Dear Parents,

Welcome back to a new term that promises to be an exciting but busy one. We welcome back Rebecca McCabe and Jill Young who are returning from maternity leave and also to Emma Mallia-McKenzie who is replacing Christine Wallace who is on extended long service leave. We also welcome the Carter family who have joined us after having moved from Kyneton. I hope you all had a wonderful holiday and are prepared for the term ahead. The children appear to have settled really well.

Uniform

One issue that I would like to remind you of is the school’s policy on jewellery. If you read the hand book you will notice that the children are allowed to wear sleepers or small stud earrings and a watch. Some children have been wearing necklaces and other forms of jewellery which could become a safety issue or could get damaged with the type of play that the children are involved in. Second term is usually the time that we move in to winter uniforms and, as I mentioned in the newsletter last term, this will take place by the 1st May. We are a Sunsmart school and, as such, we will continue to wear hats until the 1st May. As of the first of May children will no longer be required to wear their hats but can if they want to. There have been some hold ups with the delivery of the winter uniforms so I understand if the children do not have all uniform items by this date. Also a reminder that the children should only be using the approved school bags.

Curriculum News

This week you will be receiving a term outline which gives you a brief understanding of what the children will be learning in the various areas of the curriculum. We have traditionally given out our mid year reports at the end of second term followed by parent teacher interviews. Due to a number of factors including long service leave and a school camp we have decided to change things this year. In week two of term 3, all classes except the preps, will have their parent teacher interviews. The preps will have theirs in the second last week of term 2. It sounds a little confusing but I think it will work.

First Communion Preparation

Preparation for the first communion of the children in year 4 is well under way with families joining in celebrating a Eucharistic meal either last night or tonight. The next event will be the presentation of the Our Father at masses on the 27th and 28th April. The actual first communion celebrations begin on the weekend of 18th May so I wish all the children the best for this very special occasion and congratulate the families for their involvement in the program.

School Closure Days

A reminder that we have two school closure days coming up on the 9th and 10th May at which time the staff will work with members of the Catholic Education Office to prepare for the actual review which takes place in August.

Year 5/6 camp

Each year our children in Year 5/6 go on a three day camp. This year the children will be going to a new camp called Mt Evelyn Recreation Camp and this will be on from 27th-29th May. We would like to take two parents along to help with the camp. Although these camps are a lot of fun, they also require staff and parents with plenty of enthusiasm and energy. If you think that you have what it takes to help on the camp and have a current working with children check you can contact the office. If we get more than two parents volunteering we will have to put names into a hat to select the two lucky parents.

PTFA

On Easter Saturday we manned the BBQ at Bunnings and although it was a busy day it was lots of fun and we also raised in excess of $1,000 for the school. Thanks to Monica for coordinating the day and also to all those parents who helped out. Monica has more info in the body of the newsletter. We have a PTFA meeting on Monday evening at 7.30pm. This will be the first meeting with the new executive in charge so I would urge as many people as possible to come along. The Mothers Day Dinner flyers are up around the school so I would encourage you to get a table together.

Take Care

Paul Hogan
Japanese Festival

Our Japanese Festival Day is only 3 weeks away and will be held on Wednesday 8th May. Students of all year levels will participate in the day, with some activities being conducted by Japanese visitors. These will include a demonstration by a Sushi chef (Year 5/6), traditional toys and games (Year 3/4) and learning about traditional costume (Year P-2). 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.

Unfortunately, Japanese lunch orders will not be available.

Please provide lunch for your children on the day.

Keep an eye on the newsletter for more information.

Sayonara

Ozubon-sensei

Russell Osborne (Japanese teacher)

Dear Parents,

In term 2 we will be trialling a ‘busy box’. Each week, our teachers will be placing classroom resources that they would like cut, coloured, photocopied or laminated in this box. We would love the support of some parents to come up to school and spend between 2.30-3.10 in the multi-purpose room getting the jobs in the ‘busy box’ completed.

Toddlers are most welcome and we would be grateful for the help as a one-off, fortnightly or weekly commitment – whatever is manageable. We think it's a great opportunity to help out whilst getting to know some other parents at OLMC.

The ‘busy box’ sessions will begin on the second Wednesday in term 2 (24th April) at 2.30. I look forward to seeing you all,

Bree Hurn
Literacy Coordinator

SCHOOL BANKING

This week 20 students & siblings banked a total of $558.10, WOW! Great Savings OLMC!

Keep banking to collect your tokens and receive your free gifts!

Welcome, to our two new members!
**MOTHERS DAY DINNER**

*Hosted by OLMC PTFA*

**FRIDAY 10TH MAY 2013**

**SHERWOOD RECEPTIONS, GREENVALE**

$65.00 PER HEAD (Includes champagne and canapés on arrival. Main meal and dessert. Limited wine on table and soft drinks)

Tickets on sale now—Hurry to avoid disappointment, sales close 3rd May.

Contact Rochelle on 0411 616 410

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**BUNNINGS BBQ held on Easter Saturday.** Congratulations! Yet again, with the continued and valued support of Bunnings through their community scheme, your PTFA has raised over $1000.00.

Again, Bunnings announced that we have yet been the most successful group so far this year.

Without the support of parents these fundraising opportunities would not happen so, thank you to Paul F, Raquel H, Karen H, Julie D, Karen W, Bridgit P, Paul H, Rob G, Ronnie P, Narelle C, Daniel C and Rochelle H-L.

**Don’t forget the Mothers Day dinner, come along and support your school while having a great night out, more information in this newsletter.**

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**Terrific Kid**

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Jesus Does a Miracle at the Sea

After this, Jesus appeared to his disciples again. It was by the Sea of Galilee. Here is what happened.

