Dear Parents,

It has been a big week with lots going on and plenty of visitors in the school. On Monday the teachers from prep – 2 attended the third of their professional development days associated with oral language development and on Wednesday the teachers from year 3-6 were out an in-service about maths. Throw into that a visit by 24 students from Salesian on Wednesday who came, as part of their community service, and who did a lot of work to help us out, and we have a busy week.

Pyjama Night and Family Mass

On Wednesday evening the prep children came to school in their pyjamas and did activities while their parents attended a parenting in faith night. This is a great night for all concerned and the children really enjoyed themselves. This will be followed by our Prep family Mass on Sunday at St Anne’s church at the 10.30 mass. This is an annual event and I would encourage all families to come along. As a Catholic School it is important that we gather as a community, along with the families from St Anne’s, to celebrate the Eucharist together.

Mothers Day Stall and Dinner

Next Tuesday the PTFA will be holding a mothers day stall for the children. Gifts are priced between $2-$6. Children will attend the stall with their siblings so that we have no doubling up of gifts. If children could please carry their money carefully in a purse or wallet in their school bag where they know it is, it will save a lot of searching and heart ache.

The Mothers day Dinner is going to be on Friday 10th May at Sherwood Receptions. Information about tickets is contained in the body of the newsletter and, from what I have heard, it is always a good night.

PTFA News

In other PTFA news, in the next couple of weeks a letter will be coming home seeking your support for the annual chocolate drive. This is entirely voluntary and if you do not wish to take a box home you can indicate this on the reply slip. I understand why some people do not wish to support this but there are others who are able to sell a box very easily at work (the box in the staff room is going very quickly) and the funds raised are quite significant.

The PTFA are also holding an event, “The Biggest Morning Tea” to raise money for the cancer Council of Victoria on Friday 17th May. Information about this event is coming home on a separate notice.

Reaching Out to Others Award

Many of you will remember Rita’s husband Anthony who passed away last year. Anthony and Rita were tireless workers for Vinnies as well as other such organisations who seek to give a hand to those in need. Rita is continuing his legacy and is still a part of the work that Vinnies does in our local community. In memory of Anthony, Rita has introduced an award that will be given out to a student who typifies the spirit that Anthony showed during his life and work. It is called the “Reaching Out to Others Award” and it is my hope that this be a prestigious and most sought after award. As a school we are trying to develop a sense of Social Justice in our children and this is one way of acknowledging simple acts of kindness or compassion that are observed by teachers and or students. The winner of the award for Term One will be presented at next assembly which will be on Friday 24th May.

Prep Interviews

Last Tuesday I had the first of the prep interviews for places in 2014. These will continue throughout May. It is a great opportunity for Fr Kevin and I to meet with new families as well as catching up with those families who already have children in the school and it also allows me to meet with little ones and to gauge early signs of readiness.

School Closure Days.

Just a reminder that we have two school closure days next Thursday and Friday as the staff work with members of the Catholic Education Office in preparation for our review in August.

Take care

Paul Hogan
Japanese Festival

Our Japanese Festival Day is **only 1 week 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 and calligraphy artist (Year 5/6), traditional toys/games and cooking demonstration (Year 3/4) and learning about traditional costume and folktales (Year P-2). Students are encouraged to dress up for the day. **Please note that students who do not dress in costume must wear school uniform. This is not a casual clothes day.** The day will begin with a whole school assembly at which students can appear in their Japanese costume. The whole school assembly will begin at 9:30 am. Parents are invited to attend. Prizes will be awarded to the best costume in each year level. You could come as a Ninja, Samurai warrior, Geisha lady, Sushi roll or something else typically Japanese. **Unfortunately, Japanese lunch orders will not be available. Please provide lunch for your children on the day.**

We are all looking forward to a day of fun and learning.

Sayonara
Ozubon-sensei
Russell Osborne (Japanese teacher)

MOTHERS DAY STALL

The Mother's Day Stall will be held on Tuesday the 7th of May. Gifts will be priced from $2 - $6. Please BYO bag to carry your gift home safely.

