



Our Lady of Mount Carmel

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents,

This week Our Lady of Mount Carmel Primary joins with Catholic schools across NSW and the ACT to celebrate Catholic Schools Week (CSW).

Our theme for CSW 2018 is 'Every learner, every day: TRANSFORMING LEARNING'.

Catholic Schools Week is about forging and strengthening connections between everyone who has a stake in our schools – students, staff, families, priests, parishioners and members of the wider community – by showcasing our activities and actions. During Catholic Schools Week, we take the opportunity to highlight not only the best of what we do, but also what happens in our schools every day.

During Catholic Schools Week the following events will take place this week:

- official commencement of our Kindergarten Enrolments for 2019 (Monday 5 March)
- facilitating a School Readiness talk for families in our community (Tuesday 6 March)
- open morning for prospective families (Thursday 8 March)
- open morning and mass for existing families (Friday 9 March)

These are ideal opportunities to support our community of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Primary and learn more about the great things that take place in Catholic schools every day.

Our school has a supportive and talented community of teachers, parents, carers, P&F, clergy, parishioners and support staff who work together to give students the best education possible.

This special week on the Catholic Schools' calendar provides an opportunity for the community to recognise our committed and gifted teachers and support staff for their work in encouraging success, promoting discipline, supporting creativity and instilling compassion in our young people.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for all your support of Our Lady of Mount Carmel and Catholic Schools and look forward to celebrating Catholic Schools Week with you throughout the week.

Steven Jones
Principal

The Community of OLMC is Safe and Respectful

**2019 KINDERGARTEN
ENROLMENTS OPEN**
**Enrolment forms are available via
the school website or can be
collected from the office.**

SUMMER READING CHALLENGE

Congratulations to the following students for completing the Executive Director's Summer Reading Challenge:

Amelia
Olivia
Gevin
Ann
Dennis
Bhakti
Harini
Harish
Celine
Lachlan
Caitlyn
Emily
Edward
John
Jose
Charlotte
Claudia
Aibel
Michaela
Sylvana
Bradley
Erinn
Taliah



UPCOMING DATES

Week 6

Thursday 08/03

8:15am Morning Workout
9:30am Open Morning for 2019 Kindergarten Enrolments

Friday 09/03

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

Week 7

Monday 12/03

9am Assembly 4G

Tuesday 13/03

4pm Catherine McAuley Open Afternoon/Evening

Wednesday 14/03

3:15-4:15pm AFL After School Clinic

Thursday 15/03

8:15am Morning Workout

Friday 16/03

9:15am Year 1 and Year 2 Mass

Week 8

Monday 19/03

9am Assembly 3B

Wednesday 21/03

1:40-2:10pm Project Compassion Disco Yrs 2 to 4

NOTES HOME

Wednesday, 7th March

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SCHOOL FEES UPDATE

The CEDP have confirmed that all school fees accounts have been mailed by Australia Post last Friday. Parents should contact the school office if they have not been received by the end of this week.

Accounts for Term 1 need to be paid by Wednesday 21st March. All Flexible payment plans need to be in place by Friday 16th March in order to commence on Wednesday 21st March. When setting up your Bpay payments, please ensure you are using the 2018 reference details.

The CEDP apologises for any inconvenience caused with this delay.

SOLO PARENT SERVICES

YOUNGER WIDOWED SUPPORT GROUP

CatholicCare Solo Parent Services' Younger Widowed Support Group is held on the 3rd Tuesday of each month. The Support Group is for men and women widowed at a younger age whether or not you are a parent. First Gathering for the Year will be held on Tuesday 20th February.

Please note new venue: 13 Buller St, North Parramatta. **Time:** 7pm – 9pm
Cost: \$5.00. **Registration:** Call Rita Ph: 8843 2530 or Email: soloparentservices@ccss.org.au

STEPPING BEYOND

This Support run by CatholicCare Solo Parent Services is held on the last Tuesday of each month for men and women who are separated or divorce. At the February meeting we will be speaking about "Identifying Challenging Emotions and strategies for dealing with them."

Date: 27th February **Venue:** 13 Buller St, North Parramatta **Time:** 7pm – 9pm
Cost: \$5.00. **Registration Essential:** Call Rita Ph: 8843 2530 or Email: soloparentservices@ccss.org.au

UNIFORM SHOP

Appointments are now available for winter uniform fittings on Tuesday afternoons.

