Dear Parents,

Last Thursday we were blessed with beautiful weather for our tabloid sports/picnic evening. It was terrific to see so many families there. You never know how many people are going to come to nights like that but I am sure that those who did come along enjoyed themselves. I hope this can become an annual event in the first term as it allows our new families the opportunity to catch up with those who have been around for a while. Below are the children from Padua House. Thanks to those parents who emailed me photos.

PTFA Meeting

Next Monday we have our next PTFA Meeting which will combined with the Annual General meeting. At this time all executive positions will be up for grabs. At our last meeting we had several new families and it is always great to get some new ideas and so on so that we can continually move forward. Any one is most welcome to come along. The meeting starts at 7.30pm in the staff room and shouldn’t take much more than an hour. The PTFA are running the Easter Raffle which will be drawn next Wednesday so make sure you have returned your tickets by then as you don’t want to miss out on the chance to win a hamper.

End of Term

A reminder that we finish term one next Thursday at 3.15pm. The children catching the bus will need to chat to the bus driver as I think that other schools might be finishing earlier. If there are any dramas let me know and I can sort things out. For those who are new to the school, you will find that we finish at the end of the term at the usual time. As a parent myself, I know the difficulty that half days can cause and so as a result we work right through until 3.15pm. The trade off for this is that we finish the school year on the Wednesday 18th December.

Enrolments for 2014

Yesterday we had our open day for those wishing to enrol their children in prep in 2014. We did things a little differently this year and had one session in the evening. This appeared to suit many families as we had a big turn up in the evening. It is a shame that the parents don’t get to see the children at work but we did have student representation as our leaders acted as tour guides. Thanks to Erin, Pasquale, Eliza and Hayden for giving up their time in the evening. I am always so proud to show off our school leaders and new parents love to meet current students.

Take Care
Paul Hogan
EASTER RAFFLE—The raffle will be drawn on Wednesday 27th March—

Please return your tickets by this Friday, 22nd March.

Donations of Easter Eggs still gratefully accepted.

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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**tigbiz** Phone App is designed to keep you informed and up to date with school events by downloading to your phone, tablet or computer. This is a great way to stay updated on day to day school matters and reminders. You’ll love it! Further information is available from the office.
SCHOOL BANKING
This week 24 students banked a total of $526.60, what an effort! Great Savings OLMC!
Keep banking to collect your tokens and receive your free gifts!

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

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2014 PREP ENROLMENTS

Enrolment forms are available from office now.

Applications for Prep 2014 close 26th April 2013

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.

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 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

PARISH RETREAT—SPIRITUALITY IN OUR TIMES: will be held in Easter time, Monday 22 April to Satruday 27 April. The retreat has three modules— renewal of our mind, renewal of our heart and renewal of our action. There are three elements in each session: some input, some group sharing and some prayer. It is time for a renewal as we live in changing times and we need a boost. The sessions will be held in the morning and evening in the Parish Centre. The retreat team will comprise a laywoman, a priest and a religious sister— mixed vocations. Please mark your diaries. The last retreat was very well received by 150 people who attended.

QUEEN VICTORIA MARKET SHOPPING—THURSDAY 28TH MARCH
Travel to the Queen Victoria Market to get your shopping before Easter in the comfort of a Coach provided by Sunbury Coaches. $15 per person. Arrive at the market at 10.15am and leave at 1.15pm. Plenty of room under the coach for esky’s and trolleys. Call Sunbury Coaches on 9740 8411 for pick up locations, bookings and more details.

TEDDY BEARS PICNIC—APRIL 6TH 11.30am-2.30pm—Gisborne Adventure Playground, Bran-tome 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

THE MACEDON RANGES MONTESSORI PRE SCHOOL located 13 minutes from Sunbury has limited places available for 2013. For more information please call 5428 6376 or check out our website www.macedonrangesmontessori.com.au