

Our Lady of Mt Carmel Primary NEWSLETTER



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Term 3

Week 4

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UPCOMING DATES

TERM 3

Week 4

Thursday 10/8

7pm Parish Council Meeting

Friday 11/8

9:15am Year 2 Mass

Week 5

Monday 14/8

9:00am Assembly - Yr 2B

7pm First Holy Communion Parent
Information Session

Tuesday 15/8

ICAS Competition Mathematics

9:15am Assumption Mass

Wednesday 16/8

9:30am Voice of Youth Cluster

Final @ St Paul's Greystanes

9:15am & 7pm Wellbeing Parent

Information Session

Week 6

Monday 21/8

Book Week Celebration Day

7pm PRC Meeting @ St Patrick's

Parramatta

All 2017 School Fees to be finalised

Friday 25/8

Diocesan Athletics Carnival

9:15am Stage 2 Mass

NOTES SENT HOME TODAY

1. Stage 3 Voice of Youth
Excursion Note

2. Years 3, 4 & 5 Incursion:
Aboriginal Infusion

3. Kindergarten Incursion Living
Eggs

NOTES SENT HOME FRIDAY

1. Wellbeing Parent Information
Sessions

2. Parents as Educators

Dear Parents/Carers

On Monday the staff of OLMC participated in a retreat day called 'Faith in the Public Square'. We visited St Canice's Parish in Elizabeth Bay and The Wayside Chapel in Potts Point. The focus of our day was to learn of the ways these two organisations reach out to the members of their community and provide the support that they need.

These two inner city areas provide support to vulnerable people who are homeless, people with mental health problems, people with addictions, people who engage in prostitution and people escaping domestic violence. A startling fact was learning that these issues are no longer just the preserve of the inner city but are far reaching into our suburbs. While there are many services to support these people in the city, the same services are not available in the suburbs where the need is greater.

Learning individual stories and the statistics behind them had a profound impact on us all. We were reminded of the scripture **'We are created in the image of God'**. We reflected on the implications of this statement and were challenged to **see Christ** in every person, particularly the vulnerable in our community. Sometimes we struggle to see Christ in others because we are afraid or unable to see beyond a particular behaviour. This can be difficult to find in our misbehaving six year old let alone a homeless person who doesn't look like the rest of us.

This week we celebrated the feast of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop. Her mantra was **'Never see a need without doing something about it.'** These are challenging words to live by. In order to see and understand a need calls us to listen, actually stop and listen when we ask *'How are you?'* or *'Do you need some help?'*

We can't solve the big problems facing all in our society, but we can alleviate some problems by committing to make a difference. We can make a difference by:

- giving our undivided attention to our child, an elderly family member or neighbour
- reaching out to someone who is lonely
- donating new toothbrushes, socks, underwear or towels to charity organisations like St Vincent De Paul or the Wayside Chapel

I call all members of our community to reach out and seek Christ in those we encounter

Olimpia

Acting Principal



The Community of OLMC is Safe and Respectful

CHILDREN'S SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

A reminder that the **Parent Information Evening will be at 7pm on Monday 14 August**. Looking forward to seeing a parent or carer for each child at this meeting.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORLD

Parents who would like to attend Mass with their children, but are concerned that they will be bored, or distracted or just use their God-given wriggle, please consider attending the 9am Mass on most Sundays of the school term. At this Mass, we invite the children to come to their own Liturgy of the Word where we read the Gospel, talk about it, ask questions about it, and pray together. The children return to Mass for the offertory and communion. We love all our parishioners, and our smallest parishioners are no exception.

Paola Pastoral Assistant, Our Lady of Mount Carmel
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FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION

On Tuesday 15 August. We celebrate the feast of the Assumption. This is a Holy Day of Obligation and is given the same importance as a Sunday. The Assumption is when we remember and celebrate Mary being assumed into Heaven Body and Soul. In Eastern rite Churches it is also a Feast Day known as the Dormition or "Falling Asleep" of Our Lady. Children will be attending Mass with the Parishioners at 9:15am.