Simon Peter and Thomas, who was called Didymus, were there together. Nathanael from Cana in Galilee and the sons of Zebedee were with them. So were two other disciples.

"I'm going out to fish," Simon Peter told them. They said, "We'll go with you." So they went out and got into the boat. That night they didn't catch anything.

Early in the morning, Jesus stood on the shore. But the disciples did not realize that it was Jesus. He called out to them, "Friends, don't you have any fish?"

"No," they answered. He said, "Throw your net on the right side of the boat. There you will find some fish. "When they did, they could not pull the net into the boat. There were too many fish in it. Then the disciple Jesus loved said to Simon Peter, "It is the Lord!"

As soon as Peter heard that, he put his coat on. He had taken it off earlier. Then he jumped into the water. The other disciples followed in the boat. They were towing the net full of fish. The shore was only about 100 yards away. When they landed, they saw a fire of burning coals. There was fish on it. There was also some bread. Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish you have just caught."

Simon Peter climbed into the boat. He dragged the net to shore. It was full of large fish. There were 153 of them. But even with that many fish the net was not torn.

Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast. "None of the disciples dared to ask him, "Who are you?" They knew it was the Lord.

Jesus came, took the bread and gave it to them. He did the same thing with the fish. This was the third time Jesus appeared to his disciples after he was raised from the dead.

Our challenge: Last term the prep classes learned of Jesus’ choice of the 12 disciples. Like this passage Jesus asks the men to fish after an experience of unsuccessful fishing. Jesus chooses his first disciples from men who are fishermen. The preps learned that we are like the fish caught in God’s net. Jesus made the disciples ‘fishers of men’. Their remembrance of the teachings of Christ and the events of his earthly mission became our gospel, remembered each week in our sacred Mass. Our challenge is living out the mission just as the disciples did. Attending weekly Mass and remembering we are proud to be people of the Catholic faith.

Colin Healy
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Penola News

Senior Disco Grade 3-6 on Monday 29th April 2013 at 1.45 pm-2.15 pm
Junior Disco Grade Prep-Two Monday 6th May 2013 at 1.45 pm-2.15 pm
GOLD COIN DONATION TO CARITAS
ALL WELCOME

Grade 5/6 Camp News

Dear Parents,

The camp for our Grade 5/6 students is on 27th-29th May 2013 at the Mount Evelyn Recreational Camp on the Mornington Peninsular. If you have a current Working with Children Check, and are interested in assisting in the care of our children, please leave your name and number at the office by Wednesday 24th 2013.

OUR LADY OF MT CARMEL WHOLE SCHOOL PHOTO available for purchase for $25.00 (Display on noticeboard in foyer). If ordering, place money in envelope with name, child’s class and purpose of payment clearly written on the front and hand to the office. Orders close May 3 2013
COMMUNITY NOTICE BOARD

PRAM WALKING GROUP—Every Wednesday 1.30pm, leaving from Sunbury Neighbourhood House 531 Elizabeth Drive, Finish in time for school pick up. For more details call 9740 6978

FREE TRIAL TENNIS LESSON—For all kids aged 12 and under. learntennisnow@hotmail.com. For bookings call: Andrew Peake 0412 225 792

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Thank you for volunteering to help in the Canteen, it would be impossible without you! Please arrive at Canteen at approximately 11.15, and your assistance will be required until around 2.15pm. If you have long hair, please tie it back, and remember to sign in at the office before coming to the Canteen. Your lunch will be provided on the day. If you are unable to attend on your rostered day please ring Sally on 0400 384 403, as soon as possible so a replacement can be arranged.

I look forward to seeing you,

Sally Hewitt-Tacey

UNIFORM SHOP NEWS:

Winter uniform has now arrived, please visit the uniform shop during opening hours (Monday 8.40 - 9.15 & Friday 2.45—3.15) to collect orders and finalise any payments. Thank You.
School Banking is here at Our Lady of Mt Carmel!!!!!

The Commonwealth Bank School Banking Program is at Our Lady of Mt Carmel every Tuesday.
To help get your child involved we will have Rachel Manlio from the Commonwealth Bank to provide us with information at the school assembly on:

**Monday the 27th of May**
**Staying on until 9.30am for assisting you**
**With your queries**

Rachel, and our parent helper Monica will be available to help complete the application form required to open a Youthsaver account for your child so they can participate in the School Banking program. Please ensure you bring along photo identification such as a valid driver’s licence or passport for yourself. No identification is required for your child as the school will confirm their identity. If you can’t make it to school on this day you can visit your nearest Commonwealth Bank Branch with both you and your child’s identification. **Please Note:** Children with an existing account do not need to open a new one to participate.

**School Banking Day –TUESDAY**

This is a great fundraiser for our school. We receive $5 for every Activated Account via the School Banking program (i.e. for each student who banks through the school’s program for the very first time) and 5% of every deposit made at school (up to a maximum of $10 commission per individual deposit).

Also there is a fantastic reward program with some great rewards. Available this Term is the wallet, Handball, knuckles game, torch and the very popular money boxes.

**TERM 2 COMPETITION:**

Simply make 3 or more deposits at school during Term 2 and you’ll be automatically entered into the competition.

**1st Prize - $5000** family adventure holiday anywhere in Australia and **$500** spending money. Plus **$5,000** for your school.

**25 x Runner up prizes**- Adventure packs worth over **$700** which includes 1x Wii U, Walkie Talkies, Razor Electric Scooter, Waterproof camera, Night vision goggles.