

Our Lady of Mt Carmel School Newsletter

Term 3 Week 3
5th August, 2019



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Our Lady of Mt Carmel

Our Lady of Mt Carmel is the title given to Mary in her role as patroness of the Carmelite Order of Priests. The first Carmelites were Christian hermits living on Mt Carmel in the Holy Land during the late 12th and early to mid-13th century. They built in the midst of their hermitages a chapel dedicated to the Blessed Virgin. Since the 15th century, popular devotion to Our Lady of Mount Carmel has centred on the Scapular of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, also known as the Brown Scapular. Traditionally, Mary is said to have given the Scapular to an early Carmelite named Saint Simon Stock. In Catholic tradition, the brown scapular is a sign of belonging to Mary, and also a pledge to trust in Mary and try to become more like her, especially by using her virtues of humility and devotion to prayer. The liturgical feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel is celebrated on 16 July. As this date regularly falls on the school holidays, we will be celebrating with a school Mass this Friday, 9th August, that will be prepared by the Year Three/Four class. **Please note that the Mass will be at 11:00am, rather than the usual time of 9:00am.**



As a school community, we regularly join together to pray to Our Lady of Mt Carmel, by saying our school prayer.

*Our Lady of Mt Carmel
Keep watch over us and protect us from danger
Help us to live in peace and harmony and to be loving and kind to each other
Guide our teachers who teach us God's Word
Keep us loyal to our school and our friends
Our Lady of Mt Carmel, pray for us*



OLMC Calendar Important Dates

6th August P&F Meeting 7pm – All Welcome
8th August Merit Assembly
9th August Tuckshop
13th August School Photos
16th August Mass Rock
26th August Catholic Leave Day
29th August Fathers Day Stall 12.40pm
Important Term 3 Dates
31st August Mullewa Show
6th Sept Athletics Day
20th Sept NCVISSA
27th Sept Final Day of Term 3

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

Messages from the Principal's Desk

Fruit of the Holy Spirit

Our school community has been focusing on Patience as an important Fruit of the Holy Spirit during the first 3 weeks of term. The students have spent time reflecting on ways in which they demonstrate patience in their daily lives, such as allowing everyone to have their say during discussions, and acknowledging not everyone is as skilled as each other in their daily routines, and in their learning.

Staff Retreat

On our Pupil Free Day at the start of the term, our staff joined with the staff from St Mary's School, Northampton to participate in a Staff Retreat run by Father Robert and Mr Damien O'Malley, the Religious Education Consultant from CEO in Geraldton. The day was entitled "Sacred Spaces in the Mid-West" and focused on the role prayer can play in our lives, as well as the sacred places and spaces within our Church, and the Mass. A special part of the day included all staff walking together to experience a short pilgrimage on the life of Monsignor Hawes. Our town is blessed to have the Monsignor Hawes' Heritage Trail that includes the amazing work undertaken by Hawes in the Midwest and his particular devotion to the sacredness he included in his buildings.

Bishops' Religious Literacy Assessment

Each year our Year Three and Year Five students participate in the annual Bishops' Religious Literacy Assessment. Students from these year levels will complete their test this Friday morning, 9th August.

Leaders' Forum

Last week I spent a day at a Leaders' Forum in Perth for all principals from Catholic schools in Western Australia. This type of event was an opportunity for principals to explore Christ-centred leadership in Catholic schools as well network with colleagues from across the state. Aspects of the Forum included Governance within CEWA for 2020 and beyond, system updates on CEWA key projects such as the Child Safe Framework, Plenary Council 2020, Strategic Directions in CEWA 2019-2021 and an address by the new Executive Director of the National Catholic Education Commission, Jacinta Collins.

OLMC Cross Country



On the last Wednesday of last term, we all gathered for our annual Cross Country event for the students from Pre-Primary to Year Six. Many of our parents were present to enjoy another efficiently run event and all of the students really outdid themselves, participating both enthusiastically and with determination to improve their personal best. Although it was a very tightly contested competition, Gold's Lelia faction was absolutely delighted to learn that they had finally won one of the school faction events, after a very long wait! The winners and Sportsmanship medals for each year level were:

Year One/Two Sportsmanship Medal
Year Three/Four Champion Girl
Year Three/Four Champion Boy
Year Three/Four Sportsmanship Medal
Year Five/Six Champion Girl
Year Five/Six Champion Boy
Year Five/Six Sportsmanship Medal

Flynn Mills
Maggie Critch
Lincoln Pitman
Justice Brand
Sahara Flanagan
Riley Curtis
Charli Harvey



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Police Canine Team Visit

Last week the students had a surprise visit from members of the Police Canine Team who were working on projects in the Midwest. The canine trainers brought their 2 labradors for the students to see and watch the way in which they were trained to detect the presence of illegal substances. The dogs were incredibly fit and healthy looking, along with their trainers who have to be able to run 10km a day and keep up with their dogs. The trainers set the dogs to work and for a bit of fun had two of our students play tug of war with the dog, and attempt to run as fast as they could. All of the students really enjoyed the visit and were allowed to give the dogs a pat after their demonstration.



