



# Our Lady of Mount Carmel

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## Newsletter Term 2 Week 8

### PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents,

At Monday's assembly 5Gold reminded us about people who have become refugees, their hopes and dreams, and how we can show that we care about them. Caritas Australia has a word for this: solidarity. We sometimes say that we "walk alongside" people. That doesn't mean we actually walk with them, but we do things that show we care about and want to help them. Pope Francis has asked all of us to experience God's love and compassion by welcoming the outcast. Finding ways to support refugees in building better lives is one way that we can welcome the outsider.

60 million people in our world have been forced to leave their homes by war and persecution.

*We will go home after school today, but they may never see their homes again.*

*We pray for all the places in the world where there is war, where people have to leave their homes because of violence.*

One in six people will go to bed hungry tonight. Drought, or a lack of rain, has made it hard for farmers to grow enough food to feed their families. Because of this, they sometimes need to move to other places to earn money.

*We pray for those who are hungry and those who have had to leave their homes. We also ask for all people to care for the Earth, our common home.*

Too often, people are persecuted by others who see them as different. This is a major cause of people leaving their homes and countries. Away from their homes, refugees often feel lost and frightened. Yet in God's eyes we are all part of one human family.

*We pray for places where people are attacked for being "different."*

*We pray that people will live in harmony with each other, realizing that we are all God's children. For this we pray to You O Lord.*

Look down at what you are wearing. If you have a backpack at school, think about what's in it. Refugees have had to pick up and move with even fewer possessions than these, not sure if they will ever be able to return home.

*We pray for refugees on long journeys.*

*We pray for safe passage, hearts filled with courage, strength to support children and the weak, and at the journey's end, a true welcome.*

Forced migration means families and communities are often apart from each other. They miss one another very much. They are often sad because they will not see each other for a long time.

*We pray for families and friends separated by conflict and migration, that they may soon be reunited. For this we pray to You O Lord.*

Jesus, friend and brother, You know what it is like to be hungry and thirsty. You know what it feels like to be a stranger who is made to feel unwelcome. You know the suffering of all who have lost everything.

*We pray that by showing our care for refugees, we may show love for our neighbour and be closer to you.*

Lord God, no one is a stranger to you and no one is ever far from your loving care. In your kindness, watch over refugees and victims of war, those separated from their loved ones, young people who are lost, and those who have left home or who have run away from home. Bring them back safely to the place where they long to be and help us always to show your kindness to strangers and to all in need. Grant this through **Christ** our Lord. Amen

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

## UPCOMING DATES

### Week 8

**Fri:** Kindy Excursion - Taronga Zoo

### Week 9

**Mon:** 9am Assembly

7pm Sacrament of Reconciliation

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

Stage 2 Boys & Girls Soccer Day

7pm Sacrament of Reconciliation

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

WYD Raffle Tickets due back

**Fri:** 9:15am Yrs 3&4 Mass

Book Fair Begins

Semester One Reports sent home

### Week 10

**Mon:** 9am Assembly 4G

Parent Teacher Interviews

Book Fair Week

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

3:30-8pm Parent Teacher Interviews

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

Parent Teacher Interviews

**Thur:** Parent Teacher Interviews

**Fri:** Last Day of Term 2

## NOTES HOME

### Today

- Parent -Teacher Interview appointment booking
- Password Change - Year 4 and Year 5

### Friday

- Boys Soccer Gala Day
- Grandparents' Day
- Captivate Showcase - Choir/Dance

### Last Wednesday

- Captivate Showcase

## MERIT AWARDS

KB	No awards presented.	4B	Rhianna, Georges
KG	Asaeli, Kian	4G	Tomos, Leah, Rohan, Sanjana, Harrison, Bridie
1B	Kruti, Luke	5B	Mia, Vraj
1G	Elyssa, Ethan	5G	Thomas, Elizabeth
2B	Savannah, Ava	6B	Jathush, Anne
2G	Riya, Kinjal, Elizabeth, Leon	6G	Lara, Joachim
3B	Caitlyn, Royden	CA	Elyssa, Celeste
3G	Charlise, Keillan	PE	Charbel, Olivia

