

Newsletter

Term 4 Week 10 Thursday, 12 December 2019

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Dear Parents,

As the school year draws to a close I want to thank you for your ongoing support of what we do here at OLMC. It has been a pleasure working with you and your family throughout the year. I bid a sad farewell to the families who are leaving us at the end of the year as their youngest child heads off to secondary school or they are starting afresh elsewhere. You will always be part of the OLMC family.

Farewell to these families: Burnell, Caccamo, Capule, Carruthers, Chipman, Debrincat, Dunkley-Price, Furniss, Hatzakortzian, Jovanovic, Loft, Marsh, Osborne, Owens, Price, Smith, Thompson, Wallace, Woodvine, Zanatta.

Congratulations to Ben from 2C who competed in the Cavy Council of Victoria Christmas Championships on the weekend and not only came home with placement ribbons for this show but was also awarded many Annual Club Awards for his guinea pigs Blaze, Grizzly, Daisy and Poppy. Well done Ben.



This time of year is always so busy and it is a time when we really need to be self aware, to implement our own de-escalation strategies and at all times choose to be kind. As adults this is also a timely reminder, to model to the children in our care these self guiding behaviours that prevent us from escalating in times of busyness and stress.

Class lists for 2020 have been finalised and students will spend time with their teacher and classmates on Monday between 12 and 1pm. This is a careful and rigorous process. Please trust the staff as we have spent many hours ensuring we place students with groups having factored in many, many elements. Things such as gender balance, academic balance, balance in types of learners, friendships etc. are all taken into account when working on these lists. Relationships are really important to us and we take the time to have every child in the school complete a list of 5 students they would like to be placed with for the following year, someone who helps them to be a good learner. ALL students will get at least one person on that list. There are times when students select friends who do not have the best impact on their learning and in this case teachers will probably choose to separate them. They will still have ample time to spend together at recess and lunch time and during whole level activities. While I have taken into account all conversations I have had with parents there are times where requests are not possible. Moving one child from class A to class B is not simple as we then need to ensure the balances and friendships are still catered for with all students.

This time of year and through the process of generating classes for the following year, is a great opportunity to have conversations with your children about resilience and accepting things that are beyond their control. Resilience is your ability to cope with tough times by applying your inner strength and engaging support networks. Resilience can not only enable you to face difficult situations, but often provides an opportunity to further develop your coping skills. Resilience enables you to better cope with challenging situations, and helps with your mental wellbeing. You probably already have skills and support networks that help you be resilient. You can build these up even more, making it easier for you to cope with life.

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2019 Term Dates

Term 4:

Mon. 7th Oct —

Wed 18th Dec

1.15pm finish

You can build your resilience by:

- knowing your strengths
- building your self-esteem – having confidence in your abilities
- focusing on the positive things in life
- building healthy relationships
- knowing when to ask for help
- managing stress and anxiety
- working on problem solving skills and coping strategies.

I found this online and wanted to share it with you. While the words are not mine, the sentiments definitely are:

I SEE YOU

It's a time of badges, certificates, medals, trophies, recognition, awards, prizes and 'seeing' of high achievement. I love seeing the kids that shine at this time of year - a big high heartfelt round of applause to you. You so deserve it for the effort you have put in.

But this message is for the kids that didn't get called up for any of the above...

I SEE YOU.

To the child that conquered their fear of heights, or sleeping in the dark, or riding without training wheels or sleeping out for the night for the first time this year, I SEE YOU

To the child that managed to resolve more conflict than they started this year, to the child that learnt to say the impossible; "I'm sorry", and to the child that walked away from the fighting instead of getting involved, I SEE YOU

To the child for whom school is a huge struggle, you get up everyday and you go, I SEE YOU

To the child that battled all year with the maths, or reading, or concentration, or speaking out in class, or learning their words, but persevered anyway, I SEE YOU

To the child that found the kindness in their heart reach out in any way to another person or to an animal in need or in pain, I SEE YOU

To the child that learnt to give and to share for the first time this year and even found joy in these, I SEE YOU

To the child that battles to make friends and to be social, you made new friends this year and for that, I SEE YOU

To the child who wanted so much to please, but was just out of sight of an adult who perhaps was too busy or too distracted, I SEE YOU

To the child who lost a friend or a loved one this year, but carried on everyday bravely even though their heart ached, I SEE YOU

To the brave parents that try everyday to do the best for their kids, I SEE YOU.

