



# Our Lady of Mount Carmel

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## Newsletter Term 3 Week 1

### PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents,

The first day of term is always an exciting one. When observing the children enter the school grounds they always come in with a big smile and an eagerness to connect with friends and teachers who they haven't seen for two weeks. The front playground is a buzz with chatter describing the adventures of the previous two weeks. The children are refreshed and ready to face new learning challenges.

On July 16 our Catholic community celebrates the feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel. This feast day tends to fall in the holidays and our school celebrates this feast during our first Mass in Term 3.

There are four significant associations with our Carmelite charism.

**The Prophet Elijah** - Elijah is a minor prophet in the Old Testament, he was alive around 900BC for a period of some 50-60 years. Elijah means "My Lord is Yahweh". The story of Elijah can be found in the first Book of Kings, Chapters 1 and 2. In the New testament at the Transfiguration of Jesus on Mt Tabor, Elijah and Moses were also present. Elijah as a connection with the Word of God, Moses as a connection with the Law of God and Jesus as the new covenant promised as Messiah. Elijah used the caves on Mt Carmel to live in and pray in. Elijah is the major patron of the Carmelite Order.

**Mount Carmel** - Mount Carmel is a well known ridge in Palestine. Mount Carmel is not mentioned in the New Testament but is often referenced in the Old Testament. There are many caves in the Carmel Range and these caves were used by hermits to become closer to God. Today Mt Carmel rises above the modern city of Haifa, the Church of Stella Maris sits atop the mountain and inside the Church is one of the caves believed to be where Elijah prayed. About ten minutes away are the ruins of a 12th century Carmelite monastery.

**St Simon Stock** - was born 1165 in England. It is said that when he was twelve years old he began to live as a hermit in the hollow trunk of an oak and later to have become an itinerant preacher until he entered the Carmelite Order which had just come to England. According to the same tradition he went as a Carmelite to Rome and from there to Mt. Carmel, where he spent several years. Under the leadership of St Simon Stock the Carmelite Order had significant growth across Europe. Mary, the Mother of God appeared to St Simon Stock and gave him the brown scapular to increase devotion to Her Son across the world.

**The Brown Scapular** - the brown scapular is a part of our rich Catholic tradition. It is a sign of the devotion of Carmelites to Our Lady of Mount Carmel and her Son; and it is a sign of Our Lady of Mount Carmel's love for and protection of the order that honors her as sister, mother, and queen. The brown scapular is worn under our clothing as a personal act of devotion. On Friday our Parents and Friend's Association will be giving each child the gift of a brown scapular to celebrate our feast.

*Olimpia Pirovic*  
Acting Principal

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

## UPCOMING DATES

### **TERM 3 STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY FRIDAY 13TH SEPTEMBER (TERM 3 WEEK 8)**

#### **Week 1**

**Thu:** 8:15-8:40am Morning Workout  
(Students to wait at Bennett St Gate ONLY)

K-6 Indigenous Cultural Experience  
**10:30am-11am Smoking Ceremony (Parents Welcome)**

**Fri:** OLMC Grandparents Celebration  
**9:20am** Open Classrooms  
**10:00am** Mass

#### **Week 2**

**Mon:** Assembly - 3G  
**Tue:** 2pm P&F Executive  
**Wed:** 3pm NRL Clinic

**Thu:** 8:15-8:40am Morning Workout  
(Students to wait at Bennett St Gate ONLY)

**Fri:** School Census Day

## SCHOOL FEES

Term 3 accounts will be mailed to your home address in the next few days. Please ensure all accounts are paid by the due date Wednesday 28 August. All flexible arrangements should also be finalised this term, please ensure all payments are up to date.

If you are experiencing financial difficulties, please contact the school office to make an appointment with Miss Pirovic.

## MERIT AWARDS

KB	No awards presented.	4B	No awards presented.
KG	No awards presented.	4G	Matteo ▪ Mishti
1B	Misha ▪ Sai Pranav	5B	Jerome ▪ Celeste
1G	Benjamin ▪ Aimie	5G	Serop ▪ Sara
2B	Kiara ▪ Gabrielle	6B	No awards presented.
2G	Jesse ▪ Jeremiel	6G	Sabrina ▪ Madeline
3B	Yajur ▪ Bryson	CA	Alessandra ▪ Jeyaan
3G	No awards presented.	PE	No awards presented.

