



Newsletter

Term 4 Week 10 Thursday, 13 December

Principal's Message

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2018 Term Dates

Term 4 Last day
December 19
3.15pm



Dear Parents,

As the year draws to a close, I would like to thank you for your ongoing support of the OLMC community. On Tuesday night I met with the School Advisory Board and as we looked back on 2018 we were overwhelmed with how much was achieved throughout the year.

At the start of the year we introduced a Number Intervention Program and almost 20 of our year 1/2 and 3/4 students have been involved with great success. This will continue into 2019.

The Wellbeing Expo saw great collaboration between parents, staff and the wider community. This is something we will look at doing biannually.

From February and throughout the year, the staff engaged with New Zealand principal, Daniel Birch. Daniel is a source of information and inspiration and has helped us to reflect on and improve many of our Learning and Teaching practices to ensure the students are always the focal point.

In March we launched our much needed website and the response was very positive. It will continue to be improved next year and beyond.

Camp was part of our extra curricular activities with the 3/4s heading to Weekaway in Benloch and the 5/6s went to Camp Arrabri in Warburton. Next year the 3/4s will experience a city adventure and the 5/6s will head to Phillip Island.

Incursions this year included Cyber Safety, Bully Busters, Responsible Pet Ownership, Democracy, Western Water Yoga, Messenger dogs, the Opera, Billy carts and Water Safety. Excursions included Sovereign Hill, The Royal Melbourne Zoo, Scienceworks, Woolworths, Indoor Action Sports and Legoland.

The highlight for many of the students was the Colour Run back in March. They keep asking if we can have one every week. It was a great community building day as well as a fundraiser for our technology resources. We also celebrated Book Week, Crazy Hair Day and Story Dogs, Mothers Day dinner, Fathers Day breakfast, Jump Rope for Heart, Maths Games Day and Pyjama Day.

We raised money for St Vinnie's as well as the farmers drought relief and supported some of our students with their own fundraising.

Our staff has been involved in a number of professional learning opportunities throughout the year including SMART spelling, Dyslexia, First Aide training, Visible Learning, Critical Incidents, Manual Handling training, Risk Assessments,

We have conducted several emergency management practices on and off site so that we can be prepared in the case of a real emergency. This is done every year.

Seesaw and Mathletics have been introduced this year and proved to be very popular across the school.

At the end of the year we say goodbye and thank you to Ms Ann Douglas, Mrs Jill Young and Ms Renee Loprevite who stepped in when Amy Thompson left for her maternity leave. In 2019 we welcome several new staff in various roles – Bianca Cristini, Francesca Rizzo, Michael Minas and Kate Faulkner.

Next year we will introduce a STEM or STEAM program to enhance students capacity in the areas of science, technology, Maths and the Arts. Mark and I have been to see how this can be done in other schools and we will put our own spin on to it.

At the start of next year I will engage the help of Catholic Education Melbourne to look at the structure of the Advisory Board and encourage new members to join. I would like to thank the board, especially Sue Millett and Narelle Coughlan who end their family's time with OLMC this year. Thank you for everything the Millett and Coughlan families have contributed to our community. I believe the Milletts have been a part of Mount Carmel for 150 years!

Thank you for your patience with the Carols night. Friday night was too dangerous to have children and adults sitting on the very hot green surface and when an extreme heat warning is issued to schools, we are obliged to act on this. I was very disappointed to see some of the Facebook comments. This is not the forum to bad mouth decisions made by the school. If you have any issues please see me. I am grateful to parents who took the time to email me and offer solutions. This is what our partnership is all about.



Congratulations to Katie Warburton for winning the Hume Council Education Scholarship this year. Katie is a well deserved recipient.

Thank you and farewell to Chelsea our Osh Club Coordinator who leaves OLMC at the end of the year. Chelsea has been a valued member of our wider community and will be greatly missed.

Congratulations to our newly elected House Captains for 2019:

PADUA

Captains: Brianna Marsh and Luca Stella

Vice Captains: Ruby Price and Erin Furniss

LORETO

Captains: Bella Owens and Joel Zanatta

Vice Captains: Olivis Flinn and Noah Burnell

PENOLA

Captains: Marc Cortese and Ella McDonald

Vice Captains: Copper Ridington and Lily Pucar

FATIMA

Captains: Chelsea Jovanovic and Alex Fish

Vice Captains: Mitchell Harmer and Keisha Debrincat

Our staffing for next year will be as follows:

Office administration staff: Melissa Bonavia & Antonia Ozougwu	Prep R – Natalie Rule
Learning Support Officers: Carmel Bladen, Amanda Della, Karen Johnson, Nicole Keil, Cassie O’Keefe, Nicole Owens, Nicole Paciullo, Maria Pinto, Josie Spiteri-Fenton	Prep MR – Emma Mallia and Liza Rosati
Library Support – Julie Wright	1S – Paula Seric
Canteen – Sally Hewitt-Tacey	1JB – Danielle Jongebloed and Trisha Bell-Bartels
Number Intervention – Kerry Dougherty	2C – Trish Cairns
Japanese – Yumiko Aiki	2R – Rita Rocco
Student Wellbeing and Learning Diveristy – Shelley Ellis	3/4CC – Christine Cassar
Maths Leader – Michael Minas	3/4BC – Bianca Cristini
Reading Recovery and Literacy Support – Ruth Lethlean	3/4H – Chris Harper
Deputy Principal and Technology – Mark Gleeson	5/6MT – Rebecca McCabe and Michelle Tighe
RE Leader and Phys Ed – Colin Healy	5/6SF – Evelyn Sfyris and Kate Faulkner
Performing Arts – Michelle Tighe	5/6R – Francesca Rizzo
Visual Arts and School Community Liaison – Liza Rosati	

