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Newsletter
Term 1 Week 10

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents,

During the past weeks Mrs Anderiesz and I have lead tours of our school and welcomed many new families who are considering if Our Lady of Mount Carmel is the right school for their child. As we lead our visitors around it was evident that the children were engaged in stimulating learning activities and discussion. Our classrooms and school grounds were inviting and provide a variety of play options for the children.

I have also had the privilege of meeting each of the families and their children. I always ask the parents why they have chosen Our Lady of Mount Carmel as the school for their child. The responses to this question have a number of common themes, Catholic education, the welcoming community, and the academic performance of our school. Parents have talked about the importance of their children learning in an environment that fosters the development of our Catholic values.

The greatest example of the success of our school lies with our children. A number of parents had commented that they had the experience of interacting with current and former students of Our Lady of Mount Carmel. The parents found the children to be polite and articulate about their learning saying that this was how they wanted their child to be.

Many people are finding out what we already know, that Our Lady of Mount Carmel is a great school focused of providing a quality Catholic education for those who seek it. There are many factors that go into making a great school but one of the most significant is the work of the team of professional and dedicated teachers, teacher's aides and ancillary staff. As we head towards the end of the term I encourage you and your children to take a moment to acknowledge the work of your child's teacher by simply saying *thank you*. This acknowledgement is the most meaningful thing you can do for a teacher.



Don't forget that our Fete Spin-Off is on this Sunday from 11:00am at school. Come along to this event to support our school and parish community. See the P&F News section and flyers for more details.

Olimpia Pirovic
Acting Principal

The Community of OLMC is Safe and Respectful

STAR CARD AWARDS

Gold Awards:

Riya
Michael
Ava



UPCOMING DATES

Week 10

Thu: 8:15am Morning Workout

Fri: 10-11am Cross Country Carnival

Week 11

Mon: **GOD Day**; 9am Assembly 2G

Thu: 8:15am Morning Workout

Fri: Last Day of Term 1

NOTES HOME

Friday

- Healthy Eating & Physical Activity Project - Year 2

Today

- Fete Spin-Off
- Mother's Day Breakfast
- Mufti & Movie Reward Day Yr 4

MERIT AWARDS

KB	Mia; Mridun	4B	Brandon; Siya
KG	Charbel; Isabella	4G	Deng; Mia
1B	Kian; Yara	5B	Serena; Michael
1G	Arkyn; Aaliyah	5G	Sara; Michaela
2B	Valli; Adam	6B	Elisha, Claudia
2G	Shivani; Luke	6G	Chloe; Charbel
3B	Billy; Arav	CA	Amelia; Claudia
3G	Jacob; Sameet B	PE	Ethan; Joseph

WINTER UNIFORM - TERM 2

TERM 2 STARTS - 29 APRIL

All students will be required to be wearing their winter uniform from the start of Term 2. Orders should be placed through Oz Fashions via the QKR App. Orders placed before 4:00 pm on a Wednesday will be delivered to the school on the next Thursday. Orders will be sent home with your child. If you need to try on uniforms for sizing, you can do so at the Office before and after school. Bookings are not required.

This is also a good opportunity for you to talk to your child about being responsible with their uniform. You can help your child by making sure all items of clothing are clearly labelled. Particularly as we move to the colder weather it is important to make sure all items are labelled. As of this morning, we have over 30 items of lost property waiting to be collected.



GOD DAY

PARENT GOD DAY IS NOW MONDAY 8TH APRIL FROM 9:30AM

Next Monday, children and parents will experience God Day. This is a day where children prepare to celebrate the great feast of Easter. Each class will be preparing part of the Easter story based on the Scripture passage they have been unpacking in class. The story will come alive through their artistic representations and just as importantly through what they have written. Parents will also be given the opportunity to spend time together away from the children unpacking Scripture and preparing part of our Easter walk. On Thursday 11th March, all parents are invited to join us in a prayerful, reflective walk at 2.10pm. Please meet in the front playground.

CHILD PROTECTION

Parents are reminded that our school and system expectation is that **no parent is allowed to approach another child** from our school to reprimand them or discuss issues they may be having with their child. Any issues should be addressed to the school staff who will investigate and deal with the matter according to procedural fairness which includes the 'hearing rule' and the 'right to an unbiased decision'. The 'hearing rule' is the right of the person against whom an allegation has been made to know the allegations related to a specific matter and any information which will be taken into account in considering the matter; know the process by which the matter will be considered; respond to allegations; and know how to seek a review of the decision made in response to the allegations. Parents who breach these expectations may be barred from entering the school grounds.

PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE

The Premier's Reading Challenge (PRC) is in full swing just as the school holidays are around the corner! Don't forget to keep encouraging your child to read during the break and log their books through their online account.

There are a range of activities that students can complete to demonstrate their understanding of the books they have read. These sheets are located in the Library and will put up for display when returned.

