



Our Lady of Mount Carmel

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to Term 3!

The beginning of a term is a great time to make a fresh start. This fresh start helps us to set new goals or refocus on existing goals we may have already set. For your child their fresh start may be around:

- working to improve their mental computation skills
- working to improve their sight word knowledge
- working to improve their quick recall of times tables facts
- working to improve their ability to talk to new/different people
- working to improve their ability to control their reactions to challenging situations

This list could go on and on for all the children in our school. The key part of each of these examples is the word '**working**'. To improve in any area of learning be it academic, social or emotional requires effort and a growth mindset on the part of the individual child. With some goals the level of effort and shift in mindset can be greater than others.

The role of teachers and parents is to support each child in achieving their goals. This involves talking to your child about what they are working towards and discussing strategies that can help them achieve their goals. I would encourage parents to continue the discussion throughout the term to check in with your child on how they are going with their goals. These regular check ins serve to remind us of strategies and keep us on track.

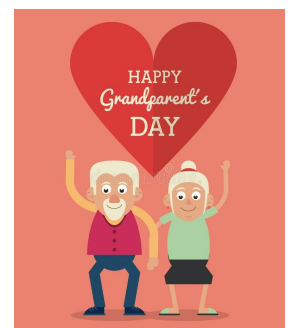
In the next few weeks we will be sending home letters naming your child's 'Grows and Glows' as discussed during the Parent and Teacher Interviews last term.

This Friday we look forward to celebrating the feast day of Our Lady of Mount Carmel and the feast day of St Joachim and St Anne, the grandparents of Jesus. We look forward to welcoming our grandparents and celebrating the great contribution they make to our lives.

*Dear Lord,
Please bless our grandparents.
Thank you for the life they gave my parents and for the life they give to me.
For the ways they helped me and made me strong, I give thanks.
For the ways they love me no matter what, I rejoice.
For the ways they have paved the road that leads me here, I am grateful.*

*Olimpia Pirovic
Acting Principal*

The Community of OLMC is Safe and Respectful



UPCOMING DATES

Week 1 - Term 3

Friday 27/7: 9:15am Feast of OLMC & Grandparents Mass followed by Grandparents reading & Morning Tea

Week 2 - Term 3

Monday 30/7:

STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY - Pupil Free Day - School will be closed. Contact COOSH for childcare on the day. There are limited places. Call Teresa on 0409 361 929

Tuesday 31/7:

8:15am Morning Workout (Yr4-Yr6)
9am Assembly- Prayer 3G
10:30-2:30pm Captivate Choir rehearsal
12:30-2pm P&F Executive Meeting

Wednesday 1/8: 8:15am Morning Workout (K-Yr3)

9am-12pm Captivate Dance rehearsal

Friday 3/8: School Census Day

9:15am Kindergarten, Yrs 1 & 2 Mass
6:30pm OLMC Bingo Night @ St Pauls Greystanes Hall (P&F event)

NOTES HOME

MONDAY

- Feast Day Celebrations
- Year 6 Excursion - Chinese Gardens

WEDNESDAY

- Bingo Night
- Kindergarten Excursion Minchinbury Fruit Market

OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL FEAST DAY AND GRANDPARENTS DAY

This Friday we will be celebrating our feast day and the great gift of our grandparents. We will start with Mass at 9.15am. This will be followed by Grandparents coming into the school, meeting their grandchildren in the classrooms and sharing a book with them in a quiet space inside or outside on the back playground, weather permitting. At morning tea their will be refreshments for the parents and grandparents children may spend their morning tea with their grandparents. During Mass parents and grandparents are asked to sit on the Garfield St side of the Church, you will join your grandchildren at the conclusion of Mass.

As is the tradition at OLMC the Parents and Friends Association provide a small treat for the children to celebrate the feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel. The children will receive a small packet of chips and a popper to enjoy at morning tea.

SPOTLIGHT ON RE

This term grades have a focus in five areas, the Sacraments, the Bible, Mary a woman of faith the Mass and our community and other faith communities. Some of the language that you can use with your children in conversations could include Sacrament, signs, ritual, candle water, oil, forgiveness reconciliation, absolution, priest, Scripture, Old Testament, New Testament, Mary, Nazareth, acceptance will, Eucharist, Liturgy, instituted, Anglican, Uniting, worshipping, beliefs, practises and prayer.

STAR CARD AWARDS

GOLD AWARD: Adam, Kruti, Ava, Aibel, Madeline, Iziah, Deng, , Elouise, Noah
OPAL AWARD
Isabella



ZONE ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

Zone Athletics Carnival

Congratulations to the students listed below who have been selected to represent OLMC at the upcoming Cumberland Zone Athletics Carnival on Tuesday the 7th August. The team was selected based on their individual performances at our school carnival at the end of Term 2. We wish them all the best in the respective events and know that they will represent Our Lady of Mount Carmel with pride. Good Luck! These children are our 2018 Zone Team: Lucah, Bryson, Mrunal, Jasmine, Isabella, Serena, Harrison, Hannah Jabbouri, Michaela Manenti, Bracston McMahon, Yasemin Baykan, Tomos Hughes, Marcus Khadi, Amiel, Chloe, Ayii, Nhial, Peter, Isabella, Marisol, Jayden, Claudia, Elizabeth, Jarrod, Christopher, Anne, Jared, Claudia, Rebecca, Ayden, Joachim, Lara, Zac, Skyler, Eleni, Jathush, Georgia, Matthew, Lincoln, Emily

Representative Sport

Congratulations to Emily who has been selected in the Mackillop Softball team to participate at the NSW PSSA Softball competition in Mudgee from 27 - 29 September.

