



Our Lady of Mount Carmel

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Newsletter Term 2 Week 5

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents,

This Sunday we celebrate the Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ, traditionally known by its Latin title: Corpus Christi. We remember with gratitude and celebrate Jesus' gift to us of his Body and Blood.

What does it mean to give your body for someone? To give your body is to give your time, your activity, your energy, your work. There are many people in our lives who have done these things for us on a daily basis such our parents.

What does it mean to give your blood for someone? To give your blood is to give your life, to give your heart. You can give your body for someone - you can work for them - but it is only when you give your heart as well, that your gift is truly personal. We are called to give, not only our time and our work. We are called to give ourselves. It is the pouring out of one's self in love that is symbolised in the word blood. To give your body and blood for someone, is another way of saying that you love them with "all your heart and mind and soul and strength"(Mark 12:30).

On Sunday we think of Jesus.

He gave his body for us.

He poured out his life for us.

He gave himself, day in and day out, to teach and to heal, to comfort and to challenge, to forgive and to love.

In a thousand practical ways, he gave himself to us, showing us what it means for God to hold us in existence. He gave himself for us, making the ultimate sacrifice of his life. He loved us when it was easy and he loved us when it was hard. In giving himself - his body and blood - for us so convincingly, he revealed to us that, whoever we are, whatever we have done, wherever we have been and whatever others may think of us, God loves us and wants us to live and to live to the full.

This was made especially clear at the last supper. As he broke the bread to share it, and as he poured the blood-red wine for his friends for the last time, he could not help thinking of his own body and his own heart which was about to be broken for them. All he had left was his life, and he wanted to give it for those who had drawn close to him during his public ministry. His heart is the heart of God, however, and so he wanted to give himself, body and blood, for every man, woman and child who is born into this world. So he made of this meal a sacrament that would enable him to give himself to us everywhere until the end of time.

May we, this upcoming week, give ourselves to those we meet along the journey.

*Steven
Principal*

The Community of OLMC is Safe and Respectful

UPCOMING DATES

Week 5

Wednesday:

8:15am Morning Workout (K-Yr3)

Week 6

Monday: 9am Assembly 6G

Tuesday: 8:15am Morning Workout (Yr4-Yr6)

Wednesday: Basketball Clinics; 8:15am Morning Workout (K-Yr3)

Friday: Athletics Carnival

Week 7

Monday: **QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY**

Week 7 cont.

Tuesday: **Staff Development Day - No School for Students**

Wednesday: 8:15am Morning Workout (K-Yr3)

Friday: Magic Flute Performance K-6

Week 8

Monday: Yr2 Excursion - Warragamba 9am Assembly

Tuesday: 8:15am Morning Workout (Yr4-Yr6)

Wednesday: 8:15am Morning Workout (K-Yr3)

Friday: Kindy Excursion - Zoo

NOTES HOME

Last Friday

- 1B Class Note Teacher Update

Today

- Magical Flute Performance
- Year 2 Warragamba Dam
- Kindergarten Taronga Zoo
- Canteen Lunch Order for the Athletics Carnival

MERIT AWARDS

KB	Abigail, Aliyah	4B	Bracston, Rhianna
KG	Kimberly, Jeyaan	4G	Lila, John
1B	Anthony, Talahiva	5B	Anabelle, Chris
1G	Valli, Kashvi	5G	Malith, Ansh
2B	Tiarna, Samuel	6B	Christopher, Advika
2G	Liyana, Emad	6G	Zac, Mary
3B	Aryan, Zachary	CA	Zachary - KG Theresa - 6G
3G	Gabriella, Zien	PE	Mrunal, John

STAR CARD AWARDS

GOLD:

Vincent, Kian, Benjamin, Michaela

OPAL:

Rouba, Sylvana



SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

FIRST RECONCILIATION: Thank you to all the parents who attended this meeting - it's great to see so many of you there! May this special time that you share with your child, be a time of listening, reflecting and lovingly connecting with each other, and with Jesus who is God.

FAQs: What to wear? This is probably our most asked question. And I don't blame parents for wanting to know; people love wearing special clothes for special celebrations. At OLMC, we don't require any specific clothing be worn, and we certainly don't obligate families to spend more than what they feel comfortable spending on the celebrations. At the Parent Information Evenings, we help parents discern what would be appropriate for the occasion.

SPOTLIGHT ON RE

All classes are participating in the Mini Vinnies winter appeal over the next few weeks. This is being driven by our Yr 6 leaders who make up our Mini Vinnies team. The ideals of the Mini Vinnies are based on the work of Frederick Ozanam and the St Vincent de Paul Society. This year the group is focussing on gathering beanies, scarves, gloves and socks to be donated to St Vincent de Paul to distribute to the homeless and needy.



STAFFING

Please keep in your prayers...

Mrs Amanda whose father passed away last Wednesday. *Eternal rest grant unto him O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace.*

Mrs Maree who had complications with her recent surgery and will be on leave for the remainder of the term.

