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Newsletter Term 3 Week 5

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents,

The most important people in all education systems are the students. They are the reason schools exist, but in the past their voices were the least heard. I don't mean that they are the quietest members of our communities. What I mean is that they have had limited say in what their education looks like or what they learn about. A significant shift in contemporary education has been the focus on capturing student voices to shape the learning that happens in our classrooms.

The teaching of good teachers has always been guided by topics and questions that interest the children. Our new curriculum documents are making this more explicit through their inquiry focus. An inquiry approach to learning and teaching requires teachers to capture what the children **know** and **need to know**, by asking them to share the questions they have on specific topics. The teachers then take this information and use it to develop their teaching and learning programs ensuring that they cover essential concepts as well as the interests of the children. The inquiry process also challenges the children to go deeper with their learning. They have a responsibility to apply their knowledge to investigate and find the answers to their questions.



At Our Lady of Mount Carmel, our children have many opportunities to have their voice heard. This is initially evident in their classrooms and everyday interactions with their classmates and teachers. Our Student Leaders and Student Representative Council have the opportunity to share the student voice on school initiatives. Our Year 6 children are currently participating in the Voice of Youth speaking competition, where they have prepared a short speech about an issue that means something to them. At the core of these and many other opportunities for the students to have a voice is their responsibility to always be respectful in the way they express themselves.



Olimpia Pirovic
Acting Principal

Jesus was an individual who challenged the way society viewed and interacted with the people on the margins of society. Jesus sought these people out and gave them a voice and an opportunity to be heard and included. In Catholic education we endeavour to do the same.

The Community of OLMC is Safe and Respectful

UPCOMING DATES

Week 5

Thu: 8:15-8:40am Morning Workout
(Students enter Bennett St Gate)

Gates open at 8:15am sharp and will not be open again until 8:30am.

Botanic Gardens Excursion - Yr 1

Fri: Taronga Zoo Excursion - Kindy

Week 6

Mon: 9am Assembly - 1G
Voice of Youth Cluster Final

Tue: Fathers' Day Stall

Wed: Netball Gala Day

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

Book Week Author Talk - Yrs 4 & 6

Fri: 8am Fathers' Day Bkfst & Mass

FATHERS' DAY RAFFLE TICKET REMINDER

Return all sold and/or unsold tickets by Tuesday, 27th August.

NOTES HOME

Friday/Monday

- Student Leader Photos
- Fathers' Day Raffle & Stall
- Environmentors Incursion

Today

- Fathers' Day Note - Year 2
- Garden Club Bunnings Visit

MERIT AWARDS

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| KB | Sanaa ▪ Arianh | 4B | Azhric ▪ Sai |
| KG | Abbey ▪ Ithayan | 4G | Antoine ▪ Mishti |
| 1B | Jolenta ▪ Jeyaan | 5B | Aiden ▪ Celine |
| 1G | Miranda ▪ Samul | 5G | Marcus ▪ Georges |
| 2B | Mary ▪ Soleil | 6B | Christian ▪ Nhial |
| 2G | Alyna ▪ John | 6G | Christopher ▪ Peter |
| 3B | Justin ▪ Kinjal | CA | Anthony - 2B ▪ Zoe - KB |
| 3G | Sameet ▪ Jose | PE | Luca - 6G ▪ Kyla - 1B |

STAR CARD AWARDS

Gold Awards: Alyna ▪ Hannah ▪ Elyssa ▪ Aiden ▪ Logan ▪ Victoria ▪ Alexander ▪ Jayden ▪ Diana ▪ Michael ▪ Liam ▪ Krisha ▪ Jasmine ▪ Charbel ▪ Francesco ▪ Madeline ▪ Jada ▪ Christopher ▪ James

Opal Awards: Angelina ▪ Simona ▪ Claudia ▪ Cristian ▪ Hasini ▪ Gevin ▪ John ▪ Elena ▪ Amelia ▪ Arianh ▪ Candace ▪ Charlotte ▪ Cyril ▪ Isaac ▪ Isabella ▪ Josephine ▪ Leah ▪ Mariella ▪ Mia ▪ Michael ▪ Mridun ▪ Patrick ▪ Sanaa ▪ Mariam ▪ Aarush ▪ Joaquin ▪ Rishaan ▪ Elizabeth ▪ Gabriel ▪ Makanaka

Platinum Awards: Mia ▪ Sylvana ▪ Aakash ▪ Matthew ▪ Celine

Principal's Awards: Misha ▪ Anabel ▪ Kinjal ▪ Yelesta



TERM 3 SCHOOL FEES

A reminder that Term 3 school fees are due for payment by **Wednesday, 28th August**. Families who have made flexible payment plan arrangements by Bpoint are reminded to check they have an end date for payments otherwise deductions will continue. Please ensure all Flexible Payment Plan arrangements are up to date so that accounts can be finalised on time. Should your family be experiencing financial hardship please contact the school office so that a confidential interview can be arranged with Miss Pirovic to discuss your situation.

WHO ARE THE CARMELITES

Our Parish have organised a faith formation experience that will focus on exploring Carmelite Spirituality. Fr Paul Gurr will lead a series of events that will answer the question of....

Who are the Carmelites?

