Our Lady of Mt Carmel School Newsletter

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Prayer for Rain



Please, loving God, bring us rain to renew the ground, to replenish our dams, to bring some chance of feed, to bring the possibility of some reward to those who have toiled so hard. We turn to you in faith and hope. Amen.



OLMC Calendar Important Dates

Important Dates Term 2

10th -14th June Book Fair Week 11th June Book Fair Dress Up – Under the Sea 20th June K/PP Assembly 8.55am

> 29th June Quiz Night 5th July Final Day of Term 2

Important Dates Term 3 22nd July Pupil Free Day 23rd July Term 3 Commences

'Love one ano<mark>th</mark>er, as I have loved you.'

From the Principal's Desk

Sacrament of Confirmation

On Sunday, 26th May, the Year Five/Six students were blessed to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation in a beautiful Mass celebrated by our Bishop, Michael Morrissey, and our Parish Priest, Father Robert. All of the students participated reverently throughout the Mass, and were all filled with joy after receiving the gift of the Holy Spirit. A moving moment in the Mass was seeing the students standing in a group receiving the Laying on of Hands from the Bishop and being supported by Father Robert. The Sacrament was made even more special in that Bishop Michael had baptised most of the students, and knew the connection the students had with those they had chosen to be their sponsor. He took the time to speak to each of the candidates about their reasons behind choosing a particular Saint's name. Miss Makeeli had prepared the students extremely well; their participation in the Mass was sincere and thoughtful. As one of our older parishioners commented, it was a "very professionally run Confirmation". At the conclusion of the Mass everyone gathered in the school hall for morning tea to celebrate, and to catch up together as members of our Parish. Together, the students celebrated with party food and a wonderful Confirmation cake made by one of the parents. A big thank you to all of the staff who worked together as a team to support Miss Makeeli in preparing for this important Sacrament, and the Mass.



Communio Week

Last Friday, the students held a free dress day for a gold coin donation, in support of Communio Week in schools and we were very pleased to raise over one hundred dollars. Communio Week has been an initiative



of Bishop Justin that has occurred every year, where our school community takes the time to think about the Catholic agencies in our Geraldton diocese that support anyone in need. This year, our school has chosen to prepare Care Bags to give to Centacare in Geraldton so they can be used for any families, or individuals who may be in crisis, or simply in need of care. Thank you sincerely to those families who have so generously donated toiletries and items to fill the Care Bags. This year, Bishop Michael decided that rather than he prepare a broadcast for the students to listen to, each school could prepare a short video informing him of the ways in which they contribute to the community. On Friday, the students participated in a Prayer

Service for Communio, led by Miss Katie, then watched the videos presented by students from each school in our diocese. They were very excited to see students from our school featuring in the videos.

Sacrament of Reconciliation – Year Three

On Tuesday morning of last week, our four Year Three boys were blessed to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation in a simple ceremony in the Church. The boys were supported by their parents and the Year Four students who all enjoyed the ceremony. Each of them had illustrated a beautiful image of the story of Zacchaeus and their names were hanging on a Reconciliation Tree that had been prepared by the students and Miss Penny. Father Robert spoke to each of the boys about the importance of trying to choose the right thing in all areas of their life and to remember the love that surrounds them. The whole class then enjoyed a lovely morning tea in the front garden of the school. The Year Three boys cut the Reconciliation Cake made by one of the parents. Thank you to Miss Penny for all her efforts in preparing the boys to receive this Sacrament.



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Statue of Mary

A very special thank you to Megan Byron who recently took on the special job of repainting the statue of Mary that usually stands in the large round garden bed of our playground. Mary's colours had faded dramatically since being placed there during preparations for our school centenary in 2014 and she was in great need of a rehaul. Megan has done a remarkable job of decorating Mary in perfect Marian colours that shine beautifully, especially the gold lining on her cape. The students (especially the Year Three/Four class) were delighted to see her brought back to life so remarkably. We look forward to having Mary reinstated in the garden bed, surrounded by two new weeping olives that will eventually frame her pedestal.





OLMC Vegetable Garden

Well done to the Year Three/Four class who took on the job of clearing, preparing and planting the school vegetable garden last week. Miss Penny was delighted with the effort that went into this work – all of the students gave of their very best and have prepared the garden brilliantly. We look forward to seeing the vegetables and herbs grow, and we are delighted for the rain that came today!

Book Fair 2019

During Week 7 the school will be holding Book Week celebrations with a dress up day on Tuesday, 11th June, and a Book Fair that will run from Monday afternoon through until Friday. The Book Fair will be set up in the Art Room and will be open for parents to browse and purchase books each afternoon from Tuesday 11th June from 3.15pm.

The students will once again visit the Book Fair with their class and have the opportunity to fill out their wish list that they will then take home. Parents are welcome to send in orders along with money for the purchases, if they are unable to come into school. The theme of this year's Book Fair is "Under the Sea".



Inter-School Football Carnival

Next Friday, 14th June, some of the students from the Year Five/Six class will be participating in an Inter-School Football Carnival in Geraldton. Our students will be combining with students from Mullewa District High School to form a team and will be coached by Paddy Walsh who runs physical activities in our community. The carnival is a competition for those students who usually play football and are used to the practice of the game. Those students not attending the carnival will be participating in school as usual on this day.

Saint Francis Xavier – Student Visit

This Friday, 7th June, Year Five students from Saint Francis Xavier Primary School in Geraldton will be making a visit to Mullewa to look at the work of Monsignor Hawes. Our Year Five/Six students will meet up with them to show them through the Monsignor Hawes Museum and to experience the special features of Our Lady of Mt Carmel Church.

Year One/Two Class in Hall

For the next few weeks the Year One/Two students will be enjoying the large space of our school hall as their learning area while a new glass door is installed on the south wall of their classroom. This door will enable the students to easily access the Early Years playground for their outdoor learning.

P&F Rodeo Fundraiser

A huge thank you to our P&F committee members and parents who supported the running of the breakfast stall at the rodeo last Sunday morning. By all accounts, at times the line was running all the way down to the music area. The efforts of all the volunteers resulted in the P&F raising a large amount of money that will eventually go toward enhancing our students' learning. A special thank you to Belynda Mills who coordinated

this fundraiser and organised all that was needed for it to be a success.

Jill Hollands Principal











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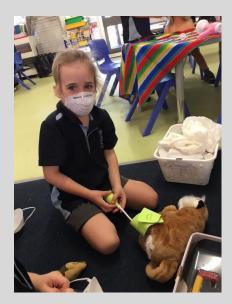
















Birthdays Happy birthday to the following staff and students 12th June Monique Del Nero 16th June Adam Grima

From the Office

Reminder: Please ensure that all uniforms are clearly labelled with your child's name.

Dates to Remember – Catholic Leave Day will be on August 26th 2019, this is a Pupil Free Day. Pupil Free Day 22nd July and 14th October 2019 End of Year date has been set as Friday 13th December 2019

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.

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 85



P&F News

Mullewa Muster and Rodeo

We were very lucky to have a lot of volunteers to help with breakfast on the Sunday after the Rodeo and made a huge profit of just over \$2000. A big thank you to the following:

Belynda Mills Anita, Adam and Jacob Grima Megan and Riley Curtis Janelle and Lochlan Rowe Penny, Daniel, Lucy, Caleb and Laney Critch Tahli Saunders (friend of Lucys) Jodi, Lincoln and Tayla Pittman Jenna Mcgregor David Tropianno

Sorry if we have forgotten anyone!









Other News



