An Easter Prayer

This Easter I am thankful for...
the gentle hands that nurtured me
the beloved hands that comfort me
the Blessed hands that bled for me
and all the hands that pray for me

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OLMC Calendar - Important Dates

3rd-6th March  Leon away in Perth for CPPA Conference
7th March     P&F Quiz Night at the Golf Club
9th March     Principal Review Process Commences
11th March    Principal Review Process Concludes
12th March    OLMC School Swimming Carnival at the Mullewa Pool
13th March    Mullewa Rural Family Fun Day
16th March    Year 5/6 Camp Commences
17th March    Newsletter Coming Home
20th March    Year 5/6 Camp Concludes

'Love one another, as I have loved you.'
Messages From the Principals Desk

Dear Parents, Friends and Students,

I hope that everyone enjoyed the long weekend with family and friends. There were some very excited students and staff on Friday, with the news that several of the Mullewa boys and girls who are at boarding school, were coming home for the long weekend. After being away now for four weeks I am sure they enjoyed every minute of being home with family.

By now I am hoping that the shock of my departure at the end of Term One has lessened. As I have mentioned to my staff and the School Board Ashlee, Thomas and I have truly enjoyed our time here in Mullewa, and although we are very excited about the next chapter in our lives and about being closer to family, we will miss the staff, students and families of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, and the members of the wider community. We feel privileged to have welcomed our first son Thomas into the world during our time in Mullewa and as such the town will always have a special place in our hearts. We are not leaving yet though and we are really looking forward to spending the next five weeks with you all.

I have been in constant conversations with Catholic Education Western Australia (CEWA) since my appointment last Tuesday and they have moved quickly to ensure that the transition to the new Principal will be as smooth as possible. The position was advertised last Saturday and closes on the 12th March. Ms Helen Brennan for CEWA has flown up today to meet with the staff and School Board to discuss the qualities and talents required of the next leader of Our Lady of Mount Carmel School. This information will assist the interviewing panel to choose a person that is the right fit for Mullewa. To assist with the smooth transition, I will be making sure that I complete a thorough handover with the new Principal when the appointment is made.

Parent Information Night / Annual Community Meeting / Welcoming Dinner – It was wonderful to see so many people at the Parent Information Night / Annual Community Meeting / Welcoming Dinner. I received a lot of positive feedback from parents and staff and many were happy with the new format we trialed. I thank those who have taken the time to send me their feedback and if anyone else has any thoughts about what might make it better in 2016 please email me at admin@olmc.wa.edu.au. All feedback is recorded and will be reflected upon when making the decision for next year’s event.

As part of my report I referred to our 2014–2016 Strategic Plan and the 2015 Annual School Improvement Plan. The Annual School Improvement Plan highlights the key actions we are taking as a school in 2015 to improve in the areas of Catholic Identity, Community, Education and Stewardship. If you missed the links in our previous newsletter and were interested in having a read of where we are heading, below are links to both of the discussed documents.

2015 Annual School Improvement Plan - [http://goo.gl/M63xWd](http://goo.gl/M63xWd)

God bless.

L.F. Bolding
Principal

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Merit Award Winners

Congratulations to all of our merit award winners. You have all worked hard and achieved some amazing things. What a great start to the year.

Luyanda Ehigiat
Lola Knock
Okuhle Msleku
Caitlin Rowe
Graham Sandy
Sahara Flannagan
Tarkyn Fulker
Adam Grima
Ruby Knock
Ashton Blake

Birthday Wishes

Happy Birthday to the following staff and students who have celebrated a birthday over the past two months!

Lochlain Park
Sienna Harris

Office Reminders

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

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.

Uniform Shop – Please note that the uniform shop is only open on Wednesday and Thursday mornings and afternoons. Order forms can, however be sent home during the week with your child.

Hit Nits 4 6! – Hit Nits 4 6 products are once again available to purchase at the School Office. There are two products available: The “Once Off Lotion” for students who have nits or head lice and the “Daily Control Spray” to prevent reinfestation. These products are sold at the cost price of $15. Further information regarding nits is available through the office.

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P&F News

Tuckshop – Thank you to Sarat Bainbridge and Melinda Weir for organising and running the tuckshop for the children last Friday. Thank you also to everyone who baked a cake or sent in something yummy for the students to purchase at lunchtime. Finally, thank you to Rebecca who does a lot of running around behind the scenes, getting parent helpers and ensuring the tuckshop is clean and tidy for the day.