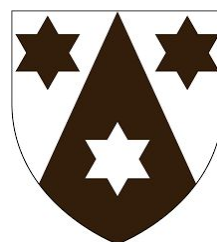
This is a unique opportunity for our parish and school community to deepen their understanding of our Carmelite traditions. All conversations begin at 7pm in the parish Centre. There is no cost but RSVPs are required for limited spaces. Contact Paola on 0414 947 799 to reserve your place.

4 September - The first Carmelites

11 September - The Rule of St Albert

18 September - Carmelite fundamentals-Prayer, Community, Service

25 September - Carmel today



ACARA COLLECTION OF STUDENT BACKGROUND

The Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA) collects data from schools to determine the Index of Community Socio-educational Advantage (ICSEA). Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta is currently working to provide relevant details to the Catholic Education Commission of NSW. **Data collected is de-identified of personal information.** Parents and caregivers must advise the school if they don't want their child's data included in this report by **30 August 2019**. Copies of Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta Standard Collection Notice and Privacy Policy can be obtained from the school office.

STUDENT BANKING

Student banking is held each Tuesday at Our Lady of Mt Carmel. Don't forget to claim your rewards when you have saved 10 tokens or swap 10 silver tokens for 1 gold token! Please contact Maree Murphy in the school office if you would like details of how to open an account for your child.

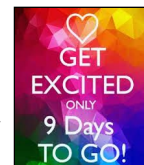
SPOTLIGHT ON RE

Thursday 22nd August is the feast of the Queenship of Mary. This is a logical feast to follow the feast of the Assumption. It has been universally celebrated in the Church since 1954. But the tradition of Mary as Queen dates to the early centuries, she is given a share in the kingship of Her Son, Jesus. We have this title still in prayers "Hail Holy Queen" and the Regina Caeli (Queen of Heaven) which we say as a school at midday between Easter and Pentecost.

PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE



Congratulations to Leela from Year 3 for being the only child to have completed their PRC Challenge in the last 7 days. **We want all our children to complete the PRC** so keep reading and log your reading via this [PRC link](#). If you are having trouble logging your books, students can bring in their completed forms and Mrs Anderiesz will assist them in entering their book titles.



CHILDREN'S SACRAMENTAL PROCESS

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION. Thank you to all the parents who attended last night. Even though it was difficult to come out in the middle of winter, there was this wonderful Spirit of faith and friendship that warmed our hearts and I hope everyone came away with a sense of joyful anticipation about the next couple of months and beyond. **We look forward to seeing all the parents and children enrolled for their first Holy Communion at the 6pm (Vigil) Mass this Saturday or the 10:30am Mass this Sunday for the Commitment Ceremony.**

STAFFING

Mrs Speranza will be taking long service leave from next week until the end of term. During Mrs Speranza's absence Mrs Di Jones will take on her teaching load. We are finalising the appointment of the Stage Leader role. We wish Mrs Speranza an enjoyable break.

P&F NEWS

Fathers' Day Dates for your Calendar

Tuesday, 27th Aug: Fathers' Day Stall @ 9:00am **Remember to give your child some money and a shopping bag to bring their gifts home in.**

Friday, 30th Aug: Fathers' Day Breakfast & School Mass

Fathers' Day Raffle - More tickets are available from the school office if you would like another book. We are very grateful for the support from everyone involved with the raffle. If you need more information about anything regarding the raffle or the Fathers' Day Stall, please contact Linda Khoury on 0433 147 510 or Diana Khoury on 0418 674 159.

FATHERS DAY RAFFLE PRIZES

First Prize: \$150 George's Building Supplies voucher – donated by Kellie Arrage

Second Prize: \$100 Bunning voucher

Third Prize: Cooking condiments & spice set valued at \$90 – donated by Anna Chawa

Fourth Prize: Barbecue valued at \$70 – donated by Bunnings Warehouse, Prospect

Fifth Prize: Remedial massage voucher valued at \$70 – donated by Ruth Laria

Sixth – Eighth Prize: \$50 Bunning voucher – two of which were donated by the Richie Family

Ninth Prize: \$50 Supercheap Auto voucher

Tenth Prize: Calvin Klein Men's Aftershave valued at \$50 – donated by Pharmacy 4 Less, Parramatta

Eleventh Prize: Barbecue set valued at \$50

Twelfth Prize: WiFi Router valued at \$50

Thirteenth – Fourteenth Prize: Wireless speakers valued at \$30ea – donated by Officeworks, Wentworthville

Living Eggs visit Kindergarten and Year One

Students in Kindergarten and Year One had the opportunity to explore the life cycle and growth of chickens.



Hayden KG "I liked holding the chicks and patting them because they were soft and sweet."

Catherine KG "We learnt how the chicks grow and what they eat. We watched them hatch from the egg and get bigger."

Ariah KB "I really liked holding the chicks because they are fluffy."



Logan KB "The chicks were silly. They slept in their food and pooped a lot."

Thomas 1G "It was very fun having the chickens in year 1 because the teachers let them out so that we can play with them."

Misha 1B "In year 1 we tried to convince Miss Pirovic to keep the chickens because they will help us with the garden."

Lucas 1G "On the first day we got the chickens everyone was so excited. We then wrote letters to Miss Pirovic to keep them."

Amelia 1B "I learnt that chickens have to be in their eggs for 21 days. We got to see how the eggs hatch and how the chicks change."