CLUBGRANTS

Earlier in the year we applied for a \$15,000 grant from Wenty Leagues through the ClubGrants program. We received notification that we were successful. We are grateful for the generous support of Wenty Leagues. The grant will be used to replace the existing grass outside Kindergarten with artificial grass making it an all weather play area. This will mean that we can use the money raised from the Fete to purchase and install play equipment on the playground. Our Student Leaders and SRC are currently finalising their proposal for the upgrade.

LEARNING Q&A

Our next Learning Q&A will be on Wednesday 30 August at 8:30am in the Mercy Library. The topic for this session will be **How to start 'that conversation' with your children?** We will be discussing how parents can begin to talk about puberty and its related body changes and sexuality with their children. If you have a suggestion for a topic you would like to discuss please send us an email or have a chat with one of the teachers.



MERIT CERTIFICATES

NAME	CLASS
Soleil, Kiara Kruthi, Rohan	KB KG
Hannah, Varsha Taliah, Joel	1B 1G
Emma, Deng Charlise, Skyler	2B 2G
Logan, Simona Serena, Lila	3B 3G
Sabrina, Ann Anila, Nhial	4B 4G
Rishelle, Elizabeth Kim, Anne	5B 5G
Isabella, Timothy Aiza, Tiana	6B 6G

NAPLAN ONLINE TRIAL

Parents may have heard in the media discussion about plans for NAPLAN testing to be conducted online in 2019. During August and September all schools across Australia will be conducting a trial run of a modified version of NAPLAN this is called 'NAPLAN School Readiness Test'. Our Lady of Mount Carmel is scheduled to participate in this trial between 4 – 8 September. The purpose of this trial is:

- to test the NAPLAN testing program
- to test the ICT Infrastructure and internet capabilities
- to understand the administrative procedures of this new format
- for staff to become familiar with the testing process

NAPLAN RESULTS

Last week in the media we began to hear information about the 2017 NAPLAN results. At this stage schools have not received any results. We are due to have delivery of the results at the end of next week. Once these have arrived we will then distribute the letters to parents. Parents of children in Year 3 and Year 5 can expect to receive the result after August 21.

SICK CHILDREN

In the past week there have been many children unwell with various illnesses needing to be sent home. Parents are advised to keep children at home until they are fully recovered in order to minimise the spread of illness.

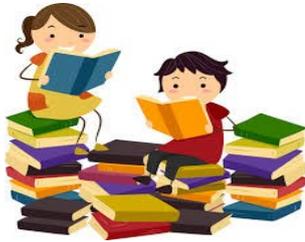
PARENT INFORMATION SESSION-WELLBEING

On Wednesday 16 August we will be holding two Parent Information Sessions with a focus on Wellbeing. The first session will be at 9:15am with a repeat session at 7:00pm in the Mercy Library. The focus of the sessions will be around social and emotional wellbeing. Parents are asked to refer to the note sent home last Friday for further details.

PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE

During the past week we have had an amazing number of children complete the challenge. This week 68 children completed the challenge bringing the number complete to 281. This week all the children in 1 Blue completed the challenge. Keep reading there are only three weeks to go to the end of the Challenge.

Congratulations to Neeti, Alyna, Jeremiel, Aiden, Lucas, Sameet, Massimo, Gabriel, Chelsea, Makanaka, Elizabeth, Mason, Erica, Chimir, Adriana, Annalise, Leon, Varsha, Stella, Bryson, Alessandra, Alfio, Charlize, Alanah, Jacob, Natalia, Lila, Aiden, Noah, Rhianna, Serop, Amiel Hernandez, Rebecca Katribb, Bracston, Iniya, Noah, Bridie, Julian, Christopher, Mia, Annabelle, Aurelia, James, Cristian, Victoria, Chloe, Charbel, Michael, Isabella, Peter, Violet, Chris, Jessica, Nhial, Bradley, Luca, Anila, Prit, Francesco, Montana, Cadell, Timothy, Amy, Rachelle, Aleena, Aiza, Damon and Emmanuel for completing the challenge.



