Prayer

Lord Jesus,
We ask for Your help as we begin this new school year.
Allow us to experience Your presence in the many blessings You put before us.
Open our eyes to the new challenges and exciting opportunities that this new school year brings. Open our heart and mind to new friends and new teachers.
Give us a generous spirit to be enthusiastic with our studies and courage to accept new opportunities. Help us to be attentive to one another and let us experience Your presence in our new friends.
Jesus, inspire us to do our best this year!
Amen

OLMC Calendar Important Dates

9th February  Shrove Tuesday
10th February  Ash Wednesday – Whole School Mass 9am
12th February  Parent Info Night and AGM – 5.30pm start
19th February  Newsletter
26th February  Tuckshop

Important Dates for Term 1
17th March OLMC Swimming Carnival
25th March Good Friday
28th March Easter Monday
29th March Easter Tuesday
4th-5th April Pupil Free Days

‘Love one another, as I have loved you.’
Dear Parents, Friends, Carers and Students

2016 has already started with a cool change! ‘Not normal’ I hear the locals say. A fresh start to try something new and believe in the good to come? Who knows? We know that if we do the hard yards, you reap the rewards.... Usually. We pray that this year will be better than the one before and that God will watch over us and help us to strive to be the best we can be, along with caring for those around us.

New Students
We welcome into our school community our wonderful kindy group – Maureen Buck, Zhyeisha Collard, Alivia Dean, Jacob Grima, Lennard Mackay, Dylan Poyner, Aiden Schulz and Isla Tropiano. We also welcome Lucas Mason to Year 1 and his sister Courtnei Mason in year 4, and Isabella Low to Year 3.

Our Staff for 2016

- **Principal**: Mrs Di Nyman
- **Assistant Principal**: Ms Jill Hollands
- **Kindy/Pre-Primary**: Mrs Leonora Tunbridge (Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri) | Mrs Tracey Messina (Wed)
- **Year 1/2**: Miss Nicole Kerr
- **Year 3/4**: Ms Jill Hollands / Mr Matthew Parnham (Fri)
- **Year 5/6**: Miss Karina Ferrada
- **Science/Phys Ed**: Mrs Tracey Messina
- **Digital Literacy/Visual Arts**: Mr Matthew Parnham
- **Support**: Mr Matthew Parnham
- **Teaching Assistants**: Mrs Rachel Swift | Mrs Rebecca Dreghorn | Mrs Tamisha Papertalk | Mrs Renata Steele
- **Office Staff**: Mrs Rebecca Dreghorn (Wed, Thurs) | Mrs Kylie Womersley (Mon, Tues, Fri) | Mrs Sharon MacDonald
- **Cleaning**: Mrs Maree Burke / Joel Mogano
- **Grounds**: Mr Adam Newey

We welcome Mr Matthew Parnham who comes to us a new graduate from Perth. He is keen to become a part of our Mullewa community. You will hear a little more about Matthew soon. I trust that you will help us to make this a memorable part of Matthew’s start in his teaching career.

Every person on our staff is dedicated to helping all of the children in our school to be the best they can be. To help us do this with the most impact we need to be aware of things that are happening in their lives at home which may make their tummies jiggle or their nerves wobble. ALL children are different! What may bother you may make another laugh. If there are special occasions or surprises coming, or even the pet has been missing for a few

*‘Love one another, as I have loved you.’*
Uniforms
We have noticed that there are some students who are wearing different coloured shorts and the wrong length socks. We have school shorts as part of our uniform available from the office. Please check with Rebecca if you are unsure and to avoid disappointment when we ask that the children wear the correct uniform. The school socks are above the ankle, not the anklet type which is fashion in some parts. Also a reminder that the shoes are all black and not with a white or gold trim and sparkles. These shoes are available in stores as many schools in the region also require black sport shoes.

**Girl’s Summer Uniform**
Blue polo shirt with school crest. Navy Blue shorts. (No skorts) Team colour polo shirt with school crest. School sports shorts. Black joggers.

