Prayer

The cup of blessing that we bless, is it not a sharing in the blood of Christ?
The bread that we break, is it not a sharing in the body of Christ?
Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread.’
1 Cor 10:16-17

Through the gift of the Eucharist, may we become more fully the mystery we celebrate:
bodies broken in love,
lives poured out in service,
through Christ, our Lord,
whose body was broken and whose blood was poured out.

OLMC Calendar Important Dates

9th June - Board Meeting 7pm
10th June - Confirmation Parent Meeting 6.15pm
10th June - P&F Meeting 7pm
12th June - Sacred Heart of Jesus Whole School Mass 9.10am - Yr 5/6 Commitment Mass
12th June - Yr 1/2 Assembly 10.30am
19th June – Tuckshop – Janice Park & Jaidee Park
22nd June – Nagle Catholic College visit.
25th June – Cross Country
26th June – Mass Rock

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

The last two weeks have flown by with a real buzz happening in town and amongst the students. The heart of Mullewa is its people and the special events which occur here help to bring this community to life. I have witnessed the emotion of families who have moved away but continue to return with new generations to share the love of a land and place that is so special in their hearts bringing back many fond memories. Mullewa has changed much over the years with a dwindling population but not dwindling in memories. The nature of life today seems to make travel an expected way of life living in a rural town. Sadly this takes away from family time, unless, of course you are all able to bundle up in the car and chatter away for your journey.... reality - the kids have their electronic devices or a book to read with little conversation at all plus one person becomes the taxi driver whilst the others continue their work. Research has shown through studies such as the Australian Early Development Census, that children need to have that contact time with family, friends and people to be able to social learning and interactive skills. They are better able to communicate, take turns listening, respond to what others have said, mimic behaviours that are from family or close relations. All of this interaction is vital to stimulate and embed learning experiences. We know that learning occurs when events occur repeatedly over time at close intervals to have the most benefit. To be calm and relaxed and expect mistakes when someone is learning something new, offering support if necessary but building independence along the way.

Our beautiful children do many of these things well. They are able to solve problems by themselves and not wait to have things done for them. Many are accountable for their own learning. To improve is ‘hard work’, but the gain is worth it.

Last week was Reconciliation Week. This was celebrated with a special event held at the Town Hall where our Mullewa schools met and shared in a variety of activities coordinated by a very passionate organiser. I would especially like to thank Sierah Lemmon, the Events and Bookings Officer for the Greater City of Geraldton for having gone out of her way to ensure that there were many activities for the children to take part in and that both schools were well informed and prepared for the day’s events. There were many aspects of this event which would not have worked so well if it were not for Sierah and her team.

We also need to give a Big thank you to:
Mullewa District High School,
Midwest FSH Regional Tackling Smoking team from WA Country Health Services (for participation and sponsoring the major winners pack AND incentive packs for all the students),
Bundiyarra Aboriginal Community Aboriginal Corporation for sponsoring the healthy meals,
Jonesys’ café for providing the lunches,
The Comedy Emporium- Geraldton branch,
Bundiyarra - Ira Wangga Language centre,
And our entertainer -Sean Chaolburra.

‘Love one another, as I have loved you.’
Next week will be my first Board and P&F meeting. These two groups of people are very important to assist where possible in providing ways to bring community together as well as support our school to achieve the best teaching and learning environment possible for all children. I am looking forward to meeting many more of the wonderful parents and carers from our community at this week’s meetings.

Farewell Mrs Caroline
It is with sadness and blessings that we wish Mrs Caroline Cranwell, James her husband and their family safe travels as they head back home to Sunny Scotland. Caroline joined the staff of Our Lady of Mount Carmel mid-year of 2012. She has worked tirelessly above and beyond her hours to support all of the children in our school. We appreciate and thank her for all of the time and energy she has willingly shared with us. We know that the heart strings are calling you to spend more time with other family members including the little grandson Dylan and understand how important and hard, this move is. God bless and we will keep you in our prayers.

