**Christmas Prayer**

Father God,

When your precious Son became a tiny baby in a stable in Bethlehem in poverty and simplicity, you changed our world.

As we imagine those surroundings, we join with the shepherds and the wise men in wonder and praise.

We thank you for our material lives, praise you for our spiritual lives, and trust in you for our eternal life.

Amen

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**OLMC Calendar Important Dates**

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Dear Parents, Carers, Students and Friends,

This will be our final Newsletter for 2015. The last few weeks have been a whirlwind, but a wonderful few weeks never the less.

In one of my previous newsletters, I spoke about the maturity and focus of the children in the second half of the year. This is usually the case in all schools; that children become used to the routines and expectations of their classroom teacher, they know what is expected in the work that they do and they have become more adept at managing the relationships of the children that they share their learning time with. Research shows that when we feel comfortable and safe, safe not meaning threatened in this scenario but confident in what work they need to do, children will produce work of a higher standard and they will be able to learn at a greater rate as there is energy to devote particularly on ‘learning’. Another blessing we have here in Mullewa is that the children are usually with the same teacher for two years. The benefit of this is that the classroom teacher gets to know them very well and that the beginning of the second year, there is no ‘breaking in’ so to speak. Children will be able to get straight into dedicating their energy to learning and striving for personal best. It is not about beating anyone else, it is about making great strides in their own achievements. We learn through repetition, we learn through linking to prior knowledge, we learn through application - what do I need to know to get a job done? I hope that over the Christmas break, families will continue to reinforce the great learning that has occurred over the year, especially for the younger ones and still greatly encourage reading, discussions of what is read, heard on the news, or even what is happening in other parts of the world. By doing these simple things, learning is being transferred from the frontal lobe, to our long term memory. It is like when you learn a new skill for the first time, eg: riding a bike, the more you do it, the easier it becomes. Times tables - ooooh those terrible things - are such a great support to mental Math!

Not too far from our own doorsteps, Bishop Justin has asked the people of the Geraldton Diocese to consider supporting the Christmas Communio Appeal 2015. Last year $25 049 was raised to help families or individuals within our diocese whose lives may have changed dramatically through accident or life threatening illnesses impacting heavily on their financial resources and are in need of substantial help. The ‘Charity begins at home’ group of women have been proactive in making a big difference in people’s lives. If you are able to make a donation to this group, please find the details towards the end of this newsletter.

‘Love one another, as I have loved you.’
We are already so good at helping those around us in Mullewa – the hamper collection has been a tremendous success. The basket is overflowing with special presents and food items to be distributed to the needy in our own community. Thank you to everyone for making the little things into a big difference in someone’s life!

Esperance Fires

Another great thing from Our Lady of Mount Carmel – Janice Park made a suggestion that our fundraising for the fires near Esperance go to a particular school - great idea Janice! We have made contact with Scaddan Primary School who lost nearly all of their trees and the shade from their play area. The Principal, Deanna Fruen, is very excited and grateful to be receiving our donation which has been topped up by the P&F to $500. This will be used to purchase trees for the school. Very cool!

Year of Mercy

In announcing this Year of Mercy, Pope Francis stated “How much I desire that the year to come will be steeped in mercy, so that we can go out to every human man and woman, bringing the goodness and tenderness of God!” if you haven’t yet read the letter from Bishop Justin, it is available in the church and encourages us to carry out our Father’s mercy by continuing to support the special events that have been organised in our Diocese.

In Rome - Pope Francis pushed open the huge bronze door of St Peter’s Basilica to launch the Catholic Church’s “Year of Mercy” Tens of thousands of people attended a Mass in St Peter’s Square for the start of the Pope’s “revolution of tenderness” Pope Francis passed through the Holy Door and said that Catholics who pass through a Holy Door should take on the role of the ‘Good Samaritan’.

This is the first time since the Great Jubilee in 2000 called for by St John Paul II that the door has been used. It has been bricked up since then. Only a select few places in Western Australia have been ear-marked to be ‘Holy Doors’ that we may pass through and continue the mission of our church. We are lucky that our Cathedral in Geraldton is one such place. Please do try to make the time to visit one of our Holy Doors!

