



# Our Lady of Mount Carmel

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## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents,

World Mission Day (part of World Mission Month here in Australia) is celebrated every year in every country wherever there are Christians committed to building a better world for all of God's people, a world where everyone has all they need to live a dignified and fulfilling life. It is the day on which we reflect on the urgency to proclaim the Gospel in our times. The theme for this year is 'Healing a nation through education'. This year, World Mission Sunday is 28th October 2018. Throughout this week as a school community we will and have celebrated through various Mission Week events...

- Exploration and discussion of mission during Religious Education lessons throughout the first two weeks of Term 4 in each class
- Assembly prayer led by Year 5Gold on Tuesday
- Lunchtime discos on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday and a Mufti day this upcoming Friday to raise funds for Catholic Mission and East Timor
- Rice day tomorrow, Thursday, for Years 4 - 6
- Student Leaders attending the Diocesan Education (Mission) mass with all other schools in the Diocese of Parramatta on Thursday

Missionary activity is, fundamentally, a going out of oneself in love, a reaching out to see God in everyone and to share God's love with each person we meet – especially our poor and marginalised. Catholic Mission around the world has the responsibility of promoting a dignified and fruitful celebration of World Mission Day.

Jesus' mission of creating a world where all can live a fully dignified life is still far from completion. Therefore, the whole month of October has been dedicated to reflecting on the central mission of the Church to help all Christians in their commitment to Christ's mission of love, mercy, forgiveness, peace and justice for the world.

***"I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full."* (John 10:10)**

Locally and globally, we answer the call to love God and to love our neighbour, and work to establish the Reign of God through building communities of missionary disciples who share their faith by proclaiming the Word, serving people in need, acting for justice and creation, and adopting child-focused, community-based development programs.

*As a community Give us hands of hope, O Lord  
Hands to open to give and to receive,  
Hands to reach out in care and support,  
Hands to cradle and to play,  
Hands to share your life giving grace.*

Whilst as a school community we can't change the world, we can make it a better place. Providing funds through our Carmelite community and Catholic Mission will make a difference in the long term as education is so important.

Thank you for supporting your child(ren) in making a difference.

*Steven Jones*  
*Principal*

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

## UPCOMING DATES

**Year 6 2019 Camp Collaroy dates – 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> February 2019 – a note will be sent out with further details midway through next term.**

### Week 2

**Thu:** 10:30-12:30 Education Mass (Student leaders)

1:30pm Rice Day Lunch

1:40pm Mission Disco K & Yr 1

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

**Fri:** Yr 1 Excursion Riverside Theatre

World Teachers Day

Mission Mufti Day for Kindergarten and Year 2-Year 6



### Week 3

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

Year 1 Mission Mufti Day

**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

### FRIDAY

- Toonworld Incursion - Yr 3
- Human Body Incursion- Yr2
- Term 4 Grade Overviews

### WEDNESDAY

- New Principal Appointment Letter



## MERIT AWARDS

KB	Aliyah, Liliana	4B	Claudia, Hannah
KG	Kimberly, Kyla	4G	Luke, Grace
1B	Jesse, Gabrielle	5B	Iziah, Vraj
1G	Kashvi, Myra	5G	Malith, Nerome
2B	Alessandra, Savannah	6B	Eleni, Georgia
2G	Emad, Zainah	6G	Rishelle, Shuvani
3B	Siya, Deng	CA	Claudia - 4B, Hannah - 4B
3G	Nicolas, Thabeesh	PE	Angelina - 1B, Kim - 6G

## STAR CARD AWARDS

**GOLD AWARDS:** Chanel ▪ Royden ▪ Elizabeth ▪ Leon ▪ Kayla ▪ Keillan ▪ Kashvi ▪ Tony ▪ Harish ▪ Riya ▪ Zainah ▪ Gabriella ▪ Gabriella

**OPAL AWARDS:** Cadell ▪ Francesco ▪ Victoria ▪ Violet ▪ Jeremiel ▪ Shivani ▪ Azhric ▪ Chiara ▪ Makanaka ▪ Jesse

**PLATINUM AWARDS:** Emily ▪ Cristian ▪ Francis ▪ Adam ▪ Steven ▪ Saskia ▪ Ethan ▪ Winona ▪ Zien ▪ Gabrielle

**PRINCIPAL AWARDS:** Yelesta ▪ Benjamin ▪ Luca ▪ Eva ▪ Anthony ▪ Zahara ▪ Estelle ▪ Saxon ▪ Jarrod ▪ Kruti

**DIAMOND AWARDS:** Antoine ▪ Liya



## 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.



## SCHOOL COUNSELLING

It is with pleasure that we inform the community that Mrs Leanne Readman is returning to OLMC one day per week. Leanne was the school counsellor here at the commencement of 2017 prior to taking leave. I am sure you join with me in welcoming Leanne back to OLMC. Leanne will be here each Tuesday. Jacqui Shoobridge will continue to be at OLMC two days per week, Wednesday and Thursday (please note change in days).

