Our Lady of Mt Carmel
School Newsletter

Term 1 Week 8
March 24th 2015

a jelly bean prayer
red is for the blood He gave.
green is for the grass He made.
yellow is for the sun so bright.
orange is for the edge of night.
black is for the sins we've made.
purple is for His hour of sorrow.
pink is for the new tomorrow.

One of jelly beans colorful and bright is prayer, a promise of a brand new life.

OLMC Calendar - Important Dates

24th March  Board Meeting – 7:00pm
25th March  Mass of the Oils – 5:00pm at St John’s Parish
            P&F Meeting – 7:00pm
27th March  NCVISSA Interschool Swimming Carnival at
            Aquarena Geraldton
30th March  Holy Week Assemblies Commence
1st April    Year 5/6 Grip Leadership Excursion in Geraldton
2nd April   Holy Week Assemblies Conclude
            Holy Thursday
            Final Day of Term 1
3rd April   Good Friday
5th April   Easter Sunday
20th April  Term 2 Commences for Staff and Students

'Love one another, as I have loved you.'
Dear Parents, Friends and Students,

I hope the last few weeks have been going well for everyone. The weather has begun to shift in the last few weeks and the cooler weather appears to be coming back. Not long now and the hectic pace of seeding will begin, a time when we pray that everyone will be safe and that you are blessed with the right amount of rain at the right times.

Year 5/6 Kalbarri Camp – Our Year 5/6 students enjoyed a week of fun, adventure and leadership last week in Kalbarri, with a story or two to tell upon their return. The students were involved in abseiling, sand boarding, a trip to Rainbow Jungle, a visit to the local fire station, some fun playing mini golf and a number of night time activities including a quiz, movie and a few games of spotlight. The children behaved very well and challenged themselves at every opportunity. It was wonderful to see their growth over the week. Next term the Year 5/6’s will be doing the first assembly of the term and will be sharing with you some of the photos and stories from their week away. Keep an eye on the calendar for the date.

A special thank you to Karina, Tracey, Rebecca and Fr Robert, for coming along for the week and assisting in so many ways. Their presence ensured that the children were well looked after, had amazing meals and were transported safely there and back on the bus. Thank you to the Mullewa Shire Office and the City of Greater Geraldton for the loan of the community bus, it was greatly appreciated. Thank you to the Kalbarri PCYC for hosting our students and for helping to organise the activities. Finally, thank you to our hardworking P&F Committee who through fundraising events last year were able to assist families with the cost of the camp and buy each student and teacher a special camp hat.

One of the key outcomes of the camp was the ongoing development of the students’ cooperation and leadership skills. Their journey towards being leaders of our school continues next week with an excursion to Geraldton. The students will be involved in the Grip Leadership course, a course that is run all around the country for both primary and secondary students. Through class discussions, the camp and next week’s excursion the students should be well grounded in what an effective leader looks and sounds like. These skills will hopefully help them over the coming year to be excellent role models for our younger students and the wider community.

Absentee Notes – This is just a reminder that if your son or daughter are away from school for any reason a note explaining their absence needs to be provided upon their return. This is a legal requirement and one that the school is audited on each year. I thank those families who are in this routine already as it saves valuable administration time for Rebecca and Rachel. Please ensure that when notes are sent in that they contain a detailed explanation regarding why your child is absent, we require more than just ‘my child was away’. The note also needs to be on a separate piece of paper and not in the diary as the note is filed in our archives. I thank you for your continued support with this matter.

Holy Week Assemblies – Next week is the start of Holy Week, a very special and solemn time in the Catholic Church’s calendar. During the week each class will be presenting a small item to mark each event that occurs during Holy Week. Due to it being a very hectic week we have not finalised the exact time for each class, however these times will be set this afternoon at our All Staff Meeting and each classroom teacher will inform families via the students communication book / diary.

K/PP – Palm Sunday
Year 1/2 – Washing of the Feet
Year 3/4 – Last Supper
Year 5/6 – Stations of the Cross

‘Love one another, as I have loved you.’
Final Newsletter – This will be my last newsletter as the Principal of Our Lady of Mount Carmel School, so as such I would like to say thank you to the Mullewa community for making Ashlee, Thomas and I feel so welcomed over the past two years. It is a wonderful community and although we have only been here for a short period of time, it will always be a place we hold close to our hearts. The next leader of the school is very lucky to be coming to such a strong and supportive community.

I would also like to thank the staff of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, they are all amazing people who are extremely dedicated to the education of each and every child. The staff really do make Our Lady of Mount Carmel an amazing place to be each day and I thank them for all that they have done and will continue to do for your children into the future.