May you and your children revel in small but significant victories that you have both experienced this year, as I will with my beautiful children. For every year there is progress and growth, we don't need a podium or handshake or a hall of applause to be seen.

This Sunday we celebrate the 3rd Sunday in Advent. How are you preparing for the birth of our Lord? Have you taken time to reflect on what this season means to you and your family? It is not a happy time for everyone. Take time to think about those who have lost loved ones throughout this year.

Gospel

Matthew 11:2–11

'A greater than John the Baptist has never been seen.'

Enjoy the week

Julie



A reminder to check the lost property cupboard located in the MPR before the end of the school year.

It is overflowing with school uniform , food/drink containers and non school items.

If your child is missing any of the above please check lost property before the end of the school year.

Unnamed/unclaimed items will be donated to Vinnies.

BOOK BOX COLLECTION

The book boxes have arrived for Years 1 - 6 2020. They are now available for pick up . Please be aware that payment is required prior to pick up. Thank you.

IMPORTANT If you are missing the **A3 art folio** from your book box, they have arrived at school but due to their size they will be distributed in the classroom next year. Thank you.



OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL SCHOOL
MISCELLANEOUS GROUP PHOTOS
(E.G. SPORTS GROUPS, HOUSE CAPTAINS ETC.)

To purchase miscellaneous group photos,
please go to
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Log in and enter your
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First group photo is \$26.00
Additional different group photo is \$13.00

Order before Sunday 8th December for FREE delivery back to your school.
Orders placed after this date will incur a \$7.95 fee and be posted to your nominated address.

OLMC CANTEEN ROSTER TERM 4, 2019

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	Jing Ji
	Chantal Vella

Thank you for volunteering to help in the Canteen, Please arrive at the Canteen at approximately 10.45, and your assistance will be required until around 2.15pm. 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,

The Whole School Photo is now available to purchase.

A copy to view is available in the school foyer.

School Banking day is **Tuesday**

This week 18 Students banked \$ 175

Fantastic Effort Everyone !!

Any reward orders placed now will be received next year



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

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

**2020 School Fee Structure & Schedule
Family Fee total cost - \$2250.00**

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 \$360 for 2020. This fee must be paid mid December 2019 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). Interscholar Sports are an additional charge (Years 5 & 6).

One to one Laptop Program Year 5 & 6 Students only

Every student in year 5 and 6 has the opportunity to participate in a one to one laptop program, whereby all students are allocated an Apple Mac Laptop for their use at School and also at home (with controls) and Parents are billed (with school fees) for the rent of the machine whilst at OLMC in years 5 and 6. The cost for 2020 for the Laptop rental is \$460 for year 6 and \$480 for year 5 students. At the end of Year 6 each family has the option to purchase the Laptop their child has been using for an extra fee.

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.

IMPORTANT DATES—2019	
	Term 4
December	
13	Thanksgiving Mass—9.30am Evergreen’s Luncheon—12pm
16	Whole school moving up day 12 - 1pm /Prep 2020 final orientation 12—1pm Year 6 Graduation—6.30pm
17	Reports go home Nativity Play 10.15am & 12.15pm Kelly Sports Dance Concert 1.30pm
18	Final Day for 2019—1.15 pm finish

IMPORTANT DATES—2020

28th January	Staff Resume
29th January	Staff PD day
30th January	Preps begin with a full day, 8.45am. Year 1-6 students will be booked in for a session with their new teacher
31st January	Year 1-6 students begin 8:45am

