Dear Parents,

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you a safe and happy holiday. At this time of the year we have the chance to reflect on the events of Easter and the importance that these special days have on our faith. During the week the children have been participating in reenactments in an attempt to increase their understanding of the significance of the events of Holy Week.

PTFA News

At the Annual General meeting of the PTFA held on Monday night all positions on the Executive were up for grabs and after some gentle persuasion we have a new Executive Committee headed up by Monica Rintoul as President, Narelle Coughlan-Vice President, Bridgit Price-Secretary, and Anita Burnell will take on the role of Treasurer. I would like to thank Laura Hughes, Kelly Kimball and Joanne Hannan for the time and effort that they have put in to ensure that things have been running so smoothly. I look forward to working, not only with the executive team, but with all the members of the PTFA. This weekend we are manning the BBQ at Bunings on Saturday and thanks to the work of Monica we have a full compliment of helpers on the day. Easter Saturday is usually a bumper day so I am looking forward to a big crowd of hungry hardware shoppers. The next events on the PTFA radar are the Mother’s Day dinner and the mothers day stall which will be coming up early in term 2 so stay tuned for more information.

School Closure Days

I have mentioned in previous newsletters about the school closure days planned for May 9th and 10th. These days are part of our preparation for the school review in August. We now have the other days of the year sorted with guest speakers finalised. The days are Friday June 7th, Tuesday September 3rd and Friday September 13th. I understand that the two days in September are very close to each other but availability of speakers determined the days. We will also have a planning day for 2014 later in term 4.

Hats and winter uniform

We are registered as a Sunsmart school and as such we have a policy that requires the children to wear their school hats until the 1st May so when the children return after the holidays they will need their hats for the next couple of weeks. The weather is still pretty fickle at this time of the year so I would suggest you use your discretion as to whether your child wears their summer or winter uniform, but from the 1st May I would like all the children in their winter uniform. Each year the ladies in the uniform shop put out a note asking parents to pre order their winter uniforms so that they can order them and get them in on time and, each year, we have parents leaving things up to the last minute which makes the ordering process very difficult and as a consequence all the winter uniforms have not yet arrived. It is hoped that they will be in early next term. Thanks again to the ladies in the uniform shop for all the time that they put in to ensuring that we get the cheapest possible uniforms that meet your needs.

Easter raffle

Yesterday we drew the raffle and it was lovely to see the delighted looks on the faces of the 19 children who came to the office to collect their hampers. Thanks to Monica, Narelle, Kelly and Danielle for putting the hampers together and thanks also to the families who contributed the eggs and bought the tickets and as a result the PTFA made a profit of over $2,400.

Farewell

Today we say goodbye to two families who are moving house and will be starting at new schools in term 2. Matthew and Becky are moving to Preston and Tom and Harry are moving to Woodend. I wish them all the best and I thank their families for all that they have contributed to our community. I know that they will be sadly missed but with today’s availability of communication I am sure that they will stay in touch with the many friends that they have made in their time at OLMC.

Take Care

Paul Hogan
EASTER RAFFLE—WE RAISED A WHOPPING $2,454.00!

Congratulations to our winners and thank you to all our families for your continued and generous support.

Jackie Filipovic, Ryan O’Leary, Sian De’monte Brianna Marsh, Cooper & Liam Spiteri, Mikayla walker Timmons, E Wilson(Stepanoski), J McDonald, Cheryl McCormick, Luis Rigby, Hannah Galeotti, Abbey Crocker, Georgia Ste-panoski, Charlotte Weir, Kain Scarano, Sienna Thompson, MacKenzie Hayes, Blake Grima, Alexis Jarski and the teacher prize goes to Mrs Wallace—Enjoy your chocolate and have a Happy and safe Easter!

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 early in Term 2.

Keep an eye on the newsletter for more information.

Sayonara

Ozubon-sensei

Russell Osborne (Japanese teacher)

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

Contact Rochelle on 0411 616 410
SCHOOL BANKING
This week 11 students & siblings banked a total of $86.70, what an effort! Great Savings OLMC!
Keep banking to collect your tokens and receive your free gifts!

Hello fellow OSHlings,
Here at the OSH room the children have kept busy participating in the Culture Diversity Week. Children activities based upon all the different cultures around the world. The year is creeping by really fast and the children are very excited about the Easter bunny, making lots of awesome Easter creations. OSH will be running a footy tipping competition this year - good luck to all participants that have signed up. Just a reminder to all parents that the St Anne’s holiday program will be starting on the 2nd of April till the 12th so don’t forget to book in for all the fun activities that they have in store for the children. To avoid disappointment book through www.oshclub.com.au. Brochures are available at the OSHClub or online.
On behalf of all OSHCLUB staff we would like to wish all families a happy and safe Easter.

EASTER TRIDUUM—ONE FEAST OVER THREE DAYS

Thursday 28th March 7.30pm  Mass of the Lord’s Supper (including washing of the feet)
Friday 29th March 3.00pm  Celebration of the Lord’s Passion (including the Gospel of the Passion, Veneration of the Cross and Holy Communion)
Saturday 30th March 8.00pm  Mass of the Easter Vigil (commencing at the Easter fire outside the Church, reading God’s word, reception of new Catholics, Renewal of our Baptism Vows and Eucharist)
Sunday 31st March 8.30am  Easter Sunday Mass
10.30am  Easter Sunday Mass
5.30pm Mass will NOT be celebrated this Easter Sunday

This one feast, the greatest and most ancient of all our feasts, is a three day feast like three chapters in a book as we follow the last days on earth of Jesus, as he celebrates the Passover, washing the feet and giving us a sacramental memorial of his death and resurrection in the Eucharist as we recall his suffering and venerate the Cross on Friday as we await his rising from death on Saturday evening. The liturgy is designed as a continuous celebration beginning on Thursday and ending on Saturday with the final blessing.

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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

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

HOOPS SMART 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

SUNBURY TIGERS JUNIOR RUGBY LEAGUE CLUB: Langama Park Thur. April 4th 10am—12pm. Ages 6-18 Free clinic. Further details Ryan Walker 0448 890 012

TEDDY BEARS PICNIC—APRIL 6TH 11.30am-2.30pm—Gisborne Adventure Playground, Brantome Street, Gisborne.
Fundraising event for Amelia Anderson, in association with Down Syndrome Victoria. $10 per adult, children $1 gold coin Teddy Bear Free entry. BYO Picnic and rug. Face painting and prizes! Best child’s disguise, biggest bear, oldest bear, best dressed bear, and much more. For more information contact Emma Gierschick 0407 217 027 or info@7keys2freedom.com

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES WITH OSHCLUB
Would you like a career working with children? Perhaps Out of Hours School Care is for you. Contact OSHClub for more info on 1800 460 870.

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND
Married couples, we encourage you to prioritise your relationship. It underpins your family life. Please join us for a Marriage Encounter weekend. Our weekend helps you to remember why you married and gives you skills to maintain your love for each other. Couples and a priest present the weekend. It is based around catholic values but you don’t need to be catholic to attend. There is no group sharing. Our next weekends in 2013 are on: 19-21 April, 14-16 June and 9-11 August in Melbourne.

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

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.