Blessing for the Children

Loving and forgiving God, help these children understand that sometimes their choices bring sorrow and pain to themselves and others. Remind the children of your constant love for them, and help them always to desire your forgiveness.

Amen.

OLMC Calendar Important Dates

- 27th August: Parent Roster at Mullewa Show
- 29th August: Mass with Newman students 11am
- 29th August: Newman Students’ Disco 5-6.30pm
- 30th August: Jumps and Throws
- 2nd September: Athletics Carnival
- 3rd September: P&F Busy Bee
- 4th September: Father’s Day
- 20th September: K/PP + Yr. 1/2 Open Room
- K/PP Assembly

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

Last week was a very special time for a small group of children and the families of our Parish, who gathered to celebrate their First Reconciliation. How blessed are we all, especially our families to have such a personalised experience in a beautiful Church with so much history and tradition for this powerful Sacrament. The act of saying ‘I'm sorry’ is such an emotive and sometimes undervalued experience that needs to be revisited in today’s society. We are called to treat each other as brothers and sisters - for - life, and yet find it difficult to say sorry and ask for forgiveness when we have hurt another. When we are genuine in our actions that we care for another person, then to say sorry should not be so hard! It is not a tragedy to make a mistake; but it can be when we do not want to admit that it has happened. This wonderful Sacrament opens the door for the children to begin thinking about their actions and how they can sometimes hurt another's feelings. As young children it is rarely pre meditated, usually a burst of emotion that causes a reaction which does not have the best results. If we can start the discussion with caring for each other and how we would like to be treated if we made a mistake, then there is understanding for the other person. Jesus showed us how to care for all people, not just the easy, friendly ones. When we are at our lowest point and not being the best we can be, is this not when we need support and care of others to make us strong again!

We continue to pray for James, Lachlan, Sofie, Angus and Isabella as they now prepare for their First Holy Communion on Sunday 11 September. We also pray for the other members of the class Riley and Kaiyne, who are not making their First Holy Communion, but still learning about these treasures and supporting their friends as they all continue along on their faith journey trying to become more focused on the good people that Jesus had in His vision for us all.
Mass Rock

Mass Rock was celebrated last week in the tradition that has continued even though Monsignor Hawes is no longer with us. The children always love the opportunity to run about in the bush and be free of the restraints of our regular school day. They made cubbies and camps in the bush and shared their space with many of the other children. There was no bickering or problems on the day. All children cared for and shared their experiences with one another. This is pretty amazing considering that there were children from age 5 through to 11 who played cooperatively and happily together. They did not wander too far and kept themselves amused in a natural environment.

Book week theme: Australia: Story Country

Dress up day will be Term 4 Week 4

The Library Ministry have requested that we have a special dress-up day in support of the theme Australia: Story Country. Even though we are not having the Book Fair this year to sell books, the idea of celebrating the joy that we get from reading and to support this focus on Australia, is a great idea generated by the students. After discussion with Mullewa District High School, they will be having the Book Fair next term along with their 'dress-up' day. We will be dressing for this Book Week theme in week four of Term four. More info to follow later.

REMAR

REMAR is a Marist Christian Leadership program which offers a voluntary Faith in Action program to the students in years 10, 11 and 12 at Newman College. The students are provided opportunities to deepen their spiritual development through discussion, prayer, reflection and community service. A tradition which has evolved and become very much a part of the Mullewa community and Agriculture Show is the support of this wonderful group of students.

They have arrived, very excited to be here and ready to embark on their mission of 'supporting the Mullewa Community'. Thursday saw all students from years 3-6 head out to the Pioneer Cemetery to assist in the clean-up of the grave sites and support the placement of new crosses for the unmarked graves. Thomas Strange and Brooke Curtis Accompanied Mrs Di to the Opening and Ecumenical Blessing by Father Robert of the Wildflower Show on Thursday morning. There was a great turn out with a fantastic display that has been prepared for our guests in town as well as the locals. Make sure you check it out!

