Our Lady of Mt Carmel
School Newsletter

Term 2 Week 8
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Prayer

Holy Spirit, help all of us to forgive people who have hurt us.

Heal our emotions that have been wounded and teach us how to love unconditionally.

Continue to extend Your love and mercy toward us.

Please remind us daily to use Your power living on the inside of us which helps us in all things.

Lord, help us to forget the past so that we can move forward to the future, as we work toward being more like You and seeing the Christ in everyone.

Amen.

OLMC Calendar Important Dates

30th June  Cross Country
1st July   Kindy-P/P Open Room
1st July   Newsletter
1st July   Final Day of Term 2

Important Dates for Term 3
18th July   First Day of Term 3
22nd August Catholic Leave Day
22nd–23rd Sept   Pupil Free Days

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

How much do we think about our gift of speech? Just to say something out loud helps us to think about what we have said! We hear what we are saying – talking to ourselves is not really a sign of madness. Our brain processes what we hear – auditory processing. When we want to make sure we are saying/writing something correctly, we can say it out loud, and hear what it sounds like. It helps us to determine whether it ‘sounds’ right. We do this with the children. As adults we discuss things to see if we are understanding or have gotten the right message from something. How many times have two people heard the same thing but they both understand it as two very different messages. Very interesting and challenging.

The use of speech is a great and ‘easy to access’ learning tool for most people. We should take the time to talk with those around us because when we do, we enjoy it and it is mutually beneficial. Life is so hectic today with not enough hours to get everything done; we should try to make the time. Do you get a chance to tell someone about your day, or what has happened, share your successes and challenges? I used to love meal time when Mark, the kids and I, would sit around our island table in the middle of the kitchen (best thing we ever did was to build an island in the middle of the kitchen, which became the hub of the house). Meal time used to be the one time that a family would sit together to be uninterrupted and have a chance to share the day. When we talk about things with another person or even speak out loud to ourselves, we process what is heard to make sense of it. Sometimes the way we say things does not make sense, listening helps us to clarify.

Staff are currently writing reports. Whilst reading through comments, we talk with each other about what is written and the way that we want to pass this information on to families and carers. We need to make sure that we are clear in providing meaningful information. Conversations for clarity with the right people are the best way to find accurate information. Speaking with class teachers if you want a better understanding of the report language and how you can help your child or children to perform at their best is our common goal. Next term we will be having parent interviews across week two and week three. Once staff have made their schedule of availability, we will send this out for parents to select their time for a conversation about how learning and progress is happening with the children.

**Open Room and Assembly**

Kindy and Pre Primary have moved their Open Classroom to the end of this term, July 1. Guests are welcome between 2:10pm and 2:40pm.

Please note: Kindy and Pre Primary have re-scheduled their item for assembly, to next term.

They would love to have parents and carers come along to have a look at all of the amazing learning that has been going on. The special gift when they leave, will be to take home the children’s Portfolio of the semester’s work, before heading over to our ‘End of Term Merit Assembly,’ which will commence at 2:40pm.

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We are nearly at the end of the tennis lessons for the children; they have a very rewarding opportunity to develop their hand eye coordination and possibly even sparked an interest for a sport that they have not tried or payed much attention too. I have even noticed the difference when the children play with the little bats and balls at break times (more control, better direction.) Many thanks go to Coach Nick for being able to secure some funding to make this series of lessons happen and to travel out to Mullewa each week!

Mrs Messina has been running the children through their paces and pushing them to improve their stamina and fitness, to be ready for the Cross Country on Thursday 30 June starting at 9am. When I first arrived in Mullewa, this was my first whole school sporting event, which is unique in that all children participate in the cross country run. A great way to promote fitness and whole school ‘fun’ plus have the little ones involved. Love it!

On Cross Country day, when you park in the morning, please keep the area in front of the school admin clear, as this will be where most of the action will take place. You can park on the old school oval across the road where the staff park, or behind the church. We will be presenting the winners to everyone once the races have concluded.

The next day will be the final day of the term which will conclude with a Merit Assembly in the hall at 2.40pm.

This week Father Robert, Jill and I will be in Perth for the National Catholic Education Commission Conference 2016 at the Perth Convention Centre. This event is hosted across the country once every five years, and will be the largest gathering to be held for Catholic Education in the Southern Hemisphere this year. There are many key address focusing on our catholic identity and the many ways to enhance learning and engagement. I look forward to sharing some of the highlights on our return.

