Dear Parents,

Yesterday I was joined by our school leaders, as well as other families, from OLMC as we participated in the annual ANZAC Day March and wreath laying ceremony at the Memorial Hall. I would like to thank the parents and children for the spirit in which they joined in on this very special occasion.

**PTFA News**

On Monday night the PTFA met to discuss a number of different issues including the upcoming Mother’s Day Dinner at Sherwood Receptions. This night has proved to be very popular in previous years so, if you haven’t got your table organised, I would encourage you to do so. Last week we saw the re-introduction of Anacondas on the canteen menu. These were originally taken off the menu as a result of an Inquiry Unit that the children in Year 1/2 did a few years back. They investigated the canteen menu and suggested that the Anacondas may not be suitable when we are trying to provide healthy foods at school. Upon their introduction last week several teachers approached me concerned that we were taking a backward step as far as providing a healthy menu from which to choose. Also the staff were visited by the Sunbury Community Health Department with an aim of introducing The Victorian Prevention and Health Promotion Achievement Program. The program involves looking at school policies in relation to healthy Eating and oral health, physical activity, mental health and wellbeing, sun protection, tobacco control and safe environments. The good news is that we have many things in place that will just need tightening up, the bad news, for some, is that we have decided to take the Anacondas off the menu.

**Enrolments**

Just a reminder that enrolments close on Friday 26th April. We have had a very good response so far and will be starting interviews next Tuesday. I hope we have got all the sibling enrolments in as I would hate to offer a place to a new family only to realise that current families have not got their forms in.

**House teams**

I am delighted that the House teams are now working on their social justice initiatives. The first event is the senior school disco which will be on at lunch time on Monday. Children from years 3 -6 are asked to bring along a gold coin to donate to go towards the teams chosen charity.

**Parent helpers**

Next Wednesday at 9.00am Bree Hurn will be meeting with parents who have volunteered to work in classrooms. It is important that you attend this meeting if it is your intention to work in the classroom as there are very important guidelines and procedures that we would like you to follow when assisting in the classroom. You are welcome to bring along toddlers if you need to.

**Hot Food at lunch time.**

We have a number of children who have started bringing a thermos to school with boiling water to heat up noodles and the other such hot food. This presents as an issue of safety, not only for the children but also teachers as well. There are many times that teachers have to open the thermos for the children and also I have seen hot water spill as the children struggle to open the thermos. I know that the children have noodles available at the canteen on Fridays but the water is drained from the cups and the Milo that the children drink during the winter months is only luke warm. Therefore I ask that children not bring boiling water to school in a thermos so that we can avoid a nasty burn.

**Traffic Safety**

This week I have sent a letter to Hume Council expressing my concerns about the safety at the front of the school and also on Jackson St along with some suggestions as to how to improve the situation. I have been assured that members from the traffic department will shortly conduct a traffic survey and will make recommendations to the council. Again I would like to remind all parents to be vigilant and follow the instructions that are in the handbook. On wet days especially it can become chaos out there.

Take care
Paul Hogan

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**Principal’s Message**

Friday, 26 April 2013

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**Term Dates**

- **Term 1**: Mon 4 Feb - Thurs 28 Mar
- **Term 2**: 15 April - 28 June
- **Term 3**: 15 July - 20 Sept
- **Term 4**: 7 Oct - 20 Dec

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**Next PTFA Meeting**

Date: TBA

ALL WELCOME
Japanese Festival

Our Japanese Festival Day is only 2 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 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. 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.

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

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.
SCHOOL BANKING

This week 20 students & siblings banked a total of $170.00 Good effort! Great Savings OLMC!

Congratulations to the two new members this week.

Keep banking to collect your tokens and receive your free gifts. Your savings also raises money for our school!

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

Terrific Kid

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OUR LADY OF MT. CARMEL CANTEEN ROSTER

TERM 2, 2013

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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

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

CATHY HAINSWORTH (0425 709 875)

Bookclub

Dear Parents,

Thankyou for your support during Term 1. We have received in excess of $400 worth of materials, which are already being made use of by the students in the classrooms

Issue 3 of Bookclub was sent home on Wednesday 24th April and is due back at school by Wednesday 1st May.

Trish Cairns

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

Dear Parents, there will be a few disruptions to the Keyboard Programme this term:-


Those children who miss their keyboard lesson will have make-up lessons on the following Mondays—ie 29th April, 13th May and 20th May respectively. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me or catch me at school. Thank you for your support.

CATHY HAINSWORTH (0425 709 875)
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

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.

**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.
HEAD LICE - They’re back...

Head lice are common in school-aged children and are the most adaptable of creatures. They have survived living solely on human for 10 000 years. You may be reassured to know that they are commonly found in places other than Our Lady of Mount Carmel School.

We urge families to check their children’s hair weekly to help in the fight against head lice.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT HEAD LICE

Treatment choices
   Chemical
       Treat and comb to remove the head lice and eggs; and repeat in seven days
   Non-chemical
       Use conditioner and comb to remove the head lice and eggs; and repeat every two days until no live lice have been found for 10 days.

How does a chemical treatment work?
   Only use products that are licensed or registered for head lice. There are four different active chemicals that target head lice, each works differently and aim to kill lice and/or eggs.

How does the conditioner and comb method work?
   It's a very cheap and effective way of finding head lice. Hair conditioner does not kill lice, but it does stun them for about 20 minutes, meaning they do not move around, and it is difficult for them to hang on. This gives you time to comb through the hair with a lice comb.

What treatment kills 100% of head lice or eggs?
   There is no single treatment that kills 100% of head lice or eggs. Whichever treatment you choose it can take time and persistence to get rid of head lice. Use a method that will not risk the health of your child.

Why does my child keep getting re-infected?
   Re-infection is the least likely reason for head lice returning in a week's time. If eggs do not die, or were not removed during the original treatment they may hatch and the lifecycle occurs all over again. To break this lifecycle you must re-treat (regardless of treatment method) seven days after the first treatment and continue with weekly checking.

Why do you have to treat again in seven days' time?
   Head lice eggs take six to seven days to hatch. And when you treat, it's easy to miss an egg or two. By treating again in seven days, you are aiming to kill and comb out any lice that have since hatched from eggs, which were missed.

What should I wash or treat at home?
   As head lice only live for a short time off the head, the only extra cleaning needed is to wash the pillowslip on the hot cycle or place in clothes dryer. Head lice combs can be cleaned in water hotter than 60 degrees.