Prayer

SCHOOL PRAYER
Our Lady of Mount Carmel,
Keep watch over us and protect us from danger.
Help us to live in peace and harmony
And to be loving and kind to each other.
Give us the courage to change what is wrong to what is right.
Guide our teachers who teach us God’s word.
Keep us loyal to God, our school and our friends.
Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Pray for Us.

SCHOOL VISION
With a pioneering spirit,
Our Lady of Mt Carmel School, Mullewa
Aspires to foster Christian Community living
In harmony with each other and the environment

OLMC Calendar Important Dates

24th August  
CATHOLIC LEAVE DAY School closed
25th August  
Book Week commences with Dress-up Day – ‘Books Light up our World’
Book Fair commences
25th August  
Board Meeting 7pm
26th August  
P&F Meeting 7pm
26th August  
Newman Students Arrive
27th August  
Mullewa Wildflower Show Commences
Pioneer Cemetery Visit – Newman Students, Year 3/4 & 5/6
29th August  
Mullewa Agricultural Show
31st August  
Whole School Mass Organised by Newman Students – 9am
Newman College Hosted Disco in the School/Parish Hall – 5:00pm to 6:30pm
1st September  
OLMC Junior Athletics Carnival – School oval
3rd September  
P & F Father’s Day Stall
5th September  
OLMC School Athletics Carnival – Mullewa Football Oval
6th September  
Confirmation
Father’s Day

‘Love one another, as I have loved you.’
We are half way through a busy term with many events coming up which will make the rest of the term fly even faster. Please keep a copy of the calendar with up-dated notes on your fridge or close at hand so that it does not come as a shock when a particular event is upon us. Research has shown that children perform at their best when they know what is expected. Emotional stress or anxiety has a way of detracting focus from where it needs to be – ‘on learning’. Having regular chats with the children about what is coming up or even what has occurred and encouraging them to talk about how they feel in a particular situation, develops personal skills of communication and reflection.

Many people have asked how my holiday fared. To travel overseas is always exciting especially when going to new places. The reason for the trip - My brother who is 75 wanted to travel back to Holland where most of our family have come from and this was an opportunity for me to spend quality time with family and catch up on our heritage. Not the most ideal time to travel due to the temperatures in Europe and the crowds, but amazing to see so many beautiful places, rich in history and culture. Holland was beautiful and the transport system amazing. We managed to travel everywhere using public transport and not hire a car! They drive on the wrong side of the road anyway! Italy has such amazing history and of course the beauty of St Peter’s, the Vatican and the Sistine Chapel will be hard to forget. Highlight – Bastille Day in Paris and fireworks from the Eiffel Tower. Amazing cheeses in Amsterdam! Castles in Germany. But – it is good to be home!

‘Love one another, as I have loved you.’
Please keep the children in the Year 5/6 class in your prayers as they prepare to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on the 6th September. This is the completion of their Sacraments of Initiation. A time when they are able to speak for themselves and agree to use the gifts that the Spirit has given them and profess their faith for everyone to see. They will be anointed with the Chrism Oil, the gift of the Holy Spirit, empowering them to be more active as a disciple in our community to spread the ‘Good News’. You are encouraged to come along to our Sunday Parish Mass where prayer cards for our students will be available for Parishioners to take and use as a focus for their prayers of support.

**Pupil Free Day** – Please make a note in your diary that **Monday 24th August is a Pupil Free Day**. Each year Catholic school teachers are given a day in recognition of the events they attend outside of the normal school hours; events such as First Communion, Confirmation, Commission Mass etc. I think everyone will enjoy an extra sleep in on Monday in preparation for the busy week ahead with the Mullewa Show approaching and our Newman guests arriving.

**Newman College Students** – Next week we are very fortunate to have the students from Newman College visiting. These students are involved in a movement in Catholic Youth Ministry called REMAR. The REMAR journey consists of four stages, the first being where the values of Dedication and Sacrifice are the focus. The students will spend time working within the wider Mullewa community as well as sharing activities with our children.

As such, on Thursday, 27th August, the Year Three/Four and Year Five/Six classes will spend time working together with the Newman Students to clean and tidy the **Pioneer Cemetery**. They will also spend time reflecting on those past residents of Mullewa who are buried at the cemetery and join in a Prayer Service, led by Father Robert. Year Three/Four and Year Five/Six parents, will receive a permission slip attached to this newsletter to be signed and returned for the children to participate.