REMINDER: PREP FAMILY MASS will be held at St Anne’s Church 10.30am Sunday 5th May, 2013.

2013 CROSS COUNTRY AND WINTER ROUND ROBIN SPORTS

We are in need of help to support our Year 5 and 6 sports stars as they get themselves ready for the Cross Country Carnival on Monday the 20th of May and the Winter Round Robin on Monday the 17th June.

If any parent is available for coaching in Teeball, AFL footy, Netball or Soccer I would be very thankful. Training times may be during lunchtimes (1:40-2:20pm) or by negotiation after school on the school oval.

Please call Colin on 9740-7344.
**SCHOOL BANKING**

This week 17 students & siblings banked a total of $87.75 Good effort! Great Savings OLMC!
Congratulations to the three new members this week.
Keep banking to collect your tokens and receive your free gifts.
Your savings also raises money for our school!

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**Terrific Kid**

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**OUR LADY OF MT. CARMEL CANTEEN ROSTER**

**TERM 2, 2013**

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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
OUR GOSPEL CHALLENGE

Our Greatest and most important aim

After Judas was gone, Jesus spoke. He said, “Now the Son of Man receives glory. And he brings glory to God. If the Son brings glory to God, God himself will bring glory to the Son. God will do it at once.

“My children, I will be with you only a little longer. You will look for me. Just as I told the Jews, so I am telling you now. You can’t come where I am going.

“I give you a new command. Love one another. You must love one another, just as I have loved you. If you love one another, everyone will know you are my disciples.”

Our aim: All teachers have aims for their students; learn timetables, learn the rules of grammar, spelling skills and the attainment of computer skills.

In life we want the focus of our modeling and teaching to live out Jesus’ new commandment: Love one another as I have loved you”. The end to wars, the end to hatred, the end to inequality and the end to unhappiness. Jesus’ words are always relevant even after 2000 years. It is our aim for all the “students of the earth” (all of us) to learn this lesson and apply it each day.

First Holy Communion -2013

Please pray for our Year Four students as they prepare to receive Christ in the Eucharist during the month of May and early June. Over these weeks I ask all within our community to pray for these children as they prepare to meet Christ and experience communion in the Eucharist.

Colin Healy REL

Penola News
Junior Disco Grade Prep-Two Monday 6th May 2013 at 1.45 pm-2.15 pm
GOLD COIN DONATION TO CARITAS
ALL WELCOME
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

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

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 Youth-saver 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.

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.
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

RUPERTSWOOD UPCOMING EVENTS
Sunday 12th May MOTHER'S DAY LUNCH - 12.30
2 Course Luncheon, Tea Coffee and Petit Fours with a small gift for mum from us. $70.00 per person with entertainment and Beverages at Bar Prices.

Saturday 18th May DINNER DANCE - 7 pm
Come along and enjoy a night of unforgettable and entertaining evening!
2 Course Dinner and Live Band.
$65.00 per person. Beverages at Bar Prices.

Sunday 2nd June TRADITIONAL SUNDAY ROAST - 12.30
3 Course Lunch - Soup, Roast and Dessert for $ 45.00 per person
The PJ's Band. Beverages at Bar Prices

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND
This weekend is a time for you and your spouse to be alone together, to rediscover each other and focus on your relationship in a very positive way. There is no group sharing.
Forget life’s tensions and interruptions and rekindle the closeness, intimacy, love and romance that brought you together in the first place.
Your marriage deserves that kind of attention.
Couples and a priest present the weekend. It is based around Catholic values but couples of all faiths are welcome.
2013 weekend dates: 14-16 June, 9-11 August and 18-20 October in Melbourne.
Starts 7pm on Friday. Ends 5pm Sunday. Accommodation and all meals provided.
For further information and bookings: Contact Marianne & Marcel Van den Bronk (03) 9733 0997 or Email vicbookings@wwme.org.au