Our Lady of Mt Carmel School Newsletter

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Gospel

Gospel of John 13:34-35

A new commandment I give unto you; that you love one another, even as I have loved you, that you also love one another. By this shall all men know, that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.





OLMC Calendar Important Dates

23rd May Yr1/2 Assembly 8.55am
26th May Confirmation
28th May Reconciliation
3rd June Western Australia Day
6th June Yr 3/4 Assembly 2.40pm

From the Principal's Desk

It was fitting that this week the Sunday Gospel reading was based on our school motto – *Love one another as I have loved you*. The students are aware that part of the school crest on their school shirt includes the symbol of the Sacred Heart of Jesus – a constant reminder to demonstrate love for one other, and for themselves. Last week, Mr Tony Critch (grandfather of Angus, Laney and Maggie), sent the school an excerpt from the handwritten diaries of Monsignor Hawes that recorded that the children of Our Lady of Mt Carmel School donated a statue of the Sacred Heart of Jesus to the church for the sum of seven pounds, ten shillings. This beautiful statue made of wood, sits on the left hand side of the church. When the last Presentation Sisters to teach at the school left Mullewa, they bequeathed a large image of the Sacred Heart that was to remain hanging in their original chapel. This image still hangs today in the school.

Mary - Rosary for Month of May

On Friday, 10th May, the students gathered together to pray the Rosary, especially for the month of May. The Year Three/Four class took on the role of practising and planning this Prayer Service. Students from Pre-Primary to Year Six all participated and followed along using their Rosary beads. The Year Three/Four students did a wonderful job of leading the school through the Rosary and reading the Joyful Mysteries. They had also spent a lot of time preparing the grotto in the front garden of the school with a new statue of Mary and some beautiful bunting with pictures and names for Mary. It was a special time for everyone to enjoy a sacred space and some silence during their praying.



Sacrament of Confirmation 2019

This Sunday, May 26th, seven students from Our Lady of Mt Carmel School will be receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation. These students have been diligently preparing themselves to receive this Sacrament and they are becoming ready to be sealed with the Gift of the Holy Spirit during the Rite of Confirmation in the Mass. Last Friday, Father Robert showed the students the special Oil of Chrism that will be used in the ceremony, and also spoke to them about the names of the Saints they have chosen as their Confirmation names. This Monday, Bishop Michael Morrissey will make a special visit to our school to visit the candidates and ensure they are well prepared to receive the Sacrament. Our candidates this year are Angus Critch, Cooper Messina, Taylah Pittman, Lachlan Rowe, Isabella Low, Laney Critch and Sofie Weir. They will be joined in this journey by their sponsors, family, the Parish and School community, and their classmates who will be receiving a special blessing in the ceremony. Families are welcome to attend the Mass to support the candidates and students from Year One to Six are also encouraged to come along and sing in the school choir.



Sacrament of Reconciliation

Our Year Three students will be receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation next Tuesday, 28th May, at 9:00am in Our Lady of Mt Carmel Church. The Year Four students will be attending the ceremony to support their classmates, along with family members. A simple morning tea will follow the ceremony in the front garden of the school.

Communio Week

Communio is a name given to a plan to help the needy people in our own Diocese of Geraldton. Communio Week in schools, takes place in second term and the school is currently collecting donations of toiletries and fleecy blankets. These will be used for the students to make care packs to give to Centacare in Geraldton for families in need. Thank you to those families who have already donated to this worthy cause.

School Cyclic Review

Towards the end of June, our school will be involved in a School Cyclic Review (SCR). The SCR process is intended to promote a culture of reflection, collaborative inquiry and shared responsibility for continuous improvement at both school and system levels. SRC is a collegial review *with* the school and *for* the school not *of* the school. The SCR provides an opportunity for a panel of educators, external to the school, to affirm, challenge and report on the improvement journey at the school. SCR focuses on the effectiveness of a school's engagement with self-review, the impact of self-review on school improvement and the future directions for the improvement of student outcomes that the school has identified. SCR occurs once in a

five-year period and contributes to the compliance of school re-registration regulations in this state. The SCR Panel will be visiting our school this term. As part of that process they will be meeting with the Leadership Team, a selection of staff, Parish Priest and nominees from the School Board and P&F group. At the conclusion of the SCR Panel visit, a report that comments on our school improvement processes and strategic direction will be written and forwarded to the school.