PROJECT COMPASSION

Only two more weeks left of Project Compassion!

Our aim this year is to raise \$2000, and so far we have raised \$800. Only \$1200 left to go! Year 2 are in the lead with \$95 raised so far and 19 taps! Remember every \$5 you raise can help children in Solomon Islands, to receive taps with fresh water!

Bradley, Claudia, Gevin & Elisha -
Year Six Student Leaders

PARISH NEWS

Holy Week Dates and Times at Our Lady of Mount Carmel

Penance: Penitential Service Wed 10th April at 7.30pm. Individual penance Good Friday 9:30-10:30am. No penance on Holy Saturday

Stations of the Cross: Fri 12th April after 9am Mass & Good Friday at 9am

Palm Sunday: Principal Mass 9am

Holy Thursday: Mass 7:30pm

Good Friday: Passion Mass 3pm

Holy Saturday: Easter Vigil 7:30pm

Easter Sunday: Masses 7am, 9am and 10:30am. No Evening Mass

Please see attached note for full details

P&F NEWS

The "Fete Spin-Off" will take place **this Sunday 7 April 2019** commencing at 11 am at the school (entry via Smith Street).

There will be lots of things to do, eat and win including:

- * Chocolate Wheel
- * Hoopla
- * Crazy Hair and Nails
- * Raffle
- * Sweet Tooth Booth, Glow Sticks & Show Bags
- * Food includes Hot Dogs, Corn Cups, Sausage Sizzle, Chicken Burgers, Cakes and Drinks.
- * Rides includes Inflatable Slide, Trampoline Bungee, Dodgem Cars and much much more.

Help spread the word and let your family and friends know about this event – everybody is welcome!

If you can volunteer some time to help on the day, we would be most grateful. Please email olmcfete@gmail.com.

We would love it if you could help to provide cakes and slices for the cake stall for Sunday. Tea cakes, fruit cakes, banana bread, chocolate cakes, biscuits, slices & gluten free anything. Please email olmcfete@gmail.com if you can bring something or simply bring it along with you on Sunday morning. Thank you so much for your generous support once again. We are extremely grateful.

ALL RAFFLE TICKETS ARE NOW OVERDUE - If you still have raffle books, please return them to the school office. If you have misplaced them, please email olmcfete@gmail.com to let us know. Due to auditing purposes, we need to account for every book that was distributed, so please return any unsold books.

Mothers' Day Stall

The fund-raising committee are in the process of coordinating the annual Mothers' Day raffle. We are calling on any businesses or families who would be able to contribute prizes. In the past, we have had donations of store vouchers or vouchers for a service or an experience as well as products such as gifts, appliances and perfume. The possibilities are endless. If you would like to donate a prize, please call the school office and leave your details or email olmcpandf@gmail.com. Thank you for your generous support. Don't forget to save these dates to come along and help:
1 May - Gift Wrapping and 8 May - Mothers' Day Stall.

Linda



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Families that work well

Families have changed a lot in recent years. There are so many different types of family and parenting styles today. The family your child grows up in will influence how they cope with life.

As a loving, caring family can create a child with good self-esteem, an unhappy, fearful family can lead to low self-esteem and problems for a child.

Make family time

- ★ Take time to listen to your kids - try and work out the feelings behind their words and actions and don't jump in with answers or criticisms.
- ★ Do fun things together - play games, go on outings, play sport, go for a walk and share hobbies.
- ★ Share mealtimes together and turn off the TV - talk to each other about what's been happening.
- ★ Find time to talk to your kids - sometimes this can be one-on-one time, or as a whole family or even while you are doing the chores together or driving them to school.
- ★ Share your feelings appropriately so your kids learn that it's ok for them to share their feelings.

Show affection, encouragement and appreciation

- ★ Let your child know what you love about them.
- ★ Give hugs, be thoughtful and kind.
- ★ Don't use put-downs, threaten or blame your child - it makes them feel hopeless.

Keep in touch with friends and relatives

- ★ The more a family is isolated from others, the more chance there will be problems.
- ★ Knowing there are people outside to turn to when things get tough will make a difference to your child's happiness and ability to make friends.

Share the chores and the power

- ★ Encourage children to take on more responsibility as they get older.
- ★ Allow them to have some say over their own lives.
- ★ Use humour and encouragement to keep control, not punishments or threats.
- ★ When a child has a say in what happens and feel their views are heard, trust and intimacy develops.

Accept the differences in each person

- ★ No one should be left out or made to feel like the odd one out in a family.
- ★ Allow each person to be excited about their personal interests, show respect and be patient.

Family rituals and traditions

The daily rituals and things you do on special occasions build a sense of belonging, security and contentment. Daily rituals can be how you say goodbye, and what you do at mealtimes and bedtime.

It is good for families to celebrate special occasions (e.g. birthdays, Christmas and Name Days) and have traditions for what happens at these times.