**Girl’s Sports Uniform**

**Boy’s Summer Uniform**
Blue polo shirt with school crest. Grey shorts. (No cargo shorts) Team colour polo shirt with school crest. School sport shorts. Black joggers.

**Boy’s Sports Uniform**

**Girl’s and Boy’s Winter Uniform**
Blue polo shirt with school crest. Navy Blue tracksuit - jumper to have school crest.

**Footwear**
All black shoes / joggers with mid grey (boys) / white (girls) socks. (No black pull on work boots) Brown Sandals. (No masseurs or bare feet).

Swimming lessons commence next week.
Pre Primary will be swimming on Wednesday afternoon and the students from Year one through to Year six will be on Thursday. If you have not received a permission note from Mrs Messina, please contact the Office. All permission notes must be returned by Tuesday 9th February.

A big thank you to Melinda and Brendan Weir who have donated the cost of sand blasting and re-powder coating our Pre-Primary and Kindy climbing frames. They look fantastic!

God Bless
Di Nyman
Principal

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Birthdays

A very happy birthday to the following staff and students:

1st January – Angus Critch
5th January – Mr Adam Newey
16th January – Revis Carnamah
21st January – Bella Low
30th January – Mrs Rebecca Dreghorn
2nd February – Lucas McGregor
6th February – Mrs Di Nyman
14th February – Alivia Dean
18th February – Lochlain Park

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Office Reminders

Parent/Emergency Contact and Medical Emergency Information – If your contact details change throughout the year please contact the office as soon as possible and update your information. Please also let the office know if your child has any allergy and/or medical condition. It is imperative that the school has the most up to date and correct information in case of an emergency.

P&F Notices

‘Love one another, as I have loved you.’
ACM Dinner
The P&F will be supplying cooked chickens and sausages in a bun (for the kids) at the ACM dinner next Friday night, we ask that each family bring a salad to share.

Tuckshop
Please find the Tuckshop Roster attached to the back of the newsletter.
Tuckshop is Friday 26th February, the leader is Janelle Rowe and the helper is Jenni Strange.

P&F Quiz Night - Save the Date
The quiz night date has been set for Saturday 2nd April at the Golf Club.

Tim Critch          Jenna McGregor          Janice Park
President           Secretary             Treasurer

Parish Notices
Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish – Mass is celebrated every Sunday commencing at 8:30am. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Uniform Shop

UNIFORM SHOP
OPEN
Wednesday 8.30am to 9am and 3pm to 3.30pm
Thursday 8.30am to 9am and 3pm to 3.30pm
Now located in the hall.
Order forms can be sent home with your child on request.
Rebecca Dreghorn is your uniform co-ordinator.

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days, please let our staff know so that we can have good listening ears and hearts to understand why they have not concentrated so well as usual this day.

One of our focus points for the school community this year is ‘Communication’. We want / need to be able to chat with you when we can to make sure that we, as a team, support the learning of your child.

Don’t forget to update your details if you changed numbers or address over the break.

This Friday – 5th February, the staff will be leaving school at 3.25pm to get to Geraldton for our Regional Commissioning Mass. This is when all of the staff employed in Catholic schools in our region come together to start the new year and acknowledge our new staff to schools.

Parent Info Night – Annual Community Meeting – Welcoming Dinner

On Friday 12th February we will be gathering together as community to welcome, inform and officially commence our year with the Board and P&F reports and voting for new office bearers.

Even though some of you may have been involved with the school over the years and think that you have heard it all before, you may have, but not all. Children like to see that their family are interested in what is happening in their class, teachers try to be creative and think of new ways to engage children and the school is always trying to find ways to keep you better informed and to gather together as community. We have new families in our school; and what a better way to get to meet them is to come together for the first gathering next week.

At our Presentation Concert at the end of last year, you would have heard that one of our Board members has served her time and is stepping down. We thanked Janelle Rowe for the very efficient way that she has been the secretary for the Board over the past six years. We are on the lookout for a new person to take on this role or fill the position as a board member. Attached to the newsletter is a note explaining the nomination process. I encourage anyone interested to put in a nomination prior to the ACM next Friday.