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Digital Technology Consultant

In the last week of Term Three, our staff were fortunate to spend time with a consultant from the Catholic Education Office on Digital Technology and the use of resources and devices in the classroom. Michelle Lloyd made a special visit to our school to work on enhancing our use of iPads and setting up learning spaces with the use of technology. All staff had the opportunity to be upskilled in this use and it is pleasing to see students already having the benefit of Michelle's work in their learning in the first weeks of this term.

Outback Bloom Art Project

During the first week of this term, our Year Five/Six students again had the opportunity to participate in the Outback Bloom Art Project organised for us by the Mullewa District Office. The visiting artist leading the project was again, Helen Ansell, our talented local artist (and parent). Helen worked with the students on beautiful sketches and paintings of the students' favourite botanical plant from the Mullewa area. It was wonderful to see the affinity the students already had with this flora and fauna, due to work previously undertaken by Helen and the Outback Bloom Project. We look forward to viewing the students' work during the Outback Bloom Festival close to our Mullewa Wildflower Show and Mullewa District Agricultural Show.

Bendigo Bank Grant – School Vegetable Garden

At the end of last term, the school was pleased to learn that we had been successful in receiving a grant from Bendigo Bank of \$700 that is to be used to continue setting up our school vegetable garden. A representative from Bendigo Bank will be visiting the school this Wednesday, 7th August, to present the money to our Year Three/Four class who are currently in charge of the garden. A big thank you to Mrs Penny Jones for successfully completing the application for this grant.



Science Excursion to Grain Trial Site at Tenindewa

Last Wednesday afternoon, the Year Five/Six students participated in a Science Excursion organised by Mrs Tracey Messina, to the trial site run by the Geraldton Department of Agriculture and Food. The students were able to see a variety of different types of canola that had been planted according to particular variables and were able to investigate the ways these variables had affected their growth rate. This learning opportunity tied in well with the Year Five/Six Biology topic. A big thank you to Mrs Messina for organising the excursion for the students and to Miss Makeeli for assisting with travel. We are also very appreciative of the time taken by the agronomist, Marty, for the time he invested in preparing such an interesting learning experience for the students.

P&F Quiz Night

Our annual Quiz Night fundraiser for the P&F was again a huge success with lots of fun had by everyone that was able to get there. A first this year was the dress-up theme and there were plenty of interesting and hilarious costumes. Lots of parents actually looked very comfortable in their 80's attire! A huge thank you to the Quiz Night committee of Belynda Mills, Jodie Pitman, Jodi Schultz, Megan Curtis, Jenna McGregor and Caitlin Bryant, as well as to our Quiz Master Brett Steele, who once again did a magnificent job in getting the crowd on side. The night raised around \$10 000. A special thank you to all of the sponsors for the night and people that donated wonderful prizes.

P&F Busy Bee

Parent volunteers gathered at school on Saturday morning for a Busy Bee to work on jobs that needed doing to improve the surroundings of our school yards and classrooms. Some of these jobs included trimming the pepper trees at the front gate, relaying paving, cleaning and repairing guttering, oiling our new outdoor tables and benches, gardening, tidying gardens at our teacher houses, removing pin up boards and fixing the reticulation in our school vegetable garden. A huge thank you to Mr Brendan Weir who spent a lot of time in the week before preparing a list of jobs and organising equipment and materials. A special thank you to the parents who attended the Busy Bee – Brendan Weir, Steven Rowe, Brett Schultz, Brett and Emma Chambers, Glen Ward, Tim Critch, Rodney Messina and Kieran Crudeli. A special mention must go to Steven Rowe, a regular participant in these events, who announced as he left for the day that this was his last Busy Bee! We really hope to be able to organise another one next term, so Steven has another chance to come along for the day.

P&F Meeting- Tuesday, 6th August

The P&F Meeting for this term will be held on Tuesday evening, 6th August, at 7pm. This will be a chance for the committee to gather feedback on the events carried out so far this year. All parents are very welcome to attend.

Mass Rock Pilgrimage

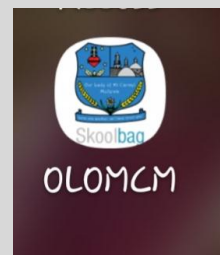
On Friday, 16th August, staff and students from Pre-Primary to Year Six will participate in our annual pilgrimage to Mass Rock to experience a celebration of the Eucharist in the special place dedicated by Monsignor Hawes' for the Aboriginal people of Mullewa. A letter outlining the events of the day will be sent home. Please check your child's bag for a hard copy of this letter, complete, and return the permission slip by this Friday, 9th August.