Thank you to the School Board and P&F Association for all that they do to support the school and the work being done. There are several funding raising events planned and some busy bee work on the cards that will continue to enhance the school community and the environment in which your students learn and play.

Thank you to the Parish Council, Fr Robert and all the parishioners. It has been wonderful to work so closely together, a relationship that is paramount to us as a Catholic school. The church will always be a part of our lives and as the venue of Thomas’ baptism it will certainly be somewhere we will be bringing him back to regularly.

Finally, thank you to all of the boys and girls for their hard working and friendly personalities. You make Our Lady of Mount Carmel a vibrant place to be and are why we all get out of bed each day. I look forward to hearing about all of your successes in the future.

Thank you again and hopefully I get the opportunity to touch base with as many of you as possible before the end of the term.

God bless.

Leon Bolding
Principal

Birthday Wishes

Happy Birthday to the following staff and students who have celebrated a birthday since our last newsletter or will do between now and the start of Term 2!

Hunter Rumble
Tamisha Papertalk
Sofie Weir
Mariah Bennington
Max Rumble
Mia Faulker
Archie Docherty

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Office Reminders

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish – Mass is celebrated every Sunday commencing at 8:30am. Everyone is welcome to attend. See below for Holy Week Mass times.

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 6I – 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 reinfection. These products are sold at the cost price of $15. Further information regarding nits is available through the office.

P&F News

Quiz Night – The OLMC Quiz Night was a huge success, thank you very much to those of you that were able to make it. An extremely massive thank you must go to Rachel Swift for organising the whole night. Not only does she work full time and run a business but she was able to get some amazing prizes and pull the whole night together seemingly effortlessly. Thank you also to those that helped Rachel set up for the night. Big thanks also to Donna and Roma for doing a fantastic job running the bar in the heat!

Easter Egg Raffle – Melinda Weir has kindly taken on the role of organising the Easter Egg Raffle, thank you Melinda. Please get your Easter Eggs into the school as soon as possible so Melinda knows what she has to work with.

Footy Tipping – Janelle and Steve Rowe have come forward and offered to run the Footy Tipping for 2015, keep an eye out for when books will be out. The AFL 2015 football season kicks off on Thursday the 2nd of April 2015 and a tipping competition is being run again this year to raise money for the OLMC P&F Association. Tipping books are available from Yarrumba Deli, Thurlkes and the OLMC office for $70.00 or alternatively join the competition via email. Rounds will be emailed weekly and you can pay by EFT. For details contact Janelle Rowe or email olmcfootytipping@gmail.com

Secretary – We are still waiting for someone to put up their hand for the very rewarding job as secretary. It isn’t a huge job. Mainly writing minutes, liaising with Tim, Janice and various others and organising different fundraising events. Bec is more than happy to help out with any information needed.

Tuckshop – As you have probably realised we only had one Tuckshop this term. This was due to it being a short term and a very busy one. Thank you to Melinda Weir and Pip Rumble for doing a fantastic job at the last Tuckshop. The next Tuckshop is Friday 8th May, Penny Critch is the leader and Jenni Strange is the helper. If you can’t make your duty please let Bec know.

Tim Critch
P&F President

Rebecca Dreghorn
P&F Secretary

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### Holy Week Ceremonies

**Palm Sunday, 29th March Mass with the Procession of Palms**
- 5.00pm Perenjori
- 6.30pm Morawa
- 8.30am Mullewa
- 5.00pm Mingenew

**Mass of the Lord’s Supper, Holy Thursday 2nd April**
(Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 9.00pm)
- 7.00pm Mullewa

**Celebration of the Lord’s Passion and Death, Good Friday 3rd April**
- 10.30am Mingenew
- 3.00pm Mullewa

**Easter Vigil, Saturday 4th April**
- 5.00 Perenjori
- 6.30pm Morawa

**Easter Sunday, Sunday 12 April**
- 8.30am Mullewa
- 11.00am Mingenew

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Yalgoo
When it comes to Yalgoo, I am struggling to work out when I can fit in an Easter Mass. I am still living with the fact that even with the placing of posters around town of the Christmas time Mass no one ended up attending.

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**Ellie the Elephant**

Ellie has been lucky enough to go home with a few students so far this term. Ellie has had a wonderful time with Sahara, Sofie, Cooper, Carly, Angus and Lachlan. Ellie has had some great adventures, such as going to Tennis, Geraldton, Dancing, watching movies, birthday parties, going to the Beach, swimming lessons, Gymnastics and the OLMC Quiz night. Each week I am looking for students who are following instructions and doing the right thing, they are lucky enough to take Ellie home for the weekend.

