



# Our Lady of Mount Carmel

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## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents,

This week our Catholic community celebrates two significant events, **the visit of the relics of St Therese of Lisieux, St Louis and St Zelle** and the commencement of **Catholic Schools Week marking 200 Years of Catholic Education in Australia**. Our Lady of Mount Carmel was founded 98 years ago by the Sisters of Mercy under the name St Columbas. When the Carmelite priests came to Wentworthville 56 years ago this was when the name of our parish changed to Our Lady of Mount Carmel.

*"The first Catholic school in this country opened right here in Parramatta in 1820. A layman, George Marley, became our first teacher working with the support of one of the first Catholic priests Fr John Therry. Together, they made school possible for the most disadvantaged.*

*This week, we celebrate a special Catholic Schools Week on the bicentenary of Catholic schools in Australia. Later, the work of lay teachers would be supported and grown through the service of so many religious women and men. This work, this service, this belief in the role and place of Catholic education in the lives of young people and their families, is now our work. Two hundred years of continuous Catholic education is a remarkable achievement. However, we must also be prepared to wholeheartedly own the terrible mistakes of the past. This means walking with and supporting those who have suffered terribly as a result of abuse.*

*Our Catholic schools are at their best when they become places of belonging and hope. There are now more than 43,000 young people in Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains attending a Catholic school. St Mary of the Cross MacKillop's call to the faithful to respond to need when they saw it has certainly been heeded!" G. Whitby*

On Wednesday our community has the opportunity to venerate the relics of St Therese and her parents. St Therese felt that she was not capable of great acts or sacrifices. She focused on doing the small things she was able to, with devotion and to the best of her ability. She felt this was a way that she and the rest of us could serve God through simplicity and love. I encourage you to attend this unique Catholic experience with your family.

*Olimpia Pirovic*

Principal

*The Community of OLMC is Safe and Respectful*

## UPCOMING DATES

### Week 6

#### Catholic Schools Week

#### 'OUR PROJECT OF COMPASSION' BEGINS

**Tue:** 2020 NAPLAN Parent Info Evening  
6:30pm

**Wed:** Staff Development Day

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

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

9:30am Kinder 2021 Open Morning

### Week 7

#### MEET THE TEACHER WEEK

**Mon:** 9am Assembly - 4G

**Tue:** Environmentors Incursion Yr2  
Meet the Teacher Late Night

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

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

**Fri:** 2:30pm Nursery Rhyme  
Day-Kindy

**Pupil Free Day - Wednesday, 4 March**

**STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY**

## NOTES HOME

### Today

- PRC 2020 - K-6
- Classroom Helpers - K-2&4

### Last Friday

- Room Change - Yr 4
- 2020 Canteen Menu
- School Photos

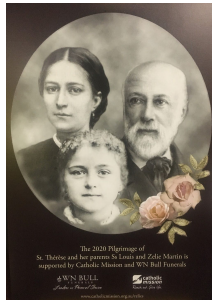
## MERIT AWARDS

KB	Lucinda ▪ Havishaa	4B	Stella ▪ Tiarna
KG	Rishaan ▪ Sam	4G	Justin ▪ Navya
1B	Cyril Rioli ▪ Summer	5B	Mrunal ▪ Xavier
1G	Eli ▪ Zoe	5G	Mia ▪ Harish
2B	Hansikaa ▪ Olivia	6B	Lila ▪ Manav
2G	Jayden ▪ Chanel	6G	Sara ▪ John
3B	Olivia ▪ Dennis	CA	Serena ▪ Sylvana
3G	Ryan ▪ Elyssa	PE	Lucas - 2B ▪ Joshua - 1G

## RELICS VISIT OLMC

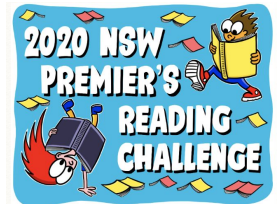
### Wednesday 4th March 2020

We are delighted to welcome back the relics of St Therese of Lisieux, along with those of her parents, Sts Louis & Zelie. 9am Mass will be cancelled for that day in lieu of preparations and **we will celebrate the arrival of the relics with a liturgy at 2pm, followed by veneration. Bishop Vincent Long will then celebrate Mass at 7:30pm,** and we farewell the relics at 9pm. *All are welcome to attend.* We do not know how many people to anticipate, and so, request the help of volunteers to usher pilgrims. **We especially require the help of ten strong people** to lift the reliquaries into position. If you can help, please email Paola at [paola.olmc@gmail.com](mailto:paola.olmc@gmail.com)



## PRC 2020

The 2020 Premier's Reading Challenge (PRC) has begun and we are again encouraging all students to participate! Today children will bring home their PRC online login details for you to begin updating your child's reading record. Children in Kindy to Year 2 will read or experience 30 books from the challenge list with their class over the course of the challenge period.



