

# Our Lady of Mt Carmel School Newsletter

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## Prayer to Saint Joseph



*O Gracious Saint Joseph. Protect me and my family  
as you did for the Holy Family.  
Keep us ever united in the love of Christ,  
ever strong in trying to be more like our Blessed  
Lady, Mary your spouse,  
and ever faithful to you.*

## OLMC Calendar Important Dates

### **Important Dates Term 1**

**29<sup>th</sup> March** Magic Show 11am

**4<sup>th</sup> April** K/PP Assembly 9am

**5<sup>th</sup> April** NCVISSA Swimming Carnival

**8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> April** Yr 5/6 Camp

**12<sup>th</sup> April** Final Day of Term 1

### **Important Dates Term 2**

**29<sup>th</sup> April** Pupil Free Day

**30<sup>th</sup> April** Term 2 Commences

**14<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> May** NAPLAN

**26<sup>th</sup> May** Confirmation

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

## From the Principal's Desk

### **The Fruit of the Spirit – Peace**

During the next 3 weeks the Fruit of the Spirit that we will be focusing on is that of Peace. The students will be learning about ways in which they can try to be a peaceful person both in their actions around the school and in their interactions with others. Well done to those students who received certificates at last week's assembly for demonstrating a Fruit of the Spirit during the previous two weeks.

### **The Feast of Saint Joseph – School Mass**

Last Tuesday, the students celebrated the Feast of Saint Joseph with a School Mass in our church. The Year Three/Four class, led by Miss Penny Cream, prepared the Mass and all of the students did a beautiful job, reading, serving on the altar and singing hymns. It is wonderful to see our new students having the courage to read aloud at Mass and our students who have received the Sacrament of First Eucharist having a go at learning to serve, led by the older students. Father Robert talked to the students about the role Saint Joseph played in being a good father to Jesus. A special thank you to our parents who were able to come along and participate in the Mass with us.

### **Saint Patrick's Day**

This year, Saint Patrick's Day fell on a Saturday but the students still took the time to remember Saint Patrick, the Patron Saint of Ireland. Saint Patrick was dearly loved by the Presentation Sisters who began our school. At recess time the students enjoyed a piece of green cake made especially by Mrs Swift for the occasion.



### **Faction Swimming Carnival**

What a marvellous day it was for our Faction Swimming Carnival for 2019. The day ended up being a hot one, but the weather did not deter all of the children from performing to the best of their ability. Mrs Messina was delighted with the progress all of the students had made across their lessons and for many, the carnival was the day they chose to perform at their best. Like last year, the competition between Lelia's Gold and Brigid's Blue was intense throughout the day, but Brigid's Blue again took out the shield as winners overall. Lelia's Gold won the Behaviour Shield for their cheering and overall behaviour. Captains of both factions thanked the parent helpers, parent spectators and Mrs Messina for her organisation of the carnival. As Mrs Messina said at the end of the carnival, a very special thank you to our parents who helped out on the day and a special thanks to Anita Grima, Belynda Mills, Jodie Schultz and Sarat Bainbridge who assisted with the swimming lessons each Wednesday and Thursday. As we often say, activities and events like swimming lessons and our swimming carnival could not occur without the help of our parent volunteers.

### **InterSchool Swimming Carnival**

Those students who will be participating in the InterSchool Swimming Carnival on Friday, 5<sup>th</sup> April, will soon receive a letter informing parents about the day. This carnival is only for students from Year Three to Six.

### **Camp Fundraiser – Sausage Sizzle**

The Year Five/Six Camp fundraiser at the swimming carnival in the form of the sausage sizzle was a success with the students raising around \$150. A special thank you to Mr Scott McGregor for volunteering to cook the sausages for us. Thank you to all those families who supported the Year Five/Six class by buying the sausages on the day.

### **Year Five/Six Camp**

The Year Five/Six class camp will be held during the last week of this term, from April 8<sup>th</sup> until April 12<sup>th</sup>. A parent meeting was held last week to inform parents about the camp. Please remember to send in your child's permission and medical forms to school if you still need to do so.

### **City of Greater Geraldton Council Meeting**

Last week our two Communication Ministers from Year Five/Six – Riley Curtis and Sahara Flannagan, represented our school at the City of Greater Geraldton Councillors meeting. Riley and Sahara had the chance to address the councillors with ideas from our student body. Sahara asked the councillors about a barbeque being set up at the Wildflower Walk lookout and Riley thanked the City for the facilities they provide for our students to enjoy in the form of the Recreation Centre.

