Prayer

A Mother’s Prayer

Dear lord, it’s such a hectic day,
With little time to slop and pray,
For life’s been anything but calm,
Since you called me to be Mum...

Running errands, matching socks,
Building dreams with matching blocks,
Cooking, cleaning and finding shoes
And all those things that young ones lose,

Filling lids on bottled bugs,
Wiping tears and giving hugs,
A stack of last week’s mail to read -
So where’s the quiet time I need?

Yet as I go to bed each night,
My heart is filled with true love’s light
As I take one last peek I see,
This treasure you have given me -
God’s own sweet blessing sleeping there.

The answer to a Mother’s Prayer.

OLMC Calendar Important Dates

8th May Mothers Day
10th-12th May NAPLAN
13th May Tuckshop
20th May Newsletter

‘Love one another, as I have loved you.’
Messages from the Principal’s Desk

I can’t believe that we have only been at school for two weeks! We have had a wonderful start to the term with the much needed rain (more would be good) followed by some beautiful sunshine. I don’t think our bulbs quite know what to do, the few cold nights have tricked many into early shoots. I hope that our ‘wildflower season’ will be as strong as ever. All students have settled well into our school routine, as though they have not been away. We started our week welcoming Miss Danielle officially as the Year 5/6 Class Teacher even though she was with us for the last week of Term One. Miss Danielle has commented on the beautiful nature of our children and how well they are working; she is looking forward to getting to know each and every child and spending time in the Mullewa Community.

A reflective service was organised at school on Friday to remember the anniversary of the landings of Australian and New Zealand soldiers, or ANZACs, as we now call them, on some beaches far away from Australian shores. Our guest, Dr Nalina Lao was present as a representative from the Army Reserve to address the community. Nalini gave the children a simple, yet very informative explanation of how World War II had started. Nalini mentioned the important role animals played in the war. She described the three services as being represented like a triangle - the Air Force, Army and Navy, and then spoke about her role in the Army Reserve as a doctor, and the enjoyment she gets from working as part of a team to help people. Nalini made a point of saying we do not glorify war, but that our Armed Services were very important for our country. She spoke about the importance of having the Army Reserve, the opportunities it presented to young people, and that they could think about being a part of it if when they were older, if they were interested. Nalini wore the service medals that had belonged to Bella’s great uncle who was unfortunately killed during the very last week of the war in Borneo.

Mr Parnham collected the ‘Weatherwall’ equipment from Scitech over the holidays. The children from the Environmental Ministry will be recording the minimum and maximum temperatures, rainfall and wind direction every Tuesday and submitting this data online ready for the GWN Weather report for the rest of the term. Two to three schools are allocated to each day of the week, so we may not get a mention each week, but we hope we will see and hear about our weather watchers soon!

‘Love one another, as I have loved you.’
This week has seen each class walk to the Mullewa Women’s Indigenous Group Art Centre to take part in the Polymer Clay Project, co-ordinated by Faye Fulker, from the Mullewa District Office. The skillful Debbie Crothers with her band of helpers assisted staff, parents and children to learn some of the skills to work with this very attractive product and to also learn a valuable lesson on caring for others in a fun and interactive environment.

I was amazed at the quality and detail of the products that the children were able to reproduce. Debbie very carefully, simply and explicitly led the children step by step through ways to manipulate this medium. We would be hard pressed to find somewhere where our children could have received such personalised attention.

Thank you to all those involved.

The children have been spending some time preparing for NAPLAN next week. Attached to the Newsletter is an infographic which gives useful information and the benefits of the tests. NAPLAN is our National Assessment Program for Literacy and Numeracy for all students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. These tests have been an annual part of the school calendar since 2008. NAPLAN tests the sorts of skills that are essential for every child to progress through school and life. They are one of the many tools that a teacher and a school use to see how a student is achieving compared to the National Standards for their year level. We are always striving to be our best and want to make sure that our students know how well they are performing compared to other students of the same year group. It is important for families to support and accept that these tests can make the children nervous. Encouragement to deal with their nerves and to develop strategies and thoughts that help them to better cope with the situation is beneficial. It is important that the children try their best and focus on the task before them. Then it will be over, and children will continue to focus on personal improvement.

This week also saw the commencement of tennis lessons for the students. We were again fortunate to acquire some funding to cover the costs for Coach Nick to come to Mullewa for a six week ‘tennis skills’ program to be delivered to the students in Years 1 to 6. Many thanks to the band of parents who have made themselves available to assist in the transporting of the Years 3-6 students up to the Rec Centre and the Mullewa tennis courts. The little ones were able to have their lessons in the school grounds. Thank you to Mrs Messina for coordinating the lessons.

By the time you read this, we will have had the Year 3/4 Mother’s Day Assembly. Our focus has been on mums as it is Mother’s Day on Sunday. God bless our mums and the important mother figures who have helped us to be who we are. The Year 3/4 class will be having their ‘Open Room’ time later this term when all of the dads will be able to come away from the farms and enjoy the class work. We will keep you posted.

