

# Our Lady of Mt Carmel School Newsletter

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## Prayer

As we approach Holy week which finishes with the celebration of the resurrection of Christ. May we remember to reach out to those less fortunate than ourselves by extending our hands in love and friendship.



## OLMC Calendar Important Dates

### *Important Term 1 Dates*

- Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> March - Kindy/Pre-Primary Assembly
- Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> March - Tuckshop
- Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> March - Busy Bee at the School
- Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> March - Easter Egg Raffle drawn
- Friday 30<sup>th</sup> March - Good Friday
- Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> April - Easter Monday
- Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April - Public Holiday
- Friday 6<sup>th</sup> April - NCVISSA Swimming Carnival

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

## From the Principal's Desk

Dear Parents,

Welcome to our fourth newsletter for this term! There has been a real sense of busyness and a hunger for learning around the school during the last few weeks with students actively engaged in a variety of learning activities. These have ranged from reading and writing stories, tackling problems in numeracy, speaking some phrases in Chinese, watching changes in physical and chemical matter by popping corn in Science lessons, through to swimming laps in the pool and preparing for assemblies. Last week the Year Three/Four class presented a snapshot of what they have been learning about in History and sang an old favourite, "Bound for Botany Bay", that many of the parents enjoyed. This week we have the opportunity to share their first assembly with the brand new Kindy students. It continues to be an enjoyable experience to see so many of the students bound through the gates in the morning, motivated and happy to be back at school. I am sure some of the bus students enjoy a very funny ride as they often appear to be sharing a great joke together as they come through the side gate! The students continue to look smart in their new (or old) school uniforms and we are thankful for the effort that many parents go to, to present their children so neatly for the school day.

### Holy Week

Holy week is the most important week in the Church's calendar and is the week before Easter, beginning with Palm Sunday and ending with **Holy Saturday**, which is the day before Easter Sunday. The students will spend time during Holy Week reflecting on the events that led to the death and resurrection of Jesus. Each morning, the students will gather as a school to watch each class present a simple version of significant events including Palm Sunday, Washing of the Feet, The Last Supper, Stations of the Cross and most importantly, the Resurrection. The students will also spend time during their Religion lessons listening to and reading stories on these events, singing hymns around Holy Week, and most importantly, praying.

### Parent/Teacher Interviews

The teachers have been working hard to collect information on where your child is at in their learning, and to know them as a learner, and to assist them in setting their personal goals. During the last few weeks of the term, the teachers will provide an opportunity for parents to come in and have a chat about their child's learning, through the form of Parent/Teacher Interviews. Please keep an eye out for an information letter about these, as the teachers will indicate the times they are available and ask you to nominate a preference for an interview time.

The P&F are holding a Busy Bee at the School on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> March, 2018 commencing at 8:00am . Everyone is welcome.

## **School Swimming Carnival**

Last Friday we capped off a very hot week with some perfect weather for our school Swimming Carnival. The day began with signs of chilly weather, but soon turned into a glorious day for the students and their families, who were able to enjoy the events from the lovely lawn areas that are always tended perfectly by our pool Manager, Mick Wall. It was wonderful to see so many parents, grandparents and family members give up their time to come to the carnival – we had so many families present they were nearly running out of space under the shaded areas!

Mrs Messina had worked tirelessly with the teachers, teacher assistants and her two parent helpers, during the six weeks of swimming lessons to ensure the children were all capable and ready for their individual events. The children all participated enthusiastically in their events and again it was wonderful to see the improvement they had all made in their swimming skills. Throughout the whole carnival, there had been a real sense that this was the year for Gold faction to wrestle the shield away from Blue faction and it remained close for the entire day. But in the end Blue had managed to snatch victory by only a few points. During the presentations Mrs Messina spoke of how thrilled she was for both Blue and Gold factions and her hope that the carnivals will continue to be closely fought over the next few years. During their speeches, our two captains, Riley Curtis (Blue) and Lachlan Rowe (Gold) thanked Mick Wall for getting the pool ready for the carnival, our parent helpers, and of course, Mrs Tracey Messina, for all the work she had put into organising such an enjoyable day for all of the students. Congratulations to our medal winners on the day and to Blue Faction.