## STAR CARD AWARDS

**Gold Awards:** Gabrielle ▪ Aibel ▪ Lucas Neofytou ▪ Anabel ▪ Alexander ▪ Dennis ▪ Annabelle ▪ Armaan ▪ Alexander ▪ Maroun ▪ Mrunal ▪ Samuel ▪ Abigail ▪ Veer ▪ Chiara ▪ Zachary ▪ Joseph ▪ Katrina ▪ Claudia ▪ Jacinta ▪ Elisha ▪ Kruti ▪ Zainah ▪ Marisol ▪ Matilda ▪ Violet ▪ Tony

**Opal Awards:** Hannah ▪ Alexis ▪ Anthony ▪ Emma ▪ Caitlyn ▪ Irene ▪ Annabel ▪ Isabella ▪ Sarayu ▪ Yeleste ▪ Arkyn ▪ Kruthi ▪ Eva ▪ Lachlan ▪ Jeyaan

**Platinum Awards:** Rhianna ▪ Rouba ▪ Riya



## HILLSBUS TIMETABLES

Service adjustments for Hillsbus will be implemented on 28 July 2019. The changes may impact how students travel, and we encourage parents to check [Transportnsw.info](http://Transportnsw.info) for details on these changes to ensure your child is not effected.

## GRANDPARENTS DAY AND OLMC FEAST DAY

The first week of Term 3 is always a significant one for OLMC as we celebrate two important feast days, The Feast Day of Our Lady of Mount Carmel our Patron and the Feast of St Anne and St Joachim, the grandparents of Jesus.

On Friday, we invite our grandparents to come and visit our classrooms from 9:20am. Then we will celebrate Mass as a community to commemorate these significant feast days. We look forward to welcoming you on Friday.

## GARDEN CLUB NEWS

On the last day of Term 2 the Garden Club held their first market stall and sold some of their produce. Many families took home some chillies, spinach, parsley..... They raised \$126 which will go toward purchasing new supplies for their gardening effort. Special thanks to Miss Khoshaba, Mrs Cundy and Mrs About who work with the children in the garden. Stay tuned for more news and tips from the Garden Club.

## PRINCIPAL'S WINTER HOLIDAY CHALLENGE

We have had an interesting array of repurposed items created and are being displayed in the library. Please make sure that all your entries for the Principal's holiday challenge are returned by this Friday.

## PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE

**Congratulations to these children who have completed their PRC Challenge in the last 7 days:**

**Year 2:** Greta B, Vincent N, Vincent C, Kiara P, Reuben B, Ethan B, Myraa C, Ethan D, Hanna E, Elouise F, Talahiva F, Mahit G, Adam G, Tamarah G, Shivani G, Luke G, Jonathan G, Marcus H, Kenneth J, Ariana J, Samyel J, Anthony K, Jesse K, John-Sayed K, Malek M, Gabrielle M, Kashvi M, Advait M, Jonas N, Rohan P, Ann P, Zahara R, Angela S, Kruthi S, Matthew S, Myra S, Angelina S, Valli S, Siya S, Soleil Marie S, John Paul T, Matthew T, Izhah W, Eva W **Year 3:** Aiden A, Lucas A, Christina B, Savannah D, Elizabeth E, Mason G, Catherine H, Estelle I, Annabelle M, Billy P, Navya R, Varsha R, Stella S & Alanah Y. **Year 4:** Charlise K, Irene M & Sai R. **Year 5:** Luke Z. **Year 6:** Ann C & Thomas F. This brings our School's total to 296 We want all children to complete the PRC! So keep reading and log your reading via this [PRC link](#).

## SPOTLIGHT ON RE

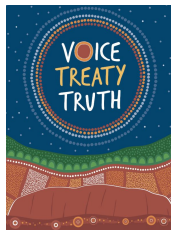
This term Stage 3 are continuing trialling the new RE curriculum using the inquiry approach to teaching/learning. Year 6 are focussing on Stewardship and Our Responsibility and the Earth while year 5 will be inquiring into the Apostolic Church. The response to last terms trial has been very positive from the children as learners, parents and teachers. All are finding that the learnings and responses are at a greater depth of knowledge and there is more engagement from children because they have a choice in the direction each learning cycle takes. Each of the new cycles have six elements as a foundation... student voice, centered on Jesus, inquiry learning and teaching practices, tradition statements of our Church, mission and transferring and applying these learnings to our lives.

## K-6 INDIGENOUS CULTURAL EXPERIENCE

Even though NAIDOC celebrations were held during the first week of the holidays, we will be holding our own NADIDOC celebration this Thursday 25 July. Our day will begin with a smoking ceremony at 10:30am-11am to cleanse the environment and promote wellbeing for semester two. All families are invited to share in this experience.

After recess the leaders and students from the Jarara Indigenous Team will come and talk to each grade about the importance of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture and history, and will share part of their culture by guiding students through an art activity.

We sincerely hope to see many families at the smoking ceremony on Thursday as we acknowledge and learn more about our first nation cultures.



## P&F NEWS

**Welcome back to Term Three!** - We hope everyone had some time to relax and enjoy themselves during the holiday break and you are all enthusiastic about Term 3 and the promise it holds. As we head back to work for Term 3, we ask Our Lady to help us to meet the challenges we have set ourselves and to provide us with the strength to meet those challenges that we did not anticipate.




