



# Our Lady of Mount Carmel

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## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents,

This Thursday we celebrate "All Saints Day". These people are the heroes of the church, people to aspire to and try to emulate. We will remember and hear about the saints who dedicated their life to God. They allowed God's spirit to work through them, and to fill them with love so that they could do ordinary things extraordinarily well.

Our children's choice of heroes usually follows a fairly predictable pattern. Young children often choose their parents as heroes because parents are their immediate providers and caretakers. As children grow and begin to question their parents' influence, they choose peers as heroes, often someone close to their own age who had "made it big" as a rock star or sports person. Older teens usually admire people who can think for themselves and act individually.

Nowadays, the media have made it all too easy for us and our children, to confuse celebrity with excellence. In a celebrity age, we need to caution our young people about worshipping fame and beauty. Celebrities can become heroes to our children mainly because they are attractive, rich and famous and not for any redeeming qualities they may have. Heroes?

So, what do we tell our children? We can start out by telling our children what a difference people of courage, noble qualities and genius have made to our world. We can tell them that these heroes are people like us, that heroes, too, are human and so what was possible for them is possible for us. They stumbled, wavered, even made fools of themselves, but they rose and accomplished something of great importance. Heroes instruct us by rising above the negative aspects of their lives and triumphing over their weaknesses. Heroes inspire us and push us towards our better self.

Childhood is the time when the influence of positive role models can be most decisive. Children should see in heroes what they yearn to see in themselves: the ability to overcome weakness, fear or insecurity and to be brave, courageous and kind. Being a hero is the sum of life, not just an event that happens; mistakes we make are just as important as the successes, if we learn from them.

Helen Keller, a famous author had these encouraging words for us: "I long to accomplish great and noble tasks, but it is my chief duty to accomplish humble tasks as though they were great and noble. The world is moved along not only by the mighty shoves of its heroes, but also by the aggregate of the tiny pushes of each honest person."

Good luck with your mighty pushes and tiny shoves over the coming few weeks.

*Steven*  
*Principal*

***The Community of OLMC is Safe and Respectful***

## UPCOMING DATES

**Year 6 2019 Camp Collaroy dates** ~~Á Á 0¢ 0% 0 à i ~ æ ^ Á E F J Á Á Á [ ¢ Á á | Á ^ Á ^ } ¢ ~ ¢ á ¢ Á~~  
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### Week 3

**Mon:** 9:15am Assembly 4Blue  
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**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

### Week 4

**Mon:** 9:15am Assembly 4B  
**Tue:** 8:15am Morning Workout (Yr4-Yr6)  
**Wed:** 8:15am Morning Workout (K-Yr3)  
 9-10am & 2-3pm Plenary 2020 Parent Forum  
**Fri:** 9:15-10am Stage 3 Mass  
 Kindergarten Excursion Bush School @ Central Gardens Merrylands

## NOTES HOME

### LAST THURSDAY

- Mrs Wooding Leave

### WEDNESDAY

- Year 6 Graduation Dinner

**Parents and Friends Annual General Meeting  
 Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> November 7pm**

**All members of our school community are invited to attend our Annual General Meeting to be held in the Library.  
 Supper and wine will be served**

## MERIT AWARDS

|                               |                                  |
|-------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| KB Jayden, Tanvi              | 4B Jerome, Simona                |
| KG Steven, Olivia             | 4G Alexis, Sophia                |
| 1B Myraa, Alyna               | 5B Isabella, Tu                  |
| 1G Neeti, Marcus              | 5G Thomas, Claudia               |
| 2B Dillon, Ojas               | 6B No awards presented this week |
| 2G Jacob, Jeawell             | 6G Matthew, Jemma                |
| 3B Royden, Osean              | CA Sophia, Christopher           |
| 3G Winona, Sebastian, Annabel | PE No awards presented this week |

## STAR CARD AWARDS

### GOLD AWARDS:

Damon ▪ Alexi ▪ Tristan ▪ Yasemin ▪ Anabella ▪ Claudia ▪ Rhianna ▪ Julian ▪ Jonathan ▪ Aiden Dark ▪ Jerome ▪ Markos ▪ Michael ▪ Sienna ▪ Soleil ▪ Jessica ▪ Gabrielle ▪ Elyssa.