### **Year One/Two Assembly**

The Year One/Two students presented their class assembly last Thursday and we all had the chance to enjoy the story of "The Very Hungry Caterpillar". The students also displayed their reading bags they had designed and painted themselves.

### **Parent/Teacher Interviews**

Class teachers will be sending home a letter informing parents of times they will be available for Parent/Teacher interviews in the coming weeks. This is a good opportunity for parents to check in with their child's teacher to hear how they are progressing. Please try to make the time to meet with your child/ren's teacher/s.

### **Magic Show – Town Hall**

This Friday, 29<sup>th</sup> March, the students from Pre-Primary to Year Six will be walking to the Mullewa Town Hall to view a Magic Show. The performance will begin at 11:00am. Parents of Kindergarten students who may like to attend are welcome to accompany their child and attend the show at the Town Hall as it is not a Kindergarten day. Younger siblings are welcome to attend but please note the cost per child is \$7 and children under 5 and their parents are free. The P&F have kindly agreed to fund the cost of the show for all our students from Kindergarten to Yr Six.

### **New Swings**

The new swing set in the playground has continued to be a roaring success at recess and lunchtime. The children are to be commended on working together as a team to ensure everyone gets a fair go on the swings in the time available. A special thank you to Mrs Swift for making towelling seat covers for the swings that can be used during the hot weather.

### **Sacrament of Confirmation – Sunday, May 26<sup>th</sup>**

A reminder to parents that the Sacrament of Confirmation for Year Five and Six students will be on Sunday, May 26<sup>th</sup>, at the 8:30am Mass in our church.



## Parish Lawn

A special thank you to Mr Rodney Messina and his band of helpers who cleared the Parish lawn outside the church on Saturday afternoon. This is the strip of lawn where the buses pull up. The lawn is being replaced with newly planted trees and a new cement pathway for the students to use when boarding and disembarking from buses. The pathway will be laid this Friday.



## Geraldton Diocese Website:

**Easter Timetables** for all Parishes in the Geraldton Diocese are available on the home page of the Diocesan Website - <https://www.geraldtondiocese.org.au/> under *Diocesan News and Events*.

Individual Parishes can also be located under their own *Parish Tabs* located under 'Parishes' in the tabs at the top of the website.

## Jill Hollands Principal



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## Merit Awards Recipients

### ***K-PP***

Aaleyah Curtis  
Asha Tropiano  
Lewis Martin  
Robert Exel

### ***Yr 1/2***

Aiden Schultz  
Emily Pitman  
Luna Byron

### ***Yr 3/4***

Justice Brand  
Hunter Rumble  
Riley Keeffe

### ***Yr 5/6***

Latisha Exell  
Ben Green  
David Chambers



## Birthdays



Happy birthday to the following staff and students

26<sup>th</sup> March Latrell Ryder  
27<sup>th</sup> March Freya Brand  
28<sup>th</sup> March Max Rumble  
31<sup>st</sup> March Andrew Chambers



## 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 26<sup>th</sup> 2019, this is a Pupil Free Day.

Pupil Free Day 22<sup>nd</sup> July, 14<sup>th</sup> October 2019

End of Year date has been set as Friday 13<sup>th</sup> 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

### OLMC P&F Easter Raffle 2019

Dear Families

We will again be holding our Easter Raffle to raise funds for the P&F. The Easter Raffle is only possible through the generous donations of our families. We ask that families please provide an Easter item for us to include in the baskets. These can be left in the tuckshop fridge. Any donations of suitable baskets would also be much appreciated. Tickets will be sent home with the newsletter. There will be one booklet of ten tickets per family, with more available in the school office if required. We would really appreciate it if you could please sell as many tickets as you can and then return the ticket stubs and money to school by Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> April. The raffle will be drawn on Thursday April 11<sup>th</sup> with prizes available for collection that day or on the Friday. We thank you for your continued support of the P&F. Please note that there will be an Easter basket at Thurkle's supermarket – this is a separate raffle to the tickets you sell from the booklet. If you would like to purchase tickets to win this basket, please purchase them at Thurkle's. We would like to take this opportunity to thank John and Peta for their continued support of OLMC by allowing us to sell raffle tickets again this year.

Melinda Weir



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