Mullewa Agricultural Show is proudly supported by Our Lady of Mount Carmel School and the parent and carers of our community. We all need to pull together to help everyone to enjoy this event and make the tourists think what an amazing community we have here to have generated the events and produce on the day. Each family has been asked to spend some time helping out to promote our town and school by helping out at the show during the day. Please check your timeslot and be there to help! If you cannot make it, don't let people down, try to organise a replacement or let someone from the P&F know. Each family has been asked to make sandwiches, cakes, buns, muffins - anything that takes your heart's desire and drop them off at the Rec centre on Friday some time. All of these things are what makes the tourists decide to come back next year and support our community because of the wide range of goodies that are on offer!
Sunday and Monday Mass plus Children’s Disco

We will be celebrating Mass on Sunday morning at 8:30am and Monday morning at 11am with our guests, the Newman students in our Church. It would be wonderful to have a good turn out from our parent body to show our support to these students for helping out this community of Mullewa and better still to share the meal of the Eucharist with people we care about. Please come along and join us.

Newman College Disco – The Newman Students are continuing with their tradition of organising a disco for all students in Kindy-Year Six to be held in the School/Parish Hall on Monday, 29th August 2016, 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.

Jumps & Throws – Tuesday August 30th   Athletics Carnival – Friday, September 2nd

The Jumps and Throws aspects of our sport carnival will occur on Tuesday August 30 at 1:30pm. A note has already been sent home, requesting your attendance on the day to witness your child’s athletic achievements as well as the possibility of helping out for a period of time. If you are coming along and would like to lend a hand, please respond via the slip or just call the office and let them know. It is vital to have parent support on these occasions as we do not have the staff to manage all events and supervise the children at the same time. 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.

Busy Bee – Please mark the date of Saturday 3rd September for the next Busy Bee. Plans are in place for the continuation of the development of the Nature Playground. Our band of P & F members have looked at extending some of the areas on the main oval as well as commencing the build of a Nature Playground in the Kindy Pre-primary play area. This is an extremely valuable project that the P & F have undertaken for the benefit of all students in our school. Staff and students have had input; to provide design aspects, and research has been undertaken towards cost effective materials within budget, incorporating interests and safety of students as well as developmental structures that provide imaginative and creative space for play. Your attendance at the busy bee for even the smallest amount of time would be greatly appreciated.

Kindergarten in 2017 – Kindergarten enrolments for children born between 1st July 2012 to 30 June 2013 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.

K/PP Open Room and Assembly change of date

The K/PP Open room and Assembly will be held on the last Tuesday of term, 20th September. We had such a great turn out last term, we just had to do it again! Come along and see the amazing learning that is happening in our ‘little people’s’ room and then share the fun and joy of the K/PP Assembly!

God bless
Di Nyman
Principal

‘Love one another, as I have loved you.’
Love one another, as I have loved you.
Can you guess how much we weighed in?

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Birthdays

28th August Ruby Knock
3rd September Sahara Flannagan
3rd September Brooke Curtis
5th September Miss Danielle Devereux

Merit Award Recipients

Aian Weir
Jacob Grima
Lucas McGregor
Max Rumble
Tarkyn Fulker
Sahara Flannagan
Clayton Swift
Charli Harvey
Carly Ferreira
James Sandy
Kiarbroe Hamlett
Riley Curtis
Zalia Cutis McCann
Reuben Rowe
Thomas Strange
Shannyn Harris

‘Love one another, as I have loved you.’
Our Sacrament of Reconciliation

Our Year Three/Four class have spent many weeks preparing for the celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation. This is the second Sacrament we have received and is called a Sacrament of Healing. During this Sacrament we think about those things we have been doing that go against how God wants us to be, and we get the opportunity to be reconciled with God. We would like to thank Father Robert for making this a peaceful time for us.

The Sacrament of Penance is when Father absolves you of your sins in the name of the father and of the son and of the holy spirit. And then we say to Father bless me Father for I have sinned against you. And then we say the Oh my god I am sorry that I have sinned. I learnt that the sacrament of penance is one of the seven sacraments the children and teachers get.

