Dear Parents,

Yesterday I met with prospective families looking for a place for their child in prep for 2014. The process will continue next week with an Open Day planned for Wednesday 20th March. We are doing things a little differently this year with one session at 9.30am and the other in the evening at 7.00pm to allow for parents who work. All indications are that numbers will again be good so a reminder to current families to pick up your enrolment forms from the office.

**Athletics Carnival**

Tomorrow, Friday 15th March, the children from Years 3-6 will head off to Boardman Oval to participate in various track and field events. From this day, a squad will be chosen to represent our school at the Sunbury District Athletics Carnival Wednesday 20th March.

**Staff news**

Last week I had a meeting with Christine Wallace who informed me that she has decided to take extended long service leave, during which time she and her husband Bruce, will weigh up their options and consider retirement or returning to school. Christine and her family have been integral members of our school community for many years. Christine started teaching at OLMC in 1978 and only had a couple of years off when she had her children. There are many families in Sunbury, including myself, who have had the pleasure of having Christine teach their children. I wish her all the best and I know that she will enjoy spending more time with Bruce and her grandchildren and, when a decision is made about the future, I will let you know so that we can thank Christine for her dedication to Catholic Education over the years.

**House Team meetings/Assemblies**

Last year it was decided that we would change from having assemblies every week to having them every second week. The reason for this change was because of the development of our House Teams. With a crowded curriculum we felt that having two afternoons out of the class it placed too much pressure on teachers and children to cover the necessary curriculum areas. Assemblies are held in the even weeks of the term and House groups are held in the odd weeks. At school we find it easy to follow as we work in week blocks, but I am told that parents are often unsure which week the assemblies are held and Melissa gets phone calls asking if assembly is on. In an effort to overcome this issue we will publish a grid for next term which list the dates of each event. I will also put a reminder in to my section of the newsletter each week. There are times however when things can change and these changes cannot be avoided such as the flooding that occurred a couple of weeks ago when we had to postpone the assembly due to wet carpet. **There is no assembly this week**

**Holy Week.**

As has been the tradition at school, we will celebrate the events of Holy Week by re-enacting the very significant events of our faith. These re-enactments will take place in the multi-purpose Room at the times listed below.

- **Friday March 22nd**  Entry in to Jerusalem 3/4H 1.15-1.30
- **Monday March 25th** Preparing for Passover 3/4M 2.40-2/50
- **Monday March 25th** Passover meal 3/4WB 2.50-3.00
- **Tuesday March 26th** The arrest of Jesus/ Agony in the garden/ Jesus before Pilate 5/6S 2.45-3.00
- **Wednesday March 27th** The stations of the cross/The crucifixion 5/6D 2.45-3.00
- **Thursday March 28th** Jesus laid in the tomb 5/6EY 1.10-1.30

**Battle of the school choirs**

Members of our school choir will take to the stage at Sunfest on Saturday morning. Good luck to those who are taking part and thanks to parents for getting the children to the event.

**Easter hamper raffle.**

Yesterday we had our casual clothes day for the Easter raffle that will be drawn on Wednesday 27th March so make sure you get your tickets in prior to this date.

Take Care

Paul Hogan
2014 PREP ENROLMENTS
Do you have a child starting school next year?

Enrolment forms are available from the office now

Open Day will be held at Our Lady of Mount Carmel School Wednesday 20th March 9.30am and 7.00pm. Applications for Prep 2014 close 26th April, 2013.

EASTER RAFFLE—The raffle will be drawn on Wednesday 27th March—Thanks to all the families who donated eggs for our raffle, if you forgot to send your easter egg donation along on Wednesday.......It’s not too late, send them along as soon as possible.

