

# Our Lady of Mt Carmel School Newsletter

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## Prayer

**Caritas** shares the **mission** of the Catholic Church to serve the poor and to promote charity and justice throughout the world.

**Caritas** is a Latin word meaning “**Love + Compassion**”

*Dear Lord, We pray for the work that is being done by Caritas,  
to help end poverty, promote justice and uphold dignity  
so it may offer the world's poor a just future and they do not need to rely  
entirely on charity.*

*Amen*

## OLMC Calendar Important Dates

### *Important Term 1 Dates*

Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> March

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> March

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> March

NO Swimming Lessons

Year Three-Four Assembly

School Swimming Carnival

*'Love one another, as I have loved you.'*

## Messages from the Principal's Desk

### **Caritas' Project Compassion**

During the six weeks of Lent, the students are involved in learning about Caritas Australia's annual Lenten fundraising and awareness-raising appeal, Project Compassion. This brings thousands of Australians together in solidarity with the world's poor to help end poverty, promote justice and uphold dignity. Focused on the theme "A Just Future," and featuring a new country each week, the stories explain the issues faced in each country. They also highlight how Caritas Australia is working together with vulnerable people, helping them to develop their strengths and create change in their own communities. This year's countries in focus include Nepal, Cambodia, Jordan, Mozambique, the Philippines and Australia. Towards the end of term, the students will be involved in a simple fundraiser to support the people from these countries, and increase their awareness of the work being undertaken by Caritas, around the world.

### **Teacher Professional Development**

Last Friday, whilst the students enjoyed a pupil free day, the teaching staff spent a highly productive day together undertaking professional development on two subject areas within the curriculum - Technologies and Languages. After the hectic pace settling into the start of the term, it was pleasing to be able to spend a day together unpacking the Scope and Sequence documents for both of these subject areas and planning ways to enhance the teaching of these across the school. Technologies is one of the school focus areas within our Annual School Improvement Plan for 2018 and the Year Three to Six students have been thoroughly enjoying their MyChinese lessons each Wednesday. Miss Makeeli, Miss Penny and Miss Ryan attended another professional development day on Technologies at St Mary's School, Northampton, on one of our Professional Development days at the start of the term. They were able to lead the rest of the staff on ways in which we can upskill each other, and assist the students to use technology to enhance their learning, especially in the areas of unplugged devices. As a group, the teaching staff came up with a school philosophy on teaching and learning within the area of Technologies, and identified three areas of practice we wish to embed across the school, this year.

## **Swimming Carnival**

Our Swimming Carnival will be held on Friday, 16<sup>th</sup> March, commencing at 9:30am. A letter outlining all the information for the day was sent home last Thursday. Please return your child/ren's permission slip by Monday, 12<sup>th</sup> March.

## **P&F Meeting**

A special thank you to those parents who were able to attend our first P&F meeting for the year, and to our P&F Executive who very capably ran the meeting and informed us of plans for the year ahead - Penny Critch (President), Brendan Weir (Vice-President), Jenna McGregor (Secretary) and Janelle Rowe (Treasurer). A number of issues were discussed along with the decision being made to continue with the major fundraisers that have occurred over the last few years - the OLMC Quiz Night and the Recovery Breakfast at the Mullewa Rodeo, alongside the usual practice of Tuckshop, Mothers' and Fathers' Day Stalls and the Easter Egg Raffle. A number of ways in which the P&F are willing to contribute to funding extra resources around the school this year, were discussed. These "extras" are always greatly appreciated by the students and staff, and always enhance the teaching and learning across the school. The first Busy Bee for the year will be held on Saturday, 24<sup>th</sup> March. Please keep this date free to come in and help with jobs around the school.

A fundraising opportunity exists for the P&F to co-ordinate a photographer to visit Mullewa on a Sunday, and take family photographs. The photographer would be set up somewhere central in town on Sunday, 25<sup>th</sup> March, but would need to know there were enough numbers to warrant coming to Mullewa. If you are interested in having a family photograph taken, please let Jenna McGregor know by Friday, 9<sup>th</sup> March, by sending her a message or ringing on 0423932904.

