Blessing for the Children

May Jesus come to bless you on your First Communion Day?
May you feel His loving presence in a very special way.
And as you strive to follow in His footsteps, may He bless your life with many graces and lasting happiness.

Amen.

OLMC Calendar Important Dates

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Day 1 of Term 4
Dear Parents, Carers, Teachers and Friends,

What sort of a person do we want our children to be when they have grown into adulthood? What do we want them to hold at their core? Do we want them to be respected as a good person who thinks of others and always gives their best? We want them to be happy and healthy. We want them to be able to communicate effectively with others and to solve problems on their own. To be resilient, but to also know when to ask for help. There is so much that children learn from just being in their surroundings with their family and close relatives and friends. But we are not all the same. Some of us need to have very clear conversations about what we do and why we do it. It can be very hard to give all of the reasons as to what makes us choose the things we do. We know that Jesus was an all rounded 'good guy'. At that time of Jesus' life on earth, His attitude was more than a little difficult to grasp. He didn't take sides, he wasn't stereotyped, and he treated everyone as equal, regardless of race, status, heritage or health. Can we be like that? We sure can! Over the last two weeks, our children, visitors and community have continued to inspire me, by the way they demonstrate so many of these qualities which we hold in great regard.

The Mullewa Wildflower and Agricultural Show, which seems to have been prepared, organised and coordinated by a team of one hundred; which we know is not the case; has come and gone for another year, showcasing the wonder of the surrounding area.

The Remar students graced our school and community. The staff and students of this group found no task too hard, the floor quite comfortable, the late nights and the rain, no problem. They loved spending time with our children and helping out the Mullewa community with the Pioneer Cemetery clean-up, setting up and dismantling of the Wildflower Show, setting up, supporting and the pack-up of the Ag Show as well as working within our Parish and school. The children loved the sing along, help in classes, the Masses we shared and the underwater Disco before the final adieu! How blessed we have been in the Mullewa community to have had the wonderful staff and students from Newman College commit to being a part of our school, community and parish. Planning has already begun for next year's visit. There is going to be a larger group which will require more co-ordination of community support and a variation of activities and possible rotations to fully utilise their presence.

Last week was a time for Athletics. The students took part in our ‘Jumps and Throws’ on Tuesday afternoon followed by the 'Athletics Carnival' on Friday. We were blessed with beautiful weather and a wonderful turn out of supporters to cheer the students along. Their competitive spirit was matched by their enthusiasm to have a great day filled with encouragement for others and a focus on personal improvement. A very big thank you to Tracey Messina, for the detailed preparation that is required to make events such as these run so smoothly. This in turn leads on to the Interschool Athletics Carnival which is being held at the Nabawa grounds next Friday. We have a team of 16 students who will be representing Our Lady of Mount Carmel over a variety of events. We know that they will make us proud no matter what the outcome.

After reflecting on what has transpired over the last two weeks, as a community you must all be doing a lot of the right things to have so many people working with, on and for; each other. You should all be very proud of what little Mullewa presents to the greater mob out there and the great impression we are making on our children.

‘Love one another, as I have loved you.’
Ecumenical Blessing and Opening of the Mullewa Wildflower Show.

I would like to thank Thomas and Brook for accompanying me to the Blessing and opening of the Wildflower show by Father Robert. It was a great opportunity for the children to have a break from their work in the Pioneer Cemetery as well as gain a peak of the fantastic display prepared for the show.

Blessing of the Crosses at the Pioneer Cemetery
Father Robert blesses the crosses which were made by the Newman students to be placed on the unmarked graves.

Our visiting Altar servers

‘Love one another, as I have loved you.’
**Athletics**
At Our Lady of Mount Carmel school on Tuesday afternoon, we held the ‘Jumps and Throws’ events for all students from years 1 to 6. The Kindy and Pre-Primary students even came out to have a go at a modified version of some events in preparation (and fun) for the following year. This takes in the javelin, shot putt, long jump and triple jump. Friday saw the flat races along with relays and team games. After just having gone through the Olympics and with the Para-Olympics on right now, the children have all been positively engaged in the events that are offered. ‘If at first you do not succeed, try, try again!’ which they certainly did. Nothing beats the big beaming smile that comes from a child who has had a go at something and realises that they are not so bad after all, they are ok! Persistence, improvement, optimism and resilience will hold them in good stead. Congratulations to the Blue team for taking home the trophy again, even though I think Gold did a fantastic job and that maybe the handicap was not enough to take in the balance of numbers! GO Gold! (Can you tell I am in Gold faction?)

By the time you receive this Newsletter, the Interschool Athletics Carnival will have just finished. I am sure that whatever our outcome, the experiences for those who competed will have been worth every ounce (or gram)! We will share the results in the next Newsletter.

**Visiting Author**
Norma MacDonald visited the school on Thursday afternoon to share her storytelling skills as well as her passion for writing, illustrating and creating art-works for many different purposes. The children have gained an insight into the intent behind a story and the works that go into the illustrations which can add so much depth to the written word. Whoever said that books are becoming redundant must have a computer chip for a brain!

