



# Our Lady of Mount Carmel

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## Newsletter Term 3 Week 4

### PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents,

Today we celebrated the Feast of the Assumption where we remembered Mary being assumed into heaven body and soul. Today is a holy day of obligation, which means that as a Catholic community we come together to celebrate mass in our parish.

The Assumption of Mary recognises the unique position of her being a superlative human person, who was taken body and soul to heaven. In some way, Mary's Assumption makes her a "hero" figure for us, her fellow human beings, because she was a participant in her Son's Resurrection and an anticipation of the resurrection of other Christ followers.

It would seem that Mary is a sign of hope and comfort to all Christians who, as God's pilgrim people, make our journey through life. Mary offers us a calm vision as we are tested by our own personal limitations, the circumstances that life presents to each of us and the sense of uncertainty with which our own mortality challenges us.

Mary, through her life, shows us how...

*hope can overcome anguish,  
inner peace can overcome anxiety, and  
a life lived in a positive manner can overcome the fear of death.*

The first time Jesus and Mary are mentioned together as adults, is at the Marriage Feast of Cana. When the hosts risked the embarrassment of a shortage of wine, Mary approached the "Hospitality workers" and said to them of her Son, "Do as He tells you." This advice was timeless for it can be applied to all Christians in every day and age: love God, love your neighbour, love yourself; be people of compassion and forgiveness. Of course, this requires us to be in imitation of Mary when, at the Annunciation, her "yes" was the beginning of allowing God into her life. If we join with Mary's "yes", we give ourselves the opportunity, as she did, to be perfected through our union with Christ.

*Mary, we ask you to help us to find peace  
within ourselves through your Son, Jesus.  
Through your intercession,  
may we be inspired to greater trust  
and hope in our ability to live our lives, as you did yours,  
and to bring Christ to the world.  
Amen.*

All the very best for the week ahead.

*Steven Jones*  
Principal

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

## UPCOMING DATES

### Week 4

**Thu:** Yr1 RFF - Wear sports uniform

**Fri:** First Communion enrolment forms due

### Week 5

**Mon:** 9am Assembly-1B

9am-3:30pm Captivate dress rehearsal  
@Sports Arena Homebush

7pm Parent information meeting- First  
Communion (Nathex)

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

7-10pm Captivate performance @ Sports  
Arena Homebush

**Wed:** 8:15am Morning Workout (K-Yr3)

9am-3pm Backyard League

7-10pm Captivate performance @ Sports  
Arena Homebush

### Week 6

**Mon:** 9am Assembly-1G

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

8:30am-3pm Netball Gala Day

**Wed:** 8:15am Morning Workout (K-Yr3)

Father's Day Stall

9am-3pm Backyard League (Sporting  
Schools)

**Thu:** Yr5 Excursion - North Head

**Fri:** 8am Father's Day Breakfast

9:15am Father's Day Mass

## NOTES HOME

### Today

- Fathers' Day Breakfast

### Friday

- Yr5 Excursion-North Head
- Fathers' Day Raffle

### Last Wednesday

- ACARA Privacy Note



## MERIT AWARDS

KB	Paul, Krisha	4B	Anabella, Amiel
KG	Arkyn, Elena	4G	Noah, Sylvana
1B	No awards presented.	5B	Annabelle, Francis
1G	Jada, Aibel	5G	Matilda, Jayden
2B	Alexander, Ashleya	6B	Christopher, Ayden
2G	Aiden, Nirvan	6G	Dylan, Harini
3B	Ashley, Isabella	CA	No awards presented.
3G	Ruby, Brandon	PE	Jasmine, Jathush

## STAR CARD AWARDS

**Gold Awards:** Brandon ▪ Natasha ▪ Jesse ▪ Jada ▪ Angela ▪ Adam ▪ James ▪ Francesco ▪ Asaeli ▪ Kyla ▪ Saskia ▪ Aimie ▪ Liam ▪ Sam ▪ John Paul ▪ Grace

**Opal Awards:** Amelia ▪ Harrison ▪ Tomos ▪ Iniya ▪ Kruti ▪ Samyel ▪ Zahara ▪ Angelina ▪ Elena ▪ Lily ▪ Alexander ▪ Samuel