Quiz Night – This Saturday night is the P&F Quiz Night at the Golf Club. If you haven’t already organised a table get in touch with Rachel Swift via the school office and put your name down. It promises to be another great night and a wonderful community event. Thank you to Rachel who has almost single handedly organised this year’s Quiz Night.

New P&F Members – Thank you to the few people who have come forward and volunteered to help out on the P&F. We are still in need of a few more people so if you are interested get in touch and let us know. The more people we can have on the Committee the less that falls on the shoulders of just one or two individuals.

Tim Critch
P&F President

Rebecca Dreghorn
P&F Secretary

Community News

Mullewa RURAL
Family Fun Day

and “Welcome all NEWCOMERS” to Mullewa

Where: Mullewa Recreation Centre / Sports Club

What’s On:
East vs. West Cricket Match @ 8.00pm
East contact – Barno – 0427 913 305
West contact – Tim – 0428 828 045

Kids’ Activities from 3:30pm
Social Tennis @ 3.00pm
Contact Tracey Meadina 8861 1466

Social Badminton @ 3.00pm
Contact Pat Weir 8862 3092

Social Bocce @ 5.00pm
Contact Hobby 0427 167 308

Social BBQ and Drinks @ Sports Club
Kids – 6:30pm
Adults – 7:00pm

Please RSVP for catering purposes to
8861 1002 by 8th March
Thank you

Mullewa Community
Bike Event

FRIDAY 20th March – 6.30pm
Outdoor MOVIE
at the Youth Centre

SATURDAY 21st March – 10am–1pm
Bike Mechanic Workshops / Engraving
BMX Track / Time trials
Activity Books & Road Safety Information
Fire Brigade Demonstration & More.....
~ Free BBQ lunch at the Pool — 1pm ~
All welcome..... come join the fun

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Project Compassion 2015

“Food for Life”

In a world where there is so much wealth, so many resources to feed everyone, it is unfathomable that there are so many hungry children. – Pope Francis

“Food for Life” is the focus for this year’s Project Compassion. Throughout Lent, Caritas invites our students to learn more about food issues and how their support can help the world’s poorest people create a better future with healthier, more reliable food sources.

http://www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion

Last Thursday, our Year 3/4 and Year 5/6 students, along with other schools around Australia, were lucky to be chosen to talk with two people from Fiji, Eric and Ma, live on the Project Compassion YouTube channel. Eric and Ma are involved in running a training centre for the people from their island so they are equipped with the skills to grow food and run a small sustainable business. Our students had watched a video of life in Eric and Ma’s community; they then worked together to come up with interesting questions to ask Eric and Ma on Thursday. Ma particularly liked our question about their favourite recipes cooked from the vegetables they grow.

Here are some of the questions the students composed ready to ask Eric and Ma.

What types of plants/vegetables do you grow, in what seasons, and on what area of land, and what type of rainfall and climate do you have to help them grow? How do you harvest your crops and what are your favourite foods and recipes to cook from what you have grown?

What is the number of chickens and goats that you run, what sort of products do you produce from them such as milk and cheese, and do you sell your products to others or just use them in your community. Do you kill your chickens and goats to use for meat and do you sell them as animals and buy more or do you produce enough to keep going? How many eggs do your chickens lay a day?

What type of training does the Tutu centre provide now, how does it go financially, are you still involved and will your children/grandchildren be involved? Why do you keep writing love letters each day to each other?
Ministries Semester One

Leaders of today!

The year 5/6 Classroom have been working very hard this term. The focus this year is for students to become the best leaders that they can. Students have completed activities in which they explored the external and internal skills needed to become a successful leader. Students have been demonstrating their leadership skills within their Ministries and by helping out the school community.

Thank you to Father Robert who blessed the badges for the students, and thank you to the parents and families who came and made this afternoon happen.

Save the Date!

P&F Quiz Night
Saturday
07th March 2015

Year 5/6 Camp
Week 7 of Term 1
16th March – 20th March

Oil of Chrism
25th March, 5pm
Blessing of the oil, which will be used when celebrating Sacrament of Confirmation.