Prayer

Prayer for a Good and Safe Harvest

God our provider,
We acknowledge you as the only source of growth and abundance.
We give thanks for the wonderful growth in our crops and pastures this year made possible through the gift of rain and good growing weather.
In humility we ask for fine weather to harvest our crops and may we keep ourselves safe during harvest.
In your kindness and love, make up for what is lacking in our faith and in what we do.
We ask this through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

OLMC Calendar Important Dates

30th October  Tuckshop
1st November  All Saints Day
2nd November  All Souls Day
2nd November  Whole School Mass 11am
3rd November  Melbourne Cup Day
5th November  Nagle Catholic College Orientation Day
6th November  Newsletter
10th November OLMC Kindy Orientation Day
16th November Pupil Free Day

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

Welcome to the start of the final term of the year. This is always the term which is celebrated by staff as being the most enjoyable, due to the fact that the children are so settled in their classes and blossoming in all aspects of their learning. They know the routines, know their expectations and are calm and focused on what school is all about – learning and improvement. We all learn at different rates and excel in different ways, and here at Our Lady of Mount Carmel; all children are catered for and encouraged in all areas to do their best, we do this very well.

All children are seeking activities to challenge themselves and are developing as true independent learners. At the end of every day and during the day in the classrooms; we use ‘feedback’ to improve learning. You may remember at the beginning of the year, the language of ‘learning intention’ (what is it that we are focusing on) and ‘success criteria’ (how will the students go about doing this). Feedback will provide information on how and why the student has or has not met the criteria of the learning task. This feedback is not emotive but factual; it states what is happening and provides information that leads to improvement – not the answers. Children in turn provide feedback on how they think they are learning and what they have learned. Very different to when I was at school. Engaging with our children in opportunities to discuss anything from the temperature of the water in the bath to why it is that the sun now appears on the horizon in a different place than four months ago, we have so many valuable learning opportunities each day!

On the topic of ‘Feedback’ our P&F have included with today’s newsletter a survey/feedback form. This is a very valuable exercise for Our Lady of Mount Carmel Community to provide important information that will help us to be more effective in every aspect of what we are about. We are a school that cannot function without you – the parents and carers in our community. We all love our children and want to provide the best possible learning environment and experiences possible. How can we do this best? By working together. This can happen in many ways, you may be here by my side, you may provide me with back-up when I need it, or you may work behind the scenes because you don’t want to be in the limelight. How best can you be involved in helping all of the children in our school achieve great results. This survey is not about giving you a job; it is about providing an opportunity to give input so that any little thing may be of great support to our community. Please take the time to complete the survey so that we can become more efficient in whatever we undertake together.

Our P&F have always been a strong support in everything that we do here at OLMC. Helping with busy bees, sharing the costs of the year 5/6 camp, purchasing the badges for the wonderful Newman students, buying books for our library, tables for the kindy pre-primary room, Mother’s Day and Father’s Day stalls, tuckshop organising….. and this is not all!

A new project which the P&F and students are very excited about - is a Nature Playground. Two dads, Phil Rumble and Brendan Weir, took themselves along to the Nature Playground workshop in Geraldton last term to find out as much as they can to help make this a ‘real’ thing in our school. Besides being the only males amongst a mob of women, they came back very excited and armed with a heap of examples of what we could try to achieve here in Mullewa. The teachers will be asking children to think of things that they would love to have in an adventure playground and maybe come up with some designs. Our adventurous

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Dads are keen to implement the ideas of the children and come up with some plans of how this could look in our designated areas at school. Our first Busy Bee next year will hopefully tackle some of the works needed to create this new play area for the children. Your involvement is very important to help make this a reality. Playgrounds can cost anywhere from a few thousand to hundreds of thousands of dollars like some of the bigger schools in Geraldton. The P&F has committed to $15,000 towards this beginning of fantastic venture which will hopefully be added to in the future.

With the hotter weather upon us, it is important that all children drink plenty of water. The children need to have their own water bottle clearly labelled with their name on it. We encourage children to bring them into class and drink water as often as needed. Mrs Messina would also like the children to have their water bottles with them during sport and Blueearth sessions. At this time of year we are encouraging parents and children to take advantage of the wonderful range of fruit and vegetables currently available and to be filling their lunch boxes with healthy choices. Healthy lifestyles and healthy food choices is a learning focus for this term. High temperatures also help food to spoil quickly. Ice bricks or frozen water blocks are helping to keep food fresh. Classes will begin to bring lunchboxes into the air-conditioned classrooms to assist with keeping our food nice and fresh.

Next week is sock it to Poverty week. We look forward to seeing many wonderful and weird sock combinations over the five days in support of a very needy cause – water! We know how important water is here in Mullewa!

In the coming week there will be families who will be receiving their invoices for school fees. Schools are run the same as any organisation, relying on funds to cover costs. If payments could be made as soon as possible so that our bookkeeping can be finalised in preparation for next year. Your support and prompt attention would be greatly appreciated.

_I cannot teach anybody anything. I can only make them think._  
Socrates.

