Dear Parents,

I hope that you found the Parent Teacher chats worthwhile. From a teachers point of view these initial meetings can obtain valuable information, which may not be evident in the day to day running of the class. I also hope that it allowed you to feel comfortable in contacting the teacher throughout the year when you need to discuss progress of how your child is going at school.

Next week I will be visiting the local kinders with Mrs Hussey, Principal of St Anne’s, handing out flyers for our school in preparation for enrolments for 2018. It seems very strange that we are only 3 weeks into the school year and we are already thinking of 2018 enrolments! But this is the nature of school life. We must always plan early for the next year enrolments.

We have an information and registration evening for First Communion next Tuesday 21st February 7.30 pm at the Parish Centre which is repeated on Wednesday 22nd February at 2.00pm also at the Parish Centre. It is important for parents that you attend one of these sessions if your child is making First Communion this year.

This year our school is up for review. Every four years school are reviewed. Our review date is September 4th. I met with Mrs Sandra Ritchie, who works for Catholic Education Melbourne on Wednesday of this week to map out dates for term 2 where much of the preparation for the review will be done. Our external reviewer is Mr Jim Delaney. Once the review is completed Mr Delaney will write a report of his findings, which he will share with the Parish Priest, staff and School Advisory Council.

On Monday of this week a group of hardy swimmers braved the chilly conditions at Sunbury Aquatic Centre for our swimming trials. I don’t think I’ve ever experienced a quicker trial day with the children swimming their races and then going straight for the towel to rug up and keep warm! I commend the children and thank Mr Healy and the parent helpers for assisting on the morning. The annual Sunbury Swimming Carnival is next Thursday 23rd February at the Aquatic Centre where our team of swimmers will compete against the other local Sunbury schools. Good luck to our team!

Regards,

Mark

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**2018 Prep Enrolment Dates**

**8th March**: Prep Information Sessions 10.30am & 7.30pm (Parish Centre)

**Enrolments open this day (8th March)**

**22nd March**: OLMC School Open Day - 9.30am & 7.30pm

**21st April**: Enrolments Close
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<td>For being a responsible and respectful student and working hard in class</td>
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<td>Grace Fisher</td>
<td>For using the 3R’s in everything she does and being a great role model for others!</td>
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<td>Daisy Handley</td>
<td>For being a responsible reader</td>
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<td>Jessie McDonald</td>
<td>For showing the 3 R’s beautifully this week and being a great friend. Awesome!</td>
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<td>Roman Stella</td>
<td>For kindness and consideration for others.</td>
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<td>Mitchell Harmer</td>
<td>For working hard in all subjects and being enthusiastic about his learning.</td>
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<td>Oliver D’Crus.</td>
<td>For displaying the 3 R’s everyday</td>
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<td>Khalan Paterra</td>
<td>For taking responsibility for his learning time</td>
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<td>Emily Owens</td>
<td>For showing excellent resilience and being respectful to all.</td>
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<td>Hannah Formosa</td>
<td>For her organisation and a great start to the year.</td>
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<td>Madalyn Brown</td>
<td>For having such an enthusiastic approach to her schoolwork.</td>
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**OLMC PRAYER ROSTER—2.45 pm OLMC CHURCH**

**ALL WELCOME**

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No prayer 27th Feb in lieu of Ash Wednesday Mass—1st March
Parent Classroom Helper Training

Dear Parents,

I will be running another training session on Monday 27th February at 2.30pm for any parents who are interested in helping in the classrooms. (This is for parents who have not previously done this training at OLMC). You are most welcome to bring pre-schoolers on this day, but remember toddlers cannot be in the classroom with you when you are helping.

If you would like to attend this session please catch up with me or leave your details at the office.

The session will go for approximately 45 minutes and will be held in the LRC.

Thanking you

Trish Cairns

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Dear Parents,

As you are all aware orders for Issue 1 of Book club closed today. I am however, going to keep the online ordering component open for the next two weeks, so if you wish to order and have not done so yet you can do so via this. Please note: I will not be able to accept cash or cheques

Also please remember, if your purchase is a gift for your child and you do not want them to be given the books to bring home themselves, please let me know and I will contact you to arrange collection when the materials come in.

