



Our Lady of Mount Carmel

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents,

Over the next two weeks during the most significant event in the Church's calendar I thought I would share The Stations of the Cross which have a profound message for each of us, every day.

Station 1: Jesus is Condemned to Death – “When I look at the unfair judgements endured by Jesus for our salvation, I think of the judgements I have made in my lifetime. I mistreat innocent people and sometimes, sadly, those closest to me. I rush to judgements when patience is needed. Even my own relationship with Jesus is sometimes marred by unjust thoughts... standing beside Jesus he bore my sinfulness in silence, I experience a mix of regrets and a power flowing from him into my soul.”

Station 2: Jesus Takes His Cross – “I have lived long enough to know that everyone has known physical, emotional and spiritual pain. It is unavoidable. ...Facing my pain, disappointments, losses, betrayals, dreams unattained, I need to live my own version of Christ's passion. I do not suffer alone. Jesus is with me in those who stand by my side, my sickbed, my embarrassment, my office, my parish, my home.”

Station 3: Jesus Falls the First Time – “My final goal in life is life and joy with God in heaven. From my life experience, I know that the journey is determined by the goal. ...Every journey has potholes, both physical and moral challenges. I won't forget that Jesus arose after each fall. He is my secret power to do so.”

Station 4: Jesus Meets His Mother – “Mother Mary reminds me of my need for family support in times of suffering and loss. In such trying times I reach out to family and friends to help me get through the experience. I stop to think of all those whom I want to forgive, and ponder how much I want to be forgiven once more for wounds I have inflicted.”

Station 5: Simon of Cyrene Helps Jesus – “I know times when I have been asked to give care to a loved one, a neighbour, a co-worker, a stranger. I find sometimes that I want to say 'no'; when asked to give care, but soon I say 'yes' and get on with doing what is needed. At these times, I try to see the image of Simon, who said, 'no' but then carried the cross of Jesus and was blessed by God's Son. Simon made it possible for Jesus to accomplish the final act of salvation at Calvary, and I want to have that same privilege.”

Station 6: Veronica Wipes Jesus' Face – St John Paul II, frail in his later years, wore his cross publicly. When asked if he intended to resign the papacy, he replied. 'Did Jesus come down from the cross?' The wounds to my pride sometimes are worse than the ones to my body. Jesus looked awful on the way to Calvary, yet he paused and let a kindly woman clear his face. He rewarded her with an imprint, but more so with gratitude.”

Station 7: Jesus Falls Again – “Jesus fell and got up for me. I know love made him do this. Infinite love will do the unthinkable. When I tired of being beaten into the ground, I know that Jesus wants to give me the strength to get up again. That's why he experienced falls – need to thrive spiritually and physically.”

I wish all of our children and families a very happy and holy Easter.

*Steven
Principal*

The Community of OLMC is Safe and Respectful

CHILDREN'S SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

Parents, if you feel your child is ready, you are welcome to enrol them into the first Reconciliation process (from Year 3 and up), and/or the first Holy Communion process (from Year 4 and up). For more information, please download the enrolment form at www.olmcwenty.org.au

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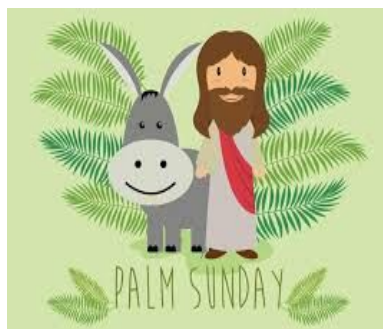
Just a reminder that the Children's Liturgy of the Word will move to the 10:30am Mass during school Terms 2 and 3 (not the 9am Mass). At this Mass, the children will be invited to join their leaders and helpers in the Red Room as we pray together and reflect on the gospel. This is not Sunday School, but an opportunity for the children to experience the Liturgy of the Word at their level of understanding. Parents are always welcome.

CONFIRMATION: Workshops continue for our families who are preparing to celebrate their child's Confirmation.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: Please note that Sunday 21st October has now closed. If you'd like to enrol your child to receive their first sacrament of Holy Communion, you can choose from 6pm on Saturday 20th October, or 10:30am on Sunday 28th October.

SPOTLIGHT ON RE

This Tuesday all children participated in God Day. It is our way as a school community to remember and celebrate the events of Holy Week and Easter. Parents also participated in God Day unpacking Scripture and representing it in a visual way and writing why it is so important to them. Ask your children what words they have been talking about in relation to this significant time in the Church's year, some hints for you to start the conversation might be Palm Sunday, Last Supper, covenant, Eucharist, Passover, garden, prayer, Apostles, Washing of the feet, good thief, Emmaus and Resurrection.



