Dear Parents,

During the week I met with Christine Wallace who told me that she will be retiring at the end of her period of long service which will be during August. As many of you know Christine has worked at Our Lady of Mount Carmel for close to 35 years apart from a short period when she had her children. She has seen a lot of change in her time and has been a great member of staff both in the classroom and as a member of the leadership team. As a school we have not had the opportunity to thank Christine for her years of dedicated service and to wish her all the best as she enters in to the next phase of her life with Bruce and her family. I would like to have a special assembly and afternoon tea on Friday 23rd August starting at 2.20pm at which time we can say thank you. Parents, past students and families are welcome to join us for the assembly followed by a cuppa when you can catch up with Christine.

PTFA News

Last week you would have received an invitation to attend the upcoming Trivia Night on 24th August. These nights are a lot of fun and for $10 per head a cheap way to gather with friends and maybe make new friends along the way, so get together and organise a table of 10 or at least let us know that you would like to come and we will allocate a table for you.

Coming home today will be a set of raffle tickets which have some great prizes including a car. This raffle is organised by Scouts Victoria but $1.50 per ticket is given back to the school via the PTFA. Each family has been allocated a book of ten tickets which we need to account for so if you choose not to buy any, you are asked to return the tickets. The final date that we need to get the tickets back is Friday 23rd August. We have had these tickets for some time but, due to the chocolate drive, we have kept them on hold.

For some time now the members of the PTFA have been talking about holding a fete. I have put the discussion on hold due to a number of factors including the amount of work that has to be done by a few people as well as issues associated with the artificial grass on the oval. I believe that we are now in a position to manage so sort of community event but I also think that we need to be creative and think of alternatives to the traditional fete activities such as craft and second-hand goods etc. What I am proposing is that we have a separate committee to the PTFA to discuss possible options. If you would like to be involved we will be having a meeting on Thursday 22nd August at 7.30pm.

Family Education Night

Coming home tonight, is a separate note in relation to a parent and child night for children in years 5 and 6. We see this as an important opportunity for children to discuss issues associated with puberty and adolescence with a trained facilitator. We hope that every child could be involved and that only children in year 5 and 6 attend. If you have any questions in relation to the note please contact me.

Padua Walkathon

Reminder about the upcoming walkathon being conducted by the members of Padua House. This event is for all students not just those in Padua. Pledge forms were sent home along with instructions about the day.

Chooks have arrived

Our chickens have arrived and now I wait, like an expectant father, for the first eggs. I would like to build a run for the chickens so if anybody has the time and expertise I would love to hear from you.

Take care
Paul Hogan
Terrific Kid

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Recycling Mobile Phones

Do you have any unwanted mobile phones at home? Would you like to help the critically endangered Eastern Lowland Gorillas in Africa? Please donate your mobile phone to our school’s office. Zoos Victoria will collect them and use funds from the recycling of your phone to pay the wages of the African gamekeepers and help us raise vital funds to support the Jane Goodall Institute in Africa. Your phone may contain coltan, a mineral commonly mined in Africa. Illegal coltan mining has contributed to the loss of 50% of Eastern Lowland Gorillas in just 20 years. You can help by recycling your old phone today!

Next time your phone rings remember, they’re calling on you!

EMA APPLICATIONS CLOSE FRIDAY 2nd AUGUST, 2013

Have you recently received a Centrelink Healthcare or concession card? Then you may be eligible to receive the Education Maintenance Allowance for your school fees and other costs. If you did not apply for EMA at the start of the year but now have a concession card please contact Melissa at the office to apply.

Late applications cannot be accepted.
CANTEEN ROSTER—TERM 3 2013

Contact Sally 0400 384 403 if you are unable to attend

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OSHCLUB NEWS

Hi everyone,

We have had a busy busy week this week.... we have been focusing on cultures around the world and where all our OSHclub children originated from. We have also made some fantastic aboriginal canvas paintings which are displayed in the room.

We would like to say a huge thank you to the Galeotti family for donating some plants this week which we have added to our garden. We will be working on the garden each week to make it look beautiful by the end of term. We have also been busy in our construction area and art and craft area of the room.

If you are interested in booking your child in to before or after school care please enrol online at www.oshclub.com and follow the prompts.

Thanks
From the OSHclub team

SCHOOL BANKING

THIS WEEK: 38 students banked $423.80
Great Effort OLMC!

FOUND: Is your child missing a pair of glasses???
The following glasses have been handed into the school office: -
silver/red “Lego” brand glasses and brown/orange “Quicksilver” brand glasses

SCHOOL BANKING REMINDER:

Hi boys and girls—the very popular calculator is now available!!!!

