Dear Parents,

On Friday, I joined with 15 other principals in the zone to visit the Mary MacKillop Heritage Centre in Albert St. We toured the museum and then learnt about Mary MacKillop and the history of the Josephite sisters and the work that they have done over their long and proud history. The theme of the presentation was based around the topic of Mercy. This year Pope Francis has called all of us to be merciful to others. We looked at some of the writings of Mary MacKillop and linked these to the messages that Pope Francis has been sharing throughout the year. We found that there is a very similar message coming from Rome to that which St Mary shared so many years ago. I am incredibly proud of the children in their efforts to show Mercy to others and this continues on Friday night when we have a number of children participating in a winter sleep out here at school to raise funds and awareness of the plight of homeless people in our society. Mary MacKillop spoke to her communities about the 6 Corporal Works of Mercy.

“Feed the Hungry, give drink to the thirsty, clothe the naked, shelter to the homeless, visit the sick and give alms to the poor” Through our engagement in our House Teams over the last few years, I believe that we have addressed all these works of Mercy and it something that makes me very proud and I know that the children have a very deep understanding and a care for those in need.

OLMC Fun Run
On Monday morning at assembly we launched our major PTFA Fundraiser for the year. On Thursday 15th September we will be holding a fun run based here at school starting at 5.00pm. All information about how to organise sponsorship etc was sent home on Monday and already we have some eager beavers register and have started collecting sponsors. There are some great prizes available for the children. We will have a sausage sizzle running on the night and, as this will be my second last day at school, it will give me the opportunity to catch up with families and to thank you for the tremendous support that I have had over the last 7 years.

Student Achievements
As mentioned at the assembly on Monday morning some our students have been busy over the weekend participating in various activities.

Aiko Gati won the Japanese Speech Competition held in Brighton at the weekend.

The Weir girls, Charlotte and Layla competed at the State Gymnastics Final with great success both individually and in their teams.

Rose and Bridie Berne and Grace Byrne all competed in the Victorian Irish Dancing Championships. All girls did very well with Bridie being crowned Victorian Champion. It is fantastic that many of our children are engaged in activities and with footy finals coming up I wish all the children the best.

Fathers Day Stall.
A reminder that we have the Father’s Day stall next Thursday. A note came home recently with prices etc. Also a reminder that the Father’s day gathering is on next Friday 2nd September. Please fill out the reply slip attached so that catering can be organised.

Uniform Shop News
As mentioned in last week’s newsletter, we will be moving across to an online ordering system for all our uniform purchases. The process will begin next week with APLUS School Wear joining with Julie to do the prep fittings. The online ordering system will begin in about two weeks but in the meantime if you need to order any items of uniform use the forms in the office and they will be sent through to APLUS and delivered to school.

Take Care

Paul Hogan
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<td>For being organised and always trying his best!</td>
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<td>For Team Responsibility: A great performance and showing effort in preparation and participation for Summer Sports.</td>
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**CLASS PRAYER—Monday 2.45 OLMC Church**

5/6 R - The Passion of John the Baptist

Monday 29th August—All welcome
Bookclub

Dear Parents,

Issue 6 of Ashton Scholastic Bookclub was sent home earlier with your child. The closing date for orders from these catalogues is Monday 29th August – to be handed in by recess please.

Just a reminder, if you want to make a purchase as a gift for your child and do not want them to be given the books to bring home themselves, please write a note and a contact number on the envelope in which you place your order and I will contact you to arrange collection when the materials come in. These orders can also be given directly to me or left at the front office. (If leaving at the Office please write details on the envelope if the item is for a gift).

Thank you
Trish Cairns

Premier’s Reading Challenge

Dear Parents,

Congratulations to all those students who have successfully completed the Reading Challenge. Just a reminder that the Challenge closes on September 9th and all books need to be recorded by then.

Thanking you
Trish Cairns
‘Waste Watcher of the Week’

Macey Newman

Awesome effort Macey and all the Waste Watchers at OLMC.

Keep up the GREEN WORK!

FATHER’S DAY ANNUAL FOOTY & PIZZA NIGHT

Come along to our annual Fathers Day evening on Friday September 2nd in the Multipurpose Room. 7.00pm—12.00 midnight. The cost of the night is $25.00 and includes pizza and refreshments plus lots of fun and laughs while watching some footy highlights.

Please return the reply slip below to school with correct money in a clearly marked envelope

Father’s Day Pizza & Footy Night, 2nd September 2016

Family Name:________________________________
Eldest Child:_________________________________
Class:______________________________________

Enclosed cash only for tickets:
Number of tickets required ($25.00 per ticket)
Correct Money enclosed $_______________________________
PARISH NEWS

PARISH PLAYGROUP: our parish currently runs a playgroup each Tuesday from 9am to 10am in the Parish Centre. During the year we have the Kinda Kinder program run for 5 weeks twice per year. The other weeks we have an unstructured play time where parents and children can play with the toys and socialize together. All are welcome. Kinda Kinder Program starts 2 August until 30 August.

CHILDRENS LITURGY OF THE WORD– TERM 3:
Currently our parish runs children’s liturgy at 1 mass per weekend during school term. If you are interested in helping to run these sessions to teach the children of our parish about our faith, please contact Jo at the Parish Office on 9744 1060.

Term 3 program is as follows:
28 August 10.30am Christine & Carol
3 Sept 6.00pm Sue & Bridget
11 Sept 10.30am Bernadette
17 Sept 6.00pm Rita

SCHOOL BANKING NEWS

School Banking Day is Tuesday
This week 62 students deposited $455.65. Fabulous effort !!!

OUR LADY OF MT.CARMEL CANTEEN ROSTER TERM 3, 2016

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Contact Sally on 0400 384 403 if you are unable to attend your rostered day.

LOST PROPERTY REMINDER

Please check lost property if you are missing any school items. Please label all food / drink containers and clothing items with your child’s name.

A small silver ring has been handed in at the office with engraving on it, please contact the office if you are the owner.