BOOK WEEK

Book Week this year takes place between Friday 19 August to Saturday 26 August. The theme for Book Week this year is **Escape to Everywhere**. At OLMC we love to celebrate Book Week and this year will be no different. Our school celebration day will be on Monday 21 August. On this day the children will be able to come dressed as a book character.

We love to see how creative the children can be and come up with a costume from what they have in their wardrobe or can construct for themselves. Often the best characters are those who actually are children like *Madeline*, *Charlie* from *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*, *Judy Moody*. Sooo discuss as a family the possible book characters the children could dress, as there is plenty of time to start planning.

SYDNEY YOUTH ORCHESTRAS

Sydney Youth Orchestras offers a range of stimulating music and training and education programs for aspiring musicians aged from 6 to 25 at every level of their musical journey. Are you ready to take your music to the next level? **Auditions** are being held for 2018. Apply online at www.syd.com.au. Should you require further information, flyers are available at the front desk.

PARENTS AND FRIENDS (P&F)

P&F General Meeting

Thank you to everyone who attended the Parents and Friends meeting last night. The minutes of the meeting will be sent out shortly.

Fathers' Day Stall – Save the Date

We will be holding our Fathers' Day Stall in the last week of August. This is an opportunity for the children to buy a gift for their father, grandfather or father figure. There are a few dates we need you to keep so that this stall will work well.

Our wrapping day will take place Wednesday 23 August from 9 -12pm in the demountable. Morning tea will be provided. Even if you can only come for an hour, all help is appreciated.

Our stall will take place Wednesday 30 August in the demountable. Due to the limited space inside the room we are unable to accommodate young children on the day and we apologise for this inconvenience. Morning tea will be provided.

The P&F is in the process of coordinating its annual Fathers' Day raffle. We would like to thank everyone who has donated gifts for the raffle and we are looking forward to letting you know what prizes we have soon.

If you can help or if you need more information, please contact Sonia on 0431 692 960 or Joanne 0418 623 867.

Earn and Learn Shop for your School

Woolworths Shop for your School is back. Spend \$10 on groceries and receive one sticker to be redeemed for educational supplies for our school!

Please don't forget to ask for your stickers at the check-out. For every \$10 you spend in Woolworths you are entitled to one sticker. You can place the stickers onto the Woolworths sticker sheets that were sent home last week and put them in the box in the school office, so that we can redeem them for resources to help our students learn. You can also send in the individual stickers and we can add them to sheets we have already started at school. Extra sticker sheets are available in the office. Thank you as always for your support.

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.



Thank you from Rhonda

"Thank you for all the beautiful and thoughtful wishes I received from so many parents on my retirement. It means a great deal to me and I will remember it always.

Mostly I remember your children and the support you gave me during my time at OLMC.

I keep you all in my prayers, Thank you again."

Rhonda



STAGE 2 GALA DAY!

Last Wednesday, a group of boys from Stage 2 represented our school at the Soccer Gala Day at Penrith. The boys demonstrated great sportsmanship and skills on the field. Their mission for the day was to stay positive and have fun. The goalies stopped other teams from scoring lots of times. Thank you to Mrs Kirby, Mrs Meares and all the parents who supported us on the day.



WE HAD SO MUCH FUN PLAYING WITH DIFFERENT PEOPLE AND SHOWING OFF OUR GREAT TALENTS!



WE RAN AS FAST AS LIGHTNING AND FELT LIKE WE WERE ON TOP OF THE WORLD.

ZONE ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

On Tuesday 8 August children from Our Lady of Mount Carmel participated in the Cumberland Zone Athletics Carnival at Blacktown Athletics Centre in Rooty Hill. Thirty-three students from our school made it to this exciting event. Six competitors made it to the next level and will compete at the Diocesan Carnival. The students who will be representing our school at the Diocesan Carnival are Amiel Hernandez, Anne Zebec, Damon Terracciano, Emily Khadi, Jasmine Sakr and Zachary Khattar. The wonderful teacher and parent helpers on the day were Mrs Pearn, Mrs Smith, Mr Younes and Mrs Gardner.

Overall everyone who came had a blast and really enjoyed being part of this exciting day, running, throwing, jumping and helping out.

Georgia Saad and Anne Zebec