## **Easter Egg Raffle**

Attached to this newsletter is a note explaining the way in which our school Easter Egg Raffle operates, along with a book of raffle tickets for you to sell. Please support the P&F in their efforts with the Easter Egg Raffle. It is hugely enjoyed by all of the students and will be drawn on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> March. A special thank you to Melinda Weir for her efforts in organising the Easter Egg Raffle.

## **NAPLAN – Information for Parents**

An information pamphlet on NAPLAN testing for parents of Year Three and Year Five students will be sent home this week. Please read this pamphlet so you are informed of these tests that will take place early next term.

## **Parent Pick-up**

A reminder to parents to please let the school know, either through the front office, or a note to your child's classroom teacher, if there are any changes to the way in which your child normally travels home. Thank you to those parents who have let the school know if another parent, or family member, will be picking up their child, especially if this is to occur during the school day.

## **Electronic Version of School Newsletter**

The school is currently looking into ways of reducing the amount of paper we are printing through the office. One way would be to reduce the number of printed copies of the school newsletter and send a copy to parents electronically. Please let the school know if you would be willing to have your copy of the fortnightly newsletter emailed, rather than to receive a hard copy in your child's school bag.

## **St Mary's Northampton – 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration and Reunion**

St Mary's School, Northampton will be holding a 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration and Reunion on Saturday, April 14<sup>th</sup>. Please see the flyer attached for more details.

### *Parish of Our Lady of Mt Carmel Dates for Holy Week*

Palm Sunday, 25 <sup>th</sup> March	Mass 8:30am
Holy Thursday, 29 <sup>th</sup> March	Mass of the Lord's Supper 7pm
Good Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> March	Celebration of the Lord's Passion and Death 3pm
Easter Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup> April	Mass 8:30am

Jill Hollands  
Principal

## Birthdays

A very Happy Birthday to the following students

11<sup>th</sup> March      Hunter Rumble

14<sup>th</sup> March      Ben Green

18<sup>th</sup> March      Sofie Weir



★ HAPPY ★  
BIRTHDAY!



## From the Office

**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.

**Dental Van** – The Dental Van is currently at Our Lady of Mount Carmel School. We have been asked to remind parents that they must accompany their children to dental appointments in the van.

## Fees

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## IMPORTANT NOTICE TO PARENTS REGARDING 2018 SCHOOL FEES

School Fees will be issued Week 5. If you wish to have your fees emailed please advise the office, otherwise they will be posted.

### **BPAY**

New to 2018 BPAY will become an option when paying your school fees. All information will be included on your Statement.

### **2018 School Fee Schedule**

The School fee schedule is also on the website. The schedule is set out in accordance with the Catholic Education Office Instructions. Sibling discounts apply on Tuition Fees from K-10.

### **Health Care Card Concessions (HCC)**

Discounts have now been extended to include Amenities fees, Building Levy and some other charges. However, there are some charges which parents are required to pay in full. Holders of means-tested cards must bring their cards to the office to be copied and paperwork completed. Please bring your cards to the School Office by Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February. HCC discounts apply to all students.

### **School Fees Payment Plan**

ALL families are expected to complete a School Fees Payment Plan for 2018. Forms will be sent out with your first account. In 2018 it is expected that all fees will be paid in full by the 31<sup>st</sup> October. If you are not able to meet this deadline than you must make an appointment either with the Principal or Finance Officer to arrange a suitable payment plan.

## 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 please feel free to contact Fr Robert O'Bryan PP on 9961 1181 or 0457 980 852



# Colours and Seasons

In year 1/2 we have been learning about warm and cool colours. We try to remember which ones are which by matching them with our seasons. Summer and Autumn remind us of the warm colours red, yellow and orange, while Winter and Spring remind us of the cool colours blue, green and purple.

We had a lot of fun drawing our creative trees and painting the background with edicol dye.

Artists (from top to bottom)

Jacob Grima

Lucas McGregor

Leroy Jackamarra

Alivia Dean

Aiden Schulz

Isla Tropiano