Term Three Assemblies

This term, school assemblies will be held on Thursday afternoon in Week 3, 6 and 9 and will simply be an occasion to present merit certificates earned by students, and to celebrate any achievements that have occurred, and will not be presented by a particular class. The assemblies will commence at 2:50pm. The Week 9 assembly will include an open classroom afternoon and will be an opportunity for parents to come and visit their child/ren's classroom. Parents will be notified of the time for this special assembly closer to the date.

Records of Attendance and Travel Arrangements

A polite reminder to parents to please ensure you have contacted the school office if your child is absent from school for any reason. The SkoolBag app is another useful way of doing this, other than a phone call. As it is a legal requirement for absences to be recorded, I ask that you please refrain from contacting any staff member via a message on their mobile phone, including if your child has changes to arrangements for travelling home from school by school bus or being picked up by another parent. The staff in the front office will always do their best to ensure messages regarding travel arrangements are relayed to your child, or your child's classroom teacher.



Term Planner

Please find an updated Term Three Planner for your records, attached to this newsletter. Please note the school has scheduled our annual Catholic Leave Day on the Monday of Week 6 that allows for a long weekend that is not a usual allocated public holiday.

School Photo Day – August 13th

School photos will be taken by MSP Photography on the morning of Tuesday, 13th August. Students will need to be dressed in their correct school uniform, rather than their sports uniform on this day. Please ensure your child is dressed correctly on this day, including the correct black school footwear.

Volunteer needed – OLMC Church & Monsignor Hawes' Priesthouse Museum

The Parish community is looking for any of our parents who might be able to volunteer 2 hours a week, between 10:00am and 12:00pm for the 3 busiest weeks of the tourist season in Mullewa, that is quickly approaching. The duty would simply involve being present at the Church and Museum so they can be opened for visitors. Both buildings are completely fitted with audio recordings that run repeatedly with all the historical information needed and volunteers do not need to know any of this history themselves. It would be wonderful if a parent was able to assist the Parish in this small way, especially as this would only be for 2 hours for a 3 week period.

School Dental Van

The school Dental Van is currently based at our school. Parents will have been contacted by the staff to organise an appointment for their child to attend the van. Parents will need to accompany children to their first appointment to discuss the treatment plan. If your child/ren are not currently enrolled with the Dental Van your child will not be seen. If you would like your child to be seen please contact the staff on **0429077716**

Jill Hollands
Principal



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Term 3 Calendar 2019

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat	Sun
1 Patience	22 nd July <i>Pupil Free Day</i>	23 rd July <i>Police Canine Team</i>	24 th July	25 th July	26 th July <i>Art Project Yr 5/6</i> <i>Outback Bloom</i>	27 th July	28 th July
2 Patience	29 th July	30 th July	31 st July	1 st August	2 nd August <i>Dental Van Arrives</i>	3 rd August <i>Morawa Ag College</i> <i>Open Day</i>	4 th August
3 Patience	5 th August	6 th August <i>P&F Meeting</i>	7 th August	8 th August <i>Yr 5 Bishops</i> <i>Religious Literacy</i> <i>Assessment</i> <i>Merit Assembly</i> <i>2:50PM</i>	9 th August <i>Yr 3 Bishops</i> <i>Religious Literacy</i> <i>Assessment</i> <i>School Mass</i> <i>11AM</i> <i>Tuckshop</i>	10 th August	11 th August
4 Goodness	12 th August	13 th August <i>MSP Photography</i>	14 th August	15 th August <i>Assumption of the</i> <i>Blessed Virgin</i>	16 th August <i>Mass Rock</i>	17 th August	18 th August
5 Goodness	19 th August	20 th August	21 st August	22 nd August	23 rd August	24 th August	25 th August
6 Goodness	26 th August <i>Catholic Leave Day</i>	27 th August	28 th August <i>Author visit Yr 3 -6</i> <i>Newman Students</i> <i>arrive</i>	29 th August <i>Yr 3 - 6 Pioneer</i> <i>Cemetery</i> <i>Fathers Day Stall</i> <i>Lunchtime</i> <i>Merit Assembly</i> <i>2:50PM</i>	30 th August	31 st August <i>Mullewa</i> <i>Agricultural</i> <i>Show</i>	1 st September
7 Self Control	2 nd September <i>Mass with Newman</i> <i>Students</i> <i>Disco with Newman</i> <i>Students</i>	3 rd September <i>Newman Students</i> <i>leave</i>	4 th September	5 th September <i>Skills for Life 5/6</i> <i>St Teresa of Calcutta</i>	6 th September <i>Athletics Carnival</i>	7 th September	8 th September
8 Self Control	9 th September	10 th September	11 th September	12 th September	13 th September <i>Tuckshop</i>	14 th September	15 th September
9 Self Control	16 th September	17 th September	18 th September	19 th September <i>Open Classrooms</i> <i>Merit Assembly</i>	20 th September <i>NCVISA</i>	21 st September	22 nd September
10	23 rd September	24 th September	25 th September	26 th September	27 th September <i>St Vincent De Paul</i>	28 th September	29 th September
School Holidays 27th September to 14th October							
1	14 th October	15 th October	16 th October	17 th October	18 th October	19 th October	20 th October

