Our Lady of Mt Carmel School Newsletter

Week 2 Term 4
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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

Friday 28th October - Tuckshop & Merit Assembly
Mon31st Oct - Fri 4th Nov - Sock it to Poverty Sock Day
Tuesday 1st November - Christmas Book Fair MDHS
- All Saints Day
- Melbourne Cup
- Best hat creation
- All Souls Day
- Dress up as favourite book character
- Visit MDHS Christmas Book Fair
- Nagle Orientation Day
- Kindy 2017 Orientation 9.30-11am
- Pupil Free Day
- Remembrance Day

Important Dates for Term 4
2nd Dec - Christmas Concert
7th Dec - Graduation
8th Dec - Yr 3-6 Pool Excursion
9th Dec - K-Yr2 Pool Excursion
9th Dec - Final Day of Term 4
12th Dec-16th - Dec Pupil Free Days

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

Term Four has commenced with the weather clearly showing us we are not ready to head to the hotter days consistently, just yet. The mornings are still brisk but sharp and the days warming. We find the presence of the flies and snakes not a welcome sight. Summer is on the way.

I hope that your break was as productive as you had hoped and that there was quality time spent in the presence of those most important to you. We look forward to Term Four as we undertake the final learning of the year. Achievement of expected standards for each year level is the target for staff. Children will be at various stages of this progress and should be consolidating their learning for the year as well as taking on some new concepts in this final term. It is vital to keep ‘touching base’ with your child's teacher so that you can help keep children on track with their learning. Research has shown that when parents and carers are actively engaged in what the child is learning, progress is more evident. Time is so precious and we know that learning is at it’s optimum in the morning. When the tanks run dry and over heat a little in the afternoons, progress is not as intense as the mornings. This is why we would like children to have a good night’s sleep and a belly full of a healthy breakfast, so that when they arrive at school, they are all warmed up, tanks are full and they are ready to learn as much as they can, with great focus. As they tire and wear down, the pace of learning slows and the amount of energy required to maintain focus needs to increase. Afternoon learning is hard work. A healthy lunch is extremely important to assist the brain in maintaining a consistent level of focus. If a diet is full of sugars, we know that this will only last for a short time and then cause a whole heap of problems after the initial hit wears off. Natural fruits and vegetables and carbohydrates provide fuel to keep the motor running nice and smooth without the surges and miss-beats.

Our Environmental Ministry has been gathering the waste materials left over from the children at lunch time. This has proven to be very interesting. After a bit of a dressing down by the Environment Ministry to the senior students last week, who were adding too much to our land fill in Mullewa with not so friendly un-biodegradable products, we have seen an improvement this week. The younger students however, have shown that their paper, plastic and manmade waste is higher this week than before. We encourage students to re-use and choose environmentally friendly products and help to reduce our waste.

**Student Health**

There have been several incidents of children over this week with tummy upsets. Please remember to let the Office know so that we can pass this information on if necessary. Thank you to those families for supporting the exclusion time of 48 hours recommended by the Health Department.

**Staff Leaving**

Maree Burke has been with Our Lady of Mount Carmel since 2005 as our cleaner. She has decided to take her well-deserved Long Service Leave to take some time out for herself and

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then retire. Maree has many stories to tell and many memories of the staff that she has worked with over her time here. We thank her for the dedication and loyalty that she has committed to our school and wish her all of God’s blessings for the future. We also farewell Mrs Tamisha Papertalk. Tamisha has been a valued member of our school community at Our Lady of Mount Carmel since 2012. We thank her for sharing her knowledge of community and the aspects of life here in Mullewa. Tamisha has a great passion and care of and for the students and staff of Our Lady of Mount Carmel School. She was a great support both in and out of the classroom and will be missed. We wish Miss Tamisha and her family all of God’s blessings for what the future holds in store.

Christmas Book Fair
Mullewa District High School is hosting the Christmas Book Fair this year. As usual, we ask that the children dress up as their favourite book character to celebrate our love of books. This will happen on Thursday 27th October. We have been invited to visit the book display at MDHS on this day so that the children from both schools can see each other’s dress-ups. Children will also be able to purchase books or put in their wish list as normal. As this is not a Kindy day, we welcome kindy families to come along if they would like. More information and permission slips will be sent home next week.

Melbourne Cup
It has been a tradition here at Our Lady of Mount Carmel that the children take part in a hat parade on the day of the Melbourne Cup. Ideally it should be of their own creation as I think there may be a little prize on offer, but any interesting hat creation will do!

Kindy Enrolments
I am currently conducting kindy interviews for 2017. If you haven’t done so yet, or know of anyone who is thinking about enrolling their child in our wonderful school in any year level, I’d encourage them to complete the enrolment package as soon as possible so that preparation and planning for classes in 2017 can be completed. Kindy Orientation will be held on Tuesday 8th November from 9:30am – 11:00am. Kindergarten parents will be receiving further information shortly.