Thankyou

Trish Cairns

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SECOND HAND SCHOOL CLOTHING SALE

Monday February 20th—Thursday February 23rd

Multipurpose Room

Gold coin donation—Proceeds to Vinnies

Please feel free to visit any time during school hours

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SCHOOL UNIFORM SUPPLIER CONTACT DETAILS:

A reminder that you can visit the AGS store should you need to try on school uniform. If you need to return an item, contact AGS for instructions to enable to a speedy return process.
Positive Partnerships is coming to a location near you!
Join us for 2 days of learning with other parents and carers of school aged children on the autism spectrum, designed to help you foster productive school, family and community relationships to provide the best kind of support for your child. Our workshops are for parents, carers and grandparents wanting to understand more about autism and learn practical strategies using evidence based resources to help maximise their young person’s learning.

What will you gain by attending this workshop?
- An increased understanding of the impact of autism
- Further knowledge about how to develop effective partnerships with your school
- Information to help you access further support both inside and outside of school
- An opportunity to be part of a support network where you can share strategies and experiences with other parents/carers

An understanding of a planning tool that can be used to share key information related to your child

Workshop details
Venue: Treacy Centre 126 The Avenue Parkville VIC 3052
When: Tuesday 21 and Wednesday 22 March 2017 9.30 am – 2.30 pm (Registration from 8.45 am)
Catering: Morning tea and lunch is provided. Please advise any dietary requirements upon registration.
Register Online: positivepartnerships.com.au Registrations open 7 February 2017 and close one business day prior to the workshop. Register early as places are limited!
Questions? If you are not able to register online please call the Positive Partnerships Infoline: 1300 881 971 or email parentcarer@autismspectrum.org.au

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CSEF ELIGIBILITY

Below is the criteria used to determine a student’s eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF).

Criteria 1 – Eligibility

To be eligible* for the fund, a parent or legal guardian of a student attending a registered Government or non-government Victorian primary or secondary school must:

• on the first day of Term one, or;
• on the first day of Term two;
  a) Be an eligible beneficiary within the meaning of the State Concessions Act 2004, that is, be a holder of
     Veterans Affairs Gold Card or be an eligible Centrelink Health Care Card (HCC) or Pensioner Concession
     Card (PCC) holder, OR
  b) Be a temporary foster parent, and
  c) Submit an application to the school by the due date.

* A special consideration eligibility category also exists. For more information, see: www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

Parents who receive a Carer Allowance on behalf of a child, or any other benefit or allowance not income tested by
Centrelink, are not eligible for the CSEF unless they also comply with one of (a) or (b) above.

Criteria 2 - Be of school age and attend school in Victoria

School is compulsory for all Victorian children aged between six and 17 years of age inclusive.

For the purposes of CSEF, students may be eligible for assistance if they attend a Victorian registered primary or
secondary school. Typically, these students are aged between five and 18 years inclusive.

CSEF is not payable to students attending pre-school, kindergarten, home schooled, or TAFE.

Eligibility Date

For concession card holders CSEF eligibility will be subject to the parent/legal guardian’s concession card being
successfully validated with Centrelink on the first day of either term one (30 January 2017) or term two (18 April 2017).

PAYMENT AMOUNTS

CSEF Payment amount

The CSEF is an annual payment to the school to be used towards camps, sports and/or excursion expenses for the
benefit of eligible student.

• Primary school student rate: $125 per year.
• Secondary school student rate: $225 per year.

The CSEF is paid direct to your child’s school and will be allocated by the school towards camps, sports and/or
excursion costs for your child.

For ungraded students, the rate payable is determined by the student’s date of birth. For more information, see:

Year 7 government school students who are CSEF recipients are also eligible for a uniform voucher. Secondary
schools are required to make applications on behalf of parents so please register your interest at the school.

HOW TO COMPLETE THE APPLICATION FORM

NOTE: ALL SECTIONS MUST BE COMPLETED BY PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN

1. Complete the PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN DETAILS section.
   Make sure that the Surname, First Name, and Customer Reference Number (CRN) details match those on your
   concession card. You will also need to provide your concession card to the school.
   If you are claiming as a Foster Parent or a Veteran Affairs Pensioner, you will need to provide a copy of
documentation confirming your status as a temporary Foster Parent or provide your Veteran Affairs Pensioner
   Gold card to the school.

2. Complete the STUDENT/S DETAILS section for students at this school.

3. Sign and date the form and return it to the school office as soon as possible. The CSEF program for 2017 closes on
   30 June, 2017.

CSEF payments cannot be claimed retrospectively for prior years.

Queries relating to CSEF eligibility and payments should be directed to the school.