## STAR CARD AWARDS

### Gold Awards:

Liya ▪ Thabeesh ▪ Dennis ▪ Marie-Jose ▪ Ethan ▪ Emma ▪ Lila ▪ Celeste ▪ Charlotte ▪ Irene ▪ Marcus ▪ Kashvi ▪ Claudia ▪ Maroun ▪ Simona ▪ Ayii ▪ David ▪ Aaron ▪ Christopher ▪ Olivia ▪ Rihanna ▪ Sophia ▪ Lara ▪ Joel

### Opal Awards:

Grace ▪ Charbel ▪ Mia ▪ Irene ▪ Caitlyn ▪ Jayden ▪ Marcus ▪ Gabriella ▪ Thomas ▪ Mia ▪ Jarrod ▪ Matilda ▪ Celeste ▪ Serena ▪ Michaela ▪ Simona ▪ Lara ▪ Joel ▪ Myra

### Platinum Awards:

Georgia ▪ Antoine ▪ Sylvana ▪ Sarayu



## LOST PROPERTY

As the weather turns colder the children are wearing more layers. There are a large number of jumpers and jackets in the lost property cupboard that do not have a name on them. Please check that all your child's school uniform has a label with their name clearly marked. This will ensure that lost items are returned to the right person.

### SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM



DOES YOUR CHILD LOVE TO SING?

All children are invited to join the

OUR LADY OF MT CARMEL PARISH

*Children's  
Choir*

*Come along and*

*"Make a joyful noise" ps 150*

For further information,  
phone Lucia on 0410 679 140.

### FAMILY DAY THANKS

The school community has received a letter of thanks and gratitude from CatholicCare, Western Sydney for our contribution and participation in the Diocesan Family Day.

In part the letter reads "*your generous giving will make a real difference in the lives of many children and families in Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains*" Sister Vivianne, from CatholicCare also wishes you and your family many blessings as you continue to show Christ to the world.

### TOP-TO-TOE

What a wonderful community we have! The values you are teaching your children are based on the teachings of Christ, clearly visible by the wonderful contributions to this Mini Vinnie's Winter Appeal:

- 128 beanies
- 61 scarves
- 187 pairs of socks
- 50 pairs of gloves
- 13 blankets and an assortment of slippers and wraps.

Thank you from the Mini Vinnie's Team.

### FIRST RECONCILIATION

A reminder that we will be celebrating the first sacrament of Reconciliation this Monday 25th and Tuesday 26th June. Families are asked to arrive by 6:45pm, and bring a plate to share for afterwards.

### CHANGE OF DETAILS

If you change your mobile or home phone number and/or email address to please inform the school or visit the [school website](#) and fill in the "Request to change/update personal details" or complete the Change of Details on the Skoolbag app.

### SOCCER BALLS

Due to the safety of all students and staff, no soccer balls are to be brought to school anymore. The school has purchased softer soccer balls and will distribute them to each grade for use at play time.

## P&F NEWS

**Save the Date** - Friday, 3 August at 6:30pm, we will be having a bingo night at Camilleri Hall, Ettalong Road, Pendle Hill. More information to follow.

**Fete News** - As you will know by now, our school and parish fete date for 2019 has been set for **Friday, 22 March 2019**. Please make sure it is in your calendar!

This is the major fundraising event for the school and parish and we are calling on anyone who is able to help by:

- taking up a role either on the fete organising committee. We are currently seeking someone to take on the role of secretary. This role involves booking the space for meetings, attending meetings and taking minutes. There are many other positions you could assist with as well.
- If you have a business that 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.

Please email us at [olmcfete@gmail.com](mailto:olmcfete@gmail.com) for further information and let us know how you can help make Fete 2019 an even better fete!

**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.

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.