## MISSION WEEK

This week is MISSION WEEK throughout Australia. The purpose is to remind ourselves that our mission of living like Jesus requires us to DO SOMETHING... TAKE ACTION.. to show the love and mercy of Jesus in how we treat others. At our school the focus of Mission Week is aligned with the Carmelite parishes in Zumalai and Raimea in East Timor. Our Mission leaders have organised activities to raise awareness of the needs of these parishes and to raise money to help them achieve their goals. Year 6 will be presenting mini lessons on Mission to all classes on Thursday. Four mission leaders will be attending the Mission Mass at St Patrick's Cathedral. Years 4, 5 and 6 will be experiencing Rice Day on Thursday where all they will eat is a cup of rice for the day. Our fundraising is focussed around lunch time discos and a mufti day on Friday. **Year 1 will have their mufti day on Monday 29 October.**

## FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Congratulations to all our parish children who celebrated their first Holy Communion last weekend, and to those who will celebrate it this Sunday. May you always remember your first Communion as a time of family and friendship, may it continue to nourish your faith, and bless you all the days of your life.



## PARENT SURVEY

Last week you would have received an email from research company JWS Research asking you to complete a short survey about the reasons for sending your child to a Catholic school. Thank you to those who have responded to this. There has been a good response rate so far but we are hopeful of getting as many replies as possible.

If you haven't already done so, could you please click on the link in your email and complete the survey. It will take only about 15 minutes to do. The closing date for the survey is Friday 26 October. If you did not receive an email inviting you to participate in the survey, please email Jacqui Lowe from JWS Research at [jlouw@jwsresearch.com](mailto:jlouw@jwsresearch.com). Thank you for your support of this important project.

## P&F NEWS

**World Teachers' Day** - Friday, 26<sup>th</sup> October is the day Australia celebrates World Teachers' Day. This is a day to reflect on the amazing efforts our teachers make to nurture and educate us to become the best people we can be. Perhaps you might like to take some time on Friday to say thanks to your teacher.

**Fathers Day Stall** - The Fathers' Day Stall was a great success. A huge thanks to Sonia Farah and Joanne Sakr for their coordination of the day and organising the gifts. Thanks also to everyone who helped at the stall and to everyone who bought a gift. Our total profit for the day was \$2,203.57.

**P&F Profile - Secretary:** Danielle Gardner has been a member of our P&F for a while now and has served as President and Vice President before becoming our Secretary. The Secretary is responsible for the communication and correspondence of the organisation with the wider community. Danielle enjoys helping out and loves to see the children enjoy the many opportunities the P&F helps out with. Children love to see their parents involved in their school and it is so rewarding to be able to help in some way with their education. Please consider if you would like to become more involved in our school P&F committee. Our Annual General Meeting is Tuesday, 13<sup>th</sup> November at 7pm in the school library, we would love to see you there. Please talk to any of our committee members about their role in more detail.

**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<sup>th</sup> 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?" RSVP to Paola on 0414 947 799 for catering purposes by Wednesday, 24<sup>th</sup> October. We strongly encourage you to come along and invite others to attend with you. Our voices are important. Let us speak boldly and with passion and listen with an open and humble heart.

**Fete Sponsorship** - A reminder that if you have a business that is looking to advertise in the community, you need to get your information in by 31<sup>st</sup> October. 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.

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# NATIONAL APOLOGY TO VICTIMS OF INSTITUTIONAL SEXUAL ABUSE

On Monday in the nation's parliament, the Prime Minister of Australia the Hon Scott Morrison an apology on behalf of the Australian Government to all victims of institutionalised sexual abuse and the Opposition Leader Hon Bill Shorten supported this apology. Many victims travelled to Canberra to witness the apology and the event was broadcast live to the nation. Below is a statement from the Bishop of Parramatta, the Most Reverend Vincent Long Van Nguyen OFM regarding the significant and importance of the National Apology.



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## National Apology to Victims and Survivors of Institutional Child Sexual Abuse

**A reflection for all the agencies, ministries, parishes, clergy, staff and volunteers of the Diocese of Parramatta for 11am on Monday 22 October 2018**

This reflection is to acknowledge and recognise the importance of the National Apology to Victims and Survivors of Institutional Child Sexual Abuse being delivered today by the Prime Minister of Australia, Scott Morrison.

Today is a very important day when the prime minister will say sorry to all those people in Australia who, in the past, were hurt as children in places where they were supposed to be loved and cared for, including our churches and schools.

The prime minister will not only be saying sorry to the people for the hurt they have suffered, but also to acknowledge and recognise their courage in telling their stories.

With their voice, these brave people were able speak out and ask for help. It has meant that many of those who caused the harm have been brought to justice, and other children have been saved from harm. It has also helped us as a Catholic community to learn from the past so that this does not happen again.

The Diocese of Parramatta, including our parishes, schools, ministries, agencies, staff, clergy and volunteers are joining together today to acknowledge the National Apology, to remember the children who were hurt, and to give thanks to those who found courage and strength in speaking out.

We stand together to acknowledge the harm caused by those within Catholic institutions who sexually abused children or responded to abuse in a way that was ineffective or inadequate, and to honour the immense courage of those who found their voice and spoke the truth which saved others from harm.

**For more information about the National Apology, please visit [www.nationalapologyconsultation.gov.au](http://www.nationalapologyconsultation.gov.au) or call 1800 604 604.**