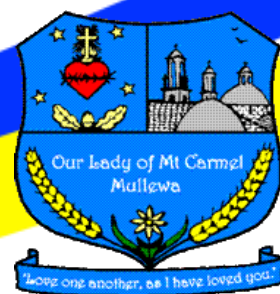


Our Lady of Mt Carmel School Newsletter

Term 1 Week 6
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Ash Wednesday

"From the Ashes"

By Michael Mangan

*For in the ashes new seeds are sown
From the ashes new life will grow
Leave the past in ashes;
Let the old things give way
Start a fresh new life right here today
In the ashes, from the ashes, out of ashes.*



Let today be the
day you give up
who you've been
for you who can
become.

Blessed Ash Wednesday



OLMC Calendar Important Dates

Important Dates Term 1

- 15th March Tuckshop**
- 21st March Yr. 1/2 Assembly 9am**
- 22nd March Swimming Carnival**
- 4th April K/PP Assembly 9am**
- 5th April NCVISSA Swimming Carnival**
- 12th April Final Day of Term 1**

'Love one another, as I have loved you.'

From the Principal's Desk

The Season of Lent

The Season of Lent began on Ash Wednesday with the marking of ashes on everyone's foreheads – a sign that reminds us to live the way Jesus wants. It was the beginning of our preparation for Easter and a special time when we stop and think about how we can play our part in God's hope for a world that is just and peaceful. Through prayer, fasting and almsgiving we take the focus away from ourselves and instead focus on our relationship with God.

On Shrove Tuesday the students had the chance to offer up their commitments they have made during Lent. During our traditional burning ceremony Father Robert offered these to God by burning them, along with palms from last year's Palm Sunday Mass and some wheat from last year's harvest. During our Ash Wednesday service the ashes were used to mark everyone's forehead and we joined together to pray and sing the hymn "Out of Ashes".

Our Spiritual Ministers, Cooper and Latisha, then reminded us of the way in which we can contribute to Caritas' Project Compassion during the Lenten season and handed out a giving box to each family in the school. Caritas has as its theme for 2019 to give Lent 100% in the name of hope! The students will be focusing on a project from a different country each week to raise their awareness of Caritas Australia's work overseas and highlight the ways in which the money they raise is used to give hope to the lives of others less fortunate than themselves.



Our Values Program – Fruit of the Spirit

The focus during the second set of three weeks of the term has been on Joy – another of the nine Fruit of the Spirit that are an integral part of our values system across the school. It has been very rewarding to hear the students refer to the Fruit of the Spirit in their reflections on aspects of each day. At the end of the Fremantle Dockers' visit to the school a few weeks ago, Angus Critch thanked the players and then presented them with a Fruit of the Spirit bookmark, highlighting the set of values students from Our Lady of Mt Carmel aspire to use in their daily interactions.

Staff Professional Development Day

While the students were enjoying their pupil free day, all of the staff had the opportunity to work with our school psychologist, Mrs Fiona Currans, and the Students with Disabilities Support Consultant from the Broome Diocese on a TeamTeach program. The program focuses on all staff working together collaboratively using a values driven approach to support all of the students in the school. Feedback from all of the staff was extremely positive and rewarding and we were able to work on planning that ensured as a staff we are always working toward the same goals, and in a cohesive fashion so that students are hearing the same messages across the school. A values driven approach in our school ultimately means we are using the Fruit of the Spirit as the basis of our approach to everything we do.

'Love one another, as I have loved you.'



A huge thank you to the P&F for our new swing set!

As most people will have noticed, our students have had much to be joyful about during the last week with their newly installed swing set on the oval. The swings are bright and colourful in our school faction colours of Brigid's Blue and Lelia's Gold! Many hours at recess and lunch breaks have been spent swinging and the students are doing a marvellous job sharing the swings and ensuring

everyone has a fair go. A huge thank you needs to go to Mr Brendan Weir and his band of helpers – Simon Keeffe, Bernard Mills, Tim Critch, Steven Rowe, Brett Schulz, Hugh Rowe, Joel Pitman and Kieran Crudeli, who spent a very long day installing the swings. The men arrived before the staff and left extremely late. The installation was running smoothly until the men hit rock which turned out to be a major obstacle and prevented them from easily drilling the holes for the swing set poles. A special thank you to Brendan Weir for the many hours he spent in preparation for the installation ensuring the men had everything they needed to work with. Thank you also to Mrs Rachel Swift for her work in researching the best type of swing set for our students and Mr Colin Swift for picking up the swing set in Perth and transporting it to Mullewa for us. Thank you also to the P&F for allocating the funds for all of this to happen.



