Dear Parents,

As this will be the last newsletter of the year, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for the support that you have provided to the school throughout the year and to wish you a very safe and happy Christmas. At Tuesday’s Thanksgiving Mass I thanked individual people for their contributions to the school community but I would like to thank especially members of the PTFA, the School Advisory Council, The uniform shop and the canteen helpers. All of the members of these groups give up their time freely to ensure that the school runs smoothly.

School Captains and Vice Captains

Over the last few months the children in year 5 have been looking at the many aspects of leadership. They have been learning about the qualities of good leaders and about the responsibility associated with being in a student leadership role. A couple of weeks ago children in the senior school nominated children who they thought displayed these qualities and last week voted for School Captains and Vice Captains. I sat down on Wednesday with the 4 boys and 4 girls who received the most votes. I was delighted with the calibre of students who I sat down with and told them that even if they didn’t get any the roles I hope that they will show their leadership qualities throughout the year. Following these meetings I presented the names of the top 4 students to staff who had some further input. I am very proud to announce that the Captains next year will be Dana Carrafa and Rick Daicos and the Vice Captains will be Nikita Daicos and Izaac Chatfield.

Carols Night

Last week I made an early call on postponing the carols night and as it turned out we had quite a nice night on Friday. I must admit I was hoping it would rain to justify my decision. The forecast for tonight is very good and I am hoping that you are able to come along and join in the fun. I do understand that this is a very busy time and you may have already made plans, as is the case with some of the teachers, but it would be great if you could come to school at 6.00pm tonight.

Graduation

Next Tuesday evening the year 6 students will celebrate their graduation with a mass starting at 7.30 at St Anne’s followed by supper in the Parish Centre. As I have previously mentioned, last year we had the supper in the multi purpose room here at school and with all the families involved it was just too crowded and that is why we made the decision to have the celebration at St Anne’s. As has been the case in the past, grade 5 parents act as hosts for the evening and help to serve the food which we supply. I have had 6 volunteers so far and we can probably cope with this amount but if you are able to help please give the office a call and let me know. I will send out a note to those parents who have volunteered with all the arrangements needed.

End of Year

Just a reminder that we will finish the year on Wednesday 18th December at 3.15pm and school will resume next year for all students on Thursday 30th January in 2014.

Take Care
Paul Hogan
**LIBRARY NEWS**

Dear Parents,

Could you please assist your child to find and return any books belonging to the school. OLMC books are all stamped. The books belonging to the library have a barcode, with the name of the school, on the back of the book. The loss of any of the school's books will restrict the choice and borrowing for all other children. I hope you can assist in finding any books that need to be returned.

Thank you.

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**THANK YOU FROM THE 1/2 AREA**

Hi Everyone,

On behalf of the teachers in the 1/2 classes I would like to thank, Justine Haxby, Belinda Crocker, Melissa Formosa, and Vesna Phillips for volunteering their time to sew new costumes for our Nativity play. It was wonderful to see the student’s reaction as we presented the new costumes to them. A very special thank you to Tamara Moir for not only sewing extra costumes, but for washing and ironing our other costumes. We all sincerely appreciate your time, as we know how busy it is at this time of the year.

We would also like to take this opportunity to thank all the parents, too many to mention, who have volunteered their time to help us on our special days cooking, cleaning, supervising excursions or the time spent in the classrooms and other activities. We are truly grateful for your enthusiasm and dedication to the students of Our Lady of Mount Carmel.

We wish you all a very Merry Christmas and hope to see you in the New Year.

Yours truly

Liza Rosati 1/2 Coordinator

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**CANTEEN ROSTER—TERM 4 2013**

Contact Sally 0400 384 403 if you are unable to attend. Canteen Hours 11.15 - 2.15 approx. Please remember to sign in at the office and tie long hair back. Thank you for volunteering in the canteen.

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Merry Christmas !!

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**PARENTS PLEASE NOTE CHANGES**

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**SCHOOL BANKING**

THIS WEEK: 34 students banked $249.70
COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD

3rd SUNBURY SCOUT GROUP—CHRISTMAS TREE SALES  Freshly cut Christmas trees from $40.00. Miller Street Scout Hall 7th 8th 14th & 15th December. Delivery available. To pre order contact Mike 0419 810 727 or Liz 0419 887 648 or online http://www.3rdsunburyscouts.org.au/component/rsform/3-xmas-trees-order-2013

HUME LIBRARIES SUMMER READING CLUB- INVESTIGATION  Starts Mon Dec 2 and runs through the summer holidays

Suitable for ages 4-17. Young people are encouraged to read as many books as they can to go into the draw for some fantastic prizes. Visit a Hume Library or visit the website www.humelibraries.vic.gov.au

RIDDELL DISTRICT FOOTBALL & NETBALL LEAGUE  introduces junior netball in 2014. Girls aged between 11 and 15 are wanted. Contact Rhiannon Banner at the RDFNL on 9740 5021

OSHCLUB—Program Update

This week has been all about Christmas! Children have enjoyed making lots of decorations and Christmas themed art. Children also enjoyed cooking, outside play, decorating the OSHCLUB room and also doing some art activities that children have suggested.

Thank you to those families who have donated some shoe boxes for us to use next week to make Christmas themed diaramas. We have lots of exciting activities for next week to conclude an amazing year.

THIS WEEKS ACTIVITIES

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Parent Information

OSHC program phone: 0401 850 518
Coordinator: Sarah Parkinson
Assistants: Simone Mosticone
Trudy McConnell

OSHClub Head Office: 03 85649000

All families must be enrolled to attend the program, remember this is Free!! Please create an account online at www.oshclub.com.au all bookings and cancellations can also be managed via your online account. For on the day bookings please contact the Coordinator direct at the program.
2014 Canteen Helpers

The Our Lady of Mount Carmel Canteen is asking for volunteers to help on Fridays between approximately 11.00 am & 2.30 pm. No previous experience is necessary.

If you are able to assist, and have a current Working With Children Card please fill out the details below and return to the office as soon as possible so a roster for Term 1 next year can be arranged.

For any further information I can be contacted on olmccanteen@hotmail.com or 0400 384 403

Thank you,

Sally Hewitt-Tacey

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CANTEEN VOLUNTEER – REPLY SLIP

Name (please print) ......................................................................................................................................................

Phone Number: ...........................................................................................

Eldest Child's
Name ........................................................................................................................................Class............................

Working With Children Card No.............................................................................................................................

I am willing to help in canteen 1 2 3 times a term

(please circle)