



Our Lady of Mount Carmel

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Newsletter
Term 2 Week 10

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents,

“Saying thank you doesn't cost you anything”.

Everything seems to cost more these days. I'm sure you, like I, would have said this during the course of the last couple of years, grocery bills have increased, electricity bills have increased, petrol has increased considerably ... This generation of children have opportunities not even imagined by our own parents, obviously with many experiences and opportunities costing a monetary value. But not everything costs something, saying thank you is a wonderful example. This term, the children of Our Lady of Mount Carmel have had a number of wonderful learning experiences. Have they thanked anyone for this? Many no doubt have!

Staff have planned learning that has engaged, challenged, supported and provided the children with valuable and varied experiences. They have promoted the school and shared their knowledge with student teachers from the Australian Catholic University, colleagues in other Diocesan schools and amongst one another. Some of our grades have had the opportunity to participate in exciting excursions and the whole school participated in the National Simultaneous Storytime day. Our school has had our annual Athletics Carnival, students have proudly represented OLMC in cross country and soccer and Tuesday/Wednesday Morning Workouts have continued to challenge our children physically. Many students in Year 3 to Year 6 have been practising for the upcoming CAPTIVATE concert next term.

Generous parents (and grandparents) have supported staff and children in various learning and community initiatives around the school – Mothers' Day stall, mass and morning tea, excursions, Parents and Friends meetings. Our school prayer life has also been enriched through Mothers' Day mass and the praying of the Regina Caeli (until Pentecost) and Angelus.

In the midst of all the busyness, we can sometimes overlook how lucky we are and what opportunities we have. We can sometimes take things and people for granted. As parents, I believe we need to instill in our children a spirit of gratefulness. One simple way is the act of saying thank you to their grandparents for babysitting them, their coach for training them, their teacher for taking them on an excursion, their parents for taking them out for dinner ...

In the spirit of thankfulness I thank the parents, Father Denis, Father Martinho and the Carmelite community, the dedicated staff and the students of OLMC for all that you have done this term. I hope that the holidays provide families with the opportunity to re-energise and for many, recover from Winter illnesses.

As the holidays come around, I encourage all our students to participate in the Principal's Holiday Challenge that will be sent home this week and continue the school goal for **all students** at OLMC to complete the Premier's Reading Challenge. Winter is a fantastic time to curl up with a book and read.

Steven Jones
Principal

The Community of OLMC is Safe and Respectful

UPCOMING DATES

Week 10 - Book Fair Week

Thur: Book Fair 8:30-8:50am
Parent Teacher Interviews
Fri: Last day of Term 2 - 6 July

SCHOOL RETURNS FOR TERM 3 MONDAY 23 JULY

Week 1 - Term 3

Mon: 9am Assembly-3B
Tue: 8:15am Morning Workout (Yr4-Yr6)
Wed: 8:15am Morning Workout (K-Yr3)
Fri: 9:15am Feast of OLMC & Grandparents Mass followed by Grandparents reading & Morning Tea

Week 2 - Term 3

Mon: 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

Tue: 8:15am Morning Workout (Yr4-Yr6)
9am Assembly-3G
10:30-2:30pm Captivate Choir rehearsal
12:30-2pm P&F Executive Meeting
Wed: 8:15am Morning Workout (K-Yr3)
9am-12pm Captivate Dance rehearsal
Fri: 9:15am Kindergarten, Yrs 1 & 2 Mass
6:30pm OLMC Bingo Night @ St Pauls Greystanes Hall (P&F event)

NOTES HOME

This Week

- Yr 2 Reward Session
- Yr 1 Star Card Reward Day

Friday

- Yr1 Movie & PJ Day
- Yr6 Excursion - Chinese Garden
- Bingo Night

MERIT AWARDS

KB	Thomas; Sean; Aerabella; Amalia; Samuel; Olivia	4B	Noah; Hannah
KG	Benjamin; Saskia	4G	Alexis; Celeste
1B	Ethan; Ariana	5B	Adam; Cadell
1G	No awards presented.	5G	Claudia; Marisol
2B	Lucas; Navya	6B	No awards presented.
2G	Kayla; Diana	6G	Marisol; Claudia
3B	Chelsea; Saadhana	CA	Serena; Aryan
3G	Maroun; Nilan	PE	No awards presented.