Birthdays

A very happy birthday to the following staff and students:



1st August Taylah Pitman
4th August Riley Curtis
12th August Lincoln Pitman
12th August David Chambers
18th August Latisha Exell
19th August Lewis Martin
26th August Chloe Dean
28th August Ruby Knock



★HAPPY★
BIRTHDAY!

Office Reminders

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.

P&F Notices

Tuckshop : A reminder that tuckshop is on Friday 9th August. Belynda Mills is the leader and Karen Martin and Sam Messina are the helpers.

Fathers Day Stall: The Fathers Day Stall will be held on 29th August at lunch time. A note will go home closer to the date.

Penny Critch
President

Brendan Weir
Vice President

Belynda Mills
Secretary

Janelle Rowe
Treasurer

Parish Notices

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 980852



Other News

You are invited to the OFFICIAL OPENING of



OUTBACK Bloom

MULLEWA'S WILDFLOWER FESTIVAL

Please join us for nibbles and drinks to open
2019's Outback Bloom Festival

Venue: Lesser Hall

Date: Wed 28th August

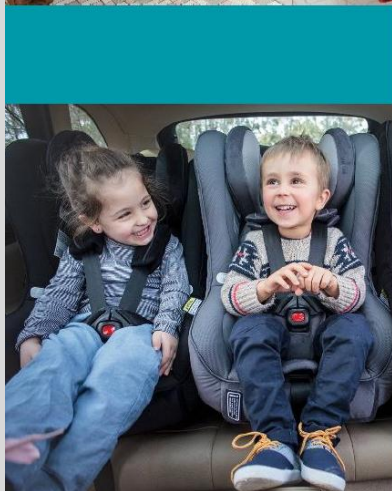
Time: 5.30pm - 7pm

ART DISPLAY - Thanks to the Mullewa Community Group;
local artist Helen Ansell conducted Wildflower Art Workshops
with students from MDHS and OLMC - these artworks will
be on display at the Opening and will stay in place
throughout the Wildflower Show

~ All Welcome ~



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Annual Regional Roadshow

Kidsafe WA is visiting your region!

Monday 2nd to Friday 6th of September 2019

Take advantage of the range of services offered by Kidsafe WA while we are in your area. Kidsafe WA focuses on preventing unintentional childhood injuries at home, at play and on the road.

Workshops and Services

Professional Development:

This workshop focuses on the priority areas and the risk factors that contribute to unintentional injuries in children 0-15 years of age, specific to your region. It is targeted at child & school health nurses, injury prevention, health promotion & population health officers, allied health staff and child care workers. (45 minutes – 1 hour)

Keeping Kids Safe:

This workshop focuses on common injuries in children that occur around the home, at play or on the road. It covers the methods to prevent these injuries and relevant basic first aid. Targeted at parents, carers, grandparents and community members. (45 minutes – 1 hour)

School Safety:

An interactive classroom presentation for students in years 1, 2 and 3, covering the topics of safety on the road, safety in the home and safety at play. (45 minutes)

Partners:



Government of **Western Australia**
Department of **Health**



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Expression of Interest Form

Midwest

Monday 2nd to Friday 6th of September 2019

Your Contact Details

Name			
Position			
Organisation			
Address			
Suburb		Post Code	
Work Telephone		Mobile	
Email			

Which services are of interest?

Free Services:

- ☐ Professional Development Workshop
(child & school health nurses, injury prevention, health promotion & population health officers, allied health staff & child care staff)
- ☐ Keeping Kids Safe Workshop (parents, carers, grandparents, community members)
- ☐ School Safety Workshop (school children grades 1-3)

Please indicate if you would like to host or attend a workshop:

- ☐ Host – Please indicate if you have a preferred day and/or time: _____
- ☐ Attend

Please return Expression of Interest forms by COB Friday 16th of August 2019.

Return forms to:

Anita Tsvetkov, Kidsafe WA

Address	140 Railway Parade, West Leederville, WA 6007
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Phone	(08) 6244 4886	Email	Anita@kidsafewa.com.au
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