

Our Lady of Mount Carmel

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents.

Welcome back to Term 4. It is October, the month of the Rosary. The rosary is a devotion in honour of Mary. It is also a time when we can thank God for our mums who have looked after us during the holidays and will continue to care for us during Term 4. At Monday morning assembly Mrs Kath Noble (Acting Religious Education Coordinator) prepared the following prayer which was shared by our student leaders.

One of the significant prayers of the Rosary is the Hail Mary. The "Hail Mary" is one of the most beautiful prayers in the world. The people of God's family (the Church) have used these words of praise for more than 1500 years to pray to Mary and praise God for the things God has done through her. The Hail Mary is drawn from the Gospel of Luke. It combines the words of the Archangel Gabriel (who is a messenger from God), the words of St. Elizabeth (the mother of John the Baptist, who was filled with the Holy Spirit while still in her womb), and ends with a very powerful petition for our mother Mary to pray for us always.

But what does the Hail Mary really mean?

"Hail Mary"

In Luke 1, the angel Gabriel appears to Mary. This is the first part of his greeting to her.

"Full of grace"

We believe this means Mary was without sin. We believe that she was preserved from sin (by the power of Jesus) so that she could carry the son of God inside her

"The Lord is with thee"

Mary was constantly listening to God and his voice in her heart. He was with her as an active presence.

"Blessed art thou among women"

This is the first part of Elizabeth's greeting to Mary when she arrives for a visit. Luke tells us that Elizabeth is filled with the Holy Spirit and then exclaims these beautiful words, encouraging Mary in what God has given her to do.

"and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus"

This is another blessing uttered by Elizabeth, who spoke these words after her child, John the Baptist, leaped in her womb at the moment she hears the greeting of Mary. Elizabeth is inspired by the Holy Spirit to bless Mary for believing the message of Gabriel. Elizabeth acknowledges the presence of God in Mary's womb:

"Holy Mary Mother of God"

Mary is with Jesus in heaven. She is a saint; she is holy. Because she has given the world Jesus, Mary is the Mother of God. She is also our Mother as Jesus spoke from the cross to his beloved disciple John: "Behold your mother,"

"Pray for us sinners"

We pray to Mary asking her to pray for us.

"Now and at the hour of our death"

We pray in the confidence that Mary will lead us to her Son, Jesus, in paradise.

Let us pray and ask Mary to help us have a successful Term 4, to thank her for the gift of our mums and mother figures in our lives and guide the children who are making their First Communion during the upcoming two weekends.

Steven

Principal

The Community of OLMC is Safe and Respectful

UPCOMING DATES

Year 6 2019 Camp Collaroy dates Áb⇔d^ÂÁÌÁD^ঠĕ&^ÁŒFJÁÁæÁ,[c^Á¸ã|Ás^Á^} oÁ; oÁ¸ã©Á*¦c@¦Á å^œa‡•Á, ã叿ÁœQ;*®Á®Q;*®Á®;Á°¦{È

<u>Term 4 - Week 1</u>

Wed: 8:15am Morning Workout (K-Yr3)
Thu: 3:30-4:30pm & 7-8pm First Holy

Communion Practise

Week 2 - Mission Week

Mon: School Photos (full summer uniform)

Tue: CARES Excursion 4 Gold 8:15am Morning Workout (Yr 4-Yr 6)

9:15am Assembly 5 Gold

1:40pm Mission Disco Yrs 2, 3 & 4B **Wed:** 8:15am Morning Workout (K-Yr3)

CARES Excursion 4 Blue

1:40pm Mission Disco Yrs 4G, 5 & 6

Thu:10:30 Education Mass (Student leaders) 1:30pm Rice Day Lunch - Year 4 to Year

61:40pm Mission Disco K & Yr 1

3:30-4:30pm & 7-8pm First Holy Communion

Practise

Fri: World Teachers Day

Yr 1 Excursion Riverside Theatre

Week 3

Mon: 9:15am Assembly 4 Blue

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

12:30-2pm P&F Executive Meeting
7-8:45pm Kindergarten 2019 Parent Information

Night

Wed: 8:15am Morning Workout (K-Yr3) Year 3 Excursion Botanic Gardens

NOTES HOME

MONDAY

- Cares Excursion Yr 4
- Plant Connections Yr 3
- Bush School Kindy
- Rouse Hill House & Farm Yr 2
- Mission Week Years 4,5 & 6
- Photo day envelope

WEDNESDAY

 Yr 5 Design Lab and CAstle Hill Heritage Park Excursion

CHILDRENS SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: Welcome back to all families! We hope everyone is well-rested and ready to celebrate the first sacrament of Holy Communion for many of the children in our community. **Rehearsal will be at 3:30pm and 7pm this Thursday and next Thursday.** You can come to either rehearsal (or both!). Celebrations will be at 6pm on Saturday 20th and 10:30am on Sunday 21st October, as well as 10:30am on Sunday 28th October. All are welcome to come and support and celebrate our friends.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD: A reminder that the Children's Liturgy of the Word is held at the 9am Mass during Term 4 from 28th October. All school-aged children are welcome to attend.