‘Love one another, as I have loved you.’
Opening of the new Youth Centre Facilities

On Monday the Year 5/6 class headed to the Opening Ceremony of the revamped Youth Centre. We were welcomed and introduced to our local councillors Tarleah Thomas and Jennifer Critch and the member for Moore Mr Shane Love as they went through the formal proceedings of the day. This was followed by a rotation of activities which the children seemed to enjoy. They were mixed up with students from Mullewa District High School who were the same age. They played, volleyball, soccer, basketball and netball and table tennis, pool and PlayStation/x-box games.

‘Love one another, as I have loved you.’
K/PP and Year 1/2 Open Room and K/PP Assembly

The Kindy / Pre-Primary and Year 1 / 2 Open Room: Tuesday 20th September at 2.10pm
As part of our School Improvement Plan, one of our focus points is to engage parents more in our children's learning. We had Three Way Interviews earlier this term and now is the Open Room for the junior classes. Open Rooms provide parents and guardians with a chance to share the successes of their child's learning as well as showing children how valuable their learning is.
Open room is all about exploring some of the hundreds of activities that have occurred across all learning areas in a myriad of ways. We talk to the children about their goals or learning intent for each lesson. They may be practising their sounds, writing sentences with capital letters, adding more information to characters to enhance detail. The children are getting better at explaining what they are doing and how they are learning. We hope you are able to share this time with your child, but if you can’t make it in, make sure you contact your class teacher so that you can organise a tour through the room at another time.
This will be followed by the Kindy / Pre-Primary Assembly and final Merit Awards for the term.

First Holy Communion
We pray for the students in our Year 3/4 Class who will be receiving the Eucharist for the first time this Sunday. We pray for Angus Critch, Isabella Low, Lachlan Rowe, James Sandy and Sophie Weir and their peers who will receive a blessing; Riley Curtis, Kaiyne Lincoln and Lola Park. May you take Jesus into your hearts and strengthen your spirit with the nourishment of the Eucharist.

God bless
Di Nyman
Principal

From our last newsletter I have had a few queries as to the answer of “How much did we weigh?”
If you managed to zoom in on the picture, you may be able to read the digital read-out. We weighed in at 1.72 tonne.

Birthdays

Saxon Flannagan 15th September
Willie Rowe 25th September
Jaxon Papertalk 27th September

‘Love one another, as I have loved you.’
It has been a busy few weeks for the Year One - Two class. We have had Mass Rock, the Mullewa Show, the visiting Remar students, the School Sports Carnival and Father’s Day.

Mass Rock was a wonderful celebration. We were fortunate enough to participate in our traditional school Mass followed by a bush outing where we could explore and let our imaginations run wild. It is one of our favourite times of the year.

The Mullewa Show is another favourite event that happens in Mullewa. It is the time of year where all classes make a banner that represents their class. This year it was decided that we would all have our own special square – where we could draw ourselves and write about our own favourite things about the Mullewa show. As well as creating a border with patterns and shapes to add colour.

For Father’s Day we painted glass jars and filled them with lollies. We created a high five card that had information we knew about our Dads. We loved getting messy with the paint.

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**Kindergarten Enrolments for 2017**

Kindergarten enrolments for children born between 1st July 2012 and 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. You will need your child’s Birth Certificate and immunisation records.

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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.

This Sunday is the First Holy Communion of the Year 3 – 4 Students. We welcome our parishioners to this special celebration of the Eucharist.

**Pope Francis’ Universal Prayer Intentions for September**

“That each may contribute to the common good and to the building of a society that places the human person at the centre”.

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“That by participating in the Sacraments and meditating on Scripture, Christians may become more aware of their mission to evangelise”. at 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

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**P & F**

Mullewa Show – a big thank you to the helpers on the day. We will keep you posted as the profit made.

Busy Bee

A very big thank you to the helpers who attended the Busy Bee on Saturday 3rd September. The Kindy Pre-Primary area looks fantastic!

Thanks to: Jenna and Scott McGeor, Janelle and Steven Rowe, Tim Critch, Rod Messina, Brendan Weir, Mark and Di Nyman, Simon Keefe and Hugh Rowe.

Come in for a peek to see their amazing work!

‘Love one another, as I have loved you.’
To start thinking about the October Holidays, if you are looking for things to do in Perth, check out http://www.awesomearts.com/2016-awesome-festival/ and http://www.awesomearts.com/events/

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**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**

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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 Dreggorn is your uniform co-ordinator.

Mullewa Services Summit
Your time to have a say in the services provided in Mullewa and the future direction of your town

WORKSHOP 1
Saturday 17 September
Mullewa Town Hall
8.30-11am
(final registration from 8am)

WORKSHOP 2
Friday 7 October
Location to be announced
4.30-7pm
(final registration from 4pm)

RSVP to Sam Messina
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Take the online survey and let us know what you think. Hard copies also available at the Mullewa District Office.
www.surveymonkey.com/r/mullewaservices