Our Lady of Mt Carmel
School Newsletter

Term 2 Week 10
1st July, 2016

We thank you Lord, for this term.
For the challenges, the successes, and the mistakes from which
we have learnt.
God of the ordinary be with us as we spend our time with family
and friends.
Give us strength and courage to do what is right: to be witnesses
of our faith.
Help us to be a practical Christian these holidays, to appreciate
what others do for us, to give time and effort to help others.
To be peacemakers in our family.
Keep us safe in our activities; give us good rest and good fun.
Bring us back refreshed and ready for a new term.
We thank you for our classmates, teachers, parents and a
community that cares for us.
May we always be conscious of you in our lives.
Amen

OLMC Calendar Important Dates

Term 3

18th July  First Day of Term 3
25th July  School Photos
29th July  Newsletter
9th Aug    Rags to Riches Nagle Performance
22nd Aug   Catholic Leave Day
22nd-23rd Sept Pupil Free Days

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

We have come to the end of the first semester of the year, half way through achieving where we want to be with personal goals set earlier, whether New Year’s resolutions or from the point of view of learning goals which is more apt for us in the school setting. Children will be receiving their School Reports on Friday for parents and carers to see where they are aligning along with our West Australian Standards. Being half way through the year, teachers are assessing what they have taught, not what they should know by the end of the year. We are not there yet. There is still another five months of learning time available for concepts to be developed. Building on knowledge is a term you may have heard. When you want to learn something or improve a skill you start with what you can do and add to this or build onto it. Learning the alphabet and then learning to read key most frequent letters and words until there are a few to add together to make a simple story.

Cross Country
On a very chilly Thursday morning the children from OLMC braved the cold to run the distance. The pre-primary children completed their warm up lap around the oval to get the focus happening for the older students. They headed out to school front and cordoned off the roads. Parents lined the street along with classes by the curb. The track had been prepared by Mrs Messina with staff strategically positioned along the route to guide the way. Thanks Mrs Tamisha and Mrs Steele. Years one and two ran around the paddock cross country, and then headed for the finish line at the main gate. Years three and four headed off around the back of the old oval to finish near the front gate and the older students ran an impressive two laps of the long course. Congratulations to Blue team for taking out the shield for 2016. A huge effort and a great event to finish off the term. Well done to all the students and to Mrs Messina, you are a champ!

Three Way Conferences
Three Way Conferences are the meetings that teachers will have with you and your child. These are scheduled between weeks two and four. There is a range of times that will be made available for this opportunity to discuss how your child’s progress is going, their celebrations and their challenges. Not everything is academic. We focus greatly on bringing out the Jesus in everyone. To be emotionally strong and to care for others and ourselves. We cannot be strong for others if we are strong our self. You know the children so much better than we do and we are very keen for you to share how you get the best out of them so that we can assist their development with the greatest effect. We also like to know the little insights that explain why they may not speak so confidently in front of the class or are a bit nervous about something. Our job and vocation is to help to develop these skills as well. A letter will be sent home in the first two days of next term with times that the teachers are available for these meetings. If you have more than one child, then you will want to get onto this rather quickly, so that you can schedule them all on the one afternoon if possible.

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**NCEC Conference**

Last week Jill, Father and I came away from the Conference feeling very proud that we are a part of Catholic Education in Western Australia and our Nation. What is happening in our Catholic Schools is very special. When some-one asks you why are you sending your child/ren to a Catholic School? You can tell them that Australia is becoming known for the quality of education that is being provided by Catholic schools and that not only are we good at what we do but Christ is at the centre, and even better; because what we do makes a difference.

If you have a chance, please have a look at a 3 minute clip of some of the things that made a great impression to all who attended this Conference including overseas guests.


