Dear Parents,

I hope you all enjoyed the long weekend. With only two weeks to go in the term I am finding that the year is going very quickly. The prep enrolment process is now finished and we will be sending out letters of offer by the end of next week. Acceptances will be due by the first week of term 3.

**Prep Parent /Teacher Interviews**

If your child is in prep, coming home tomorrow will be your child’s mid year report. For some of you, this will be your first report that you receive from the school. The coding is explained on the back of the front cover but, what you will find is that, the codes have changed from when you and I went to school. The decision to move to an A-E report was mandated by the government quite a few years ago and it is a system that we must follow. If your child receives a “C” they are at the expected level for a child in prep at this stage of the year. This “C” should be celebrated.

You will have the opportunity to discuss your child's report and their progress at the parent/teacher interviews planned for next Monday and Thursday. When I checked the bookings on the school interviews website today, I noticed that a couple of parents have not made their bookings. If you are having difficulty making a booking, please don’t hesitate to call the office and we will be able to walk you through the process. Once you have done it for the first time, you will find it a very easy way of booking interviews. We use this system for all our interviews.

**Chocolate Drive**

Parents are reminded to get your chocolate drive money or unsold chocolates back to school by the end of the term.

**School Disco.**

Two years ago we had a disco for the children and it proved to be a great night. We are having another one this year on the last day of term two, the 28th June from 6.00-8.00pm. $5 entry for a great time and plenty of entertainment with our own DJ. Snacks and drinks will be on sale. The disco is open to all students from OLMC and only students from OLMC.

We will require a number of parent helpers with working with children checks to supervise on the night. If you are able to help please SMS Laura on 0419 771 717. There will be more details next week.

**A Banjo Sandwich**

On Friday 21st Fr Andrew Hayes will be hosting a night of fun, singing and dancing at the Parish Centre starting at 7.30pm. Our year 3 parents would have met Fr Andrew at the Reconciliation information and registration night a couple of weeks ago and I am sure that they would agree that the night will be great fun. It would be terrific to see good representation from the families of OLMC.

**Social Justice Update**

Our House teams are in full swing at the moment with all groups raising funds as well as awareness for those who are doing it tough at the moment. Last week the children in Fatima ran a market day to raise money to buy blankets for the St Vinnies winter appeal. We heard from a representative from the Sunbury Conference of Vinnies who explained to the children that there are people in our local community who need our support. I was really pleased with the efforts of the children in Fatima as well as the rest of the children. I know of one particular prep child who, when offered money by their parents, said that she wanted to use her own money from her piggy bank because she wanted to help those in need. Due to the efforts of Fatima we will be able to buy at least 20 blankets to be distributed by the people from Vinnies to those who need them most.

We also have the fill the ute challenge in which the children are encouraged to bring non-perishable food-stuffs to be donated to Vinnies.

One of our other House Teams, Padua, is organising a walkathon to raise money for Caritas. This is the Catholic organisation that raises money for families overseas who are facing extreme poverty. The walkathon will be a little bit different as the children will be carrying buckets of water as they do their laps of the ovals. The reason for doing this is that the children will gain an understanding that many children do not have running water and must carry buckets of water from central locations sometimes covering great distances. This was all decided by the children so you can see that the message is getting across.

Take care

Paul Hogan
Terrific Kid

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ASSEMBLY/HOUSE TEAMS TERM 2

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FATIMA HOUSE NEWS

The students of Fatima would like to extend a big thank you to everyone who donated items for our market day. Thank you also, to everyone who had a chance to buy things last Thursday. We raised a very impressive $298.00! Mrs Seric will use this money to buy blankets, which we will then donate to the ‘Blanket Appeal’.

Thank you to the students in Fatima house for doing a wonderful job with advertising their day and all those who volunteer their time on the day.

Staff and students of Fatima House

Woolworths Earn & Learn Points

Dear Parents,

The Woolworths Earn & Learn campaign has now finished and we are in the process of putting the last of the stickers we have received on to sheets so we can tally them and send them to the promoters. If you have any stickers or points sheets still at home please send them along to school so we can add them to our total. If you have sheets that have not been entirely filled please send these as well as we will add stickers to these.

Thank you for your support.

Trish Cairns
OUR LADY OF MT. CARMEL CANTEEN ROSTER
TERM 2, 2013

14th June
Paula Jarzki
Nikki Taranto
Rochelle Hope-Lane

28th June
Helen Hrkac
Liz Fahy
Maree Weber

21st June
Dean Caplin
Lesley Spiteri
Darren Xerri

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

SCHOOL BANKING

Continue sending in your banking every Tuesday, only a few more weeks of the Term 2 competition. Only a few more chances to win!

LAST WEEK: 46 students (8new) banked $942.85

THIS WEEK: 50 students (1 new) banked $511.05

OUR LADY OF MT. CARMEL DISCO

Here’s a great way to celebrate the end of term!! The OLMC School Disco. Its on Friday 28th of June from 6 to 8 pm in the Multi purpose room. $5 entry for a great time and plenty of entertainment with our own DJ. Snacks and drinks will also be on sale. This disco is open to all students at OLMC. We will have the Chillax Room open (OSH Club room) to sell food and lollies, this will also be a quiet place to rest away from the music.

We will require a number of parent helpers with Working with Children checks to supervise on the night. If you are able to assist please SMS Laura on 0419 771717.

Dear Parents,

BOOK CLUB NEWS

Once again thankyou for your support with Bookclub. As I have said before, it really is a win-win situation: you are able to purchase books and other items at a good price and the school benefits by receiving free resources.

As you know Issue 4 of Bookclub was sent home last week and was due back today. If there is anyone who really wants to order from this issue, but has not done so yet, please come and see me early next week. Due to the fact that we have a school closure day and also a public holiday I am happy to extend the ordering period for this issue until the end of next week.