There are many families who we say goodbye to and thank them for their time and contributions to our community. I wish all of the students, especially the year 6s heading into secondary school, all the very best for whatever the future holds for them and know that you will always be part of the OLMC community. Farewell to the Byrne, Carville, Coughlan, Daniels, Detravers, Fahy, Fentiman, Fettes, Fisher, Frantz, Gallagher, Inserra, James, Ladek, Millett, Murphy, Pedersoli, Saurini, Spiteri, Taranto, Walker, Warburton and Widodo families. We will have a guard of honour to farewell the Year 6s at 3pm on Wednesday 19th December. Please come along and don’t forget the tissues.

This Sunday we celebrate the 3rd Sunday in Advent:

Gospel

Luke 3.10–18

The crowds asked, “What should we do?”

I wish each and every one of you a very Blessed and happy Christmas. I hope the Spirit of our Lord is within you in everything you do. Have a safe holiday and I look forward to seeing you in the New Year.

Julie



2019 Term Dates

- Term 1 :** Thursday 31st January - Friday 5th April
(Easter : Friday 19th April - Monday 22th April)
- Term 2 :** Tuesday 23rd April — Friday 28th June
- Term 3:** Monday 15th July — Friday 20th September
- Term 4:** Monday 7th October— Friday 20th December (TBC)

BOOK BOX COLLECTION

Book Boxes will be available for collection from the school office from this afternoon.

Payment of the Curriculum Levy needs to be made prior to book pack collection. All school fee accounts should already be settled. If you have an outstanding balance please see Melissa in the school office. Thank you

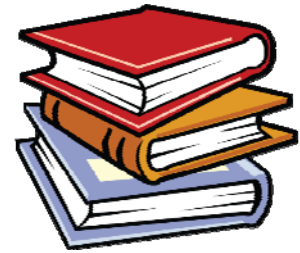
LIBRARY BOOK RETURNS

Dear Parents,

All library books are now due. Can you please help your child find any books they have borrowed so they can be returned promptly.

Thank you

Julie Wright



Thanks to all involved with the Christmas Raffle

We would like to thank everyone who donated to our Christmas Raffle, and acknowledge Bun-nings, Readings, Sunbury Aquatic Leisure Centre, Inflatable World and Alexandra Dee's gift wrap-ping for their generous contributions.

Our school community raised over \$1000, which will go towards outdoor games for our children.

Thank You for supporting the Vinnies second hand school clothing appeal. All uniform donated will be available in the local Sunbury Vinnies store (O'Shannassy St) from mid next week for a gold coin.

LOST PROPERTY REMINDER

A reminder to check lost property located in the MPR before the end of the school year, which is filled with many unclaimed items.

Unnamed items will be donated to Vinnies

**Sunbury Catholic Parish
School Fee Policy for our Parish Primary Schools**

There are two primary schools (soon to be three) 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.

**2019 School Fee Structure
Family Fee total cost - \$2230.00**

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 (\$350 for 2019). This fee must be paid mid December 2018 so that resources can be purchased and distributed. There are additional costs for Sacramental classes (charged by the Parish) and school camps (usually Years 3-6). 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

<u>Fee</u>	<u>Sent Out</u>	<u>Due</u>
Book box, Stationery, resources, excursions, etc	Early November	December (paid in advance)
Yearly Fee (Full Amount)	February	End of July*

**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.

IMPORTANT DATES—2018	
	Term 4
December	
14	OLMC Thanksgiving Mass—9:30am—ALL WELCOME
17	Parent & Helpers morning tea 9.00-10.00 in the MPR—ALL WELCOME Whole school orientation session 12pm—1pm
18	Reports go home Year 6 Graduation – 6:30pm Mass OLMC Church
19	Final prayer session led by RE team—9.30am End of 2018 School Year at 3.15pm
January 2019	
31	Prep 2019 students commence
February 2019	
1	Year 1– 6 students commence

OUR LADY OF MT. CARMEL CANTEEN

NO CANTEEN TOMORROW

Canteen will resume for the 2019 school year on Friday 8th February



We require the services of a gardener to mow and maintain our gardens. This person would need the use of a slasher for the Convent paddock. If you know someone who would be interested please contact Melissa at the office.

SCHOOL BANKING NEWS—School Banking day is Tuesday

This week 25 students banked \$126.25 **SUPER SAVINGS EFFORT**

School Uniform News



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SCHOOL HATS Slouch & Legionnaire styles - \$10 each

SCHOOL SOCKS Anklet style sizes 9-12, 13-3 & 2-8 - \$4.00 each

Available for sale from the school office - Cash only—correct money appreciated

Images from keyboard concert & nursing home carols