We have heard news from the Bishop’s office that our prayers are definitely making a difference. Bishop Justin has moved from intensive care and is now in the ward and receiving visitors. We continue to pray for his speedy recovery and that God continues to hold him in the palm of His hand.

‘Love one another, as I have loved you.’
School Fees have been posted this week and you should be receiving them shortly in the mail. Please let us know which payment option suits you best and pass this on to the office. If you would like to discuss other payment options, please make an appointment with myself.

This week we have sent out the climate surveys to all parents. Our focus for this year and always is to take on and respond to feedback. This is provided through things like this survey regarding our school and our Catholic Education System of WA. Ultimately we are here for you and your children. The more that we are a team and know how best to keep everyone informed and valued takes effort desire. We are prepared to do both. Please help us to be the school and system that we want for our children by providing your valuable feedback. All responses remain anonymous.

Just a reminder to Parents that the dental van will now be located at Mullewa District High School for the next two weeks.

May God bless all of the women who have been an important part of our lives, whether they are with us still or watching over us in heaven. Part of who we are is because of the impact they have had in our lives. I wish all mums, nans and carers a wonderful Mother’s Day!

God Bless

Di Nyman

Birthdays

A very happy birthday to the following staff and students:
20th April Chykiarah Fraser
26th April Lennard Mackay
10th May Okuhle Mseleku
10th May Mrs Rachel Swift
12th May Aidan Wilson
12th May Xander Wilson
15th May Antoine Curley
17th May Laney Critch

‘Love one another, as I have loved you.’
Merit Award Recipients

Congratulations to the following students that received an award at today's assembly. Keep up the great work!!

Riley Keeffe
Lucas McGregor
Lennard Mackay
Cooper Messina
Clayton Swift
Ruby Knock
Chykiarah Fraser
Lola Park
Sofie Weir
Shannyn Harris
Saxon Flannagan

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.

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

Tuckshop is next Friday 13th May, Penny Critch is the leader and Jodi Schulz is the helper.

Nature Playground
The nature playground is looking awesome, a huge thank you to the following people that were a fantastic help with putting it all together:

A big thank you to Anita Grima, Pip Rumble and Melinda Weir for supplying morning tea.

Rodeo
A reminder that the Mullewa Muster and Rodeo is fast approaching. We will only be cooking breakfast this year on the Sunday morning. If you are able to come along and help it would be greatly appreciated.

Tim Critch
President

Jenna McGregor
Secretary

Janice Park
Treasurer

Parish Notices

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

May is the time for the 2016 National Count of Attendance for all Masses for Saturday Vigil and Sundays for the four weekends in May. This data gathering/head counts shows distribution of people and their attendance at Mass in different regions.

Bishop Justin has requested that Father informs us of the good news that Savio, Peter and Dominic were installed as Acolytes last Friday. Bishop Justin asks that you pray for them as they continue their journey to Priesthood.

Pope Francis’ Prayer Intentions for May
Universal: Respect for women; that in every country of the world, women may be respected and that their essential contribution to society may be highly esteemed.
Evangelisation: Holy Rosary; that families, communities and groups, my pray the Holy Rosary for evangelisation and peace.

‘Love one another, as I have loved you.’
Our Lady of Mount Carmel School and P&F would like to give a big shout out and thank you to the following sponsors of the OLMC Quiz Night. A total of $7,950.00 was raised. Thank you also to those of you that were able to make it.

- Aglime Australia
- Oil Tech
- Miranda Gregory Photography
- Horrocks Beach Cottages
- Quality Resort Sorrento Beach
- Mullewa Farm Supplies
- Afgri
- Gearings Butchers
- Crudeli's auto Repairs
- CJ Swift Transport
- Melita Stockfeeds
- Mullewa Engineering Services
- Miss Maud's
- BP Reliance Geraldton
- Bennetts Elite
- Two Havens
- Mullewa Sportsclub
- Chapman Animal Hospital
- Donna Byron
- Mitchell and Brown
- Wild
- Mandurah City News
- Brett and Renata Steele
- Tracey and Andrew Messina
- Leo and Brad Tunbridge
- Jonesy's
- Bite'z
- Piaf Hair Design

Congratulation to the McRowe table who were the winners.

'Love one another, as I have loved you.'
Results from OLMC Faction Carnival Friday 18th March 2016

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Sportsmanship Awards
Senior: Thomas Strange
Intermediate: Lelia Park
Junior: Latoya Buck

Faction Shields
Overall Winner: Blue
Captain: Aidan Wilson
Vice Captain: Antoine Curley
Team Spirit and Best Behaviour: Gold
Captain: Shannyn Harris
Vice Captain: Okhule Mseleku

Angus Critch
R/U Yr 3 Boy
The Year One and Two class also looked at Primary and Secondary colours throughout Term One. They made colour wheels, blended colours to create primary and secondary colours and also used their hands to create optical illusions.