2020 Term Dates	
Term 1 :	Tuesday 28th January Friday 27th March (Easter : Friday 10th April - Monday 13th)
April	(Preps start January 30th . Year 1 –6 start January 31st)
Term 2 :	Tuesday 14th April Friday 26th June
Term 3:	Monday 13th July Friday 18th September
Term 4:	Monday 5th October Friday 16th December

Our Lady of Mount Carmel OSHClub

Service Information

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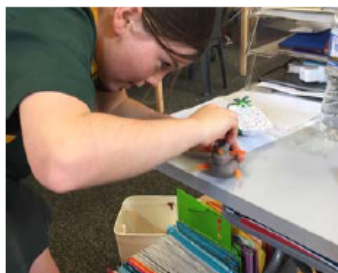
Last Week in Review

Activities: Christmas trees, Christmas count down, Christmas presents, Christmas trees, Christmas decorating, Christmas crackers, photo frame, 3D Christmas cards.

This week we celebrated the countdown to Christmas! All week we have been creating present, cards, frames and, crafts for our loved ones. Children made sure to write special messages on cards and wrapping handmade gifts. This week we made our very own Christmas crackers with hats and, Christmas jokes or handmade trinkets. We loved decorating the OSH Christmas Tree with our own amazing baubles, angles and, Christmas hats. We are extremely creative and made baubles using clay. Our baubles were all unique, some were Pokémon balls, and others were very glittery and full of colour. In OSH we are confident and involved learners who, initiate and contribute to play and leisure experiences emerging from our own ideas.

ISLA making a snow man out of clay (left).

Asta's beautiful santa poster she made herself (Right).



Parent Information

VACATION CARE

Vacation care brochures are now available in the OSH room. St Anne's Primary School will be running VC between Monday 6th January to Friday 31st January 2020. Make sure you book in your kids. Awesome activities will be available including bowling incursions, Splashtastic Fun, and Wizards and Witches themed day. Ask OSH for more information.

PUPIL FREE DAY BOOKINGS—Book by 5pm on the 12th December.

We have upcoming Pupil Free Days on Thursday 19th & Friday 20th of December 2019, which will run if, we receive a minimum of 15 bookings for each day. If going ahead, the sessions will run all day from 7:00am to 6:30pm at the

FAREWELL TAYLOR!

Our permanent educator, Taylor, will be leaving us at the end of the year to take on another job. Taylor was away last term to finish her degree and, she has now picked up a full time teaching job next year. She passes on her thanks and well wishes for the families and children of OSH. She would love everyone to know the fun she has had and the love she has for all the children. Best Wishes Taylor.



Taylor with charlotte, Teagan and Ashton for PJ Day.

STAFFING UPDATE FOR 2020

Due to study, Venetia has decided to step down to an educator position next year and will be taking Taylors permanent educator role at Our Lady of Mount Carmel. This leaves the coordinator position open which is in the process of being filled. More information will be given next year on

This Week at OSHClub: Christmas Week

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
BEFORE SCHOOL CARE				
Pupil Free	Making Christmas cards	Santa Hat	Christmas Hama Bead ornaments	Christmas Hama Bead 3D cards
Pupil Free	Child Initiated craft	Child Initiated craft	Child Initiated craft	Child Initiated craft
AFTER SCHOOL CARE				
Pupil Free	Star Ornaments	Fingerprint Christmas lights	Felt Christmas Stockings	Just Dance—Christmas
Pupil Free	Child Initiated craft	Candy Cane Relay	Child Initiated craft	Child Initiated craft
BREAKFAST				
Selection of Cereals, Wholemeal or raisin bread served with strawberry jam, butter or Vegemite.				
AFTERNOON TEA				
Pupil Free	Pizza Seasonal Fruits	Yoghurt Seasonal Fruits	Pasta Seasonal Fruits.	Pancakes Seasonal Fruits.

School Uniform News:

School Socks available for sale from the school office

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CAROLS FROM 7PM

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