Kaiyne

This term we have been learning about the steps for Reconciliation. First we greet the priest, make the sign of the cross, we express our sins, listen for our penance, then the priest will forgive you of your sins, recite a prayer of sorrow and then pray quietly. The Reconciliation is for you to be absolution of your sins and so you can start a new life.
At the start of Mass I was really nervous but then when I did it was a lot better than I thought, and I was a lot happier.

Sofie

These past weeks I have learnt about Reconciliation. I have learnt the Confiteor, and how the Sacrament of Penance goes. First the priest greets you, then you make the sign of the cross, then you say bless me father, for I have sinned. This is my first reconciliation and these are my sins. Then you listen for your penance, and then the priest will say some words in forgiveness and you will then recite a prayer of sorrow and pray quietly after celebration.

Lola

When I had my Reconciliation I learnt what you do and what is a sin. I also learnt some more prayers like the Confiteor. I also learnt about conscience that tells you what do.
Before I had my Reconciliation I was a bit nervous and after I felt surprised because I didn’t know it was going to be like this.

Angus

When I had the Sacrament of Reconciliation I had to: 1. Greet the priest, 2. Make the sign of the cross, 3. Express your sins, 4. Listen for your penance, 5. Absolution, 6. Recite a prayer of sorrow, 7. Pray quietly after the celebration of the sacrament.

Lochlain

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Year 5/6 Class

Throughout Term 3 we have focused on the Olympic Games. When looking at informational texts students were given the task to choose any Olympian from the 2016 Rio Olympic Games to research and write about. We got the chance to watch some major events during the day and discuss. Choices varied from Michael Phelps and Usain Bolt to the only Australian female gymnast Larrissa Miller.

Favourite Part of the Olympic Games

I really enjoyed that everyone had a go and showed lots of team work – Brooke
Usain Bolt winning three gold medals because he is a legend – Reuben
I like seeing Usain Bolt and the swimming. It was good to see the fastest man on earth compete – Saxon
Being able to watch the Olympics during our days at school – Caitlin
Watching Usain Bolt win the 200m race – Bella
When I got to watch Australia complete and win gold - Mia
Watching the clay shooting – Caleb
Watching the swimming and seeing Australia win some gold - Zalia
That everyone had a try and did their best - Shannyn
Watching the archery - Thomas

Mass Rock
Last Thursday (17th Aug) students walked out to Mass Rock to celebrate mass and the Aboriginal culture. The Year 5/6 class took on great responsibility of looking after the younger students.
Parish Notices

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

**Pope Francis’ Prayer Intentions for August**

**Universal: Sports**
That sports may be an opportunity for friendly encounters between peoples and may contribute to peace in the world.

**Evangelization: Living the Gospel.**
That Christians may live the Gospel, giving witness to faith, honesty and love of neighbour

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

P & F

Mullewa Show - The Show is this Saturday, so please make sure that you all fulfil 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.

P&F Survey
Attached to the last Newsletter was a short survey regarding your thoughts of the current school uniform and whether or not we should change this. To date we have received approximately 33% of family’s responses. It would be great to see this number increase. Please support the people who try to help all families soon. Please contact the office so that arrangements can be made for you to have your input as to the opinions of our school community. We have had an overwhelming “Yes” response.

Busy Bee
Please remember the Busy Bee on Saturday 3rd September.

Other News

Photo Competition

WE NEED YOUR HELP
Do you want to see your image on display for all to see?

The Mullewa District Office is running a photo competition and the winning images will renew the Ag Show and Wildflower Show town banners. The chosen images will be used to advertise the shows next year, so start snapping away as you visit the Ag show this month, and take advantage of this exceptional wildflower season. Use your imagination, stretch the boundaries of conception, but remember we need images promoting all aspects of the Ag Show and Wildflower Show.

Categories:
Under 10 yrs
11 – 17 yrs
18+ yrs

All images to be either dropped off at the Mullewa District Office on a USB, disc OR emailed to fayef@cgg.wa.gov.au with name, contact phone number and category clearly marked BEFORE 4pm 28th October

Great prizes to be won!

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 Drehorn is your uniform co-ordinator.

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