Learn how to save by banking at school and collect a token for every deposit regardless of the amount. Collect 10 tokens and redeem for any of the fantastic rewards we offer through the school banking program.

SCHOOL BANKING DAY IS TUESDAY
Our Gospel Challenge

One day Jesus was praying in a certain place. When he finished, one of his disciples spoke to him. “Lord,” he said, “teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples.”

Jesus said to them, “When you pray, this is what you should say.

“Father, may your name be honored. May your kingdom come. Give us each day our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins, as we also forgive everyone who sins against us. Keep us from falling into sin when we are tempted.’

Our challenge: One prayer that links us all together. Our faith and our mission is contained in these few lines. Living this prayer is living the message of Christian life and spreading peace in our lives. Simple as this may seem the task is a big one. If we add ‘Love one another just as I have loved you’ we can achieve peace in our world.

Colin Healy REC

Seasons

The Seasons program is a Grief and Loss program for primary school age children dealing with a loss of a family member or trying to manage the loss of relationship through separation or divorce.

I will be offering a Seasons Program of ten weeks beginning in week 6 of this term. An information session will be offered if there is sufficient numbers to run the program. If interested in the Seasons Program please call me at school.

Colin Healy

Seasons Companion.

Well Done to Mrs. Rita Rocco for her efforts in raising $3000 for St.Vincent de Paul at their recent Sleeping Out Night. Congratulations Rita Rocco and Louise Oswald for this fantastic achievement.

THANK YOU

Thank you to all the students, parents and staff for your generous support in the Parish sleep out. I was very grateful to be back home on Saturday. This experience has made us all aware of the plight of homeless in our Parish. Your compassion not only helps the homeless in our Parish but it also helps so many others from becoming homeless.

As a school we raised $884. This was an extraordinary amount for such a small school. The Holy Spirit is definitely active in our school.

In total I raised $1996! Keep a look out in the Parish newsletter for the total amount raised by both Louise and I.

God bless and thank you once again for your compassion and generosity towards others.

Rita Rocco.
COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD

CITIZEN ADVOCACY
Citizen Advocacy Sunbury & Districts is a community program based in Sunbury. The program connects people with intellectual disabilities to other people in their area. Citizen Advocacy is looking for caring and responsible citizens to make a positive difference to a person who may be lonely or facing challenges in their life. This could include assisting people to participate in their community, become as independent as possible or perhaps speak up for them when there is a need. Citizen advocates come from all walks of life, are of all ages, and each brings with them a very individual range of life experiences. A small amount of your time can make a big difference to someone in your community. There are several people currently waiting to be matched with an advocate so if you can volunteer your time and would like further information please ring the Coordinator David Abela on 9744 7378 or 0408 1786 14 or email dabela@citizenadvocacysunbury.com.au
Website: casunbury.net

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: 9-11 August and 18-20 October in Melbourne.
For further information and bookings contact Marianne & Marcel Van den Bronk (03) 9733 0997 or Email vicbookings@wwme.org.au

PUBLIC FORUM ON DRUG AWARENESS
Police Community Consultative Committee (PCCC)
Date: Thursday 29th August, 7.00pm
Venue: Sunbury Bowling Club, 49 Riddell Road, Sunbury.
Format: We have arranged for a number of speakers to address us regarding drug and alcohol abuse in our own and the wider community. Speakers will include law enforcement and support professionals and concerned parent representatives drawn from our local community. Attendees will have the opportunity to ask questions of speakers. Printed materials will be available.
Students, staff, parents and any other interested person/s are welcome.

ARE YOU AN ABORIGINAL PERSON LIVING IN OR NEAR SUNBURY?
Sunbury Community Health Centre now has an Aboriginal Engagement Officer. Please contact Gail for further details. 9744 4455 or email gailr@sunburychc.org.au

Salesian College Rupertswood Presents

THE WIZ

Friday 16th August @ 7.30pm
Saturday 17th August @ 1.30pm & 7pm
At Penola Catholic College Performing Arts Centre, Broadmeadows
Tickets: $25/$16
Book online at www.trybooking.com/CVKY
BOOK YOUR TABLE NOW!

OLMC TRIVIA NIGHT

Saturday 24 August, 2013 at Parish Centre, Riddell Rd, Sunbury

To book a table please complete the below form and return to the school office by 16 August.

Tables are a maximum of 10 people – if you don’t have ten that’s ok – just put down names of those attending and we will fill the table. A great way to meet new people!

Table Organiser – Name ______________________

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Tickets are $10 per person.

Please attach payment for all listed together with your form – cash, cheque or you can direct credit to PTFA account – NAB 083347