‘Love one another, as I have loved you.’
The term commenced, the term has finished. Harvest began, for most harvest is now complete. We are tired but a job is done. Have a sense of pride that what you have accomplished has importance. The great thing now, is that as we can unwind from all of the hard work and enjoy the company of family, as we stop to celebrate the birth of Jesus over our Christmas holidays. I hope that you will manage to relax, play, celebrate and at some point have a chance to just 'be'.

God bless and have a happy, safe and holy Christmas!

Di Nyman

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**Birthdays**

A very happy birthday to the following staff and students:

9th December Carly Ferreira
13th December Thomas Strange
22nd December Cooper Messina
27th December Latoya Buck
29th December Reuben Rowe
1st January Angus Critch
5th January Mr Adam Newey
16th January Revis Carnamah

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**Happy Birthday!**

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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.

‘Love one another, as I have loved you.’
P&F Notices

The P&F would like to thank everyone who has supported our school this year, whether it be helping at stalls for the Mullewa Show, working in the Tuckshop at school, helping on Busy Bees etc. our school would not be the place that it is without community support. We would especially like to thank Roma from the Sport & Rec Centre, for the selling of Bingo cards, The Mullewa Shire for the top dressing of the school oval, helping the children’s Harvest Cup, use of the Town Hall and allowing us free entry into the pool; many, many thanks!

We wish everyone a happy, safe and holy Christmas!

Tim Critch
President
Jenna McGregor
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.

OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL
MULLEWA

CHRISTMAS MASS will be celebrated in
Our Lady of Mt Carmel Church on Thursday,
Christmas Eve, 24th December at 7.00pm.
Everyone is very welcome.

"May this Christmas be a time of blessing and happiness for you, your family and friends.
May we cherish every moment with our Family and Friends.
May you be kept safe on the roads and arrive safely at your destination.
May 2016 be a year full of hope and with God's blessing on all our endeavours!"
Fr Robert

"Were I a philosopher, I should write a philosophy of toys, showing that nothing else in life needs to be taken seriously, and that Christmas day in the company of children is one of the few occasions on which people become entirely alive"
Robert Lynd

Further information contact Fr Robert O'Bryan, 99611181 or (M) 0457980852

‘Love one another, as I have loved you.'
Uniform Shop

UNIFORM SHOP OPEN

Wednesday 8.30am to 9am and 3pm to 5.30pm
Thursday 8.30am to 9am and 3pm to 5.30pm
Now located in the hall.
Order forms can be sent home with your child on request.
Rebecca Dregiorn is your uniform co-ordinator.

Other News

MULLEWA MARKETS
FRIDAY 11TH DECEMBER
8PM TILL 8PM

Come join us at the Christmas Markets
• SANTA
• BOUNCY CASTLE
• LOTS OF STALLS
• FOOD
• RAFFLES
• AND MUCH MORE

WE HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO HAVE A STALL
PLEASE CONTACT ALLISON OR KYLEE @
CRC FOR MORE INFORMATION

COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS CAROLS
MULLEWA

The combined Christian Churches of Mullewa invite you to join them beside the Town Hall Friday the 11th of December at 8.00pm after the Christmas Markets for a time of Carol singing in preparation for Christmas
And may we wish you a very
Happy and Holy Christmas
and a blessed New Year in 2016
May it be an excellent season for our whole community!
Please keep safe in your driving on our roads.

'Love one another, as I have loved you.'
Please accept my donation of

- $500
- $250
- $100
- $50
- $20
- Other

EPT DONATION
Please advise us of your online donation either by fax or emailing this completed form: see below for details.

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- The Bishop’s Midyear Newsletter on the Appeal will be available on the Diocesan Website and church noticeboards in July next year. Do you still wish to leave one sent out to you? Yes □ No □

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Opening of the Holy Door
At St Francis Xavier Cathedral
The opening of the Holy Door marks the beginning of the Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy.
Sunday December 13th 2015
Ceremony 3:00 pm
Followed by bring and share Afternoon Tea

‘Love one another, as I have loved you.’
Wow, it feels like yesterday that the Pre-Primaries and I watched 6 little kindy boys nervously enter our class on the first day of the year. Today we took photos recording their last day of Kindy – boy have they grown, and hasn’t time flown.

It is also the last day that I have the pleasure of teaching my 2 lovely Pre-Primary girls and 5 boisterous Pre-Primary boys. I have enjoyed watching each one of them grow in both their learning and social development. I will miss each one greatly, but know they will blossom further in Year 1.