**Term Three**

Term Three commences on the Monday – 18 July. We have our school photos a bit earlier this year, they will be on the second Monday of the term, 25 July. Please mark this date on the calendars. Some of you are already aware that the school is trialling a new App. If you type in Mullewa into the app store, our school App will pop up. Miss Bec has spent a lot of time adding pieces of information that will help keep our community informed. There are many features in this App that help to keep you all informed. Another great thing is that it is free and other members of the family or great aunts can have it. You can turn on alerts and it will ping you when something has been added. It will prompt you to add to your calendar if you want to remember something coming up. You can also send through any absentee notes under eForms, sign your name on your phone and it will send to the office admin email. It is not only for Apple people, it is across platforms – Google play on android, Windows Phone and of course in the app store.

**School Shirt Change**

The P&F have been doing some research into changing our school shirt. There have been some concerns mentioned about the difficulty to keep the light blue colour clean. They are currently exploring some options and looking at different styles along with different materials. It is important that we keep the colour blue, as this is in memory of the sisters. Shades of blue will be considered. There are two shirts available to look at in the office over the next month, to the end of July, for quality and texture perusal. Part of this process will also include some surveys to gather information from the students, parents and staff regarding a shirt change. Stay tuned.

Have a happy and safe holiday everyone and I look forward to seeing you next term.

God bless

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How To Install Skoolbag On Your Smartphone

For iPhone and iPad users:
1. Click the "App Store" icon on your Apple device.
2. Type your school name in the search, using suburb name will help.
3. You will see your school appear, click "Get" then "Install".
4. The app is FREE to download.
5. When installed click "Open".
6. Select "OK" to receive push notifications, when asked.
7. Click the "More" button on the bottom right of the App, then "Setup".
8. Toggle on the Push Categories that are applicable for you by tapping the on/off switch.

For Android users:
You must first have signed up with a Google Account before installing the app.
1. Click the "Play Store" button on your Android Device
2. Click the magnifying glass icon at the top and type in your school name, using suburb name will help.
3. Click the school name when it appears in the search.
4. Click the "Install" button.
5. Click "Accept" for various permissions (please note, we do not modify any of your personal data on your device).
6. Click "Open" when installed.
7. Click the "More" button on the bottom right of the App, then "Setup".
8. Toggle on the Push Categories that are applicable for you by tapping the on/off switch.

Please Note: Some brands of Android phones need the setting in "Notification Manager" changed to "Allow" instead of "Notify" in order for the push notifications to work. The phone must also be running at least version 4 system software to run the app.

For Windows 8.1 Phone and Windows 8.1 or 10 device users:
1. Go to the Windows Store on your 81 Windows Phone or Windows 8/10 Device
2. Search for "Skoolbag" in the keyword app search
3. Install the Skoolbag app
4. Find your school either by using the keyword search or location service.
5. Click the "Pin" icon to pin the school tile to your Windows Phone home screen.
6. Click the "More" button on the bottom right of the App, then "Setup".
7. Toggle the Push Categories that are applicable to you by tapping the on/off switch.

Please Note: The Skoolbag Windows App is for 81 version Windows Phones, or Windows 81 and 10 devices.

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Dear Parents and Caregivers

As we come to the end of Semester One, I would like to take the opportunity to thank you and your family for the vital role you play within our Catholic Education community in Western Australia. For those of you who have joined us this year, I extend an especially warm welcome.

Some of you may have heard about the 2016 National Catholic Education Commission (NCEC) Conference which was hosted by Catholic Education Western Australia recently in Perth. The conference, attended by more than 1,400 delegates from across Australia and the world, presented opportunities for many of our principals and teachers to contemplate a Catholic education system that provides new educational opportunities and ways of learning.

It was truly wonderful and humbling to hear Honduran Cardinal Rodriguez Maradiaga speak of Catholic Education in Australia as one of the best Catholic school systems in the world. I am confident that this would not be the case without the hard work and dedication of our staff, or without the invaluable contribution from the parents, families and friends that make up our school communities.