STAR CARD AWARDS

Gold Awards:

Edward ▪ Alanna ▪ Rohan ▪ Angelina ▪ Veer ▪ Alessandra ▪ Ashley ▪ Isabella ▪ Pranav ▪ Kimberly ▪ Yelesta

Opal Awards:

Nilan ▪ Emma ▪ Charlotte ▪ Sophia ▪ Rihanna

Platinum Awards:

Michael ▪ Claudia ▪ Chloe ▪ Caitlyn ▪ Irene ▪ Rouba



STAFFING

At the commencement of Term 3 there will be staff on leave...

Mrs Maree Murphy - Unfortunately due to complications from surgery Mrs Maree Murphy (Financial Administrator) will not be returning to work until the beginning of November 2018. During Mrs Murphy's absence, Mrs Jo Banks and Mrs Kristy Haywood will be responsible for both the Clerical and Financial Administration Monday to Friday.

Mr Steven Jones will be on long service leave for the first twelve days of Term 3. During Mr Jones' leave, the following acting appointments have been made by Catholic Education, Diocese of Parramatta, Miss Olimpia Pirovic (Acting Principal), Mrs Bernadette Nolan (Acting Assistant Principal), Mrs Eliza Speranza (Acting Religious Education Coordinator) and Miss Katie-Marie Knight (Acting Coordinator).

SCHOOL UNIFORM

From time to time students may accidentally take home a piece of clothing that may not belong to them. It has been brought to the school's attention that a couple of items, especially jumpers with children's names on them have not been found at school and may have been accidentally taken/picked up by others. Could all families, please check that your son or daughter has the correct items?

A reminder that all students are to return to school in full winter uniform with appropriate haircuts and hairstyles as per the uniform policy. No undercuts, rats tails, lines, extreme lengths or hair colouring is acceptable. Girls must also ensure their hair is tied back if shoulder length or longer. Boys should make sure that haircut lengths should be graduated without obvious lines cut in. The Winter Uniform for girls consists of a lemon blouse and blue/yellow tartan tunic with navy blue stockings, or socks (ankle or knee length). For boys it is a blue school shirt with tie and navy blue trousers with grey school socks. Sports jackets or school jumper may also be worn. **PLEASE TAKE THE TIME DURING THE HOLIDAYS TO WRITE YOUR CHILD'S NAME AND CLASS ON ALL ITEMS OF CLOTHING AND CHECK THAT ALL CLOTHING IS OWNED BY YOUR CHILD.**

PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE

The holidays are a great time to relax and read some books for the Premier's Reading Challenge. The children are able to borrow books to take home over the holiday period. Congratulations to these children who have recently completed the challenge: Paul, Jeyaan, Krisha, Amelia, Olivia, Angela, Makaanaka, Ashleya, Riya, Veer, Roman, Abraham, Emma, Caitlyn, Chiara, Saadhana, Keillan, Royden, Dominic, Riona, Deng, Alessandra, Irene, Gabriella, Nicolas, Osean, Isabella, Kruti, Siya, Eva, Ashley, Michaela, Sylvana, Malith, Aaron, Anthony, Aurelia, Chloe, Isabella, Ayii, Jayden, Madeline, Cadell, Tungamirayi, Amelia, Rishelle, Shuban and Emily. This brings our total complete to 157 children.

PRINCIPAL HOLIDAY CHALLENGE

Please see the Principal Holiday Challenge note for details regarding this term's challenge. An opportunity to read, capture an event and design a challenge for others. Some helpful links - [Reading log](#)
olmcprincipalchallenge@gmail.com

STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY

OLMC has been fortunate to engage the services of Dr Edward Sri, a nationally known Catholic speaker and the author of several best selling books for a joint staff development day with St Mary's, Rydalmere and St Patrick's, Guildford. The **staff development day** will be the second week back on **Monday 30 July**. Please note, this day will be a pupil free day. Contact COOSH for arrangements.

OLMC OPEN MORNING

Our Lady of Mercy College Parramatta warmly invites you to attend their Open Morning Tour on Wednesday, July 25 2018. The College is now enrolling for 2020. Visit <http://www.olmc.nsw.edu.au/> to reserve your place or contact the Registrar on 8838 1222 to discuss how your daughter can become a Mercy Girl.