My wonderful teaching assistants have been my rock this year and I thank each one for the cutting, gluing, teaching, cleaning and fun they do and provide to myself and the children. Thanks Miss Tamisha, Miss Bec and Mrs Swift.

I also thank my teaching colleague and friend Mrs Messina for the collaborative partnership to teach the Pre-Primaries this year. You are always so organised and the children are always excited and engaged in the lessons you prepare. Thank you.

Parents, thank you for being your child’s number 1 teacher. Your support in completing homework, parent help, and other aspects of their schooling is invaluable. Thank you from all the staff.

Enjoy the following reflection of our year:
How to write their name, draw pictures, play nicely, cut, colour, count and add, count and take away, read simple words, all the letters of the alphabet, about their families, about Jesus, about the community, and how to be the best 'superhero' ever!

My favourite memory is when we made poodle noodles and Pink Yink ink in term 1, What fun!

How to write a sentence, to spell words with blends and sh, th, ch. How to add, subtract and divide numbers, Geography about our town, Society and environment studies about families, how to design objects in T&Ex and so much more!

My favourite memory is when we took apart machines to find out What was inside.

Max: Your lovely news about the 'Rumble boys' and your new baby was beautiful.
Alex: Your cute smile when you are proud of something you created. Nick: "my dad call that sucking-up," every time we say your work is great. Lucas: Your Poodle Noodle photo always makes me smile. Jaxon: Your cheeky mischievous character always has the staff in stitches. Revis: Your laugh when you watched Goofy makes my heart happy. Hunter: Your enthusiasm for junk art, bet mum's glad there's not so much junk art in Year 1! Adam: The day you realised you could read will always stick with me - you were so amazed, now you read as good as me! Tarkyn: Our little gangster, always posing for a photo and showing off your muscles - too cute! - you have brains to match the brawn too. Clayton: Mr Batman and Mr Star Wars, you are destined for the movies! I love your crazy camel costume you created.
Ruby: Mrs Catwoman, another dress-up fan and creator, I hope someone next year loves dressing up as much as you. Maggie: My little helper, I'll miss your company and your cheeky smile xxx Thank you for being a super amazing bunch - so many memories!!!
Year Review

The final weeks of the year are upon us and yet again it has been another busy year. The year one / twos have learnt so much and have enjoyed every minute of it. We have looked at Superheroes, insects, sea creatures and also Christmas around the world.

We have also had plenty of fun times interacting with the K?PP class sharing in cluster activities throughout the year.

Each student has developed and thrived and it has been a busy yet wonderful year once again.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from all the 2015 Year Ones and Twos.

Riley – I liked learning about sea animals. The Great White Shark have big jaws.

Carly – I liked learning about insects. Did you know that butterflies can be all different colours.

Sahara – I liked learning about all the sea animals. My favourite was the Penguin. The penguin likes to eat small squid and fish.

Kalyne – This year I liked learning about seals. Did you know that seals are sea mammals and they like to eat crayfish.

Cooper – I liked learning about everything this year. My most favourite was learning about Superheroes.

Willie – I liked learning how to make ribbon Christmas trees. It was really cool.

Lachlan – I liked learning about sharks. Did you know that once they lose teeth they can keep growing them no matter how many times they lose them.

James – I liked learning how to write. I love to write about my family.

Sofie – I liked learning about Christmas around the world and all the different celebrations.
Thank you Miss Mariah!

Thank you for teaching me how to tell my news. I liked doing Art with you, painting pictures and doing dot painting on my emu egg. I liked the elephant paintings of Salvador Dali. I liked drawing and doing the bird with charcoal. I liked doing work with you and writing in my book. Thank you for reading me stories. I liked the Jungle book.

**Ashton**

I liked doing Streaming lessons with you and having you on Fridays. I liked doing the Board games and storybooks. I have shared a lot of memories with you like the time we did the weird and wacky Amedeo Modigliani long-necked oil pastel self portraits! Best of luck to you, Miss Mariah!

**Saxon**

I liked it when you did fun activities with us. Friday was one of the best days of the week. I loved when we were silent and happy and I loved when we did relaxing meditations and thinking of things in our mind. Thank you for coming to our school.

**Caleb**

My favourite things that I did in Art were the snow globes for Christmas. My favourite artist was Jackson Pollock because I liked how he spread paint everywhere. I liked the Art we did – the sunflower ones, the bird ones, the long neck ones.