This week I have also received a Sales Catalogue from Scholastic. This catalogue has quite a range of items in it at great prices. I know we have just finished a Bookclub order, but I think the bargains in this are too good to miss out on and so I am sending this home today with the students. The ordering period for this will end next Friday, June 14th.

Thank You TRISH CAIRNS

LOST PROPERTY REMINDER

Please check the lost property cupboard located in the MPR as it overflowing with uniforms and other assorted items, which belong to OLMC students. Please look in the cupboard before the end of term as unwanted items will be donated to charity. Thank you
Fill the Ute Campaign Winter 2013.
Recently I spoke to Louise Oswald, the president of the St.Vincent De Paul Chapter in Sunbury. She informed me of ‘St.Vinnies’ need for food and blankets in preparation for a cold winter here in Sunbury. The flier below “Fill the Ute” is an opportunity to share the love we have for Christ poured out into the lives of our brothers and sisters in Sunbury. Our Sunbury family needs our help.

Colin Healy/OLMC
Hello to all our OSHCLUB families
We have been very busy in OSH this week and hope that you have noticed our bare gardens. Next term we will be introducing an OSHCLUB gardening club to incorporate the environment into our program. We would like to ask all our families if you have any plants to donate such as yuccas which are low maintenance and hardy. We are also hoping to plant an apple tree for children to pick from for our afternoon tea. If you can help us please let us know as we would love to have our garden beds planted before the end of term.
We also would like to thank our families and children for all the support and ideas contributed to rearranging our OSHCLUB room. We are continually looking to improve our room to create an inviting and fun experience for all our children.
If you wish to enrol your child into our program please head over to http://www.oshclub.com.au and enrol online following the prompts.
Thank you From the OSHCLUB team

ONLY TWO WEEKS LEFT
SCHOOL BANKING!!!
THERE’S STILL TIME FOR YOUR CHANCE TO WIN A $5,000 FAMILY ADVENTURE HOLIDAY!
There is still time for you to be part of this amazing competition. All you need to do is bank at least 3 times during Term 2 here at school and you will automatically be entered into the draw.
First prize: $5,000 family holiday to anywhere in Australia with $500 spending money and $5,000 cash for your school. 25 Runner Up prizes: packs valued at over $700 include : Wii U, Razor eSpark electric scooter, walkie talkies, night vision goggles and an underwater digital camera.
Keep banking for you chance to win!!!!!
BANKING DAY IS EVERY TUESDAY
GOOD LUCK

WELCOME DINNER FOR PREP PARENTS—Seats are still available
The Royal Hotel, Sunbury. Friday June 14th. Arrive 6.30 for 7.00pm start
Casual bistro meal, order what you like and buy drinks at bar .Raffles on the night ,proceeds going to PTFA
RSVP : ASAP Cathy Dunkley- Price 0404 981 567/ Bridgit Price 0419 335 841

COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD
SENIORS HIGH TEA; coming up on Wednesday 19 June 2013 from 1pm in the Parish Centre, 101 Riddell Rd, Sunbury. Enjoy an elegant High Tea, with an entertaining Fashion Show from a local retailer and a sing a long. Cost will be $25 Tickets can be purchased at the Parish office. For further info, contact Jo on 9744 1060. All tickets need to be paid for by no later than 12 June for catering purposes. A Raffle where everyone wins! Please come along and enjoy the afternoon.
PARISH CONCERT - PARISH CENTRE, FRIDAY 21 JUNE, 7.00 FOR A 7.30 START: Father Andrew Hayes, Parish Priest of Casterton and a large slice of western Victoria, 'A Banjo Sandwich' Fr. Andrew will present original songs and poetry in a multi-instrument concert. He’ll share thoughts on love and war, Black Saturday fires, life in the Western Districts of Victoria, refugees, Christmas and more. He’s described as Eric Bogle or John Williamson with a piano. His idols are Billy Joel and Tim Minchin. He’ll make you laugh. He’ll make you cry, mother thinks he can't sing. Good night guaranteed! Put this in your diary! Don't miss it!
Parents Count Too
Helping your child with –
Mental calculations

Most calculations that we carry out each day, we do in our heads. With some calculations we feel the need to reach for paper and pencil or a calculator. Yet when we play a game of darts or cards or even watch a league game, we rely on carrying out lots of mental calculations. How many points are needed to win, how many converted tries will put us in front and is there enough time?

Travelling, sharing a bill, shopping, playing or watching a sport and preparing a meal all involve mental calculations. The methods that we use when we work things out in our heads are often not the same methods that we use when we write down a sum.

The processes involved in mental calculations have remained a mystery for many children and even for many adults. Working out 988 x 3 is a difficult task, even when using pen and paper, if you do not realise that you can find the answer mentally by subtracting 6 from 3000.

So how do children learn to do mental calculations?

Children begin by counting things that they can see, and using objects to add and subtract. Through practice, children will begin to think of ways to add and subtract without having to use objects. One of the early ways in which children learn to add two numbers mentally is to start with the larger number and count on by ones to add the second number. This is an effective way when adding on small numbers. As children begin to deal with larger numbers, they develop a range of ways other than counting by ones.

For example, to find the answer to 25 + 89, children could:
- Make the 89 up to 90, then add 10 and then 14
- Add 20 and 80 to make 100, then add 9 and 5, then add 100 and 14
- Add 10 twice to 89 and then add 5 more.

One of the interesting things about mental calculations is that we do not all think the same way.

What can you do at home?
- Ask your child how he or she mentally worked out the answer to a question. Explain how you would mentally work out the answer. If your child can not work out the answer mentally, give him or her objects to use for counting.