**Celebrating the Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel** - The Parents and Friends are providing each student with a packet of Smiths chips (original, salt and vinegar, barbecue or chicken), a Prima fruit drink (orange or apple) and a scapular to help celebrate this important feast. If your child has any allergies that prevent them from having these things, please let the school office know immediately.

**P&F General meeting** - The Parents and Friends Meeting is taking place on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> August at 7pm in the school library. Please mark this date in your diary and join us. A light supper will be served at the meeting and all are encouraged to come along and find out more about our school and community. If you have anything you would like to discuss please feel welcome to attend the meeting or place the matter in writing and send it Attention: Pauline Epenian, President, through the school office.

**Fathers' Day News** - 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 or new products such as tools, appliances and aftershave. Tickets will come home with the eldest child before the Fathers' Day Stall and will be sold leading up to the Fathers' Day Stall on Tuesday 27 August. If you can help or if you need more information, please contact Linda Khoury on 0433147510 or Diana Khoury on 0418674159. **Key Dates to remember:** Wednesday 21/8 – Fathers' Day Stall Gift Wrapping Day @ 9:00am - Tuesday 27/8 – Fathers' Day Stall @ 9:00am, Friday 30/8 – Fathers' Day Breakfast & School Mass.

This column is compiled by the P&F. Any queries or contributions can be emailed to [olmcenty@parra.catholic.edu.au](mailto:olmcenty@parra.catholic.edu.au) and attention it to P&F Communications.

## Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Wentworthville Term 3 Planner 2019

WEEK	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT/SUN
<b>1</b>	22/07  <b>STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY – Pupil Free Day</b>	23/07 9am Assembly - 3B  K & Yr1 Living Eggs Arrives  	24/07	25/07 8:15am Morning Workout  <b>K-6 Jarara Cultural Exp – Smoking Ceremony - 10:30am</b> Parents Welcome	26/07 Grandparents Day & Feast Day  9:20-10am Open Classrooms  10:15am Mass	27/07  28/07
<b>2</b>  <b>Jul/Aug</b>	29/07 9am Assembly - 3G	30/07 6:45pm First Reconciliation  2pm P&F Executive Meeting	31/07 <b>3pm NRL Clinic</b>  6:45pm First Reconciliation	01/08 8:15am Morning Workout	02/08 School Census Day  9am ES1/Stage 1 & 3 Mass	03/08  04/08
<b>3</b>	05/08 9am Assembly - 2B	06/08 8-3pm Cumberland Zone Athletics	07/08 NRL Clinic Yrs3-6	08/08 8:15am Morning Workout  Feast of Mary McKillop	09/08	10/08  11/08
<b>4</b>	12/08 9am Assembly – 2G	13/08 7pm P&F General Meeting	14/08	15/08 8:15am Morning Workout  10am Mass Feast of the Assumption	16/08	17/08  18/08
<b>5</b>	19/08 9am Assembly - 1B  Book Week Author Talk K, Yr1, Yr2 & Yr5	20/08 OLMC School Voice of Youth Final  9-12pm Fathers' Day Gift Wrapping	21/08 Book Week Author Talk Yr3 & Yr5  	22/08 8:15am Morning Workout  Yr1 Excursion – Botanic Gardens	23/08 9am Stage 2 Mass  Kindergarten Excursion – Taronga Zoo	24/08  25/08
<b>6</b>  <b>Aug/Sep</b>	26/08 9am Assembly – 1G  9:30am Voice of Youth Cluster Final	27/08 Fathers' Day Stall	28/08 Netball Gala Day Stage 2 & 3	29/08 8:15am Morning Workout  Book Week Author Talk Yr4 & Yr6	30/08 9am Fathers' Day Mass & Breakfast	31/08  01/09 Fathers' Day
<b>7</b>	02/09 9am Assembly - KB	03/09	04/09 Indigenous Literacy Day – The Great Book Swap – Time TBA	05/09 8:15am Morning Workout  9am Kindy Woolworths Excursion	06/09 9:15-10am Stage 1 & Kindergarten Mass  Catherine McAuley Mercy Day	07/09  08/09
<b>8</b>	09/09 9am Assembly – KG	10/09	11/09	12/09 8:15am Morning Workout  	<b>13/09 STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY – Pupil Free Day</b>	14/09  15/09
<b>9</b>	16/09 9am Assembly - 6B	17/09	18/09	19/09 8:15am Morning Workout	20/09	21/09  22/09
<b>10</b>	23/09 9am Assembly - 6G	24/09	25/09	26/09 8:15am Morning Workout	27/09 8:30am Stage 3 Touch Gala Day (Boys & Girls)  <b>Last Day of Term</b>	28/09  29/09

**School Resumes Term 4 – Monday 14 October 2019**