



Our Lady of Mount Carmel

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Newsletter Term 4 Week 4

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents,

Last Tuesday evening we held the 2019 Kindergarten Information Night. During this evening the school Student Leaders presented a speech which they have collaboratively written together from their perspective about Our Lady of Mount Carmel Primary to our 2019 Kindergarten parents. Over the next few weeks, I thought I would share the extremely reflective and insightful speech by our current student leaders; Elizabeth, Georgia, Harini, Rebecca, Andrea, Ayden and Samuel.

This evening we have the pleasure of giving you the student view of what Our Lady of Mount Carmel is all about and the journey that you and your child are beginning as a part of this great faith and learning community. We will share with you how students at Our Lady of Mount Carmel grow their Catholic faith, grow as learners and community members in order to become independent individuals. As you join our community there are some key phrases you will hear that name what we stand for as a community. Our first key phrase is 'The community of OLMC is safe and respectful'. At OLMC we talk about how we 'glow and grow' as learners. Finally everything we do is grounded in the values of 'Dignity, compassion and justice' which reflect our Carmelite and Mercy heritage.

We have grown in our faith as a Catholic... *During our time at Our Lady of Mount Carmel our Catholic beliefs have become stronger with the help of our wonderful teachers and the priests who guide us in understanding our faith. We attend Mass as a school and parish community. We have learnt to cooperate with each other and follow in the footsteps of Jesus understanding our obligation to help others around us. At our school we develop our understanding of our faith through studying scripture and applying these lessons to our daily life. At 12 o'clock the entire school stops what they are doing and gathers in their classroom to pray the Angelus together, which is a prayer that explains the Annunciation. Every year our school participates in religious activities that grant us the opportunity to learn more about specific stories and scripture involving Jesus. One of these activities is called "God Day". During God day, each grade studies a bible passage. Each student represents the scripture in a visual presentation and writes a reflection of their understanding. Another creative activity is called "Mission Week". During this week, our entire school raises funds for helping Timor Leste and the Carmelites by setting up discos and mufti days which require a gold coin donation to attend and to participate. These activities develop our understanding of social justice issues.*

Our daily Religion lessons focus on the life of Jesus, scripture and how it applies to our daily life. This helps us to follow in Jesus' footsteps by being stewards of God's creation.

We have grown as learners... *At OLMC we are a community of learners. We focus on how we can grow and glow as learners. To grow as learners we set goals for ourselves focusing on what we want to improve in our learning. We talk to our parents and teachers about how to achieve our goals. Throughout the year we review our goals to check how we are going and where we need to grow. We glow as learners by showing our knowledge and sharing it with others. We celebrate our achievements in academics, sport and creative arts. Something that keeps us on track with our goals are star cards and reward days. Teachers give star cards when children have done great work, been positive examples and tried hard with being safe and respectful. Our teachers plan learning experiences that are interesting and challenge us. Sometimes they are fun and sometimes they are serious. We work in a variety of groupings, sometimes as a whole grade, a class group, in small groups with our teachers or even individually. We talk about our learning and share our ideas. We have learnt that making mistakes are ok because they help us learn. Our teachers encourage us to get out of our comfort zone and keep trying our best. Our teachers and classmates always support and encourage us with our learning to never give up. Learning at school isn't just putting pen to paper, we get active with our learning and most importantly.... have fun!*

Steven Jones, Principal

The Community of OLMC is Safe and Respectful

UPCOMING DATES

Year 6 2019 Camp Collaroy dates – 6th-8th February 2019 – a note will be sent out with further details midway through Term 4.

