



# Our Lady of Mount Carmel

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## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents,

Welcome to Term 4! The first week of term is always one of excitement and happiness as we all reconnect with our friends, children, parents and teachers alike. Term 4 is also one where a variety of emotions arise as we begin to think about our transition to a new grade next year. This can cause anxiety over the unknown. It is important to acknowledge that we all feel a bit anxious when things change, but we need to remember that everything will be ok. It is useful to reflect on other times when we felt like that and how we were able to resolve our feelings. It is at these challenging times that persistence, faith in ourselves and positive thinking are very important.

This Sunday, the Gospel reading tells a parable that Jesus shared. The parable is an unusual one in that a widow is persistent in seeking justice from a judge and wears him down to make a decision. The Gospel appears to commend praying to God, with the persistence displayed by the widow in her dealing with the judge. But it hardly means to suggest that God needs to be worn down like the judge. It commends an attitude of trust in God that would motivate such persistence in prayer - even when the answer seems a long time in coming.

This concept of persistence is reflected in the life story of St Gerard Majella, whose feast day falls today. St Gerard is the patron saint of expectant mothers - a group of women who demonstrate great persistence, faith and positive thinking. St Gerard was from a poor family and at the age of twelve his father died and he was sent away to become an apprentice to his uncle. His journey brought him to the desire to become a capuchin monk. He was rejected several times, but remained true to his desire to live a religious life. He spent his life serving the poor in his community and supporting his mother.

As we commence Term 4, let us all be models of persistence, faith and kindness. I wish you all a happy and successful term.

*Olimpia Pirovic*  
Principal



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## UPCOMING DATES

### Week 1

**Thu:** 8:15-8:40am Morning Workout

**Bennett St Gates - 8:15am SHARP**

**Fri:** 9:15-10am 2020 Kinder Playgroup

Orientation & Parent Info Session:

**Please R.S.V.P - see below**

**Sat:** 6-7pm First Holy Communion

**Sun:** 10:30-11:30am First Holy Communion

### Week 2

**Mon:** 9am Assembly - 5G

**Tue:** Science Incursion - Year 6

**Thu:** 8:15-8:40am Morning Workout

**Bennett St Gates - 8:15am SHARP**

**Fri:** 9:15-10am 2020 Kinder Playgroup

Orientation & Parent Info Session

**Sun:** 10:30-11:30am First Holy Communion

*Year 6 2020 Camp Collaroy dates are: 5 - 7 February 2020 - a note will be sent home with more details midway through this term.*

## NOTES HOME

### Wednesday

- Year 1 Incursion - The Super Pollinators
- Book Club brochures
- CARES Excursion-Yr4B
- CARES Excursion-Yr4G

## STAFF NEWS

This week Mrs Bernadette Nolan announced her decision to retire from her position as Religious Education Coordinator and from full time teaching at Our Lady of Mount Carmel at the end of 2019. Mrs Nolan is looking forward to spending more time with her grandchildren and allowing them unrestricted access to their nanna.

This news is bittersweet for our community as we will greatly miss the wisdom, skill, support and care that Mrs Nolan shares with our community. I'm sure that you will join us in wishing Mrs Nolan all the very best for this new phase in her life. As the year concludes we will have the opportunity to farewell Mrs Nolan and acknowledge the great contribution she has made to our community over the past 12 years.

## SPOTLIGHT ON RE

This term all children are involved in an inquiry unit of Religious Education based on the new RE curriculum and incorporating Mission, Advent and Christmas. The new Learning Cycles for Term 4 from K-6 are,  
~We can be like Jesus by serving others ~Stewardship ~Disciples show love ~Living like the Saints ~Respect and Responsibility ~Prayer traditions in the Church and ~Worthiness.

**MISSION TO BUSK:** On Friday 1st November, Our Lady of Mount Carmel will be holding its first ever Mission to Busk afternoon. Mark the date in your diary to come along and witness the extraordinary talents of the students of OLMtC and support the Missions. Further details regarding this exciting afternoon will follow in the coming weeks.

## PRINCIPAL'S HOLIDAY CHALLENGE

Miss Pirovic has already received many entries for the Spring Principal's Holiday Challenge. There were many interesting experiments being conducted and thousands of pages read. Please submit your entries in the [online reading log](#) and drop your experiment notes into the office or email Miss Pirovic.



## UNIFORMS

Thank you to our parents for ensuring that your children returned to school looking neat and tidy in their Summer uniform. Please make sure that your child's name is clearly marked on their jackets, jumpers, hats, lunch boxes and containers. At the end of Term 3 there were a great number of jumpers and jackets that were unlabelled.