**Platinum Awards:** Bridie ▪ Marie-Jose ▪ Jarrod ▪ Manav ▪ Gevin ▪ Bhakti ▪ Olivia ▪ Kian ▪ Benjamin ▪ Vincent

**Principal's Awards:** Gabriella ▪ Celeste



## ICAS SCIENCE COMPETITION

Earlier this year, students from years 3-6 participated in the ICAS Science competition. ICAS is an independent, skills-based assessment program available to all primary school students. Students from OLMC participate as a chance to test their scientific skills of making observations, interpreting data and predicting events.

**Merit Certificates** were awarded to: Rebecca, Harini, David, Gevin

**Credit Certificates** were awarded to: Dylan, Georgia, Kruti, Bhakti, Harish, Ryan, Markos, John Justin, Aryan, Claudia, David, Aurelia, Thomas

**Distinction Certificates** were awarded to: Caitlyn, Charlise, Sai, Sarayu

## LEAVE NOTIFICATION

Please note that a full term's (10 wks) notice in writing is required to be given to the principal if your child will be leaving the school, to avoid a full term's fees being payable. Refer to the CEO website for more information.

## PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE

There are two and a half weeks left to complete the Premier's Reading Challenge! Has your child updated their online reading record? Congratulations to the children who have completed the challenge this week: Adelaide, Jayden, Amelia, Jasmine, Grace, Tony, Rouba, Hannah, Marcus, Noah, Catherine, Georges, Luke, Harish, Lila, Harrison, Natasha, Tristan, Damon, Logan, Kashvi, Gabriella, Manav, Marie-Jose and Daniel. This brings our total complete to 268.

## BOOK WEEK CELEBRATIONS

This year our Book Week Celebrations will take place on Monday 3rd September. The theme this year is '**Share Your Treasure**'. The children will have the chance to dress as a **book character** on the day not a superhero or movie character. There are many characters who are children in stories and we encourage you to raid your wardrobe, get crafty and see what you can come up with. We will be holding make a costume workshops for children who need some help at school during lunchtime from next week. If you have any unwanted dress up clothes, fabric scraps or crafty bits you no longer need please send them to the office for the children to use. We will also hold a Book Swap so check to see if you have any books still in good condition.

## CHILDREN'S SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION:** Parents, enrolment forms are due this Friday. **At least one parent/carer must attend the Parent Information Evening at 7pm on Monday 20th August in the parish centre.** Even if you've attended these meetings before, it's incredibly important that we come together in Spirit and prayer, and that everyone receives the same information at the same time. For more information, please email Paola on [paola.olmc@gmail.com](mailto:paola.olmc@gmail.com) or sms 0414 947 799.

## P&F NEWS

**P&F General Meeting** - Thank you to everyone who attended our Parents and Friends Meeting last night. It was wonderful to see so many people keen to find out more about what is happening in our school community.

**Second Hand Uniform Shop** - We would like to thank Kayleen Deguara for organising the Second-Hand Uniform Shop for the past two years. We are very grateful for the gift of your time. We are seeking someone who can take over the organisation of the second hand uniform shop. It is a great way to be involved in our school community and provides an essential service. If you would like to know more, please call Pauline Raad on 0420 611 755 or enquire at the school office. If you have any donations for the Second-Hand Uniform Shop, please send them in to the office.

**Fathers' Day Stall** - The Fathers' Day Stall is coming up on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> August. This is an opportunity for the children to buy a gift for their father, grandfather or father figure. Anyone willing to help on the day, even for an hour, please save the date in your diaries. If you can help at these events please click on the link to complete a [Helpers Form](#)

**Raffle** - The P&F is in the process of coordinating its annual Fathers' Day raffle. We are calling on any businesses or families who would be able to contribute prizes. This could be anything from store vouchers or vouchers for a service or an experience to products such as tools, appliances and aftershave. Tickets will be sold leading up to the Fathers' Day Stall on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> August. If you can help or if you need more information, please contact Sonia Farah on 0431 692 960 or Joanne Sakr on 0418 623 867.