This term was filled with countless stories of student achievement, innovative teaching and learning approaches, and inspiring community initiatives across our system of 163 schools. Witnessing the first Catholic School Youth Summit, with Year 10 and 11 students from across our state, reinforced the agility and resourcefulness of Catholic Education to reimagine learning in a complex youth environment. The opportunity to join hundreds of primary school students from across the Archdiocese of Perth to support the 2016 Lifelink Day campaign launch encouraged me to reflect on the role of our schools to grow compassionate school communities, where Christian values flourish in the lives of our children.

As the winter holiday begins, I hope you will have opportunities to spend time with your children, to have fun, and to continue learning with them and from them. I also hope it is a time for you to reflect on the great importance of your role as your child’s first educator. May you be encouraged by the words of Cardinal Rodriguez Maradiaga, in his address to the NCEC Conference, “To be an educator is to be joyful.”

I wish your family a joy-filled winter break.

Yours sincerely

Dr Tim McDonald

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Birthdays

A very happy birthday to the following staff and students:

5th July Lola Park
11th July Aidan Weir
11th July Miss Nicole Kerr
15th July Zhyeisha Collard
22nd July Mrs Jill Hollands
29th July James Sandy
29th July Caitlin Rowe
31st July Mrs Renata Steele

Merit Award Recipients

Riley Keeffe
Jaxon Papertalk
Adam Grima
Willie Rowe
Lola Park
Kaiyne Lincoln
Lachlan Rowe
Isabella Critch
Brooke Curtis
Luyanda Ehigiator

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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.

Parish Notices

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

For further details and information on any Mass services please feel free to contact Fr Robert O’Bryan PP on 9961 1181 or 0457 980852

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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The Year Three/Four class have been focusing on Fables and have looked at the various different Fables we have in our Beautiful Library.

Here are some of the students Fables CAN YOU GUESS THE HIDDEN MESSAGE?

The Rabbit and The Bear

One day in a huge yellow, dry desert there was a Rabbit and a Bear (the Rabbit had just met the bear and didn’t know him too well). They were going for a walk and then they came to a cliff. The cliff was very deep hole in the middle of the desert. Bear said “Jump down that cliff!” The Rabbit wasn’t sure because she thought that Bear was her friend and he was going to protect her, but she listened and jumped. She landed with a THUMP! She had some bruises but was not injured. From that day the rabbit lived at the bottom of the cliff and made new friends.

Sofie Weir

The Swan and the Fish

Once upon a time there was a swan that would eat all the food. The fish would have no food and the swan would laugh at the starving fish. So one day all the fish moved out of the lake to the ocean and the swan was left all alone and the swan was sad. He was all alone because there was no one left in the lake. The swan died alone and the fish died together.

Benjamin Strange

The Boy Who Was Mean

One day a boy was being mean. He teasing the girls and was being so mean that the girls were sad so the next day one of the girls said “why are you being so mean? you won’t make friends that way.” The boy thought to himself and said, “Sorry I didn’t know I was being mean”. The girl replied and said “its ok”.

Isabella Low

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During Term 2 the Year 5/6 class travelled to North and South America. Students have created a travel brochure for their chosen country. They had to research their country finding out about the capital city, vegetation, climate and famous tourist attractions. They then used Microsoft Publisher to create an eye-catching and informative brochure persuading people to visit the country.

Jamaica is the home of the fastest runner in the world, Usain Bolt - Reuben
Greenland’s President is Kim Kuijsech - Caleb
The Olympics will be held in Rio, Brazil this year. In Brazil is the Amazon Forest and it is the home of Christ the Redeemer - Isabella & Tyler
Costa Rica has a population of 4,872,000 - Brooke
Mexico has a good-looking President and his name is Enrique Pena Niexco. They have the pyramid of the sun - Saxon & Sisi
There are 50 states in the USA. The population is 324,118,787 people. - Xander, Luyanda, Thomas, Aidan & Shannyn
Chile has the driest desert in the world, Atacama and Spanish is the major language. Chile is a of extremes with soaring snow-capped peaks, glaciers, volcanoes, fertile valleys and the world's driest desert - Caitlin & Mia
- Lochlain