## BEREAVEMENT MASS

**Mass for those Bereaved By Suicide:** CatholicCare Western Sydney and Blue Mountains together with the Diocese of Parramatta will be offering a Mass for anyone bereaved by suicide. There will be a light supper after Mass. Please bring a photo of your deceased loved one to be placed at the Altar. **Date:** Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> November **Parish Venue:** St. Oliver Plunkett Catholic Parish, 35 Wigram St, Harris Park, **Time:** 6.45pm for 7pm Mass. **RSVP** for catering purposes: 14/11/19 Ph: 8843 2575 or email: [soloparentservices@ccss.org.au](mailto:soloparentservices@ccss.org.au)

## LET US KNOW

Please be aware that a full term's (10 wks) notice is required if your child will be leaving the school. All notifications must be in writing and addressed to the Principal to avoid a full term's fees being payable. Click on the link to [CEDP Policies](#) for more information.

## KINDERGARTEN 2020 PLAYGROUP

### **Our first Kindergarten 2020 Playgroup is on this Friday!**

To support our 2020 Kindergarten students transition to big school, playgroup sessions focusing on social and emotional readiness, are being held at OLMC during Term 4. As this is a special time for your child to make new friends and start gaining their confidence, before the school year begins, we urge all families to make the time to attend one or more of these sessions. While the children play and get to know each other there will be short information sessions for the parents on topics to help your child with their transition to school. Topic information can be found on the flyer sent home.



Please use the following link to [RSVP](#) to one or all of the above playgroup and parent sessions.

### SCHOOL BANKING

Student Banking is held each Tuesday at OLMC. Don't forget to order your rewards items or exchange 10 silver tokens for one gold token. The last day for banking and student rewards orders this year will be Tuesday 26 November. An update of your tokens and an order form will be sent home next week. Currently, a review of school banking programs is being undertaken by ASIC. Until 31 October all parents are invited to participate in a short survey and provide any other feedback by visiting this [web link](#).

### SACRAMENTAL PROCESS

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION** practice will be held at **3:30pm and 7pm on Thursday 17th October**. Parents are asked to bring their child for either session. We would like to wish the children all the best for this very special celebration; may the gift of love that Jesus offers you be a source of comfort and joy all the days of your life.

### GARDENING CLUB UPDATE

The Gardening Club at OLMC has been very busy this year. We have been enjoying a range of gardening activities such as weeding, mulching, watering, planting seeds and picking a range of herbs, vegetables and fruit. We have had many opportunities to harvest and cook with our fresh produce. We have made coleslaw salad, vegetable fritters and even potato chips with lots more to come!

**Olivia P:** *"We can't wait for our strawberries to grow so we can make strawberry milkshakes!"*

We also went on a trip to Bunnings and learnt lots of gardening tips, how to keep our plants and soil healthy and how to look after our worm farm so the worms can produce worm tea. Worm tea helps to keep our garden looking beautiful, strong and healthy. We were very lucky to be given a worm farm and a greenhouse from Bunnings Warehouse, Rydalmere. We are using our greenhouse to grow seedlings that we will plant in our garden beds.



**Antoine K:** *"We had a great time setting up the worm farm and greenhouse and learning about the benefits of having these at school."*

### P&F NEWS

**Second Hand Uniform Shop:** A reminder that the **Second Hand Uniform Shop is cash only**. We have a limited number of items available and are not always able to have on hand what you require. If you have any uniform items that you no longer require, please send them through the office to the Second Hand Uniform Shop.

**Parents and Friends Meet and Greet:** Are you curious about what the Parents and Friends do for your school? Have you wondered about how you can be more involved in your child's schooling? Have you thought about attending a meeting, but aren't sure what to expect? The Parents and Friends will be hosting a morning and afternoon tea early this term so that you can come along and meet us and ask any questions you may have. We are always looking for new parents to participate, you may find that in 2020 you are able to take a more active role in the P&F in a formal or informal role and this is your chance to find out more..

**HSC Exams:** Please keep the Year 6 class of 2013 in your prayers as they sit their HSC exams. The HSC begins on Thursday with English. We ask that God grant them the confidence they deserve after this time of focus, diligence and study. May they be blessed with the gifts of the Holy Spirit; wisdom, understanding, fortitude and knowledge.

## Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Wentworthville Term 4 Planner 2019

WEEK	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT/SUN
<b>1</b> <b>Oct</b>	14/10 Summer Uniform	15/10 St Pauls Year 7 2020 Orientation Day	16/10	17/10 8:15am Morning Workout  3:30-4:30pm & 7-8pm First Holy Communion Practice	18/10 9:15-10am 2020 Kinder Playgroup Orientation & Parent Info Session	19/10 6pm First Communion  20/10 10:30am First Communion
<b>2</b>	21/10 9am Assembly - 5G	22/10 Yr6 Science Incursion  7pm Parish Council Meeting	23/10	24/10 8:15am Morning Workout  3:30-4:30pm & 7-8pm First Holy Communion Practice	25/10 9:15-10am 2020 Kinder Playgroup Orientation & Parent Info Session  World Teachers Day	26/10  27/10 10:30am First Communion Church
<b>3</b> <b>Oct/Nov</b>	28/10 9am Assembly - 4B  Year 2 Excursion - Rouse Hill House & Farm	29/10 2:10pm P&F Executive Meeting  7-8:45pm Kindergarten 2020 Parent Information Night	30/10 Diocesan Basketball Gala Day  Year 3 Excursion – Sydney Olympic Park	31/10 8:15am Morning Workout  	1/11 9:15-10am Stage 3 Mass  <b>9:15-10am 2020 Kinder Playgroup Orientation &amp; Parent Info Session</b>  Yr1 Incursion-Super Pollinators  <b>1:40pm Mission to Busk</b>	2/11   3/11
<b>4</b>	4/11 9am Assembly - 4G  7-8:30pm P&F Meeting & AGM	5/11 Yr 4G Cares Excursion  6:30-7:30pm Band Concert	6/11 Yr 4B Cares Excursion	7/11 8:15am Morning Workout	8/11 9:15-10am Stage 2 Mass  <b>9:15-10am 2020 Kinder Playgroup Orientation &amp; Parent Info Session</b>  Yr6 Reflection Day	9/11   10/11
<b>5</b>	11/11 9am Assembly - 3B  Remembrance Day	12/11 Marist Yr7 Information Evening	13/11	14/11 8:15am Morning Workout  <b>9:45-10:15am Kinder 2020 Orientation Group 1</b>  10:15-12:30pm Kindergarten 2020 Uniform Fitting	15/11 9:45-10:15 Kindergarten 2020 Orientation Group 1  Yr 6 reflection day	16/11   17/11
<b>6</b>	18/11 9am Assembly - 3G	19/11 7-8:30pm Yr 4 2020 BYOD Information Evening	20/11	21/11 8:15am Morning Workout  <b>9:45-10:15am Kinder 2020 Orientation Group 2</b>  10:15-12:30pm Kindergarten 2020 Uniform Fitting	22/11 9:45-10:15 Kindergarten 2020 Orientation Group 2	23/11   24/11
<b>7</b> <b>Nov/Dec</b>	25/11 9am Assembly - 6B	26/11	27/11	28/11 8:15am Morning Workout    Yr5 Student Leadership Day	29/11 9:15-10am Stage 1 & Kindergarten Mass  9:15-10am 2020 Kinder Playgroup Orientation & Parent Info Session	30/11   1/12 First Sunday of Advent
<b>8</b>	2/12 9am Assembly - 2B  <b>Swimming Program 2019</b>	3/12 <b>Swimming Program 2019</b>  	4/12 <b>Swimming Program 2019</b>	5/12 <b>Swimming Program 2019</b>  Year 5 Surf Awareness Program @ Manly  <b>9:15-10:45am Catherine McAuley Open Morning</b>	6/12 <b>Swimming Program 2019</b>	7/12   8/12 Second Sunday of Advent
<b>9</b>	9/12 9am Assembly - 2G  <b>Swimming Program 2019</b>  2:10pm School Leaders 2020 Speeches	10/12 <b>Swimming Program 2019</b>  6-8pm Christmas Story and End of Year Awards  Andrew Chinn Visit	11/12 <b>Swimming Program 2019</b>  Semester 2 2019 Reports sent home	12/12 <b>Swimming Program 2019</b>  Year 6 Surf Awareness Program @ Manly	13/12 <b>Swimming Program 2019</b>  	14/12   15/12 Third Sunday of Advent
<b>10</b>	16/12 Swimming Carnival Yrs 2-6 Merrylands Pool  	17/12	18/12 1:30-3pm End of Year & Yr 6 Graduation Mass  <b>6-10pm Graduation Dinner</b>  <b>Last Day of Term</b>	19/12  	20/12  	21/12   22/12 Fourth Sunday of Advent

**School Resumes 2020 - Years 1-6: Wednesday, 29 January and Kindergarten: Friday, 31 January**