To make a booking, please check the website for availability.

Students are to be wearing their winter uniforms on the first day of Term 2 - Monday, 30th April.

www.schoolinterviews.com.au

Booking Code: pccjj



MERIT AWARDS

KB	Misha, Amalia
KG	Zachary, Pranav
1B	Sienna, Myraa
1G	Elouise, Aibel
2B	Ojas, Stella
2G	Aiden, Tanya
3B	Abraham, Irene
3G	Saxon, Antoine
4B	Joel, Jorja
4G	Logan, Sanjana
5B	Sabrina, Christian
5G	Ayii, Zara
6B	Ishana, Georgia
6G	Shuban, Minh-Kim



PARENTS AS EDUCATORS

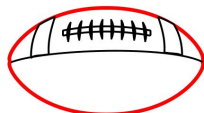
We are currently organising our classroom parent helpers. Yesterday parents who attended our recent child protection briefing and indicated that they would be available as parent helpers were sent a letter. If you were previously a parent helper or are up to date with your child protection requirements and would like to be a parent helper this year, please contact the office for the note.

AFL CLINIC

AFL will commence next Wednesday after school for all the students who have enrolled online.

If your child would like to participate but has not registered online as yet, they will need to do so before the end of this week.

It will run for 4 weeks from 3:15 - 4:15pm.



D.A.D.S. GROUP Devoted And Dedicated Superheroes

D.A.D.S. is a group aiming to connect fathers and other male carers of children with a disability, developmental delay, ASD or a chronic illness to a support network of other fathers, helping the whole family.

D.A.D.S will meet on:

- Tuesday 6th Feb
- Tuesday 6th March
- Tuesday 3rd April
- Tuesday 1st May
- Tuesday 5th June

Time: 7pm – 9pm

Where St Margaret Mary's Parish Centre,
5 Chetwynd Rd, Merrylands.

Contact: 0414 798 966 for details.

This is a free service.

COLES SPORTS FOR SCHOOLS

Our school is currently collecting vouchers from the Coles Sports for Schools promotion. If you have any vouchers please send them in with your child or place them in the boxes located in the school administration office or on the front playground.



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**. Please click on this [link](#).

Congratulations - Elizabeth - The 65K 465 Roses Walkathon is an annual walkathon and endurance event held to raise funds for the fight against Cystic Fibrosis, a life threatening genetic condition affecting thousands of young Australians.

Elizabeth and her family took part in the walk on Saturday. We would like to congratulate Elizabeth on setting a new personal best and walking 21kms! If you would like to help Elizabeth's fundraising efforts please visit <http://www.cysticfibrosis.org.au/nsw/65kroses/>



Sports for Schools - Our school is currently participating in Coles Sports for Schools. When you shop at Coles, you'll receive Sports for Schools vouchers for every \$10 spent. Place them into the box in the front playground or in the box in the office foyer and our school can exchange them for sports gear. The more vouchers you collect, the more sports gear we will receive. Start collecting today because the race is on! The program runs until April 3rd and vouchers must be returned to school by the end of term.

Fete Secretary - 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. 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 Mother's Day Stall on **Wednesday 9th May**. They would love to hear from anyone who is able to provide donations for prizes for the Mothers' Day Raffle. Please contact Sonia on 0431 692 960 or Joanne 0418 623 867 if you are able to help.

Happy Catholic Schools Week - Catholic Schools week runs throughout the diocese from 4th-10th March. To celebrate our school is hosting open classrooms on Thursday morning for prospective new parents. On Friday morning, we will celebrate Mass together at 10:15am and existing families and carers are invited to come and have a look at our school and see our children in their learning environment prior to Mass.

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.

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Last week at our Opening School Mass our Student Leaders, Sports Leaders and Student Representative Council were commissioned into their leadership roles. Father Denis anointed the students with the Oil of Chrism and Mr Jones and Father Martinho presented the students with their badges. As a community we support these students in their roles and wish them well.



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Rebecca, Georgia, Ayden,
Samuel, Peter



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Anne, Claudia, Emily,
Faith, Jathush, Jemma,
Lara, Leah, Sacha, Zac



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Gevin, Clara, David, Jasmine,
Tony, Estelle, Taliah