**Fete Meeting** - 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 the major fundraising event for the school and parish. **Our first fete meeting will take place on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> August at 7pm** in the Parish Centre. This is a great opportunity to come along and find out more about how our fete works and what you can do to help. You don't have to put your hand up now, just come along and see what we have planned and consider how you want to be involved in making our 2019 fete the best ever. A reminder that if you have a business who is looking to advertise in the community, consider signing up for a sponsorship package. There are 4 levels of sponsorship, each with their own rewards. Sponsorship information can be obtained from the school office or please email us at [olmcfete@gmail.com](mailto:olmcfete@gmail.com) for further information.

This column is compiled by the P&F. If you have any queries or wish to contribute, please email [olmcwenty@parra.catholic.edu.au](mailto:olmcwenty@parra.catholic.edu.au) and attention it to P&F Communications.

# WHAT'S HAPPENING IN YEAR 6?

## VOICE OF YOUTH!

Over the past Three weeks, Year 6 have been writing and planning their own Voice Of Youth speeches. Each student was asked to write a structured and organised speech on a topic of their choice. The students in Year 6 worked hard on developing their speeches with topics ranging from Technology Addiction to Homelessness. Each student presented their speech to the class so that school finalists could be selected to present their speeches to all the students from Year 3 to Year 6. This meant judges were able to select two students to represent OLMC in the Cluster Final. Our finalists were Georgia, who spoke about Junk Food and Harini, who spoke about Overcoming Your Fear. Harini and Georgia presented their speeches on Monday to the children in Year 5 and Year 6 from four schools in our cluster at St Paul's. Unfortunately they didn't win but we were very proud of the girls and their efforts on the day.



*The finalists at the cluster final at St Paul's*

## EXCURSION!



Year 6 had prepared and were very excited to visit the Chinese Gardens of Friendship and Chinatown, located in Darling Harbour. We jumped on the tightly packed train where we learnt all about how to use public transport in peak hour! At Town Hall we met our two friendly tour guides, Ranger Tom and Ranger Tom (yes both of them were named Tom). They guided us through the Chinese Gardens. In the Chinese gardens of friendship, we learnt about many beliefs of the Chinese culture, as well as their religious traditions and superstitions, such as Yin and Yang and Qi.

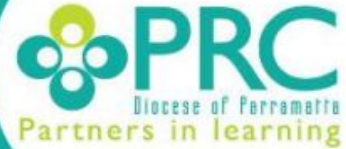
In Chinatown we saw many of the foods associated with China, people and sculptures of lions, dragons and many of the other symbols that show importance or wealth. We also got to visit a 'haunted elevator shaft' in Chinatown that was 'soooo scary' (it was just an elevator). We attempted to write in Chinese! The Year 6 class got to enjoy a wonderful day at the Chinese Gardens of Friendship and Chinatown. We learnt a whole lot of new things about Chinese culture and their impact on Sydney.



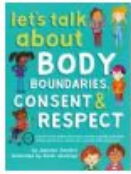
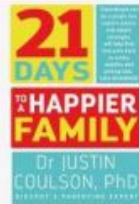




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Our guest speaker for the evening is:

## Dr Justin Coulson

Author, Parenting Expert, International Speaker and Father of six (Yes, 6!) beautiful girls

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**Monday, 27 August 2018**


**Doors open: 6:30pm for 7:00pm start (approx. 2 hours)**


**Term 3 – PRC General Meeting will be held prior to our speaker session**

**at Corpus Christi Catholic Primary, 90 Andromeda Dr, Cranebrook NSW**

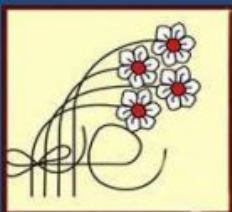
Tea, Coffee and light snacks will be provided and a lucky door prize will be up for grabs!

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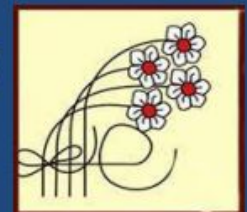
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