**Lochlain**

Miss Mariah, I liked making the emu eggs and doing the elephants. I liked writing the poem about Rusty, my dog.

**Chykiarah**

Thanks Miss M, for taking us for Art and Fridays. I loved the way you did art with the class because you always taught us new ways to do art, and new artists. I liked doing the poems – I did mine on Rollo, my cat. In Art, my favourite lesson was the emu egg painting. My favourite artist I liked the most was Salvador Dali because he just made up things and that’s what I like to do.

**Mia**

I liked it when we did drama. My favourite bit of drama was when we did the TV show game and I was Chef Lola. My favourite artist is Jackson Pollock because he uses lots of equipment like spoons, squirtsers, paint brushes and paint cans.

**Lola**

Thank you for teaching us all the names of the artists, like Piet Mondrian, Salvador Dali and Jackson Pollock. Thank you for teaching us how to make our sculptures and how to write our cinquain poems. Thank you for teaching me what a verb and a noun is.

**Okuhle (Si Si)**

Thank you for taking us for art on Fridays. My favourite was the emu egg. I liked doing the poems – I did mine on Rollo the cat. Remember when I went into Streaming for the movie, it was un with you. No-one can replace you.

**Benjamin**
Teacher
Cat lover
Painting, drawing, laughing,
The best art teacher we'll ever have
Miss Mariah

Sweeter than a yummy apple pie,
Kinder than a little red robin,
Funnier than a pouncing kitten,
Is Miss Mariah.
As artistic as a new Da Vinci,
As enthusiastic as arty Lady Gaga,
As crazy-cool as Vincent Van Gogh
That's Miss Mariah!
Pretty as a gorgeous model,
Creative as a whole universe,
Musical as peaceful Mozart,
Our teacher Miss Mariah!

Caitlin
Year 5/6 Final Newsletter  
- Term 4, Week 9

The Year 5/6 Students have worked very hard this year. Learning new things, making new friends and memories, and enjoying their time with each other.

Below is a rap some of the students have created of their year in the 5/6 Class.

2015, we're in 5/6  
Miss K's our teacher,  
Yo, what a mix!  
Camp was a blast,  
it went so fast!  
Cyclone Owen, came in flowing,  
Hit Kalbarri with no sign of slowing.

Term 2 got a new student,  
was a great amusement.  
Adam was his name,  
and hangman was his game.  
NAPLAN was slow, it made us feel low.  
Now we are happy, as Miss K wasn't snappy.

Term 3 was so busy,  
It made me feel dizzy.  
Had so much fun  
Cruisin' in the sun, we had a mass.  
Look out we learnt BIMDAS.  
We received Confirmation, it was amazing!  
We meet Miss Peta, she was an awesome teacher.

Term 4 was hectic,  
We learnt about the metric.  
We explored the Australian Federation, and immigration.  
Preparing for Graduation,  
it stopped the nation.  
We can't wait for the pool, because it's so cool!  
A good year for all, we got more tall
During the last few weeks of Term 4, the young artists at OLMC have been producing some amazing work!

Come take a look...

Pre Primary

Students designed and drew a cityscape using black markers on a large sheet of paper. All was quiet until... along came the dinosaurs! Each student chose various dinosaur species to draw on coloured card, cut them out and placed them around their city landscape to bring it to life.

Year 1/2

The Year 1/2s have been creating collages inspired by artist Paul Klee’s expressionist painting, ‘Castle and Sun.’ The class first sketched a simple castle using straight lines and geometric shapes. Then, they cut out mosaic pieces from different coloured and textured pieces of paper and arranged them like a puzzle to fill the castle. The collage embodies the way Klee used geometric shapes to create magical designs and patterns.

Year 3/4

The Year 3/4s have been busy painting their emu eggs in the style of an artist of their choice. From Piet Mondrian to Jackson Pollock, each egg was unlike the next. Despite the challenges along the way and the intricate nature of the project, the eggs look spectacular!

Year 5/6

The 5/6s recently learnt how to draw a still life charcoal sketch of an apple. The students experimented with soft, willow charcoal and white chalk to create a 3-dimensional sketch. The class was able to use the forgiving medium to create light and shadow in the appropriate places. The apples look good enough to eat!

Thank you to all of my amazing students for the joy you give me each week. Keep creating, inspiring and dreaming! ☺

Miss Mariah.
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