Dear Parents,

Next week is the last week of term and I can’t believe how quickly it has gone. With Easter being in the middle of the holidays we will need to do out Holy Week activities a week earlier than we usually do. The children will be taking part in Holy Week paraliturgies throughout the week next week.

On Tuesday our Student Religious Education Team headed in to St Patricks Cathedral to celebrate mass with students from the Archdiocese of Melbourne. This annual celebration is part of catholic Education Week. The children then joined the other schools for a concert in the gardens. It was a terrific day and the behaviour of the group was, as usual, excellent.

Bullying No Way
As you would have read in recent newsletters and there has also been a great deal of media attention, this Friday schools around the country will be taking part in a National Day of Action against bullying. Classes will be learning about the causes and harmful effects of bullying and we will be taking a whole school photo representing our school taking a stand. Sometimes when we talk about these things it may appear that we have an issue with bullying. I can assure you that we don’t. The behaviour of our children, on the whole, is fantastic and I am very proud of the way that they play and look after each other.

School Photos
A reminder that school photos will be on tomorrow morning. I hope that everybody has been online and ordered their photo packages. Children are to be in their full summer uniform with clean school shoes. If you child is doing sport on Friday they are to bring their runners with them in their bags.

Friday Assemblies
We have been talking for some time about Assemblies on Friday afternoons and while I think it is a great opportunity for classes to showcase the work that is being done in the classroom, I think that we have got to the stage where we have outgrown our Multi-purpose Room for whole school assemblies. Getting in to and out of the multi-purpose room has become quite an ordeal and the noise level for some of our children can be quite distressing. Added to this we have parents, toddlers in prams and the uniform shop being open. Also Friday afternoon is not a great time for the children to be sitting still listening to others speaking. Starting next term we will be doing things a little differently. Children will still gather in their level groups to share their learning and we will be making greater use of technology. It is expected that classes will set up blogs that parents can log on to see what is happening in the class. There will also be times when year levels will have expos of their learning. One such day will be on August 25th when we will have our bi-annual Art Show. This will be happening in the evening and all families will be able to visit all the classes as well as the multi-purpose room where displays will be set up. This was a great event two years ago and I hope that everybody gets behind it again. As I have said on numerous occasions, Sunbury is very well served in the sporting department but I think that the Arts is an area in which we must allow our children to shine. We will also be having a Japanese festival on Wednesday 22nd April. More details will follow. At tomorrows assembly we will be giving out the Reaching Out to Others Award which is a very significant award in our school community and is given out in memory of Anthony Rocco.

Camp Quality Puppets come to OLMC
Next Thursday 26th March, the children will be attending a presentation of the Camp Quality Puppets. This presentation is aimed at raising awareness and understanding of the effects of cancer. Many children are exposed to this condition and don’t fully understand the symptoms.

Homework.
For some time now we have been talking about homework and you may have seen articles in the paper recently about the benefits or lack there of for children in primary school. I will be sending home a letter next week explaining the future direction that we will be taking with homework or home learning as it is now known.

Take Care
Paul Hogan
**Terrific Kid**

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<td>For attempting tasks with a smile</td>
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<td>Jack Urbon</td>
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<td>Leia Misiti</td>
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<td>Erika Inserra</td>
<td>For completing set homework tasks on time! Super</td>
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<td>5/6 E</td>
<td>Aiko Gatti</td>
<td>For always doing her best in all that she does</td>
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<td>Riley White</td>
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**Assembly 2.45 in the Multi Purpose Room—ALL WELCOME**

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**LOST PROPERTY**

The lost property cupboard in the MPR is once again at capacity, with school clothing (jumpers & rugby tops) and food/drink containers (*most are unnamed*).

A timely reminder to:

* name all school clothing and food/drink containers clearly with your child's name. If the clothing has been passed on from an ex OLMC family, please change this to your child's name.

* Check that the clothing your child brings home is not labelled with another student's name

* If the cupboard is not cleared by the end of term we will have a gold coin clothing sale with proceeds going to Vinnies.
School Photographs

Dear Parent,

Photographs will be taken at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Primary School on Friday, March 20, 2015.

School photographs provide a unique opportunity to record these special times for years to come and we look forward to providing them to your family.

New for 2015 are our ‘Wish’ packages. For every ‘Wish’ pack purchased, $1 will be donated to Make-A-Wish® Australia to help grant the wishes of children with life-threatening medical conditions.