Our special visitors
This week were visited by members of the Executive Team of Catholic Education. Attending were: Dr Tony Curry - Director of School Improvement, Dr Debra Sayce - Director of Religious Education, Brother Kevin Paul - Christian Brother and Ainslie Perrigo - Research and Policy Officer.
Our guest were warmly welcomed by the staff and students and enjoyed a brief but informative visit to nearly all the classes. They also joined staff and students for morning tea before heading back to Geraldton to visit more schools in our region.
Visits like this help our Administrative Officers have a better understanding of where our schools are situated as well as making important connections with staff. They are then better able to provide us with the support that is needed and guidance where necessary.
What impressed them most, was the warm welcome of the children when they entered classrooms, plus the genuine 'feel' of acceptance, respect and care for each other, evident in both staff and students.
Just as our motto states 'Love one another, as I have loved you!' our children and staff really do this extremely well. I am blessed to be here and would like to thank all of the staff and children for making Our Lady of Mount Carmel such a special place!

God bless

Di Nyman

'Scottish Blessing'

If there is righteousness in the heart, there will be beauty in the character.
If there is beauty in the character, there will be harmony in the home.
If there is harmony in the home, there will be order in the nation.
If there is order in the nation, there will be peace in the world...

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Take a step inside of the 5/6 Classroom and see what is happening!

The year 5/6 students have had a busy term learning lots of new things and gaining new experiences, both inside and outside of the classroom.

**Literacy - Spelling/Word Work:**
Focusing on their words, and learning the differences of antonyms and synonyms, prefixes and suffixes, and gaining dictionary skills.

**Literacy - Writing:** Learning how to write a persuasive text and incorporate the OREO structure, and language features (rhetorical questions, repetition and emotive language) in their writing.

Applying the persuasive techniques to create an advert to convince a student to attend OLMC School.

**Numeracy - Number & Algebra:**
Applying the 4 step problem solving process when working out word problems. Becoming more efficient with times tables and using algorithms for multiplications.

**Numeracy - Statistics & Probability, Chance & Data:** Investigating, predicting and representing the probability and data of an event occurring (e.g. tossing a coin, numbers on a spinner).
Confirmation Parent Information Session
As explained in our last newsletter, a Parent Information Session will be held on Wednesday, 10th June, at 6:15pm, for parents of those students who are receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation this year. This session will be conducted by Father Robert. Confirmation students in Years Five and Six have already received a letter explaining the process that will occur as the students prepare to receive this Sacrament. The Sacramental Formation Registration Form that was attached to this letter needs to be completed and returned by the Parent Information Session.

Feast of the Sacred Heart and Confirmation Enrolment Mass
On Friday, 12th June, the whole school will celebrate a Mass for the Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, at 9:10am. The Sacred Heart actually forms part of our school crest. This is because the Congregation of Presentation Sisters who started our school were originally named the Sisters of the Sacred Heart.

During this Mass, those students being confirmed will be presented to Father Robert, along with one or both of their parents, to show their commitment to receiving this important Sacrament. If a parent is unable to attend this Mass, they will need to organise with Father Robert to enrol their child for Confirmation during a Sunday Mass in Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church.

Morning Tea and Year 1/2 Assembly
The Enrolment Mass on Friday, 12th June, will be at 9:10am and will be followed by a morning tea for parents. Immediately after the morning tea, the Year One/Two class will present their assembly item, at approximately 10.30am in the hall. These events have been scheduled this way so that parents do not need to travel into town twice in the one day. It would be appreciated if parents could bring a small plate to share if they are staying for the morning tea.

Birthdays
A very happy birthday to the following students

5th June – Jay Critch
7th June – Charli Harvey
7th June – Jayliesha Hamlett
7th June – Kiarbroe Hamlett
9th June – Isabella Critch

‘Love one another, as I have loved you.’
12th June – Caleb Critch
16th June – Adam Grima
21st June – Maggie Critch

P&F Notices

Rodeo
Thank you to those that helped at the Rodeo.

Tuckshop
Tuckshop is on **Friday 19th June**. Janice Park is the leader and Jaidee Park is the helper. If you are unable to fulfill your duties please find someone to take your place.
**All orders must be in by Tuesday morning 16th June.** Buns etc need to be ordered by Tuesday morning, so if you send in your child's order Wednesday they will miss out. Don't forget to send in some treats to be sold, cupcakes, biscuits, jelly cups etc. Make sure your containers are clearly labelled so they can be returned.

Tim Critch
President

Jenna McGregor
Secretary

Janice Park
Treasurer

Uniform Shop

UNIFORM SHOP
OPEN
Monday 8.30am to 9am and 3pm to 5.30pm
Tuesday 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 Dergom is your uniform co-ordinator.

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