P&F NEWS

End of Term 2 - We are now half way through the year! We would like to thank the staff for their time and effort in preparing reports for every student in the school and for making themselves available for Parent Teacher interviews. Thank you for your gift of time. Our prayer is that every student can spend some time relaxing these holidays and reflecting on the first semester and preparing for the challenges that Semester Two will bring.

BINGO on Friday 3 August 2018, Camilleri Hall, St Paul's College, Old Prospect Road, Greystanes. A great family night out and kids can play too! Purchase your Bingo pack before Friday 27 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 27 July (end of Week 1, Term 3). Please fill in the form that was sent home last Friday 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 27 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.

Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Wentworthville Term 3 Planner 2018

WEEK	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT/SUN
1 July	23/7 9am Assembly - 3Blue	24/7 8:15am Morning Workout (Yrs 4-6)	25/7 8:15am Morning Workout (K - Yr 3)	26/7	27/7 9:15am Feast of OLMC & Grandparents Mass Followed by Grandparents reading & Morning Tea	28/7 29/7
2 July / August	30/7 STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY	31/7 8:15am Morning Workout (Yrs 4-6) 9am Assembly - 3Gold 10:30-2:30pm Captivate Choir rehearsal - Nagle College Blacktown 12:30-2pm P&F Executive Meeting	1/8 8:15am Morning Workout (K - Yr 3) 9:00-12pm Captivate Dance rehearsal - St John Paul II Schofields	2/8	3/8 School Census Day 9:15am Kindergarten & Stage 1 Mass 6:30pm OLMC Bingo Night @ St Pauls Greystanes Hall (P&F event)	4/8 5/8
3	6/8 9am Assembly - 2Blue	7/8 Cumberland Zone Athletics Carnival @ Blacktown Athletics Centre	8/8 St Mary of the Cross MacKillop Feast day 8:15am Morning Workout (K - Yr 3)	9/8	10/8	11/8 12/8
4	13/8 9am Assembly - 2Gold 11:30am Voice of Youth Cluster Final @ OLQP	14/8 ICAS - Mathematics 8:15am Morning Workout (Yrs 4-6) 6:15pm Child Protection briefing 7pm Parents & Friends Meeting	15/8 8:15am Morning Workout (K - Yr 3) 9:15am Assumption Mass (Holy day of Obligation)	16/8	17/8 Enrolment forms due to the Parish for First Communion	18/8 19/8
5	20/8 9am Assembly- 1Blue 9-3pm CAPTIVATE full dress rehearsal @ Sports Arena Homebush 7pm Parent information meeting - First Communion (Nathex)	21/8 8:15am Morning Workout (Yrs 4-6) 7-10pm CAPTIVATE performance @ Sports Arena Homebush	22/8 8:15am Morning Workout (K - Yr 3) 9-3pm Backyard League (Sporting Schools) 7-10pm CAPTIVATE performance @ Sports Arena Homebush	23/8 8:30-3pm Diocesan Athletics Carnival @ Blacktown Athletics Centre	24/8 9:15am Stage 2 Mass	25/8 6pm First Communion Commitment Ceremony 26/8 10:30am First Communion Commitment Ceremony Tournament of Minds
6 August / Sept	27/8 9am Assembly - 1Gold	28/8 8:15am Morning Workout (Yrs 4-6) 8:30-3pm Netball Gala Day @ Penrith Netball Jamison	29/8 Father's Day Stall 8:15am Morning Workout (K - Yr 3) 9-3pm Backyard League (Sporting Schools)	30/8 Year 5 Excursion - North Head	31/8 8am Father's Day Breakfast 9:15am Father's Day Mass	1/9 2/9 Father's Day
7	3/9 9am Assembly - KBlue	4/9 8:15am Morning Workout (Yrs 4-6)	5/9 8:15am Morning Workout (K - Yr 3) 9-3pm Backyard League (Sporting Schools)	6/9	7/9	8/9 9/9
8	10/9 9am Assembly - KGold	11/9 8:15am Morning Workout (Yrs 4-6) 6:30pm Band Concert	12/9 8:15am Morning Workout (K - Yr 3)	13/9	14/9 8:30-3pm Stage 2 Touch @ The Kingsway St Marys 9:15am Stage 3 Mass	15/9 16/9
9	17/9 9am Assembly - 6Blue	18/9 8:15am Morning Workout (Yrs 4-6)	19/9 8:15am Morning Workout (K - Yr 3)	20/9	21/9 8:30-3pm Stage 3 Touch @ The Kingsway St Marys	22/9 23/9
10	24/9 9am Assembly - 6Gold	25/9 8:15am Morning Workout (Yrs 4-6)	26/9 8:15am Morning Workout (K - Yr 3)	27/9 9:30am Year 5 & 6 Surf Education Talk	28/9	29/9 30/9