P&F Association Meeting for Term One

The P&F held their first meeting for the year last Tuesday night and it was wonderful to see both new and old parents of the school attend and contribute to the discussion and decisions being made. The Office Bearers for this year were confirmed at our Annual General Meeting for 2018 that was held early in the year and these are:

President	Mrs Penny Critch
Vice President	Mr Brendan Weir
Treasurer	Mrs Janelle Rowe
Secretary	Mrs Belynda Mills

The P&F were very positive and generous in their allocation of money to various items and programs this year and we look forward to spending this money wisely and always in to enhance the students' learning and wellbeing throughout the year. As mentioned above, one of these is the newly installed swing set in the playground. The P&F is also reviewing the constitution and will be discussing proposed changes at the next meeting. Copies are available from the P&F Executive.

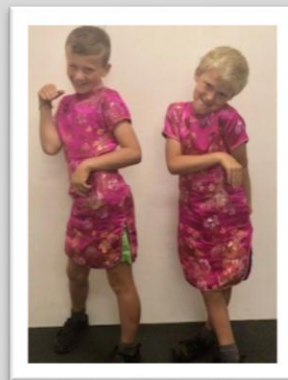
Rugby WA Visit

Last week the students from Years 3-6 thoroughly enjoyed participating in a clinic run by visitors from Rugby WA. The students had the chance to test their rugby skills in the fitness and practical skills session run by the players. The school was fortunate to receive a number of rugby balls to use during their play times. Everyone involved in the clinic spoke highly of the way in which it was run and the enthusiasm of the students. A special thanks to our local policeman, Scott Nimmo, who went to the trouble of organising the visit and did so in such a professional fashion.



Year Three/Four Assembly

The Year Three/Four students gave everyone present at their recent assembly a wonderful insight into their Talk for Writing strategy they use during their Literacy Dedicated Time. They were able to integrate this practice into their presentation of a Chinese poem. It was lovely to see everyone dressed in the Chinese costumes the school was able to purchase with funds provided by our P&F Association.



Year Five/Six Camp Meeting

A meeting for parents of students in Year Five and Six will be held this Thursday, 14th March, at 3:30pm in the Year Five/Six classroom. This will provide an opportunity for Miss Makeeli to inform parents about camp details and what will be needed in preparation beforehand.

Year Five/Six Camp Fundraisers

The Year Five/Six class will be holding a sausage sizzle for lunch at the school swimming carnival on Friday, 22nd March, in order to raise money for their school camp at the end of the term. A sausage in bread will cost \$2. Those students wishing to order their lunch on this day may bring their money to school over the next week.

Students from the Year Five/Six class also spent a lot of time last Friday night at the Mullewa Family Fun Day, selling tickets to the \$100 note raffle. People were able to guess the last 3 digits on the \$100 note. Congratulations to Syd who won the \$100! Well done to the students who gave up their time to sell the tickets and raise money for their camp for everyone to enjoy.



NAPLAN – Information for Parents of Year Three and Five Students

An information pamphlet on NAPLAN testing for parents of Year Three and Year Five students was sent home last week. Please read this pamphlet so you are informed of these tests that will take place early next term. Please let the school know if you have not received one of these pamphlets.

Parent Pick-up

A reminder to parents to please let the school know, either through the front office, or a note to your child's classroom teacher, if there are any changes to the way in which your child normally travels home. Thank you to those parents who have let the school know if another parent, or family member, will be picking up their child, especially if this is to occur during the school day.

Jill Hollands
Principal

Birthdays

Happy birthday to the following staff and students



14th March Benjamin Green
16th March Nicholas Crudeli
16th March Emily Pitman
18th March Sofie Weir



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





Footy Tipping Competition



The AFL 2019 football season kicks off on Thursday the 21st March and a tipping competition is being run again to raise money for the **OLMC P&F Association**.

For **\$50** you can join and tip your way to winning weekly cash prizes plus end of year prizes.

The tipping competition will be run online through www.itipfooty.com.au.

You will need access to a computer, tablet or smartphone.