The Kindy to Year 2 teachers will record the books read and Mrs Anderiesz will add these books to student records.

Children in Year 3 to Year 6 are required to independently read 20 books from the challenge list. The books in our library are labelled with stickers to make it easy to identify books that are on the challenge list. Click on the link to find information related to privacy at the [PRC Website](#). All student reading logs must be finalised before August 28. Please direct any questions you may have to Mrs Anderiesz.

## 'OUR PROJECT OF COMPASSION'

Beginning from week 6, we will run several school-based fundraising activities to support the severely bushfire affected school, St Mary's Star of the Sea Primary School in Milton. This targeted social justice initiative aims to support the community of Milton, both short term and long term. These 6 weeks have been called 'Our Project of Compassion' and include grade activities that will enhance the learning experiences of the new Religious Education curriculum.

## NAPLAN 2020

In preparation for the online 'National Assessment Program - Literacy and Numeracy' [NAPLAN], parents of Year 3 and Year 5 students are invited to attend a parent information session on Tuesday, 3rd March at 6:30pm in the Mercy Library. This session will provide parents with information about the NAPLAN Online process and how to best help your child prepare.

# TONIGHT

## KINDERGARTEN 2021

The 2021 Kindergarten enrolment period will commence on the 2nd March 2020. Enrolment packs will be available from this date for prospective parents to collect from the office. Open Mornings are scheduled for 5th and 25th March and 6th May 2020. A tour with the Principal will commence from 9:30am.



## WINTER UNIFORMS

Families are encouraged to fit winter uniforms for their child(ren) as soon as possible before or after school in the office. Parents must attend with their child, bookings are not required. All orders for uniforms should be placed using the Qkr app by 4pm on a Wednesday so that delivery can take place on a Thursday. The last day for ordering this term will be Wednesday, 8 April. Students will be wearing their winter uniform from the beginning of Term 2.

## NOTES ON SCHOOL WEBSITE

For your convenience, if your child is absent when notes are handed out or if your child misplaces their note/s, parents can access notes on our School website by using the following [OLMC Website link](#)

### Notes and Forms

Our notes & Forms page has copies of all the notes school, for your convenience.

Simply choose the relevant category below to expand the list and see:

If you require a copy of any notes that are not found on this page or if printed by phone or tablet 1000 webpage between 6:00 am and 6:15

- + Calendars
- + Enrolment
- + Leave Forms
- + Parents and Friends
- + Parish News
- + Sports
- + Whole School
- + Kindergarten

## NEW RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CURRICULUM PARENT INFORMATION AND WORKSHOP EVENING

As you may be aware, Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta will implement a new curriculum in Religious Education for students in Pre-School to Year 12. The implementation will begin in 2020 in pilot schools like OLMC. You are invited to a parent workshop to explain and explore the new curriculum in Religious Education. Professor Anthony Maher, a theologian who has had significant input into the development of the new curriculum, will facilitate the workshop.

The curriculum has been developed over a period of three years, and has invited contributions from students, families, teachers and the church. It is a very exciting time of renewal for us we prepare to implement this new curriculum into our classrooms.

The structure of the parent evening will reflect the inquiry pedagogy being used to teach the new curriculum in our classrooms, whereby your questions and responses will be facilitated in light of the call from Pope Francis to the synodal church to bring to life, to 'ignite', our faith.

**When:** Tuesday, 17 March 2020 - 6.30 - 8.00 pm

**Where:** Morley Centre, Catherine McAuley Westmead and Parramatta Marist High School 2 Darcy Rd, Westmead Entry via Gate 3, Darcy Rd

**RSVP:** Please RSVP on this [link](#) by Thursday, 12 March 2020.

## CHILDREN'S SACRAMENTAL PROCESS

All parents of children from Year 3 onwards are invited to discern the sacraments for their children. Our *parish-based, family-centred, school-supported* process is designed to support parents live, grow and share their faith with their children. For more information, please see the parish website [olmcwent.org.au](http://olmcwent.org.au). **Enrolments for Confirmation are due 3rd April.**

## P&F NEWS

**Welcome Dinner:** Thank you to everyone who came and made our Welcome to 2020 dinner such a great success. We trust that everyone had an amazing time. Thank you to Karly Jouni for her work behind the scenes to ensure everything went smoothly and to our incredible team of volunteers who picked things up and came together to prepare and serve all the food. We could not have done it without you.



Thank you also to all of our sponsors who enabled us to run a successful event by donating products for our food or prizes.



**THANKYOU TO OUR SPONSORS FOR OUR 2020 WELCOME BACK DINNER**

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