Parent Information Session I 5:30pm – 5:55pm  K/PP & Year 5/6

Annual Community Meeting

Board and Parents and Friends report to community on the events of 2015, provide our Treasurer’s reports and goals for 2016. 6:00pm – 6:40pm  Hall

Parent Information Session II 6:40pm – 7:05pm  Year 1/2 & Year 3/4

Welcoming Dinner 7.10pm

I would like to thank you all for having the children so well organised and prepared to come back to school. The teachers have been very pleased with how quickly and enthusiastically the children are settled and wanting to learn straight away. Life is so much easier in a classroom if all of the necessary tools are ready and available to be used to help make learning happen.

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ORDERING
- Children are given a small note, to be taken home on Friday prior to Tuckshop, with their choice of lunch order (sample below)

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- Orders are to be placed into an envelope along with the correct money and given to the class teacher by Tuesday morning.
- Please include name, year, order and amount enclosed.
- Orders will be picked up from the school on Tuesday afternoon. The helper whose name appears first each tuckshop must organise bags and order foods needed from the deli indicated.

FOOD DONATIONS (NUT & NUT PRODUCT FREE)
- Donations of cakes, slices, biscuits, boiled eggs, sausages, fruit, etc are most welcome and should be delivered to the Parish Hall prior to school on Tuckshop day.
- Please remember to give your child some small change to be able to purchase the goodies.

PARENTS ON ROSTER
- As in previous years Parents are put on the roster system to help out with Tuckshop. If you have any queries please ask Jenna, your P&F Secretary, or the Tuckshop Leader.
- Tuckshop helpers are responsible for preparing the food. Supplies will be organised by the first helper on the list. Please support them as much as you can.
- Lunches need to be prepared by 12:35pm.
- Place lunches in appropriate class baskets.
- When the lunch bell goes either a class representative can collect their basket or mothers will carry them to the lunch area.
- Put out donated foods and make up cordial if there is none prepared.
- Parents on duty will have a container of small change in the Tuckshop.
- Put up roller door ready for the RUSH!
- After lunch, collect baskets. Please have everything washed and put away. If tea towels are dirty please take home and wash, then return to kitchen. Please empty the bin, and leave floors and benches clean.
- Please take the Tuckshop money to the Office.
OUR LADY OF MT CARMEL P&F TUCKSHOP ROSTER 2016

The leader is responsible for picking up the orders from the office on Tuesday afternoons and placing the orders for Friday.

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If you are unable to attend on the day you have been allocated, please find a replacement or swap with someone and let your P&F Secretary Jenna McGregor know.
4 February 2016

RE: School Board Nomination

Dear Parents and Parishioners,

Please be advised Our Lady of Mount Carmel School Board Annual Community Meeting will be held on Friday 12th February 2016.

In anticipation of the School Board Annual Community Meeting, we invite persons who are interested for nominating for a Board position (or nominating on the behalf of someone else) and who possess the following criteria, to complete the nomination form attached and return it to the Principal by Thursday 11th February.

There will be one vacancy for the School Board for 2016, with board members elected for a two year term.

Criteria for membership of the Board shall be:

- Possession of special skills that will be an asset to the Board
- A deep interest in the welfare of all students and staff
- A desire to give service to the Catholic School Community
- An enthusiasm to positively promote Catholic schooling and Our Lady of Mount Carmel
- An ability to work co-operatively and constructively with all other members of the Board
- A sufficiency of time to devote to Board duties, and
- An understanding of the need for strict confidentiality in all matters.

Thank you for your consideration of this role.

Yours sincerely,

Daniel Critch
School Board Chair

‘Love one another, as I have loved you.’
Our Lady of Mt Carmel School Mullewa

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E-Mail: admin@olmc.wa.edu.au Website: www.olmc.wa.edu.au

Our Lady of Mt Carmel School Board Nomination Form

I have read the criteria for nomination to Our Lady of Mount Carmel School Board and wish to offer myself, or the person nominated, as a candidate for election to the Board. The person whom I have elected is happy to be nominated and will accept the position if elected.

Candidate's Name

Address

Skills and / or interests that may contribute to Catholic and Board membership

Signature    Date

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