SCHOOL CENSUS DAY

Next Friday 3rd August is our annual school census day. If your child is away on this day we require parents to notify the school by using either the Skoolbag app, sending a letter/email or phoning the school office on that day. We appreciate parent support to ensure that our information is accurate.

STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY

Next **MONDAY 30th July** will be a staff development day. The school will be closed on this day and no staff will be on site on this day. If you require child care on this day our COOSH centre has limited places available. To make a booking please contact Teresa on 0409 361 929 as soon as possible

PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE

During the holiday many children completed the reading challenge. The Year 1 and Year 2 teachers have also added the books they have read with their classes to bring the total number of students to have completed the challenge to 220. Congratulations Alessandro, Hansika, Jessica, Shivani, Gabrielle, Vincent, Angelina, Soleil, Jeremiel, Kayla, Aiden, Massimo, Gabriel, Chelsea, Justin, Amelia, Arav, Alexander, Savannah, Elizabeth, Tiarna, Georgia, Mason, Amelia, Catherine, Jac, Estelle, Emad, Jose, Eknor, Dillon, Erica, Chimirl, Ava, Adriana, Annalise, Annabelle, Joseph, Billy, Ojas, Leon, Navya, Varsha, Stella, Nirvan, Bryson, Logan, Alessandra, Amelia, Makayla, Alanah, Jacob, George, Zachary, Markos, David, Simona, Tomos, Celeste, Joel, John Justin, Zara and Ryan.

ON DEMAND WRITING - SAVE OUR PLAYGROUND!!!

If you were at Monday morning assembly this week, you would know by now that OLMC staff and students were shocked to hear that visitors from the council and the *Conmein Construction Company* are considering the beautiful school playground, music room and new play equipment as a possible site for a 10 story block of units!

Rest assured, the staff and students are responding quickly, writing letters and emails! We are determined to voice our concerns and raise awareness of how important it is for students to have a safe and spacious playground.



Council member *Olive Fairgo* and *Graham Grimes* from *Conmein Construction Company* will return Tuesday morning, Week 2 to hear the one student from each grade read their response. Stay tuned!

P&F NEWS

Vale Lisa

It was with sadness that the school community learned that Lisa had passed away during the holidays. Before she became ill, Lisa worked in our school office. We shall remember her happy presence, her caring concern for our community and her smile. Parents are advised that there is a condolence book in the school office. If you would like to write a message for Lisa's family, please do so.

Eternal rest grant unto her O Lord. Let Perpetual Light shine upon her May she rest in peace, Amen

Feast Day and Grand Parents Day

This Friday we will gather as a school community to celebrate two very important events. The feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, which took place during the holidays, and the feast of St Anne and St Joachim, the grandparents of Mary. Please join us for Mass in the Church at 9:15. A note was sent home asking parents to indicate if their children have any allergies that mean that the Parents and Friends can't give them a small gift on Friday. If your child has allergies, please ensure that this form is sent back to school as soon as possible.

BINGO on Friday 3 August 2018. Camilleri Hall. St Paul's College, Old Prospect Road, Greystanes

Hurry and send your forms in by the end of this week! Two more days to get the pre-purchase price!

Purchase your Bingo pack before Friday 27th July and for \$6.00 you will get 20 pages of 6 games per book, a bingo marker, a bottle of water, a packet of chips and a packet of lollies. This offer is only available before this Friday 27th July. Please fill in the form that was sent home last term to make sure you don't miss out on this fantastic deal!

We are looking forward to a fun night. A professional bingo caller has been booked. Doors open at 6.30pm for a 7pm start.

A huge thank you to our event sponsors; Laing + Simmons Wentworthville, Studio 1000 and to CK Design for printing our flyers.

PRC News

Dr Justin Coulson is returning by popular demand to speak to the Parents of schools within the Diocese of Parramatta on Monday 27th August at Corpus Christi Catholic Primary School, 90 Andromeda Drive Cranebrook at 7pm.

Dr Coulson will be speaking about 10 Things Every Parent Needs to Know. Please visit the PRC Facebook page and indicate if you intend to attend this free event as places will go quickly. We highly recommend this speaker.

LISA

RIP



It is with deep sadness that we send this message to our school community to inform you that Mrs Lisa passed away on Wednesday morning, 11 July. Mrs Sinclair was an integral part of the school community from 2016 – 2018. Mrs Sinclair was laid to rest on Monday, 16 July. She is now at peace and wanted everyone to know that she did not want to linger.

A book of dedication is in the school foyer for any family to write in or send in a card that will be included in the book that will be presented to the family.

Lisa, a past member of our school community and friend to many of us, has passed after battling illness for 18 months, and we give thanks for the gift of her life, and for all of the ways in which she touched our lives and the lives of many children at OLMC.

Comfort her family and be very close to them in their sadness and loss.

*Help us to help and support each other, especially those within our school who feel most deeply the loss of Lisa.
Be with her family and friends in a very special way.*

Help us to always care for each other in our school, and say thank you to You everyday for all of the people who love us and help us.

We place Lisa into Your loving hands Jesus, and ask You to receive her into Your heavenly Kingdom, where she will be happy forever and ever.

*Eternal rest, grant unto her O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her.
May she rest in peace.*

Amen