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

Week 5

Mon: 9:15am Assembly 3B
Tue: 8:15am Morning Workout (Yr4-Yr6)
Wed: 8:15am Morning Workout (K-Yr3)
Thu: 9:15-10:45am Kindy 2019 Orientation
 10:45am-12:30pm Kindy 2019 Uniform Fitting
Fri: 9:15-10am Stage 3 Mass
 9:15-10:45am Kindy 2019 Orientation

NOTES HOME

LAST FRIDAY

- Yr6 Excursion - Powerhouse Museum

TODAY

- Plenary Council pamphlet
- Sports Shirts for Yr6 2019
- 2B - Mrs Cerniauskas leave
- P&F Nomination form & Agenda for AGM & General meetings
- BYOLT Info Night - Year 3

Parents and Friends Annual General Meeting - Tuesday 13th November 7pm

All members of our school community are invited to attend our Annual General Meeting to be held in the Library.

Complete this brief [P&F Survey](#) to RSVP or register interest in a position on the committee

MERIT AWARDS

KB	Jad, Samuel, Alessandro	4B	Lara, Luke
KG	Benjamin, Lily	4G	Tomos, Sanjana
1B	Olivia, Samyel	5B	Aurelia, Cristian
1G	Liya, Vincent	5G	Michael, Elizabeth
2B	Tiarna, Alessandra	6B	Daniel, Peter
2G	Aiden, Alanah	6G	Shuban, Mary
3B	Chiara, Dominic	CA	Luke, Stella
3G	Antoine, Mrunal, 3G Class	PE	Bradley, Kruti

STAR CARD AWARDS

Gold Awards: Tomos

Opal Awards: Jerome ▪ Clara ▪ Bracston ▪ Claudia ▪ Markos ▪ Hannah ▪ John ▪ Jorja ▪ Aiden ▪ Julian ▪ Jonathan ▪ Noah ▪ Rhianna ▪ Chanel ▪ Damon ▪ Peter

Platinum Awards: Jeyaan ▪ Eli ▪ Anabel

Principal's Awards: Mia ▪ Michaela ▪ Arkyn ▪ Kian ▪ Tu ▪ Noah ▪ Lila

Diamond Awards: Edward ▪ Sajin ▪ Manav ▪ Grace ▪ Elizabeth



OUTSTANDING ATTENDANCE

Regular attendance at school is an important factor in maximising learning opportunities for every child. Every day counts. Currently our school attendance rate is over 90% attendance at school. OLMC has the second highest attendance rate across the Parramatta Diocese. Congratulations to the parents and children for such excellent attendance rates.



CRAFT MARKETS

OLQP parish in Greystanes is again holding its highly popular Craft Market event on **Saturday, 24 November** to raise funds for the OLQP Parish Works Appeal. See flyer attached.

HIGH SCHOOL APPLICATIONS

Year 5 parents are encouraged to begin considering High School options for their children. Some of our local High Schools are beginning the enrolment process for Year 7 2020 and holding open days for prospective families.

CATHERINE McAULEY

Catherine McAuley Westmead is now accepting enrolments for Year 7 2020. The closing date for Year 7 2020 applications 1st round offers is Friday, 22nd March 2019. See flyer attached.

SAFE AND RESPECTFUL PARENTS

As you navigate the various construction zones at our school entrance and in our surrounding streets, thank you to all the parents who are living out our school motto of.....

'The community of OLMC is safe and respectful'

It is particularly important at times like this that we follow the road rules and are patient with each other. We would advise that you factor in the additional time required to find a parking space. You may need to park in an adjoining street and walk.



P&F NEWS

Parents and Friends Annual General Meeting - Tuesday 13th November at 7pm

All members of our school community are invited to attend

Venue: Library - supper and wine will be served

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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 several 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 13th November at 7pm in the school library. We look forward to seeing many parents on the night. Don't forget to complete the survey with your RSVP.

Plenary 2020 - 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. 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/>. As a Parish, we warmly invite all parishioners to attend morning tea, Saturday 17th November at 9:30am. 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?" Please extend the invitation to anyone you feel may be interested in attending. RSVP to Paola on 0414 947 799 for catering purposes by Wednesday 14th November. 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 - 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. Training, equipment and support will be provided. For more information email olmcfete@gmail.com. Our next fete meeting will be on Wednesday 21st November at 7pm in the Parish Centre. Come along and find out more about our exciting plans for fete 2019! We look forward to seeing you there.

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

