



Our Lady of Mount Carmel

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents,

One of the great joys in teaching is to get a glimpse of talent or giftedness in a young child. Teachers know the children intimately and then often one of them surprises everybody with an academic insight, a flash of heroic generosity, a brilliant thought or a beautiful drawing. Whatever it happens to be, it shows the onlooker that there is more to this person than meets the eye. A young child feels comfortable to show their talents and potential in high trust, high expectations and high support environments that develop between teachers and children. This same situations happen to each and every one of us as a parent, we are often amazed at the abilities and talents that our children show to us at various times. Throughout this week, parents are having the opportunity to share their glimpses of talents they see in their child.

It was something like that for Peter, James and John when they climbed Mount Tabor with the wandering prophet from Nazareth. They knew Him to be a fine preacher as well as an up and coming miracle worker. But now, there was something more and it was completely unexpected. Jesus revealed Himself as the Son of God. Jesus is still revealing Himself in unexpected ways and not only on mountains tops but in the routine of everyday. To be open to receive such a revealing of the wonder of God, we need to be like the trio and go apart with Jesus. This is often hard. We would like to spend time with Jesus but are not willing to pay the price of time.

Above all else, Lent is about making time to go apart with Jesus in prayer. It does not matter where but it does matter that it is everyday. Today is a good day to do it better. Jesus is waiting ... listen to Him.

*Lord Jesus,
I give you my hands to do your work.
I give you my feet to go your way.
I give you my eyes to see as you do.
I give you my tongue to speak your words.
I give you my mind that you may think in me.
I give you my spirit that you may pray in me.
Above all,
I give you my heart that you may love in me
your Father and all mankind.
I give you my whole self that you may grow in me,
So that it is you, Lord Jesus,
Who live and work and pray in me.
(The Grail prayer)*

**2019 KINDERGARTEN ENROLMENTS OPEN
next Monday 5th March 2018. Enrolment forms
are available via the [school website](#) or can be
collected from the office.**

Steven
Principal

The Community of OLMC is Safe and Respectful

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

CONFIRMATION

A reminder to parents that the *Parent Information Evening for those enrolled in the sacrament of Confirmation is at 7pm next Monday 5th March in the Parish Centre*. It's very important that parents attend this meeting as it gives us a chance to pray together, discuss the sacrament, and help plan workshops, etc.

For all sacramental enquiries, please phone Paola on 0414 947 799 or email paola.olmc@gmail.com

PROJECT COMPASSION

For the past few weeks OLMC have been focusing on raising money for Project Compassion. So far Year 3 are in the lead with 19 Chickens. Overall we have 48 chickens which is about \$480 raised. With the four weeks remaining, we plan to achieve our goal of 150 chickens, which is \$1500. Students can help achieve this goal with a gold coin so we can help the less fortunate with their needs.

Georgia & Rebecca

UPCOMING DATES

Week 5

Tuesday 27 - Thursday 29

Meet the teacher goal setting meetings

Friday 2/3

STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY - NO SCHOOL FOR CHILDREN

Week 6

Monday 5/3

2019 Kindergarten enrolments open
9am Assembly - Prayer: 4 Blue
7pm Parents Representative Council Meeting
7pm Confirmation Information Evening

Tuesday 6/3

6:30pm School Readiness Talk for Preschool Parents - Mercy Library

Thursday 8/3

9:30-10:30 Open Morning - New Families

Friday 9/3

9:15am Catholic Schools Week Mass
10:15-11am Open Classrooms

SPOTLIGHT ON RE

All grades are beginning their Easter unit over the next few weeks. Easter is the biggest, most significant time in the Church's year and so this unit is one of the longest and deepest units. The younger grades will focus on one significant event in this period, while the older grades look in depth at the events of Holy Week and its placement in the Church's year. They examine how these events are about our salvation and the celebration of the Eucharist. At home you could talk to your child/ren about the events of the first Easter happening about 30 years after Jesus was born and not just the few months between our celebrations of Christmas and Easter.

Date reminder: GOD DAY!!

God Day is happening on Tuesday 27th March. As in previous years there will also be a parent group completing some scripture study and designing and making a parent presentation. Last year those parents who attended all said how much they enjoyed it. More information to come closer to the date.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

Next week we will be joining with all Catholic schools in NSW and ACT between 4th -10th March in celebrating **CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK**. The theme for this year is

'Every Learner, Every Day TRANSFORMING LEARNING'.

Our school will be celebrating with Open Classrooms on Friday 9th March between 9am and 10am. This will be followed by Mass at 10am. At this Mass the new statue of Our Lady, for the front garden, will be blessed.