15 October - School resumes Term 4

TOP 6 TIPS TO KEEP YOUR CHILD READING OVER THE HOLIDAYS

Did you know, many teachers in Australia report that students return to school after their break with a lower reading level and interest in books, than when they left previously? Therefore, it's vital that we continue to encourage our children to read widely and often whilst they are on holidays.

1. Make reading time fun (and quick!)

It is easy and necessary to make reading together the most fun time of every day. Read together with funny voices, try humorous books to engage the reluctant readers in your family and trust that toilet humour is often a sure-fire winner for most boys. You should aim for no more than ten minutes reading together – just enough to encourage the kids to come back tomorrow. Set a timer if you need to, it will encourage them to ask for a minute or two more when reading time comes to an end.

2. Visit bookstores and the local library

Make regular visits to bookstores and the local library part of your family's routine. These trips are simple ways to drive reading passion. Bookstores often sell brand new popular kids' books for less than \$10, much less than a movie ticket. Many children are amazed when they discover that they can borrow sometimes up to twenty books from their local library for free.

3. Allow children to choose what they want to read

Book choice is a vital component of the reading process. As adults, we very rarely read anything that we either don't love or enjoy. If we read a book and it takes a while to get going, or we lose interest, we simply put it down, or lend it to a friend. Why then do we insist that children must read cover to cover something that they don't necessarily enjoy or like?

Often these imposed choices on children come from a place of love – we are trying to support the children in accessing a text that is at their reading level. It is often hard to let go and let children choose their own books, however it is vital to developing strong, self-sufficient readers. If you are picking up a book at the bookstore for your child during your lunch break, grab a few different titles. Having a choice to choose from will allow your children to have control over their reading process.

4. Have a 'screen free night' each week

Make a screen free night part of your family's regular routine where everyone in the family picks up something to read. Having your children see you read and talk about books adds value to this reading time. Different approaches to the screen free night may be to invest in reading lamps or book lights so that children can read in bed before sleep.

5. Give books as gift

Birthdays for kids means presents, and more books in the house can never go astray. Gift the next book in the series that your child is loving – *the 65 Storey Treehouse* by Andy Griffiths or the *Alice-Miranda* series by Jacqueline Harvey are great places to start. Encourage your child to lend and swap their books with friends once they have read them.

6. Read together using supportive strategies

When you are reading together with your child, it's a great idea to give them the option of how they would like to read. Provide the opportunity for children to choose whether they would like to read aloud or silently. Check if they would like to try paired reading if they feel like they need extra support with the book.

Working with your child to maintain good reading habits over their school break allows you to not only establish your family as active readers, but will give them the best possible start for when they return to school. Happy reading everyone!



THE UNIVERSITY OF
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School Holidays Writing Group

Communication Disorders
Treatment and Research Clinic



When

July 4th – August 3rd 2018
Times to be advised

Where

Discipline of Speech Pathology
Faculty of Health Sciences,
Cumberland Campus,
75 East Street, **Lidcombe**

More information and Registration

Email:

speech.clinic@sydney.edu.au

or phone 9351 9539 for more
information or to register.

School Holidays Writing Program for children in Years 4-6

Written language skills are essential for successful participation in the classroom. This program is designed for upper primary school children in Years 4 to 6 with difficulties in writing. We aim to teach children the fundamentals of writing through individual and group therapy sessions. This includes developing a deeper understanding of text types and how to construct various texts using the correct structure and language (sentence structure, vocabulary and grammar). The importance of planning, organising and editing their writing will also be addressed. Group sessions will target the functional uses of texts.

Cost of program:

\$350 (includes assessment, therapy sessions & report)

* Note: Services are unable to be claimed through Medicare or your private health fund.

Program Outline:

4th July: Assessment (60 min)

9th – 20th July: Intensive 3 Day Therapy Week (individual & group sessions)

23rd July – 3rd August: Follow up sessions (1 session per week for 2 weeks)