Adam, Isabella, Anne, Elisha, Elizabeth, Karl, Antonio, Joseph, Jordan, Shuban, Jared, Claudiat, Emily, Sophie, Damon, Emmanuel.

Child Protection-Parent Help Requirements

To assist throughout the school (excursions, carnivals, classroom, etc) all parents are required to attend a Child Protection briefing. The next Child Protection briefing will be Wednesday 3rd May at 9am in the Mercy Library. Please note, this briefing is only for parents who have not attended before or need to update their status

In addition to attending this briefing, just a reminder that it is a Diocesan system requirement that child protection training be completed by all volunteers commencing work in our school (assisting at carnivals, on excursions...) and revisited every second year for existing volunteers. This must be done even if you have completed child protection checks in other work/volunteer locations. This module must be completed every 2 years. If you are unsure as to whether your status is current or not, please ask at the school office or email the school.

An online training module for use by volunteers is available to ensure this requirement is met.

To use the module:

1. <http://childprotection.parra.catholic.edu.au/volunteers>
2. Complete Step 1 by clicking Volunteer and filling in the required documentation
3. Complete Step 2 by clicking on the Training Module, read through the presentation, complete and submit quiz questions. This will take approximately 25 minutes (maximum).
4. After successful completion of the module, fill out the form by typing your name, email address, contact number, contact address and the school you intend to volunteer at.
5. A notification of your successful completion of the module will be sent via e-mail to the school.

Learning Q&A

Learning



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. 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.

Parents and Friends

How quickly has Term One flown by? Seems like it was only yesterday that we were buying shoes and covering books, and now here we are at the first school holidays! We hope that every family has time over the Easter break to stop and reflect on the Easter message and to rest and prepare for term 2.

Easter Prayer

*Lord, the resurrection of Your Son
has given us new life and renewed hope.
Help us to live as new people
in pursuit of the Christian ideal.
Grant us wisdom to know what we must do,
the will to want to do it,
the courage to undertake it,
the perseverance to continue to do it,
and the strength to complete it.*

We wish to thank the staff for all of their hard work during Term One to help the students settle in to school routines. Thank you so much for your dedication and commitment to our children. Thanks also to the student leaders for their efforts in running Lenten activities to help with Project Compassion and for helping with assemblies. Thanks also to the students for their commitment to glow and grow and for a most successful Term One. Please take some time over the break to ensure that your winter uniform fits and your shoes are polished. Students return to school **Monday 24 April in full winter uniform**.

God Day

Thank you to Mrs Nolan and all the teachers for God Day. The students worked together to create an artwork focused on a particular element of the Easter story from Palm Sunday until the resurrection. The parents created a station too! You are invited to come and see the work the students have done on our God Day walk on Thursday afternoon from 2:30 pm.

Fete Wrap Up

A reminder to anyone who has receipts from the fete that they need to be sent to Norma Touma by THIS FRIDAY. Please collect a reimbursement form from the school office and submit your receipts to the school by Friday 6th April.

Cross Country

Thank you to all the parents who came to support us in our Cross Country run last week. Once again, our prayers were answered and the rain stopped to allow us to enjoy the sunshine for this sporting event. Thanks especially to everyone who helped on the day ensuring that our students were safe on every step of the cross country. Thank you to Mr Saad, Mr and Mrs Elias, Mrs Raad, Mrs Touma and Mrs Sakr for their help in taking down the bunting from the fete last Friday after the cross country.

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. ,

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Term 2 Planner 2017

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat/Sun
1 April	24/4 School Resumes for Term 2 Winter Uniform	25/4	26/4 Mothers' Day Stall Wrapping Day 9:00am Anzac Prayer	27/4	28/4	29/4 30/4 Confirmation Workshops begin
2. May	1/5 9:00am Assembly Yr 2G	2/5 9:30-10:30am Open Morning-2018 Enrolments Diocesan Cross Country 7pm Confirmation Mtg 7pm P&F Exec. Mtg	3/5 8:30am Q&A session-Topic Naplan 9am Child Protection Briefing for Parent Helpers	4/5	5/5	6/5 7/5
3	8/5 9:00am Assembly-Yr 2B	9/5 Yrs 3 & 5 Naplan Testing	10/5 Yrs 3 & 5 Naplan Testing Mothers' Day Stall	11/5 Yrs 3 & 5 Naplan Testing	12/5 Years 3&5 Naplan Testing Catch-Up Day 10:30am Mothers' Day Mass & Morning Tea	13/5 14/5 Mothers' Day
4	15/5 9:00am Assembly-Yr 1G	16/5 7pm P&F Meeting	17/5	18/5	19/5 9:15-10am Stage 3 Mass	20/5 21/5
5	22/5 9:00am Assembly-Yr KB	23/5	24/5	25/5	26/5	27/5 28/5
6 May/June	29/5 9:00am Assembly Yr KG School Photo Day	30/5 PRC General Meeting-Dr Justin Coulson	31/6	1/6	2/6 El Kid Performance K-6 9:15-10am Stage 2 Mass	3/6 4/6
7 June	5/6 9:00am Assembly-Yr 6B	6/6	7/6	8/6	9/6 OLMC Athletics Carnival 7pm Confirmation	10/6 11/6
8	12/6 QUEENS BIRTHDAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY	13/5 9:00am Assembly Yr 6G	14/5	15/5	16/5 9:15-10am Stage 1 Mass	17/5 18/5
9	19/6 9:00am Assembly-Yr 5B 7pm First Reconciliation	20/6 7pm First Reconciliation	21/6	22/6	23/6 Semester 1 Reports sent home	24/6 25/6
10	26/6 9:00am Assembly-Yr5G Parent Teacher Interview Week	27/6 3:30-8:30pm Parent Teacher Interviews	28/6 Parent Teacher Interview Week	29/6 Parent Teacher Interview Week	30/6 LAST DAY OF TERM 2	1/7 2/7