MERIT AWARDS

KB	Alessandro, Liliana
KG	Benjamin, Saskia
1B	Hiva, Greta
1G	Liya, Rohan
2B	Justin, Eknoor
2G	Kayla, Joseph
3B	Roman, Alessandra
3G	Keillan, Georgia
4B	Simona, Jerome
4G	Marcus, Sylvana
5B	Adam, Jessica
5G	Marisol, Chloe
6B	Melissa, Lincoln
6G	Pranava, Harini, Chanel, Sacha Sah

PRINCIPAL'S SUMMER HOLIDAY CHALLENGE

Thank you to all those students who entered the Principal's Summer Holiday Challenge. There were some incredible construction and 33,700 pages read. Congratulations to the following winners... Jessica (Kindergarten), Jada (Yr 1), Taliah (Yr 2), Caitlyn (Yr 3), Yasemin (Yr 4), Elisha (yr 5), Marco (Yr 6) and Bradley (Overall).



DIOCESAN SWIMMING CARNIVAL

On Friday of last week, seven of our students swam at the Diocesan Swimming Carnival representing the Cumberland Zone Team. Clara, Yasemin, Zac, Claudia, Georgia, Rebecca and Emily swam on the day representing OLMC and the results were outstanding! Emily swam particularly well seeing her selected in 3 individual events to represent the Parramatta Diocese at the NSWCPSS Swimming Trials along with our Senior Girls Relay Team. The girls will be heading to Homebush on the 21st of March so we wish them all the best for the upcoming carnival.



CROSS COUNTRY

Please note the OLMC Cross Country will take place on **Friday 23rd March** within the school playground (K-Year 2) and the perimeter footpaths (Years 3-6). More details to come next week.

WINTER UNIFORMS

As the end of the term approaches it is time for parents to think about fitting their child's winter uniforms, especially the Kindergarten parents. Mrs Cundy will be available throughout the day on this coming Friday 2 March from 8:30 - 2:00 for fittings. If you would like to take advantage of this opportunity please visit the [school interviews website](#) and use the code **pccjj** to make your appointment. It is advised that you have a fitting before purchasing new uniforms.

ROAD RULES AWARENESS

This week is Road Rules Awareness Week providing all road users an opportunity to brush up on their road rules. This is a great chance to test your knowledge of the rules. Visit the [Transport NSW Website](#) for more information and to refresh your knowledge of the road rules. Let's take the opportunity this week and beyond to demonstrate to each other that the parents of Our Lady of Mount Carmel play it safe and follow the road rules.

SCHOOL FEES

Due to processing issues at CEDP all 2018 school fees accounts will be issued and mailed to parents again. We are expecting this mail out to occur by the end of this week. Due to the unforeseen delay, due dates will now change and parents are asked to ensure that all Flexible Payment Plan Arrangement confirmation documents are returned to CEDP as soon as possible. CEDP apologises for any inconvenience caused to parents. When paying your account by BPay please ensure you are using the up to date 2018 account reference numbers.

P&F NEWS

Parents and Friends Meeting Time - We are currently seeking parent input into the time that our termly Parents and Friends Association meeting takes place. Please take a moment to complete survey when it is sent to you.

Parents Representative Council

There are many ways to become involved with the Parents Representative Council (PRC). All schools invite parents and guardians of children attending Catholic Schools in the Diocese of Parramatta to become actively involved in their children's education. Every school relies on the active involvement of parents to support and drive initiatives outside of the classroom.

The PRC Parramatta meets once a term to support this engagement and all parents of children within the CEDP are invited to attend. Each meeting hosts a guest speaker who discusses a topic that will assist in the education of your children. Our topic of discussion this term is #PARENTSMATTER. Our speaker for the evening will be Danielle Cronin, Chief of Governance and Strategy at the Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta. Danielle will be discussing true parent engagement and why it matters to you, your school and especially, your child! The meeting will be held Monday 5th March at Patrician Brothers' Blacktown, 190 Flushcombe Road Blacktown from 7 – 9pm.

Fete Coordinator

We are seeking someone to become the secretary for the fete committee. This person is responsible for the minutes of the fete meeting and any correspondence regarding the fete. We thank Diana for her diligent and dedicated commitment to this role for our last fete. We could not have done it without you. Our fete is scheduled for 22nd March 2019. Make sure you mark it in your calendar!

Mothers' Day Stall

Our fundraising committee are already planning for our Mothers' Day Stall on Wednesday 9th May. They would love to hear from anyone who is able to provide donations for prizes the Mothers' Day Raffle. Please contact Sonia on 0431 692 960 or Joanne 0418 623 867 if you are able to help.

Second hand uniform shop

If you have any uniform items to donate, please drop them off at the school office. We would love any donations.

This column is compiled by the P&F. 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 MT CARMEL CHURCH REFURBISHMENT

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THE AMBO is where the Word of God is read. The Ambo stands at the left of the altar.



THE ALTAR is where the Liturgy of the Eucharist takes place and the Bread and Wine are consecrated into the Body and Blood of Christ.



THE BAPTISMAL FONT is now placed at the centre of the Church. It is where the newly Baptised are welcomed into the community of the Body of Christ.



All the new furniture is matching using timber, brass and granite.

The centre aisles are carpeted and the floors polished.

THE PRESIDER'S CHAIR is where the Priest sits during the Liturgy. The Carmelite logo of Mount Carmel and three stars are carved into the back of the chair. The Presider's chair sits at the right of the altar.