**Superhero Rewards**

Students have been collecting stamps on their Superhero reward charts. Some have been lucky enough to have already collected all nine stamps, which entitled them to receive a price out of Miss Nic’s price box.

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**In Year One / Two**

In Year One / Two we have started the year off well and are working very hard in all learning areas. This term we are looking at Superheroes. We have made our own life sized superhero from tracing our own bodies and painting them to make them look like real superheroes. We also used our initials to create a superhero badge and glasses to go with our superhero bodies. Miss Nic has been reading some Superhero children’s novels for modelled reading. We have read about Batman saving the world from evil villains and now we are reading about Spider Man.

In support we have been working very well in our groups and we enjoy working with Miss Mariah, Mrs Tunbridge and Miss Nic.

In Mathematics we have been looking at a range of areas, such as shapes, time, calendar months, adding, counting, odd and even numbers, measuring with items we find around the room, as well as what is less then, more then and the same size as a
Cluster Play

This term we have continued with Cluster play with the Kindy and Pre-Primary class. We have been enjoying getting to know the new Kindy students.

At cluster play time on Friday’s we use the bikes, swings, trampoline, trucks and other items to play with. We are focusing on sharing the items with one another and waiting for our turn to play with them.

In the next few weeks we are going to be able to play with the dress up costumes in the cubby house area. We are currently making sure that we do not put sand in the cubby house and keeping it clean and tidy.

Overall, we are really enjoying time playing and getting to know the younger students in the favourite Kindy / Pre-Primary play area. We are playing very well with one another and looking after the Kindy / Pre-Primary students.

metre around the school. We have enjoyed investigating and using magazines and manipulatives to help us with our maths.

In Literacy we have been working really hard in practicing our reading, writing, handwriting and spelling. We have begun to learn how to rule up our pages to get ready to write and makes our writing pages look neater.

In Technology and Enterprise we are looking at Superhero costumes and what they are made out of as well as the appropriate materials to make superhero costumes out of.

In Health we have been looking at rules and responsibilities of ourselves and others around us at both home and school.

In Society and Environment we are looking at timelines and life events that are important to us as individuals.

This term has been a wonderful start to the year. The Year One / Two students have been working very well and we always welcome parents into the classroom at any time as we love to show all the hard work we have been doing. So please don’t hesitate to come in for a visit.

Miss Nic, Miss Caroline and the Year One / Two’s.
This term we have read many Dr Suess books and created pictures, games, and learning tasks from the stories we have read.

We have made poodle noodles, and pink Yink drink. We have threaded strawberries and marshmallows to make patterns like the 'Cat in the Hat's' hat. We even balanced 10 apples up on top, just like the tiger in the book.

Kindy children have settled well into the routines of the classroom. This term they have learnt how to write their name, they have completed many activities based on counting, rhyming, syllables and listening for the sounds in words. Some of our Kindy kids can recognize letters around the room - Amazing.

Pre Primaries have learnt how to spell and write simple words like cat, mat, man and jam. Pre Primaries have also learnt about numbers up to 20 and beyond. We have begun to play games that require simple addition too. Playing games like snakes and ladders, and other such board games will help your child with counting.

I observed a great lesson with Mrs Messina not long ago,
the children were learning about solids and liquids. They had great fun melting ice out in the sun to see how ice can turn from a solid to a liquid. Miss Mariah has been teaching the Pre Primaries some basic art techniques like colour mixing and printing using objects and paint. Their spring tulip pictures are spectacular.

Finally the weather is cooling down and outdoor fun will be more pleasant. Next term we are hoping to transplant the old flowerbed in the play area, creating a herb and vegetable garden. We are excited about the prospect of eating our own ‘school grown’ veggies and smelling and cooking with herbs. We also wish to plant hanging baskets with a variety of plants that the children will enjoy. If you have gardening expertise, old pots or hanging baskets – we would love to hear from you.

Parents please make sure all jumpers are clearly labeled as I imagine we will be taking them off in the day till the weather cools off more. Also, please send your child with a water bottle each day as it minimizes the time children are lingering outside at the water fountains. Thank you for your generous donations of cheese, rice crackers and fruit – we have had healthy morning teas each day!

We are looking for a parent volunteer to wash the dress-ups and pillow covers before at the end of term – please put a note in your child’s communication book if you can assist.

Enjoy the school holidays and have a blessed Easter.

Thank you!

K/PP would like to thank a few people for their generous donations and help this term.

*Thankyou Mrs Swift (and her mum) for sewing the covers for the lounge in our classroom – our new blue spotty covers look divine.
*Miss Bec for the donation of a new jarrah dolls bed – it is beautiful.
*Mrs Flannagan donated some pre-loved dress-ups and puzzles.
* Mrs Weir for washing our dress-ups.