When ordering school photos online you may also purchase a high resolution, digital copy of your child’s image.

Family portraits will be available as in past years, however all orders for family photographs need to be made by midnight, the day BEFORE photo day.

Your package of school photographs will be delivered to the school approximately four weeks after photography is completed.

Arthur Reed Photos Pty. Ltd.

How to order

Go online to shop.arphotos.com.au/schoolorder or scan the QR code shown below to go to our mobile friendly ordering site.

Enter your online ordering code, then follow the instructions to place your order. A receipt will be issued to you once payment through our secure payment facility has been completed.

Order your school photos NOW and up to 10 days after photo day but remember, orders for family portraits must be placed by midnight the day BEFORE photo day.

Online ordering is convenient and easy so order your school photos today.

ORDER PHOTOS  ONLINE ORDERING CODE  CML458

Important information

LATE ORDERS
Orders placed more than 10 days after photo day will cost an extra $15 to cover special handling requirements and must be accompanied by a statutory declaration. For late orders, please download the required forms from our website.

FAMILY DISCOUNT
Families with 3 or more children attending THE SAME SCHOOL can benefit from our family discount. The first two children pay full price for their photo packages while other siblings attending THE SAME SCHOOL can receive their photographs for HALF the normal price.

When ordering school photos for your children online and at the same time, the discount will automatically be calculated for you.

Wish PACKAGES
In 2015 Arthur Reed Photos is partnering with Make-A-Wish Australia who grant the cherished wishes of seriously ill children.

$1 from the purchase of each ‘WISH’ package will be donated to help bring the healing power of a wish to children with life-threatening medical conditions.

Not able to order online?

If you are not able to order photographs online, please complete an order form which has been supplied to your school and return directly to Arthur Reed Photos before the ten day cut off time.

Orders placed after this time are considered as late orders and incur additional costs as outlined above.

Unconditional Money-Back Guarantee
You will receive a full refund if you are not completely satisfied with your photographs - just return your complete photo package directly to us, within 10 days and a refund will be sent to you. (Please keep evidence and date of return).
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TRIVIA NIGHT

Saturday March 21st  7pm for a 7:30pm Sharp start
At The Parish Centre – 95 Riddell Rd Sunbury
Tickets $15 per head

Our Lady of Mount Carmel PTFA is hosting a Music Trivia Night to allow parents of the school to come together and socialise. Come and enjoy a general / music trivia night conducted by a professional Trivia Master. There will be lots of prizes on the night, lots of fun and a chance to unwind and socialise with the school community.

The PTFA invite all Mums and Dads to join their class table
OR get a table of 10 together (friends welcome)

Please BYO own finger food, drinks and all accompaniments (cups, glasses, cutlery, bottle openers, napkins etc)

All proceeds will go to the PTFA for important purchases for the school.
Please contact Bridgit Price 0419 335 841 or Laura Hughes on 0419 771 717 with enquiries

Name:__________________________________________ Class:________
Number of people: _______ Payment: Bank Transfer ☐ Cash ☐ Total Amount: _______
Preferred table: _________________________________ or Please find me a table ☐

PTFA Bank Details are: NAB BSB: 083 347  ACCT: 8238 60423
All slips and payments to office

Confirm / RSVP: by Tues March 17th
HELP NEEDED
Volunteers are needed to assist at the Bunnings BBQ on Saturday 4th of April (Easter Saturday). If you can spare just 2 hours to help raise funds to pay for new shade sails for our school please text Narelle on 0419 006 671 with your name, mobile number and time available. Shifts are in 2 hour blocks between 8am and 4pm, (2-4 shift is required to assist with clean up).

HAVE YOU CHECKED OUT OUR PTFA FACEBOOK PAGE?
If you want to keep up to date regarding PTFA events and activities please join our facebook page - its open to all parents and staff - just search for “Friends of PTFA”. its another way to keep you updated and let you know about the things we have planned as part of the PTFA efforts.

