Prayer

Gracious Father and Provider,
We thank you for giving us your Son, Jesus, as the Good Shepherd.
We thank you for the Church that He established and the Bishop Shepherds that He chose then and for the Bishop Shepherds He has given our Diocese over its long history.
We pray your Holy Spirit’s help and guidance on all those involved in the selection of a new Bishop for us, to choose the one you already have in mind.
We make this prayer through Jesus your Son and our Good Shepherd.
Amen

OLMC Calendar Important Dates

Important Dates for Term 1

23rd February  
Swimming Lessons Yrs 1-6

26th February  
Tuckshop

4th March  
Yr 5/6 Open Room & Assembly

March  
OLMC Swimming Carnival

18th March  
Yr 3/4 Open Room & Assembly

25th March  
Good Friday

27th March  
Easter Sunday

28th March  
Easter Monday

29th March  
Easter Tuesday

4th-5th April  
Pupil Free Days
Dear Parents, Friends, Carers and Students

Friday Night Welcoming

What a wonderful night Friday turned out to be. We had a great turn out for the class meetings as well as a very strong attendance at our Annual Community Meeting. Children were playing in the grounds whilst teachers shared with parents and carers what will be happening in their rooms over the coming semester, new families were getting to meet the locals and the ACM was held which welcomed three new members for the school Board. This was then followed by our Welcoming Dinner, with families providing a plate of salads to share and chickens supplied; courtesy of the P & F.

Our Board

Ex-Officio Father Robert Ex-Officio Di Nyman Chair Person Daniel Critch
Vice Chair Treasurer Sarat Bainbridge Parish Rep
P & F Rep Janice Park Member Rod Messina Member Melinda Weir
New Member Zac Grima New Member Nalini Rao New Member Pip Rumble

On behalf of our school community we welcome our new members to the Board and thank them along with the still standing members, for giving of their time skills and commitment to Our Lady of Mount Carmel Community.

P & F continues

Chair Tim Critch Secretary Jenna McGregor Treasurer Janice Park

Nature Playground

Last week an impromptu meeting was held by the P&F. This was mainly to begin plans for the Nature Playground. This has been building in ideas over the last couple of years and the team are very enthusiastic to hold up to implementation of the first section of the playground commencing at the first Busy Bee at the end of Term One. Please mark in your calendars the date of 9th April when the placement of some of the larger items will take place for this area. More information will be shared soon.

Year 5/6 Ministries

Every year the senior students have the opportunity of be elected into a Ministry for each semester of the year. These Ministries provide a service to the school community and cover a variety of areas and are designed to build capacity and leadership skills in our students. The elections have occurred and students were announced to the class and families that were able to attend. Father attended a blessing of the badges this week in their classroom and the students were presented to the whole school community at the Merit Assembly. They have some interesting ideas as to ways they can pursue their roles over the coming months. We wish them the best and look forward to watching them blossom into even more mature and responsible students.

Cultural Ministry
Tyler Messina
Reuben Rowe
Xander Wilson

Spiritual Ministry
Caleb Critch
Luyanda Ehigator

Environmental Ministry
Lochlain Park
Saxon Flannagan

Communication Ministry
Isabella Critch
Caitlin Rowe
Thomas Strange

Sport Ministry
Aidan Wilson
Antoine Curley
Shannon Harris
Okuhle Mseleku

Library Ministry
Brooke Curtis
Mia Fulker

‘Love one another, as I have loved you.’
Mullewa Power Outages

As you may have read on the front page of the Guardian, you will know that the town of Mullewa is being affected by the maintenance schedule planned through Horizon Power. Fortunately, the day to day running of the school will go ahead uninterrupted as both schools in Mullewa are being provided a generator to maintain power. Unfortunately the swimming pool will not have electricity on Thursdays which therefore means that swimming lessons have needed to be moved to Tuesdays. Our Swimming Carnival is also to be rescheduled. This date will be given to you once it is set. There are times when students are transported in vehicles due to the temperature, the age, convenience and permission of parents. It would be beneficial to the school if we had a couple of child booster seats to help this to happen when needed. If you have a booster seat that is no longer needed and would like to donate it to Our Lady of Mount Carmel, we would be very appreciative.

Our prayers are with Adam Newey (our Bus driver) and his family at this time. Adam has needed to stop working as our Grounds person. I would like to thank Adam for all that his has done to care for our school, particularly over the very hot period just gone and pray for the best that lies ahead. We welcome and thank Jen Taylor who is helping OLMC by taking on the gardening and grounds maintenance of the school and staff housing.

Just a reminder that this Friday is Tuckshop day and next Friday, 4 March, will be the Open Afternoon and Assembly for the Year 5/6 room.

These sandals were left behind at the Welcoming dinner.

God Bless

Di Nyman

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Birthdays

1st March – Isla Tropiano

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.

SCHOOL FEES: Fees will be sent out by the end of Week Five. Please remember to complete your Payment Options form and return it to the school. This indicates your commitment to the school with regards to your fees. Forms will be sent out with accounts to all families. If you have any queries please call Kylie Womersley on 9961 1120.

FEE CONCESSIONS, holders of Centrelink Health Care and Pension Cards may be eligible to receive Fee Discounts. The card must be current and show the names of the children attending school. The discount can only be given to the person responsible for payment of the school fees. The discounts are available for students from Kindy to Year Six. All families claiming fee discounts MUST complete new forms for 2016. Please bring your card with you as we are required to sight and copy the card.

‘Love one another, as I have loved you.’
P&F Notices

P&F Quiz Night – Mark Your Calendar
The quiz night date has been set for Saturday 2\textsuperscript{nd} 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.
28th February – Third Sunday of Lent

Uniform Shop

\textbf{UNIFORM SHOP OPEN}

\begin{itemize}
  \item Wednesday 8.30am to 9am and 3pm to 3.30pm
  \item Thursday 8.30am to 9am and 3pm to 3.30pm
\end{itemize}

Now located in the hall.
Order forms can be sent home with your child on request.
Rebecca Dreghorn is your uniform co-ordinator.

‘Love one another, as I have loved you.’
Mrs Tunbridge’s K/PP Newsletter

What a busy Start to Term!

This term the Kindy / Pre Primary have been exploring a variety of Nursery Rhymes and fairy tales. We have made Hickory Dickory Dock clocks, Humpty Dumpty collages, turnip and potato prints. On Fridays we cook a food that is related to our story. We have made scrambled Humpty and Damper as well as vege soup (when we read “the tale of the Turnip”.)

Cooking Photos

‘Love one another, as I have loved you.’
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It has been a wonderful start to 2016 for the Year One / Two’s. We have been learning about “All About Me” in all areas of learning, such as Literacy, Numeracy, Society and Environment, Religion, Technology and Enterprise and Health.

This term we have begun our teeth-brushing program where, after lunch every day we brush our teeth to promote personal hygiene. We have written our holiday recounts as well as looking at numbers that are special to ourselves such as birthdays, favourite numbers and members in our family.

We were lucky enough to draw and paint life size people just like us to be able to hang around the classroom, where we will be able to compare our heights from the beginning of the year to the end of the year.