Senior Boy Champion	Angus Critch
Senior Boy Runner Up	Nathan Allen
Senior Girl Champion	Jayleisha Hamlett
Senior Girl Runner Up	Sofie Weir
Intermediate Boy Champion	Ben Green
Intermediate Boy Runner Up	Cooper Messina
Intermediate Girl Champion	Sahara Flannagan
Intermediate Girl Runner Up	Laney Critch
Senior Sportmanship Medal	Lola Park
Intermediate Sportmanship Medal	Willie Rowe
Junior Sportmanship Medal	Dennis Exell



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## NCVISSA

The annual Inter-School Swimming Carnival, usually called the NCVISSA, will be held on Friday, 6<sup>th</sup> April, at the Geraldton Aquarena. The carnival is for students from Years 3 – 6, and Mrs Messina has already identified those students that will be participating in the carnival. An information letter and permission form was sent home to parents yesterday. Please ensure you complete the signed form and send back to school as soon as possible.

## Uniforms

Uniform orders have been placed during Week 7 and should be sent to us by the end of this term. In light of the change in weather during second term, we are asking parents to start thinking about whether they wish to place an order for the new style tracksuit pants and jackets that are available as part of the school uniform. Unfortunately, the price for the new jacket that has been included in the Uniform Order form you were sent home in an earlier newsletter, is incorrect, as this did not include the school emblem. The actual price for the jackets is \$31.70. If you wish to order these, please let the school know. The old style navy windcheaters are still part of the uniform and available to purchase from the school.

## ANZAC Day Service – Mullewa

The City of Greater Geraldton will be conducting an ANZAC Day Service in Mullewa on April 25<sup>th</sup>, commencing at 10:30am, at the War Memorial in front of the Town Hall. A free community breakfast will be provided at 8:00am at the Sports Club.

## Electronic Version of School Newsletter

In our last newsletter we mentioned that the school is looking into ways of reducing paper usage and colour printing. 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.

### *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

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Easter Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> April

Mass 8:30am

Jill Hollands  
Principal

## Birthdays

A very Happy Birthday to the following students

Hayley Allen 27<sup>th</sup> March

Max Rumble 28<sup>th</sup> March



★ 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.

## Parish Notes

**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



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## Year 3/4

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Nǐ hǎo

Hello

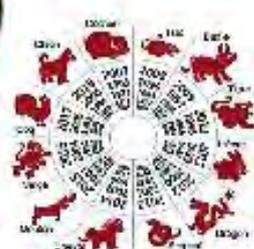
The Year 3/4 class, along with the Year 5/6 class, have been busy learning Chinese for the first time at O.L.V.C, with their new Teacher An Laosshi (Barbara). Each Wednesday, before lunch, the students very eagerly get ready for their fixed zoom meeting, where Barbara greets the class all the way from China. This new experience has been very exciting and the students have learnt many wonderful things about China the Chinese culture



Our learning journey began first with simply learning how to say hello Nǐ hǎo and goodbye Zài jiàn. It then progressed to exploring Chinese New Year, where the two classes listened to the story about how the Jade Emperor wanted to measure time. The Emperor selected 13 animals to compete in a race and the first 12 animals that finished the race were rewarded by having a year named after them. This year belongs to the dog who came in at a seventh place after he decided to have a bath when crossing the river. 1922, 1934, 1946, 1958, 1970, 1982, 1994, 2006, 2018.

The students also discovered that during this special celebration fireworks are set off and red clothing is worn to ward off evil spirits. For good fortune and happiness red envelopes are given containing lucky money, called *hong bao*. Barbara demonstrated how these envelopes are made and each child enjoyed creating their own, along with the making of a dragon.

We are currently learning how to count to five in Chinese and always look forward to our next Chinese lesson.



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