Previous tippers can simply log in and click to rejoin – **OLMCMullewa** (#107909)

New tippers can register an account with itipfooty.com.au and then join **OLMCMullewa** (#107909) with the password **olmcpnf**. For more details please email olmcfootytipping@gmail.com

Alternatively tipping packs are available next week from Thurkles Post Office, OLMC office and Janelle Rowe. Payments can be made in cash or by EFT.

Account Name – **OLMC P and F** BSB – **066 512** Account Number – **103 786 41** Reference - **Family Name**

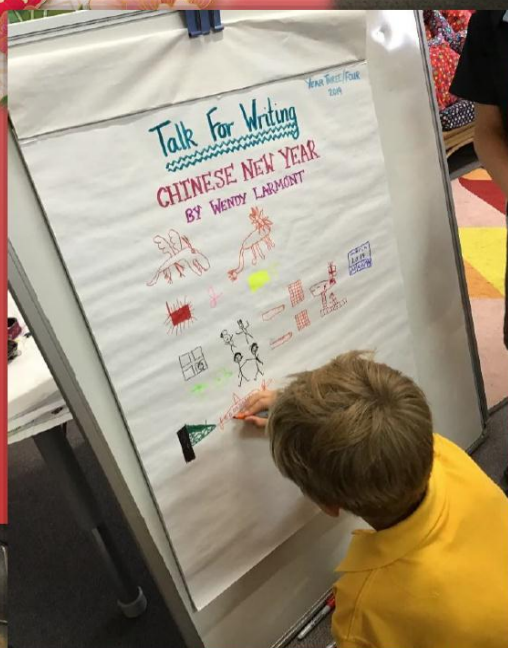


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Contact Janelle Rowe for details

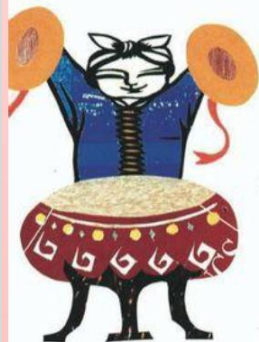
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Year 3/4 Assembly



Chinese New Year

Dragons, lions,
Red and gold.
In with the New Year,
Out with the old.



Banners flying,
Bands playing.
Lion prancing,
Dragon swaying.

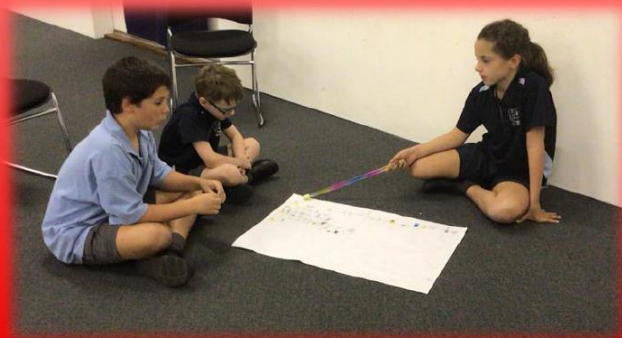
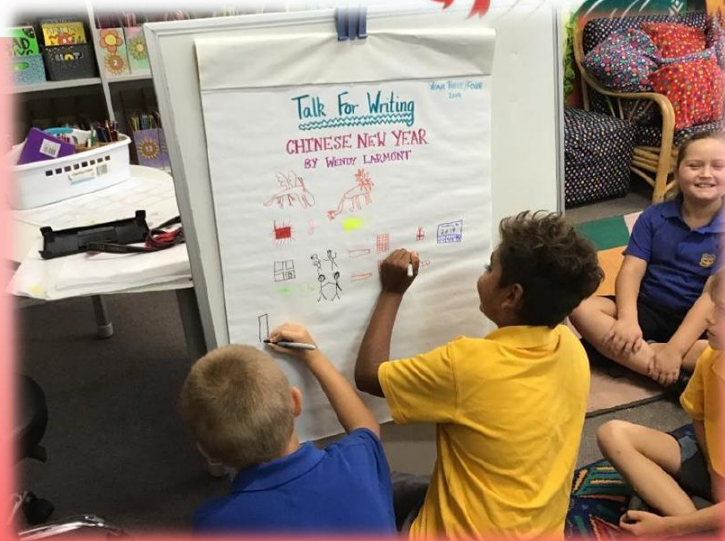
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Fireworks cracking,
Lanterns swinging,
People laughing,
Dancing, singing.

Dragons, lions,
Red and gold.
In with the New Year,
Out with the Old.

Wendy Larmont

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