School Uniform
As you know the P&F have been working on the community choice to move away from the light blue cotton shirts to shirt that will not show stains. Our community responded to the survey and were in favour of the change. There has been a great deal of difficulty sourcing a blend of materials to meet the criteria which parents had mentioned was important. Qualities we wanted:

- A colour or material to hide stains
- Material must be durable so that it can last and be handed down to siblings
- Survive lots of washing and keep its shape & not shrink
- No ironing / easy care
- Light material
- Suitable for sensitive skins
- High sun-safe rating

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At the end of last term different materials were put on display for parents to feel and comment on. The shirt/material shown in the image was the material most favoured. The difficulty now arises that this material is only available in the two colours shown. Our sample shirt. This will now need to be considered and discussed further.

Thank you to everyone for your input as we continue on the journey of finding the best suited outcome in regards to our school shirt.

Aunty Nic

Congratulations to Bronwyn and Chris on the birth of their little girl Sophie Marie. This now makes Miss Nic officially, Aunty Nic.

God Bless

Di Nyman

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Sock it to Poverty

Sock it to Poverty – Catholic Mission

Once again, in this month of October, our students will be involved in Catholic Mission’s World Mission Appeal for those in need. This year, the country of focus is Cambodia and our students will be reaching out to the children in Cambodia who cannot go to school because their families live in poverty. We ask everyone to support the work of Catholic Mission and “Sock it to Poverty” in the country of Cambodia.

Wear your choice of socks – strange, cool, funny, odd, on Friday, 28th October and donate to the children of Cambodia.

Help us to fill the socks hanging on the washing line with your coins (and even notes)!

Birthdays

25th October Kaiyne Lincoln
25th October Lachlan Rowe

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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 Friday 28th October. Please make sure all student orders are in by Tuesday 25th October. This is to ensure all student orders are correct and supplies can be ordered.

Tuckshop ladies are Janice Park, Philippa Rumble and Michaela Keeffe

Tim Critch
P&F President

Jenna McGregor
P&F Secretary

Janice Park
Treasurer

Parish Notices

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

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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Classroom News

Results from OLMC Faction Carnival 2016

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Sportsmanship Awards
- Senior: Isabella Critch
- Intermediate: Angus Critch
- Junior: Laney Critch

Faction Shield
- Overall Winner: Blue
- Captain: Tyler Messina
- Vice Captain: Isabella Critch

Year 2 Champion Girl: Sahara Flannagan, 
R/Up Year 6 Girl: Zalia Curtis,
Silver Medalist 1500 metres: Rueben Rowe

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In Term 3 the Year Five and Six class were asked to design and paint concrete tiles for the Caravan Park. A lot of time was spent planning the tiles and what a great final product.

The focus for Art in Term 4 is to use different types of materials to create unique types of Artwork.

Last term the Year Three and Four class focused on using 3-D shapes to create types of artwork. They were also asked to create a class cubby for Design and Technology.

The Year One and Two Class in Term 3 focused on using line to enhance a painting, drawing or collage.

The Pre-Primary class focused on drawing and painting. They have drawn some fantastic pictures.

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Enrolments are now due.

Kindergarten 2017.
If you have a child, or you know of someone who has a child ready to commence Kindergarten next year, please contact the school on (08) 9961 1120.

Children born between 1st July 2012 and 30th June 2013 are eligible to start in 2016.

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We are now seeking enrolments for all year levels for 2017

If you have a child, or you know of someone who has a child ready to commence next year, please contact the school on (08) 9961 1120 to register your interest or call in for an enrolment form.

Please note that a birth certificate and immunisation record is a requirement of the enrolment.

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Aboriginal Teacher Assistant
This is a part time position for Term 4 2016. Applicants will need to be available Wednesdays and Thursdays as well as other days to work with a variety of students across the school.

Selection Criteria
A willingness to support the Catholic ethos of the school.
The ability to work collaboratively with staff.
A strong desire to improve the outcomes of all students.
A current WWC (Working with Children) clearance
A current Federal Police Clearance/100 Point Identification Check
Previous experience desirable though not a requirement.
All enquiries are to be made to The Principal.

P/T School Cleaner (2 days per week – 5 hrs)
Applications are invited for the above position to commence as soon as possible. This is a part time temporary position replacing staff on Long Service Leave until end of Term 2 2017. There is the possibility of this being ongoing.
Duties include the cleaning of the Administration Building, Parish/School Hall, Classrooms and the Pre-Primary / Kindergarten area. This will involve vacuuming carpets, mopping of wet areas, wet and dry cleaning of tables benches, shelves and work areas, clearing cobwebs and other cleaning duties as required.

Applicants must apply in writing, outlining previous work experience; including the name and contact numbers of referees, a current WWC Card and a current National Police History Check available to download from the Department of Education.

Applications close Thursday, 27 October 2016 and should be addressed to the Principal.
email admin@olmc.wa.edu.au
Phone on 9961 1120 for further information

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You’re invited to our

BOOK FAIR!

 DON’T CALL ME BEAR!

 AUSTRALIA!
 STORY COUNTRY

 FIND YOUR STORY AT THE
 Book Fair!

 ANH-DO BIG WEIRDO

 Tracy Lacy

 Ella Olivia

 Pixel Raiders

 Date 3/10/16 - 3/11/16
 Time School times
 Place M.D.H.S Library

 All purchases benefit our school!

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