**Newman College Disco** – The Newman Students are also organising a disco for Kindy-Year Six students to be held in the **School/Parish Hall on Monday, 1st September 2014, from 5:00pm to 6:30pm**. This ensures time for your child/ren to have been home, changed into casual clothes and to have had a snack to eat before the disco.

Teachers will supervise the children in the Hall and we ask that parents promptly pick up their children at the end of the Disco.

**Kindergarten in 2016** – Kindergarten enrolments for children born between 1st July 2011 to 30 June 2012 are now being taken. If you are considering enrolling your child or you know someone else who is considering it, please drop in to the office and pick up an enrolment package. Shortly after enrolment we will contact you regarding an enrolment interview time.

**Coughs and colds** – there seems to be a lot of flu and cold symptoms around at the moment. We encourage you to keep your child home if they are unwell, so that they do not share their illness with the other children. Drink lots of fluids, eat healthily and get lots of sleep.

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**Di Nyman**
Principal

‘Love one another, as I have loved you.’
Book Week – Tuesday, 25th August – Friday, 28th August
Our school will be celebrating Book Week in Week 6 of this term. The Scholastic Book Fair theme is “Under the Sea”. The book week theme for 2015 is “Books Light up our World”. We will be having a dress up day on Tuesday, 25th August. The students can feel free to express themselves in any way related to books, either with a sea theme, or the way in which books light up our world.

The book fair will be set up in the office area from Tuesday through to Friday. Each class will be given the opportunity to walk through the book fair and fill out their wish list which will be sent home and must be paid for before books can be sent home. Parents may come into the office area throughout the week to have a look and purchase books.

School Mass – Feast of the Assumption
Last Friday the students celebrated the Feast of the Assumption with a beautiful Mass in our school church. The Year Three/Four class prepared the Mass and the students read beautifully. We were fortunate to be led in the singing by Ms Peta who had taught the new Parts of the Mass to all of the students in the school during Music lessons and Hymn Singing. It has been a long time since the students have been able to sing all of the parts of the Mass. The students have been learning these so they are able to sing in the choir for the Year Five/Six Confirmation Mass in two weeks time.

Sacrament of Confirmation – Choir
The Year Five/Six Confirmation Mass will be celebrated on Sunday, 6th September, at the 8:30am Mass in our church. This is the chance for the younger students to support the children who are receiving this important Sacrament. Please complete the attached permission slip if your child is able to come to the Confirmation Mass and sing in the choir.

Athletics Carnival – Friday, September 4th
The Athletics Carnival will be held on Friday, September 4th, commencing at 9:30am at the Recreation ground. We are still in desperate need of parent helpers to set up the tents for the children before the day commences. Please let the office or Mrs Tracey Messina know so we can go ahead with preparations for the day. These events are not able to occur without support from our school community.
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.

P&F Notices

Mullewa Show – The Show is fast approaching so please make sure that you all fulfill your duties in the kitchen. If you can’t make it please find someone to step in for you. With such a little school we all need to help out to make sure it isn’t the same people doing the same thing all the time.

Tuckshop – ran our first Tuckshop for this term with the help of Jen Critch, Rachel Wilson and Janelle Rowe. Thank you to you both. Our next Tuckshop is 11th September and Kylie Rowe and Anita Grima will be the ladies running it.

Congratulations – to Scott and Jenna McGregor on the arrival of Scarlett Lucy-May McGregor born on Tuesday.

Tim Critch
P&F President

Jenna McGregor
P&F Secretary

Parish Notices

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

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 Dregborn is your uniform co-ordinator.

‘Love one another, as I have loved you.’
This term we are continuing to explore the animal kingdom. We are doing this via a ‘camping’ theme. In the first weeks of this term we have learnt about turtles, tadpoles and frogs whilst we have camped by fresh water. Come in and see our froglets and frogs that have morphed over the last two weeks. Last week we explored bush tucker and traditional Aboriginal foods. We discussed the similarities & difference between the foods we consume when camping in the bush.

Over the next few weeks we will camp by the ocean. Our students are looking forward to exploring whales, sharks and sea creatures. Students learning in K/PP is evident in their reading, writing and math skills. The staff are delighted each day by the enthusiasm of the children in the tasks they undertake.