PLEASE NOTE: MONDAY 11 JUNE IS A PUBLIC HOLIDAY AND TUESDAY 12 JUNE IS A STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY (PUPIL FREE DAY). IF YOU REQUIRE CARE ON THIS DAY PLEASE CONTACT COSHC ON 0409 631 929

WORLD YOUTH DAY

In January 2019 Pope Francis has called the youth of the world to Panama to celebrate World Youth Day. The theme

is "I am the servant of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word." Luke 1:38

To support our high school students and teachers attending this event, once again we have been asked for support through the WYD raffle. Our parish has a young member attending and Miss Magtanong will also be travelling to Panama. This week books of raffle tickets will be sent to each family. There are 10 tickets at \$2 each or a book for \$20. Prizes include a Mazda 2 car, iPhone X, Apple watch, iPad, gift vouchers and other attractive prizes. Please help by selling these tickets and returning them to school as soon as possible. The raffle will be drawn at St Patrick's Cathedral on 27th October 2018. Thank you once again for your support.

TELL THEM FROM ME (PARENT SURVEY)



During the next few weeks we are inviting students, teachers and **parents** to provide feedback on their experience of our school using an online survey. The surveys are an important part of our whole school evaluation and planning process.

We would like to invite you to complete the *Tell Them From Me (TTFM) Partners in Learning* survey. As we value the role of parents and carers within our school community, we would greatly appreciate your feedback. The information you provide will be used to maintain our commitment to working together in partnership to further improve student learning and wellbeing at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Wentworthville.

The survey is anonymous and will take approximately 20 minutes to complete. You are able to access the parent survey on your computer or mobile device by using the URL below:
<https://www.tellthemfromme.com/olmcwentworthville>

KINDERGARTEN 2019 ENROLMENTS

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Primary are finalising enrolment applications for Kindergarten in 2019. It is important not to delay your application, particularly if you already have children attending Our Lady of Mount Carmel. We will be finalising our positions next week and sending out letters of offer. Unfortunately we have considerably more applicants than positions available, so it is imperative that enrolment forms are submitted now as a matter of urgency for Kindergarten 2019. These can be collected from the school office or are available online via the school website
www.olmcwentworthville.catholic.edu.au

P&F NEWS

Can you believe that we are halfway through term? It is amazing to consider how far we have come this year. We hope all the children are sharing their learning experiences with you and enjoying the challenges that school provides. A reminder that as we head into winter that if your child has a fever or needs medication in the morning to get out the door, then the best place for them is generally at home in bed. We appreciate this may be inconvenient, but your child can't learn when they feel sick and it is for the wellbeing of all students and staff.

Save the Date!

Friday 3rd August at 6:30 we will be having a Bingo Night at Camilleri Hall, Ettalong Road, Pendle Hill. More information to follow.

Fete News

As you will know by now our school and parish fete date for 2019 has been set for Friday 22nd March 2019. Please make sure it is in your calendar!

This is our major fundraising event and we are calling on anyone who is able to help by:

· taking up a role either on the fete organising committee. We are currently seeking someone to take on the role of secretary, and there are many other positions you could assist with.

· If you have a business that is looking to advertise in the community, consider signing up for a sponsorship package. There are varying levels of sponsorship, each with their own rewards.

Please email us at olmcfete@gmail.com for further information and let us know how you can help make the Fete 2019 an even better fete!

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.

Road Safety

People are asked to be safe and mindful of everyone whilst driving around our school. The safety of everyone is our paramount concern. **A reminder that before school Smith Street is a No stopping area. You are not able to stop here and drop your child off before 9:30 am.** Failure to comply will lead to a loss of 2 points and a fine of \$330. Before 9:30 there is only one place to stop before the driveway on Smith Street. The Roads and Maritime Authority consider the safety of school children to be a high priority and have therefore imposed strict and onerous penalties for people disregarding the law. The rules are there to improve the safety of child pedestrians and to reduce traffic congestion around schools. You can see the list of offences and penalties at:

<http://www.rms.nsw.gov.au/documents/roads/safety-rules/demerits-school.pdf>

We ask that everyone remember that our school is a safe and respectful community, especially when you are undertaking the responsibility of driving a car. Please make sure that everyone who transports your child to and from school is aware of these rules.

Extra Curricular Activities

Learning at Our Lady of Mount Carmel isn't just about the things that happen in our classroom. We provide our children with many other activities that allow the children to learn about themselves as athletes, creative people, gardeners and more. During this semester children in our school have had the opportunity to be involved in the following:

- Zone Swimming Carnival
- Diocesan Swimming Carnival
- Gardening Club
- Soccer Gala Days
- Touch Football Gala Days
- Maths Olympiad
- ICAS Science Competition
- Principal's Holiday Challenge
- Class Excursions
- Year 6 Camp
- Cross Country Carnival
- Captivate Choir
- Captivate Dance Ensemble
- Basketball Clinics
- AFL Clinics
- NRL Clinics
- Mini Vinnies
- School Band
- Premier's Reading Challenge
- In School Experiences
- Morning Workouts
- Lunchtime Sport Competitions

As you can see we haven't even come to the halfway point in our school year and already so many extra curricular activities have been provided to our children with many more to come in the rest of the year. These extra curricular activities cannot happen without the commitment and work of our school staff who give their time beyond the requirements of their role.



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