YOUR CLASSROOM PARENT REPRESENTATIVES ARE:
FR  Kristina Wilson – 0407 550 014
FC  Kate Jones (Sharon McDonald Term 3 )
1/2M  Sharon McDonald - 0407 220 119
1/2J  Bridgit Price - 0419 335 841
1/2 H  Taryn Patera - 0409 958 260 and Christine De Veth
3/4P  Lousie Mentor - 0409 227 591
3/4S  Lisa Wilson - 0425 770 350
3/4R  Jody Sheedy - 0418 122 790
5/6E  Paul Fish - 0407 433 223
5/6 D  Nicole Taranto – 0413 443 568
5/6R  Leanne Urban - 0459 517 633

PREP 2016 IMPORTANT DATES

Prep 2016 Information Sessions
Wednesday 25th March, 2015
10.00 am & 7.30pm (repeated sessions)
Sunbury Catholic Parish Centre (next to St Anne’s Church, Riddell Rd)
Enrolment packs will be available at both session

Presentation includes
Parish and School Links
Readiness for School
Fees and Levies
Enrolment Process

Our Lady Of Mt Carmel School OPEN DAY
Thursday 16th April 2015
9.30am & 7.00pm
Guided School Tours
Curriculum and Enrolment information
RE NEWS:
Hebrews 5:7-9
During the days of Jesus' life on earth, he offered up prayers and petitions with fervent cries and tears to the one who could save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. Son though he was, he learned obedience from what he suffered and, once made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him.

Focus: Our prayers and their power.
I have the privilege each Friday morning to pray with a Year 3/4 class. Their prayers go out to friends, family and the wider community. They are heart felt and sincere reflecting the presence of the Holy Spirit in their lives.

Moreover they pray to God that loves them and cares for them. This is Faith in action. It is the dialogue and conversation with God that makes teaching in a Catholic school both rewarding and a privilege.

This Lent let us use the power of prayer to improve our own lives and put our trust in God.

Reminder: Year 4 First Communion Program.
Please ensure that you're the green sheet with the Thanksgiving Meal preference and the Communion ceremony preference is in as soon as possible to the Parish Centre.

Colin Healy REL

Penola House: Helping BahayTuluyan Philippines Australia.
The BahayTuluyan organisation is a mission in the Philippines catering for the education and care of poor and orphaned children.

They are sending a container of good quality black shoes and runners to the Philippines at the end of next week. If you have a pair of shoes that are no longer of use, kids have grown out of etc please bring them along for this very needy cause.

Colin Healy - Penola House.

Holy Week Gallery Walk: A series of Artwork focused on the events of Holy Week will be up for a Gallery Walk next week. Under parental supervision, an invite is extended to view this important work created by our Prep to Six children.

Loreto Book Stall
Loreto is raising money for Caritas this Lent by running a used book stall.
We are asking for donations of children's books that may be out grown or unused but are still in good condition.
These books will then be sold at a stall in the MPR on Friday of Week 9 (27th of March).
Thank you in advance,

Loreto

Live, Love, Grow.
KINDA KINDER  Starts Tuesday 17 March 2015 from 9.15am to 10.15am and runs weekly during school terms in the Parish Centre at 101 Riddell Rd, Sunbury. Victoria University students lead children from infant to pre-school with fun, imaginative educational games. All are welcome to attend. The program is free to all families. Please call the Parish Office on 9744 1060 for further information (no bookings required)

CANTEEN ROSTER TERM 1 2015
Please contact Sally on 0400 384 403 if you are unable to attend

| 20th Mar | Nikki Taranto  
Rochelle Hope Lane  
Denise Debrincat | 27th Mar | Raquel Handley  
Barb O’Brien  
Teresa Paoly |

School Banking News

The school banking day is TUESDAY

This week 70 students banked $402.15 (1 new student) WELL DONE

Let’s teach our children that we aren’t the bank.

To help reward individual savings efforts, every time a student deposits into their Youthsaver account through School Banking, regardless of the amount, they’ll receive a Dollarmites token.

Once they’ve collected 10 tokens, they can redeem them for a variety of exciting reward items. They’ll also receive a certificate when they reach certain savings milestones.

Available in Term 1 when you have collected 10 tokens are:

COMMUNITY NEWS:

HOOPSMART  Basketball school holiday camp. Boardman stadium, Sunbury. All levels, Boys & Girls, 6-14 years March 30 & 31. Register at hoopsmart.com.au or call 0406 488 313 for more info.

SUNBURY COLLEGE OPEN NIGHT 2015 Tuesday April 21st at 7pm Phone 9744 1066 for more information