Japanese Festival

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Primary School will be hosting a Japanese Festival Day for the whole school on Wednesday 8th May. The day will encourage the children to both connect with and extend their current learning about Japanese language and culture. Students of all year levels will participate in the day, with some activities being conducted by Japanese visitors. Students are encouraged to dress up for the day. The day will begin with a whole school assembly at which students can appear in their Japanese costume. Prizes will be awarded to the best costume in each year level. You could come as a Ninja, Samurai warrior, Geisha lady or something else typically Japanese. Use the coming school holiday break to work on a costume. Japanese lunch orders will also be available. Students will be able to order a variety of nutritious Japanese foods from a menu. Order forms will be distributed through classrooms in the weeks to come. Parent helpers will be required to make this day a success, more information to follow.

Keep an eye on the newsletter for more information.

Sayonara
Ozubon-sensei

OUR LADY OF MT CARMEL SCHOOL
TUCKSHOP ROSTER
Sally Hewitt-Tacey
0400 384 403

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SCHOOL BANKING

CONGRATULATIONS OLMC! WE NOW HAVE 53 STUDENTS REGISTERED FOR STUDENT BANKING, WITH 18 STUDENTS BANKING THIS WEEK YOU SAVED A TOTAL OF $100.55. Great effort!!!

DANCE OZ FOR KIDS—LUNCH TIME SHOW. Thursday March 21 at 2.00pm. Parents, teachers and friends are welcome to come and support the Dance Oz students in their first performance.

Hello from OSH-CLUB! What a great term we have had so far. Next week we are focusing on Cultural Diversity Week which we will be offering a range of activities to celebrate our individual cultures throughout the program. If any families wish to participate by providing any information, photos or traditions that are important to your culture please come and see us. We would love to get to know more about all of our children’s backgrounds. We also have the St Anne’s Holiday Program running from Tuesday 2nd April- Friday 12th April so to book visit www.oshclub.com.au. Just a reminder also for our Before/After school care program to book online and any casual bookings please call the program directly on 0401 850 518.

**Terrific Kid**

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OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL – PTFA 2013

In accordance with the OLMC PTFA Constitution, please note that the 2013 Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be held on Monday 25th March 2013 at 7:30pm in the staff room.

All positions will be declared open at this time.

Nomination forms are now available at the office counter for those interested in being involved with the PTFA.

For more information please contact:
Laura (President) 0419 771 717
Kelly (Secretary) 0417 737 554

Thanksgiving/ Church contribution: this is a friendly reminder to all families that if you pay thanksgiving on a quarterly basis, the first instalment of $166.66 is due by 30 March. Please call the parish office on 9744 1060 if you have any queries.

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ST PATRICKS EVE BASKET SUPPER/DANCE: Sat 16 March 2013 from 7.30pm in the Parish Centre. Keep this date free to come and rock your socks off! The “Ripchords” will be playing music from the 50’s, 60’s, 70’s, and 80’s with a good sprinkling of Irish thrown in. Gather a table of 10 or come on your own and make new friends and get into the Spirit of St Patrick’s Day. Bring along food to share with those on your table. Tickets are $20 per head. Book early to avoid disappointment. Inquiries and payments to the Parish Office.
COME ALONG, MAKE NEW FRIENDS, SUPPORT OUR PARISH AND ENJOY A GREAT NIGHT!

COMMUNITY NOTICE BOARD

SUNBURY ROTARY CLUB FAMILY & CRAFT MARKET
Saturday 6th April, Neighbourhood House and community centre, 531 Elizabeth Drive, Sunbury 9am—2pm
Discounted Pet Microchipping available only $25, bookings essential. 1300 734 738.
Also Car Boot sale, plants and pottery, clothing woodwork demonstrations Live entertainment, face painting and much much more. For more information call Rotary on 9744 5096

HOOPSMART BASKETBALL CAMP—TERM 1 SCHOOL HOLIDAYS
Damien Ryan—Former NBL, European and Australian Boomer player will host this camp, Boardman Stadium, Mon 8th April & Tues 9th April 9.30—3pm $95 early bird price, Boys and Girls 6-14 years, Prizes and giveaways. All enquiries to 0406 488 313. Register at hoopsmart.com.au