_God Bless_  
Dé Nyman

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**Birthdays**

A very happy birthday to the following staff and students:
- 1st October - Tarkyn Fulker
- 25th October - Kaiyne Lincoln
- 25th October - Lachlan Rowe
- 3rd November - Miss Kassie Cant

_HAPPY BIRTHDAY!_

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Sock it to Poverty

All of the students in the school are encouraged to wear their favourite socks throughout Week 3 (Monday, 26th - 30th October) of school in support of Catholic Mission’s work in Madagascar. The students will be wearing their socks in solidarity with many other Catholic schools around Australia as part of “Sock it to Poverty Week”. Everyone is encouraged to bring in a gold coin (or coins) donation at least once during the week. As Friday is Tuckshop, the Spiritual Ministry from Year Five/Six will be swinging a sock and collecting any spare change the children may have left over on Friday after buying their treats at the Tuckshop. All of the children will then be involved in laying out all of the coins that have been collected throughout the week, inside a template of a sock drawn in the undercover area. The Year Three/Four class have included an attachment with this newsletter explaining the way the money raised will be used in villages in Madagascar to provide basic sanitation. Please encourage your child/ren to support this cause.

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

Tuckshop is this Friday 30th October. Jen Critch is the leader and Michaela Wurster is the helper. Attached to the newsletter is a P&F Survey, please fill it out and return it to the school as soon as possible.

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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.

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Uniform Shop

UNIFORM SHOP OPEN

Wednesday 8.30am to 9am and 9pm to 3.30pm
Thursday 8.30am to 9am and 9pm 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.

Other News

JOB VACANCY

Liaison Officer - Parents & Friends Federation of WA

If you're passionate about helping parents and parent communities in Catholic schools, and if you would enjoy a varied and challenging role, then this may be the job for you!

The position is for 21 hours per week, during school terms. Applications close on the 17 November 2015. The full advert and job description can be found on our website www.pff.wa.edu.au.

Initial enquiries can be directed to Shelley Hill on 0428 740 743 or email execoff@pff.wa.edu.au.

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Coping With Grief at Christmas

If you have had a loss and grief experience and want help to get through the Christmas season, you are invited to join this workshop.

Tuesday 24 November 2015
6.30 - 8.30 pm
Cost $20
Centscare Family Services
3 Mainland Street

This education session on grief and loss can assist people in managing and understanding the effects of significant change in their lives. It provides a safe and creative way to explore feelings and memories, and gives participants skills to cope with loss at Christmas time.

It is not counseling.
Call Centscare on 9921 3433 to register your interest.

JOIN US AT THE CRC
BREAST CANCER MORNING TEA
MONDAY 26TH OCTOBER @ 10am
GUEST APPEARANCE FROM
THE McGrath FOUNDATION

PROFESSIONAL TENNIS COACHING FOR AGES 3+

- Toddler Tennis
- Pee Wee Tennis
- Cardio Tennis
- Before School Tennis
- ANZ Tennis Hot Shots
- Ladies and Men’s Coaching
- Squad Training
- Private Lessons
- Hitting Lessons
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School Holidays
Public Holidays
Batavia Tennis Coaching Starling Dates

COACHING STARTING DATES - 8 week programs:
Term 1: Week 1, Friday 6th - Thursday 12th February
Term 2: Week 1, Saturday 2nd - Friday 8th May
Term 1: Week 1, Monday 27th July - Saturday 1st August
Term 4: Week 1, Monday 19th - Saturday 24th October

LOVE THE GAME, COME & JOIN THE RACQUET
**P & F VOLUNTEER SURVEY 2015**

The P & F Committee’s goal for 2016 is to raise enough money to contribute towards designing and building a ‘Nature Playground’ for all of the students.

To help us better understand our parents & friends availability and time they are able to volunteer towards our fundraising events please complete this survey and return it to OLMC school by Friday 6th November, 2015.

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| Skills I can contribute to the P & F            |     |    |
| Maintenance/Handyman                            |     |    |
| Organizing events                               |     |    |
| Treasurer skills                                |     |    |
| Computing Skills                                |     |    |
| Gardening skills                                |     |    |
| Catering/Food prep skills                       |     |    |
| Donation of goods                               |     |    |
| Secretary skills                                |     |    |
| Lending of plant/machinery                      |     |    |
| Donation of materials for a ‘Nature Playground’|     |    |
| Other skills I have that I can offer            |     |    |

**P & F Levy**

If you are unable to volunteer time to the P & F, would you consider paying a one off levy each school year to assist the P & F financially?

I am NOT able to contribute any time or skills to the P & F due to:

- Younger siblings/ infants at home
- Work full time
- Not comfortable doing so
- Other reasons are:

**Additional Comments:**

Thank you for your time that it took to complete this brief but important survey. This will assist our P & F with the future direction of planning fundraising events and in turn how much money we can put back into your child’s education at OLMC Primary School.

NAME (Optional) : ________________________________

CONTACT PH (Optional): ________________________________

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