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PLEASE HAVE ALL CLAIMS TO THE OFFICE BY TUESDAY 28TH FEBRUARY
Sunbury Catholic Parish
School Fee Policy for our Parish Primary Schools

There are two primary schools in the Parish of Our Lady of Mt Carmel. The Parish established the two schools through the generosity of parishioners, and their continued support enables the Parish to sustain pastoral and financial assistance to our schools.

2017 School Fee Structure
Family Fee total cost - $2050.00
This fee is charged annually per family. Billing is done at the start of the year for the full year and this account is required to be paid in full by the end of July.

Payment may be made by Cash, Cheque, Credit Card or Direct Debit.
Payment by instalment can be arranged with the office before the end of February.

Per Student Fee
Each student is charged a curriculum levy in November/December ($120 for 2017). This fee must be paid mid December 2016 so that resources can be purchased and distributed. There are additional costs for Sacramental classes (charged by the Parish) and school camps (usually Years 5-6). Interschool Sports are an additional charge (Years 5 & 6).

The two primary schools of Our Lady of Mt Carmel Parish receive limited funding from government sources. Parents who choose to send their children to our Parish primary schools are therefore obliged to pay school fees in order for the schools to repay loans, running costs, salaries and educational requirements. Parents will also be expected to participate in and support fundraising activities, which assists in the areas of maintenance, playground amenities and additional resources in curriculum.

It is a matter of justice that all parents are meeting their obligation and therefore the school fee policy has been developed to assist all parents.

Process for Collection of Fees

1. At the end of previous year the school will inform parents of the fees, when due and payment options. Payments are to be made by the due date.

2. If there is a difficulty with fees at any stage, onus is on parents to communicate with school and contact the Principal who can negotiate a reasonable fee depending on circumstances. Also, some people, for budget purposes, need to pay weekly, fortnightly or monthly. The school can accommodate time payment plans, but requests are to be made at the beginning of the year.

3. Parents will be issued an account as shown below, and reminders throughout the year.

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<td>Book list, excursions, etc</td>
<td>Early November</td>
<td>December (paid in advance)</td>
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<td>Yearly Fee (Full Amount)</td>
<td>February</td>
<td>End of July*</td>
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*Unless payment plan is in place.

4. If full amount is not received by the end of July, an Account Rendered is sent as a reminder.

5. One week later the Principal (or an agent of the Principal), will contact the parents. Arrangements are to be kept confidential between all parties.

6. If the agreed course of action is not implemented, a final letter will be sent one week later informing parents that the matter has been passed on to the Debt Collection Agency / Legal Team. In the event that the customer is in default of the obligation to pay, and the overdue account is then referred to an agency for collection, the commission payable and legal costs incurred shall be added to the amount outstanding and form part of the debt.

7. The Principal is to follow up the matter with the Agency. This will take place at various times during the year.

It is Parish policy that the two Parish Schools, St Anne’s and Our Lady of Mt Carmel, have the same school fees and the same school policy. There may be differences in other costs such as excursions.
Thank you for volunteering to help in the Canteen, it would be impossible without you! Please arrive at Canteen at approximately 11.00, and your assistance will be required until around 2.30pm. 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 NEWS  SCHOOL BANKING DAY IS TUESDAY

This week 44 students banked $595.05 - Great Effort!!

VOLUNTEERS WANTED

To help with school banking each Tuesday morning from 9am — 10.30. If you would like to help please see the school banking team on Tuesday morning at school or contact the office. Thank You

OUR LADY OF MT. CARMEL CANTEEN ROSTER—Term 1 2017

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COMMUNITY NEWS

SUNBURY BLUE LIGHT DISCO—80’s Night (prizes for best dressed) February 17 from 6-8pm. Primary Aged Children. $7 entry. Sunbury Memorial Hall. Contact Senior Constable Kimberley Hunting 9744 8111 for more details.

SUNBURY UNITED FOOTBALL CLUB

REGISTRATION DAY

WHEN: SUNDAY 19 FEBRUARY 2017, 10AM-2PM
WHERE: SUNBURY UNITED SPORTING CLUB
LANGAMA PARK, MITCHELLS LANE, SUNBURY
WHO: PLAYING OPPORTUNITIES FOR BOYS, GIRLS AND WOMEN. NEW PLAYERS ARE VERY WELCOME!

Come along and meet the coaches
Free BBQ for all attending

At SUFC you will have fun and make new friends, learn new skills, gain confidence and enjoy the WORLD GAME!

For more information, contact our Club Secretary at:
sunburyunitedfc@hotmail.com