SPOTLIGHT ON RE

During the first few weeks of this term, all classes are focussing on the Church's call to Mission. It has become a practice for our school to have East Timor as our priority and in particular supporting the Carmelites in the region. It is not just about fundraising to support the schooling of some teenagers in the area and providing some of their needs. It is about being the face of Christ outside our community, and doing as Jesus taught and showed us through His interaction with the outcasts, the poor, the sick and those who have less than we do. During the first weeks of school we put our learning into practise by holding lunchtime discos to support East Timor. This initiative is organised and run by our Mini Vinnies Group and Year 6. Year 6 leaders will be attending the Mission/Education Mass on Thursday 25 October and Year 4,5 and 6 will also be participating in Rice Day where all they eat for the day is a bowl of rice. As part of our fundraising for Mission Week we will be holding lunchtime discos for a gold coin donation on Tuesday (Yrs 2, 3 & 4B), Wednesday (Yrs 4G, 5 & 6) and Thursday (Kindergarten & Yr 1). There will be a mufti day on Friday for a gold coin donation.

PLENARY 2020 WINE AND CHEESE NIGHT

Pope Francis has approved the Australian Bishops' decision to hold a Plenary Council in Australia in 2020 & 2021. It is a significant moment for the Church in Australia to make decisions about the future. This is a unique and exciting time and we encourage you to become involved.

Your thoughts are essential to the success of the Australian Catholic Bishops call for a Synod in 2020. Please consider the question we have been asked "WHAT DO YOU THINK GOD IS ASKING OF US, IN AUSTRALIA, AT THIS TIME?" Perhaps you could consider "What do I need to grow in faith" or "What is the co-responsibility between Priests and Parishioners for the operation of Parishes?" Have your say.

As a Parish, we warmly invite all parishioners to attend our wine and cheese night **Friday 26 October at 7pm**. We hope to explain a little more of the Plenary process and look at the question, "What do you think God is asking of us at this time?" Please extend the invitation to anyone you feel may be interested in attending. RSVP to Paola on 0414 947 799 for catering purposes by Wednesday 24 October.

SCHOOL PHOTO DAY - MONDAY 22 OCTOBER

Our school photo day will be on this coming Monday 22 October. Please ensure that your child is at school on time in order to ensure they appear in their class group photo, we cannot retake photos if students are late. We have a tight schedule on this day beginning at 9:10am.

Ordering Photos

This year parents will be able to place their orders online by visiting the Photographer's Website and using the code 459L18. Cash payments can also be made but will only be accepted on the day. Family portraits can also be ordered online by 12:00pm on Sunday 21 October, otherwise they will need to be paid in cash using the red envelope (available from the office) and given to the photographer on the day. **Envelopes were sent home on Monday.**

Student Appearance and Hairstyles

All students are to be in full summer uniform with hairstyles as per <u>school uniform policy</u>. Girl's hair should be tied back and reflect how they wear it to school each day.

Family Photos

Family photos will be taken before school in the hall. If your children are having a family portrait taken they will need to go to the hall when they arrive to meet the photographers to have their photo taken. Parents who did not place an order online can use the family photo envelope to make the order.

Monday Assembly

Due to school photos our weekly assembly will be on Tuesday.

PRINCIPAL'S HOLIDAY CHALLENGE

A reminder that the Reading log and the second challenge to write, email and or video yourself expressing your interest in being the Principal of Our Lady of Mount Carmel for a day need to be completed and or sent in by this Friday. You can either email your entry to olmcprincipalchallenge@gmail.com or send your letter to the office.

P&F NEWS

Welcome back



We hope that everyone had a safe and restful break and are feeling rested and ready to learn. We ask Mary, our mother, to watch over us as we enter term four and the completion of our learning year. The school leaders reminded us at assembly on Monday that October is the year of the rosary. Tomorrow children around the world are invited to pray the rosary for peace in our world. It is hoped a million children will take part. Perhaps as a family, you might like to join in.

Treasurer

Norma has worked as our treasurer for the past six years. The treasurer is responsible for ensuring that financial records are kept accurately and that the financial position of the Parents and Friends is reported at each meeting. Norma is unable to continue in this role next year, but she is happy to remain in the Parents and Friends and assist someone to adapt to the role. Norma says that the role of treasurer is made much easier now with excel spreadsheets and she says it is the people that make being involved so enjoyable. Norma also feels it is important to give back to the school community.



Parents Representative Council Representative

Kelly and Damien have shared this role until recently, when Kelly volunteered to coordinate the Second Hand Uniform shop. The PRC provide a link between our school and the wider community of Catholic schools in the Diocese of Parramatta. Our representative attends the meeting on our behalf and provides a report of the PRC meeting at the Parents and Friends meeting.

Damien finds the guest speakers the PRC provides interesting and thought provoking. He attends the meeting on behalf of our school and St Paul's and reports back at both Parents and Friends meetings. He says that this enables him to contribute to both schools that his children attend.

Every parent is welcome to attend PRC meetings to listen to the guest speakers.

Please consider if you would like to become more involved in our school Parents and Friend committee. Our Annual General meeting is coming up and we would love to see you there. Please feel free to talk to any of our committee members about their role in more detail.