### OPAL AWARDS:

Harish ▪ Ruby ▪ Ariana ▪ Roman ▪ Logan ▪ Alexander ▪ Abigail ▪ Jolenta ▪ Jad ▪ Joseph ▪ Mahalia ▪ Miranda ▪ Hansikaa ▪ Jayden ▪ Thomas ▪ Adelaide ▪ Emily ▪ Vraj

### PLATINUM AWARDS:

Harrison ▪ Brandon ▪ Leah ▪ Saadhana ▪ Eva ▪ David ▪ Xavier ▪ Jesse ▪ Samyel ▪ Aryan ▪ Annabelle ▪ Thabeesh ▪ Ann ▪ Anthony

### PRINCIPAL AWARDS:

Sophia ▪ Lucas ▪ Veer ▪ Myra ▪ Isabella ▪ Michael ▪ Mia ▪ Elisha ▪ Ashley ▪ Iniya

### DIAMOND AWARDS:

Marcus ▪ Celeste ▪ Sarayu ▪ Charlise ▪ Eva ▪ Charlotte ▪ Sai ▪ Bridie



## SCHOOL FEES

School fees are now due. If you have already paid, thank you. If you are on an arrangement, please ensure your payments are up-to-date. For any enquiries, please contact Jo or Kristy in the school office.



## LEAVING STUDENTS

A terms notice (10 school weeks) in writing must be given to the Principal before the removal of a student or a full term's fees will be payable. The notice can be given any time during term for the next term. Where appropriate notice has been received a pro-rata credit can be calculated based on a pro-rata 40 week year. One exception is that notice in writing will be accepted at any time during Term 4 in relation to the following years' enrolment ie: the notice period of 10 school weeks will be waived in this circumstance.

## SPOTLIGHT ON RE

This term all classes have begun their units on Mission and reaching out to those in need as Jesus did. The scripture around these units focuses on the ministry and miracles of Jesus including His Baptism, the Wedding at Cana, Feeding of the 5000, Washing of the Disciples Feet, and the scripture verse "we are many parts but one body". The main teaching point is the humility of Jesus, His ability to engage and help all He met, regardless of their race, colour or beliefs and His teaching that we see Christ in all we meet and to treat them accordingly. Ask your children to tell you about these stories... not just the story but the message behind them.

## PLENARY 2020 - OPPORTUNITY FOR SCHOOL FAMILIES

### WHAT IS IT?

It is an opportunity for Australian Catholics to come together to listen to others, share opinions and suggestions as to what YOU would like to see happen in the Catholic Church in Australia.

### WHAT HAPPENS THEN?

All responses are gathered and sent to the Bishop's Conference. Any accepted changes/ideas/suggestions will be approved by the Holy See (Papal Office)

### HAS A PLENARY HAPPENED BEFORE?

Yes! The last Plenary Council in Australia happened in 1937.

### HOW IS OUR COMMUNITY TAKING PART?

Our school community will have 2 opportunities to share and have our voice heard.

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## PARENTS & FRIENDS

**P&F Annual General Meeting** - At the end of each year we hold an Annual General Meeting (AGM) where we nominate and vote for our Parents and Friends Committee members for next year. This year we have a number of committee members who will be stepping down from their roles, which leaves an opportunity for new parents to take an active role and provide new perspectives in the P&F. In the past weeks we have highlighted each role and what it involves. All who serve on the committee find it a rewarding experience to be involved with the school. We encourage all members of our community to consider nominating for the P&F committee. Our P&F AGM will be on **Tuesday 13 November at 7pm** in the school library. We look forward to seeing many parents on the night.

**Plenary 2020** - Plenary 2020 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.

An opinion box has been placed in the school office. If you would like to place your thoughts in this box we will forward them to the plenary council. You can also express your views directly by visiting <http://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/> We strongly encourage you to feel free to come along and invite others to attend with you. This is a unique and exciting time within our Church. Our voices are important. Let us speak boldly and with passion and listen with an open and humble heart.

**Fete News** - A reminder that today is the last day to become a sponsor of our 2019 Fete. Thank you to our sponsors for helping to make the fete great.

We are seeking people to help by becoming a stall coordinator. We have many exciting stalls for next year. Coordinate your own, or work with a friend. For more information email [olmcfete@gmail.com](mailto:olmcfete@gmail.com). We look forward to seeing you there.

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