The Year Five and Six class worked on using different techniques with lines and patterns to create optical illusions. They also used a variety of materials to create their Harry Potter broom stick.

The Year Three and Four class used various techniques with lines to create optical illusions and scattered pictures to create a variety of artworks.

In Term One the Pre-Primary class focused on blending colours and identifying Prime and Secondary Colors. Their favourite activity was mixing shaving cream and Edicol dye.
NAPLAN provides benefits from the ground up for students, schools and Australian education systems.

1 MILLION STUDENTS sit the NAPLAN test.

Who benefits?

Students take the test in years 3, 5, 7 and 9.

No pass. No fail. Familiarisation is important. Drilling and excessive practice is unnecessary.

Read: 3
Write: 5
Language: 9
Conventions: 7
Numeracy: 0

Schools: Map student progress, identify strengths and weaknesses in teaching programs and set goals.

Teachers: Help teachers to challenge high performers and identify students needing support.

Who benefits?

Australian Education Systems

Equity: At risk for all Australian students.

Knowledge: Open conversation about the important role of literacy and numeracy.

National Standards: Compare data about achievement, literacy and numeracy standards.

Who benefits?

The data and information we gain from NAPLAN drives ongoing improvement at school, state and national levels.
UNIFORM SHOP OPEN

Wednesday 8.30am to 9am and 3pm to 5.30pm
Thursday 8.30am to 9am and 3pm to 5.30pm
Now located in the hall.
Order forms can be sent home with your child on request.
Rebecca Dreghorn is your uniform co-ordinator.

Other News

PROFESSIONAL TENNIS COACHING FOR AGES 3+

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KIDS TENNIS FOUNDATION PROGRAM

Founded by Paul McManus in 2001, Kids Tennis Foundation (KTF) provides tennis coaching for financially and socially disadvantaged children throughout Australia. The aim is "to provide tennis coaching for every child in every disadvantaged primary school in Australia". This is to help improve their physical, social and personal wellbeing.

KTF is the only schools-based welfare program using tennis as the means of communication to help raise the self-esteem and self-confidence of financially and socially disadvantaged kids.

Currently, around 200 KTF programs are conducted Australia-wide, with a vast cultural reach, involving close to 4000 underprivileged children every school term.

KTF provides tools, coaching, and a portable net, leaving no one out and ensuring the participation.

KTF is different to "club" tennis or "kids" coaching, where parents or children pay money to improve their game. The size of the group can vary, but the emphasis is always on lots of games and having fun. With much positive encouragement and praise, the children learn to play tennis in a relaxed, happy environment and to appreciate their own work. KTF has introduced tennis to over 25,000 financially and socially disadvantaged children Australia-wide since inception.

Reference
www.kidsfoundation.com

ANZ Tennis Hot Shots is specially designed for kids. Smaller courts, racquets and softer tennis balls equals:

**FUN**
Players are actively engaged, excited and motivated to participate.

**SOCIAL**
Players build social skills such as working cooperatively with a partner, building friendships, encouraging teammates and showing sportsmanship during game play.

**PLAY**
Players think and make decisions about meaningful tennis situations.

**SKILLS**
Players have plenty of opportunities to improve their tennis skills.

ANZ Tennis Hot Shots
Start playing now!

[Contact information]
What is ANZ Tennis Hot Shots?
ANZ Tennis Hot Shots is based on a “learning-through-play” philosophy, which means that playing the game of tennis is the central feature of each session. Smaller courts, racquets and softer tennis balls makes it possible to develop children’s skills faster, while the red, orange and green stages offer a clear pathway.

“A wish ANZ Tennis Hot Shots was around when I started playing tennis. Using the modified equipment makes it so much easier to start playing!”
Alicia Makk – ANZ Tennis Hot Shots Ambassador

“I want to play every day. My mum and dad bought me a small net for Christmas and we play most nights in the driveway”.
Sarah, 8 years old – ANZ Tennis Hot Shots participant

Stages of development

BLUE STAGE
Children can usually move around freely. Blue stage is designed to be just right. All equipment is large and low. Children play on courts that can easily be moved from one position to another. The recommended playing area is 10.5 by 10.5 metres.

AGE 3-5

RED STAGE
Children can learn the correct net position, ball control, basic strokes, overheads and early tennis tactics. Children play on courts that are 5 by 5 metres. The recommended playing area is 7 by 7 metres.

AGE 5-8

ORANGE STAGE
Children can now play on courts that are 6 by 6 metres. Children can learn the correct net position, ball control, basic strokes, overheads and early tennis tactics. The recommended playing area is 9 by 9 metres.

AGE 8-10

GREEN STAGE
Children can now play on courts that are 10 by 10 metres. Children can learn the correct net position, ball control, basic strokes, overheads and early tennis tactics. The recommended playing area is 12 by 12 metres.

AGE 9+

There has never been a better time to start playing ANZ Tennis Hot Shots. Visit hotshots.tennis.com.au

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