Of course in saying that, play is still number one choice in the day. Our learning centres and play experiences ensure that children are engaged, exploring, learning and having fun!
Ms Makeili is doing Prac with us on Friday’s and will do 3 weeks full-time teaching commencing week 10.
Mullewa Show is only 1 week away. Make sure you check out or ‘sea’ themed banner.
Athletics afternoon is coming up in a few weeks.
Monday next week is a pupil free day.
Newman students will be working in our community and around our school.
We will write letters to Archie Docherty – because we miss him!
We will write a card to Miss Zoe to see if she is missing us, after her week of work experience in K/PP.

Learning Through Play:

Photo time!
Under the Sea

This term we are looking at sea creatures. So far we have looked at whales, sharks, dolphins, fish and crabs. We love to learn new interesting facts about each new sea creature and write about it.

Show Banner

This term we have begun to create our banner for the show. It is coming along very nicely and we look forward to having it on display at this years Mullewa Show.

Fr Robert

This term we have been very lucky to have Fr Robert coming into our class every Tuesday helping us with our maths.

This Term we have been been very busy looking at sea creatures and incorporating it into all areas of learning.

In Literacy we have focusing on our handwriting as well as report writing and narrative writing. We have been using our interests in sea creatures to prompt our writing topics.

In Numeracy we have been looking at addition, mass, area and money. We have learnt that all our coins and notes have particular pictures that represent particular things that are significant to Australia and our culture.

In Society and Environment we have been looking into Geography and the types of features we have in our environment.

In Technology and Environment we have been looking at gathering information on our favourite sea creature and presenting it in a powerpoint, which we are also learning how to use.
Thursday, August 20th, 2015

Dear Parents/Guardians,

**Choir for Confirmation Mass – 6th September**

On Sunday, 6th September, we will be holding a Confirmation Mass for our Year 5/6 students. It will commence at 8:30am in the Church.

We require students to sing in the school choir for the Mass. As we are a very small school we are in need of as many students from Years 1-6 as possible to commit to this important sacramental occasion. It would be appreciated if you could complete the attached slip advising us if you child/ren will be attending. Please return the slip to the class teacher by Wednesday, 2nd September, 2015.

We look forward to seeing you all on the day. Participating children will need to be at the church no later than 8:20am on Sunday.

Thank you for your help.

Jill Hollands
Assistant Principal

Religious Education Coordinator

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**Choir for Confirmation Mass**

My child/ren ______________________ will be attending the Confirmation Mass on Sunday, 6th September and have permission to be involved in the School Choir.

Student Name: ______________________ Year: ______________________

______________________ Year: ______________________

______________________ Year: ______________________

Parent Signature: __________________ Date: __________________

'Love one another, as I have loved you.'
Thursday, 20th August, 2015

Dear Parents,

**Pioneer Cemetery Visit**

On Thursday, 27th August, the Year Three/Four and Year Five/Six class will be visiting the Mullewa Pioneer Cemetery to participate in some Community Service work. This work will involve removing litter, sticks and leaves from around the gravesites at the cemetery and in the surrounding land, and generally tidying the graves. The students will be working alongside the Year 11 students from Newman Catholic College in Perth who will be on their annual visit to Mullewa to work in our school and in the local community. Once the students have finished cleaning the graves they will be participating in a Prayer Service, led by Father Robert, where they will have the chance to pray for the souls of all those buried at the cemetery.

The students will be travelling to and from the Pioneer Cemetery in the Newman College bus, driven by a teacher from Newman College. This work will occur during the morning session of school, therefore the students will need to bring their school hat, a water bottle and their morning tea in a plastic bag to eat at the cemetery. The students will have returned to school by lunchtime. If any student is able to bring some gardening gloves to wear whilst they are collecting rubbish, these would be handy.

Please sign the permission form below and return to school by Monday, 24th August.

Thank you for your assistance.

Jill Hollands  
Assistant Principal

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**Pioneer Cemetery Visit**

I give permission for my child/ren ____________________ to travel to and from the Pioneer Cemetery in the Newman College bus, driven by a teacher from Newman College, on Thursday, 27th August.

Signed: __________________________ Name (printed): __________________________

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