Oral History Presentations – Pat Mills, Kevin Merrit and Clem Keeffe

Last week the students from Years Three to Six walked down to the Mullewa Town Hall to listen to oral history presentations from three former residents of Mullewa – Pat Mills (great aunty of Flynn and Noah), Kevin Merrit and Clem Keeffe (great uncle of Riley and Patrick). Unfortunately, Clem is currently in hospital in Perth, but his son, Courtney, stood in for Clem and spoke beautifully about his father. The hall was filled with Mullewa residents and many ex-residents whom had travelled across from Geraldton for the morning, and the children were absolutely entranced and overcome with emotion about the stories they listened to. It was a truly magical morning for everyone and we really look forward to another event like this. A favourite story from the presentations involved Pat Mills having a race to school in her sulky pulled by her fat old pony, against Ken Keeffe on a much faster horse!

I liked when Pat Mills ran over Ken Keeffe's leg. They had a race to school. Ken fell off the horse. The horse was funny. He got back on the horse and won the race to school. (Lucas McGregor)

One bit that was sad was when Pat Mills' son got stuck in the car and walked on the edges of his feet for seven miles. My favourite bit was when Clem said their family was a bad sailor family because someone in his family tried to travel somewhere and they got shipwrecked. My other favourite bit was when Clem said he always kept his fences up so the sheep wouldn't get out but Kevin Critch might not have agreed because the sheep would always get into his paddock. (Maggie Critch)





Uniforms and Hairstyles

Another big thank you to parents for their efforts in ensuring their children are dressed neatly and in their correct school uniform, including the appropriate hair styles and hair accessories. It has been so pleasing to see the students taking great pride in the way they are presented each day.

Mother's Day

Last Thursday morning, the mothers in the Kindy/Pre-Primary class were treated to a wonderful morning of pampering by their children. The children painted their nails, styled their hair, made them a beautiful necklace and keyring and helped them create colourful biscuits to eat for morning tea. Finally, the children took their order for coffee and tea and shared a yummy morning tea with everyone out in the sunshine. It was beautiful to see the children so lovingly take care of their mothers. A big thank you to Mrs Tunbridge and Mrs Swift for the work they put into preparing this.

Jill Hollands Principal

















Birthdays

Happy birthday to the following staff and students



3rd June Aiden Schulz 7th June Lennox Poyner 7th June Charli Harvey



From the Office

Reminder: Please ensure that all uniforms are clearly labelled with your child's name.

Dates to Remember – Catholic Leave Day will be on August 26th 2019, this is a Pupil Free Day.

Pupil Free Day 22nd July, 14th October 2019

End of Year date has been set as Friday 13th December 2019

Parent/Emergency Contact and Medical Emergency Information – If your contact details change throughout the year please contact the office as soon as possible and update your information. Please also let the office know if your child has any allergy and/or medical condition. It is imperative that the school has the most up to date and correct information in case of an emergency.

Parish Notes

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish – Mass is celebrated every Sunday commencing at 8:30am. Everyone is welcome to attend.

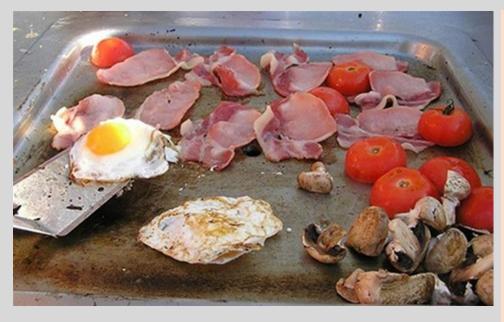
For further details and information on any Mass services please feel free to contact Fr Robert O'Bryan PP on 9961 1181 or 0457 980 85



P&F News

RODEO

A reminder that the P&F will be running the recovery breakfast at the Rodeo on Sunday morning. If you are able to help out please let one of the P&F members know as soon as possible.



Sunday Breakfast

Come and support our school!

Our Lady of Mt
Carmel Primary
School P&F will be
serving brekky fresh
from the barbeque at
the Rec Centre
Kitchen

Other News

WAAPA Winter School 2019

WAAPA at ECU is offering an exciting performing arts program for children and young people in years 1 to 12, these July school holidays. The Winter School includes classes in drama, acting, screen acting, film making and musical theatre. For information about the many courses on offer please visit Winter School or contact Gabrielle Metcalf at

g.metcalf@ecu.edu.au or 9370 6775.