God bless
Di Nyman

'Love one another, as I have loved you.'
A very talented Mrs Tamisha has created the Year 1-2 Cubby House out of the boxes which housed the new desks for the class; do you think they will enjoy it?

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Cross Country 2016

This year’s Cross Country competition will be held on this

Thursday June the 30th, starting at 9.00 am.

We invite all family and friends to join us and cheer on the students. Could we request though, that all parents please park their car on the old school oval (where the teachers park their cars).

Students are required to wear their sports uniform and correct black sneakers.
Students will also require a water bottle and their school hat.

Parents are welcome to join us for morning tea after the event. Please bring a small plate to share if possible.

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Birthdays

A very happy birthday to the following staff and students:

21\textsuperscript{st} June Maggie Critch
22\textsuperscript{nd} June Amber Little
28\textsuperscript{th} June Tyler Messina
29\textsuperscript{th} June Mrs Tracey Messina

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.

School Fees
Fees have been sent out earlier in the term. Have you responded to let the school know your payment schedule and method of payment? If you have not made any payments, please notify the Finance Officer, (Kylie) of the way in which you plan to make your payments. This will assist the school’s financial planning. If you are finding it difficult to make any payments at the moment, please make an appointment with the Principal to discuss the matter.
Thank you.

P&F Notices

Rodeo
A big thank you to those that braved the cold and helped with the Rodeo breakfast.

Tim Critch  Jenna McGregor  Janice Park
President    Secretary    Treasurer

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**Parish Notices**

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

**Selection of a Bishop Information.**
This year at least nine new Bishops could be appointed for Australia and we should all have a vital interest in the selections, hence the need for prayer, not only for a replacement for Bishop Justin but many other Diocese throughout Australia.

An example of how long it could take, I read an article in the Swag which gave a table of the amount of time it has taken and is still taking to replace Bishops in Australia.

Bishop Geoffrey Jarrett resigned on 1st December 2012 (because of age) (the same reason Bishop Justin has resigned) and at the time Father Robert prints this, he is still in office, that is 1216 days to 31st March this year. One Diocese took 1767 days. To the 31st March this year, 63 days had passed since Bishop Justin resigned. Although Bishop Justin resigned because of age, his health has become an issue, so please Pray, Pray, Pray!

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**Kimberley Catholic Volunteer Service**

**ADMINISTRATOR – KALUMBURU MISSION**

The Diocese of Broome, WA, requires volunteers to assist in its important work. The Diocese is currently seeking an Administrator for Kalumburu Mission. Ideally suited to a couple, the role requires:

- Management/administration skills
- Good people skills
- Church commitment
- Practical skills
- Experience working closely with Aboriginal people
- A good sense of humour and being prepared to go the extra mile, this is not a 9-5 position
- Able to commit to a minimum period of one year

Package includes accommodation, living costs and a stipend

You can learn more about Kalumburu Mission on www.kalumburumission.org.au

**For further details, and an application form, please contact:**

Volunteer Coordinator Anneliese: 08 9192 1060

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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.

Other News

Mullewa Muster & Rodeo
Pop Up Shop
Official Merchandise For Sale
Where: Front of Thurkle’s
When: Friday 17th June
Time: From 10am

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During COMMUNIO WEEK we had a free dress day and completed many fun activities. In teams we made a block construction of the Church, we also made Bishop hats.
This term Year One / Two we have been working very hard learning many things across all learning areas. We have been lucky enough to get some new tables in the classroom. It has made it so much better for our learning to occur.

In Mathematics we have been learning about two dimensional and three-dimensional shapes. We have been building them with plasticine and matchsticks. We have also been looking at adding and subtracting numbers using a variety of strategies.

In Literacy we have been looking at the book ‘Boo to a Goose’, ‘Grandpas Shoes’, ‘Wombat Divine’ and many more all written by Mem Fox. We have been working hard on our handwriting and practicing writing our letters correctly.

On Friday the 4th of June we had our Assembly and Open Classroom. It was lovely to see all the Parents, Guardians, Grandparents, Brothers and Sisters coming into the classroom to see all our lovely work that we have put so much time and effort into. We would all like to thankyou for coming in and watching our Assembly.

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