Dear Parents,

Tomorrow night you are invited to join the school community for the celebration of Carols on the Green. It is a great opportunity to catch up with other families in a relaxed environment and enjoy the singing of the children. The night will start at 6.00pm and conclude by 8.00pm. You are invited to bring along a picnic rug or chair and something to eat and drink. A free sausage sizzle will be available and soft drinks can be purchased from the PTFA for $1.00. It would be terrific if we got great numbers like we did two years ago. The weather forecast is for cooler weather so bring something warm to rug up.

Vinnies Christmas Appeal

Each year, around this time, we support the wonderful work that Vinnies do to support those in need. Our community has been extraordinarily generous throughout the year supporting various causes that the house teams chose and we have been conscious of not asking for anything this term. However, Christmas is a time that many families are doing it tough and we have an opportunity to brighten the day of children who otherwise might not have such a great day on Christmas Day by donating a present and placing it under the Christmas tree located in the school office. If you are able to support this cause please wrap the present but put a card with the sex and age that the present would be suitable for.

Thanksgiving Mass

A note came home this week asking for replies to the Thanksgiving Mass which is happening on Tuesday 10th December. To enable us to cater for morning tea could all reply slips be back in by the end of the week. Morning tea will be served in the multipurpose room following mass.

Christmas raffle

Thank you to everyone for bringing along the lovely gifts which will be put into hampers and will be raffled off. Tickets will be coming home next Monday if not before. The raffle will be drawn on Friday 13th December so tickets and money will be due in on Thursday 12th December.

Tuition Fees and levies

A separate letter is coming home today to inform you about some changes to the way that school fees will be collected next year. Also another letter will be coming home about curriculum levies and the collection of book packs.

Funding Update

Many of you may have seen the news over the last week and been concerned about the future of funding for our school. The Australian Government announced on Monday 2 December that it would reverse its earlier position and fully fund its commitment to all schools over the next four years.

With the federal debate on funding now resolved, all Catholic schools are looking forward to the government and the opposition working together to engage in real policy reform to improve school performance in the interests of all students. As always, it is your interest in this matter that helps inform government on the need for fair funding for Catholic schools.

Take Care

Paul Hogan
RE NEWS: Gospel Challenge

So Joseph also went up from Galilee to Bethlehem he belonged to the house of David. He went there to register with Mary, who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no guest room available for them. And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them. And the Angel proclaimed “Today in the town of David, a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord.” From Heaven voices came praising God saying, “Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace to people of good will.”

Colin Healy REL

Gospel Dramatisation: 24th December 2013

Christmas Eve Mass Rupertswood stadium

| Star Bearer: | Mt Carmel |
| Innkeepers: | Mt Carmel |
| | Mt Carmel |
| | Mt Carmel |

| Angels: | All Schools |
| Shepherds: | All Schools |

I am writing in to invite all students from Yeats 1-4 at OLMC to participate in the Gospel Dramatisation celebrated during the Christmas Eve Mass at Rupertswood. Please collect a yellow slip from the office if you are available.

Colin Healy
SCHOOL BANKING

Congratulations to our 2 winners JORDAN VAN MIDDEN and ABBEY CROCKER
They have won a Back Pack with goodies compliments of the Commonwealth Bank.

Please Note: All students are only able to “carry over” 9 tokens into 2014. If you have more than that please make certain that you choose a gift before school finishes this year.

Happy Banking and a safe and Merry Christmas

SCHOOL BANKING CO-ORDINATORS

OSHCLUB—Program Update

This week is all about Christmas!! We are going to start our fun and exciting decorations this week. Children have given some great suggestions on craft and cooking activities for Christmas. We are very excited to decorate our room.

OSHCLUB NEWS:
We are also still collecting shoe boxes for diaramas.
Trudy is recovering well however will not be back until the holiday program
We are going to introduce an initiative which may stop children from losing their school hats by asking all children to have another hat in their bag used for OSHClub. This hat doesn’t have to be school colours it only needs to be a sunsmart hat. If all children have a hat they can use for OSHClub it will help to avoid school hats getting lost. Feel free to give me some feedback on this new initiative.

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.
Carmel’s Keyboard Program

The Christmas Keyboard Concert will take place on

Wednesday 11th December 2013 in the MPR

The students will be performing as a group and children who choose, will also perform a solo item

All students will perform with their grade at the following times:

9.00am—All grade 3/4s
10.00am—All grade 1/2s
11.30—All grade 5/6s
12.15—Prep C & Prep R

We hope you will be able to come and enjoy the beautiful music your children have been practising

From Cathy and the Keyboard students

SCHOOL BANKING

THIS WEEK: 41 students banked $261.35

Great Effort OLMC!
COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD

HUME CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT FREE FAMILY CHRISTMAS EVENT - Sunday 8 December 2013, Highgate Recreation Reserve Craigieburn @ 7pm. BYO picnic rug. Drug & Alcohol free event

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-

CHRISTMAS ...A TIME OF HOPE. Help us to give hope to a child by becoming a foster parent. For more information call Kay Gyngell at Anglicare Broadmeadows (ph 9301 5200)

BUNNINGS CHRISTMAS FAMILY NIGHT—Thursday 5th December 6pm-8pm. Fun filled activities for the family including Santa’s Little Helper Kids Workshops, Gift Wrapping Service, Meet Santa in store and Sausage sizzle dinner. plus much more !! RSVP and Bookings essential Ph 9744 0200

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

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)