UPCOMING DATES/ NOTES HOME

Week 9

Wednesday 28/03

9:30-10:30-am Open Morning for prospective 2019 enrolments
2:15pm Parent Holy Week
3:15-4:15-pm AFL After School Clinic

Thursday 29/03

8:15-am Thursday Morning Workout

Friday 30/03

Good Friday - School Closed

Week 10

Monday 02/04

Easter Monday - School Closed

Tuesday 03/04

9am Resurrection Liturgy & Assembly

Wednesday 04/04

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

Friday 06/04

Catherine McAuley closing date for 2019 enrolments

NOTES SENT HOME-

LAST FRIDAY

Updated Cross Country Notes

TODAY

2018 ICAS Competition
Naplan Equating Study
Changes To Uniform Shop

PARISH TIMES AND DATES FOR LENT, HOLY WEEK and EASTER SUNDAY

Sacrament of Penance

Sacrament of Penance, 1st Form (Individual), Saturdays (except Holy Saturday) 9:30 - 10am

Sacrament of Penance, 1st Form (Individual), Good Friday 9:30 - 10:30am

Penitential Service - Wednesday 21 March at 7:30pm

Stations of the Cross after 9am Mass on Friday 23 March, and at 9am on Good Friday.

Palm Sunday - Sunday 25 March

Principal Mass with Procession at 9am (all other Masses begin with a solemn entrance commemorating Christ's entry into Jerusalem)

Holy Thursday - Thursday 29 March

Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:30pm (followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at the Altar of Repose, and concluding with Night Prayer)
Night Prayer (Compline) at 9:30pm

Good Friday - Friday 30 March

Stations of the Cross at 9am
Celebration of the Lord's Passion at 3pm

Holy Saturday - Saturday 30 April

The Easter Vigil at 7:30pm

Easter Sunday - Sunday 1 April

Easter Sunday Masses are 7am, 9am, and 10:30am (there will be no evening Mass on Easter Sunday).

For further enquiries, please visit our website www.olmcwenty.org.au

MERIT AWARDS

KB	Hansikaa, Olivia
KG	Thomas, Yelesta
1B	Adam, Reuben
1G	Gabrielle, Dennis
2B	Lucas, Amelia
2G	Sameet, Amelia
3B	Mateo, Krutil
3G	Chivonne, Aleisha
4B	Myra, Noah
4G	Tomos, Iniya
5B	Cadell, Aurelia
5G	Jayden, John
6B	Marco, Advika
6G	Amelia, Mary

STAFFING

From Tuesday 3rd April until the end of the Term 1, Elisa and Nicholas will be on leave. During their absence Di and Rita will be the replacement teachers.

UNIFORM SHOP CLOSURE

Please find attached to this week's newsletter a letter outlining changes to the operation of the uniform shop from Friday 6 April 2018. As of this date, the school will cease operating our uniform shop and selling any school uniform. It is important to take time to read this documentation as there are significant changes to the ordering and payment process.

STUDENT WORKBOOKS

Student workbooks will be sent home next Friday. Please take the time to look through these books with your son or daughter. It is a great chance to discuss how they are progressing with their learning goals. Please remember that students need to bring these workbooks back to school so that they can continue working in them on the Monday.

SHAVE FOR A CURE

Thanks again for all the support and compliments. I thought I'd share my family's shave video with you all. A few children and parents have asked me why I shaved my head, so this might help with explaining it to them.

<https://youtu.be/8q8DnF0s0ns>

Miss Abbie

CROSS COUNTRY

A reminder that tomorrow from 11:30-1:45pm will be the rescheduled Under 8-12 school cross country event.



ANTHONY MINICHELLO

On Thursday, Anthony Minichiello will be present at OLMC to talk to students from grades 3-6 about an upcoming fitness session he will be running himself at Ringrose Park in the holidays. This will be a chance for the kids to ask any questions they have to Anthony and to find out more about the clinic. Each student will receive a flyer on Thursday about the clinic which will be open to students of all ages.

THURSDAY WORKOUT

Please note there will be no Thursday morning workout in Weeks 10 and 11 due to Nicholas being on leave.



P&F NEWS

Easter Blessings

We pray that everyone enjoys this long weekend and has a chance to reflect and enjoy the blessing of Easter.

Easter Sunday Prayer

Lord God, you loved this world so much, that you gave your one and only Son, that we might be called your children too.

Lord, help us to live in the gladness and grace of Easter Sunday, every day. Let us have hearts of thankfulness for your sacrifice.

Let us have eyes that look upon your grace and rejoice in our salvation.

Help us to walk in that mighty grace and tell your good news to the world. Amen.

- Rachel Marie Stone

Parents and Friends Meetings

The Parents and Friends committee meets each term to discuss and organise upcoming events and to collaborate with the school and parish in the education of our children. We aim to support the school to better serve the students and provide a source of communication between the parish, the school and the parent body. Every parent and carer in the school is invited to attend our meetings to enable us to best represent the hopes, the concerns and the wishes we have for our children.

To make these meetings as representative as possible, we are conducting a survey to determine when the best time is to hold a meeting. If you could take a moment to complete the survey at this link <https://goo.gl/forms/RUdsMm5zIX6CEUmx1> we would be most grateful.

Sports for Schools

Our school is currently participating in Coles Sports for Schools. Until Sunday, when you shop at Coles, you'll receive two Sports for Schools vouchers for every \$10 spent. These are the last 10 days to collect Coles vouchers. The vouchers will cease to be available on April 3rd! 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. Please remember that vouchers must be returned to school by the end of term.

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 the Mothers' Day Raffle. Please contact Sonia Farah on 0431 692 960 or Joanne on Sakr 0418 623 867 if you are able to help.

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.

