

Our Lady of Mt Carmel School Newsletter

Term 2 Week 9
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Quote from Saint Francis on Peace

*Each of us has a vision of good and evil.
We have to encourage people to move towards what
they think is good.
Everyone has his own idea of good and evil and must
choose to follow the good
and fight the evil as he conceives them.
That would be enough to make the world a better
place.*



OLMC Calendar Important Dates

Important Dates Term 2

27th June K-PP Assembly 8.55am
28th June Tuckshop
29th June Quiz Night
3rd July Cross country 9am
4th July Yr 5/6 Assembly
5th July Final Day of Term 2

Important Dates Term 3

22nd July Pupil Free Day
23rd July Term 3 Commences

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

Messages from the Principal's Desk

Bishop Michael Morrissey – Visit to the Vatican

Very early this morning we received word from our Bishop, Michael Morrissey, that he will be attending Mass in Rome at the tomb of St Peter, along with all the other Bishops of Australia. This afternoon they will then be having a meeting with Pope Francis for two hours in which he is provided with the opportunity to keep the Pope updated on how our Geraldton Diocese is going. We wish him all the best and will look forward to seeing the photos on his return.



Our Lady of Mt Carmel Sacred Spaces

Many of you will have noticed that the statue of Our Lady has been placed back in the round garden bed in the school yard and Mary looks particularly beautiful there looking out over everyone that enters the gate.



A special thank you to Megan Byron for the beautiful repainting of Our Lady and to Kim Ansell for taking great care in replacing the statue to ensure it doesn't move from its pedestal. On the weekend, Mr Mick Tierney has installed two small bench seats in the newly refurbished grotto in the front garden of the school, so that this sacred space is able to be used by the children as a real place of reflection.



School Cyclic Review

Last Thursday and Friday, our school undertook its first Cyclic Review, a process of school improvement that is intended to promote a culture of reflection, collaborative inquiry and shared responsibility for continuous improvement at both school and system levels. The process was a collegial review *with* and *for* the school and was led by Mrs Kerrie Merritt – Principal of Assumption Catholic School in Mandurah, Mr Steve Gibbs – principal of Sacred Heart Thornlie, Mrs Leanne Hodge – School Improvement Officer and Mr Damien O'Malley – CEWA Representative from the Geraldton Diocese. The review was a positive experience overall for the school. While we have not yet received our formal written report, the Panel highlighted the aspect that stood out most strongly about our school was the shared vision and understanding that exists across the students, staff, parent and parish communities. This is certainly a strength of our little school in that we are all working together for the betterment of the students, at all times, and as a staff we feel blessed to be able to work in such an environment. Thank you sincerely to all those that took part in the review and in particular to the representatives of our School Board and P&F Committee who were able to contribute their thoughts on the future of our school.

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Book Fair

Last week the school ran a very successful Book Fair. Many parents and students took the opportunity to purchase books. Some of the students have already read their new books and completed a Lexile Quiz which has been wonderful to see. There were some wonderful costumes for our Book Parade and again a lot of thought had gone into creating some very simple, yet effective costumes in order for the students to show who their favourite authors were. A grand total of \$1,570 was raised. Once again, we say a huge thank you to Mrs Swift for taking on this task and to the other staff members who assisted in setting up the wonderful displays and of course dismantled them at the completion of the Book Fair.



Inter-School Football Carnival

Last week, some of our Year Five/Six students teamed up with students from Mullewa District High School to represent Mullewa at the Inter-School Football Carnival. The team played against Wandina Primary, St John's, Geraldton Primary and Strathalbyn. Miss Makeeli and Mrs Melinda Tunbridge accompanied the students and reported that everyone worked brilliantly together as a team and thoroughly enjoyed the carnival. We hope to be able to participate again next year. Well done to everyone involved!

Semester One Reports

I am currently reading the Semester One Reports for each child from Pre-Primary to Year Six. These reports are a way for you as parents to gain a greater insight into your child's strengths, skills and achievements over the semester. In addition, the reports provide information about what your children need to work at, in order for further progress and accomplishments. These reports will be posted to you during Week 10.

I acknowledge the teachers for the many hours they spend on preparing these reports, in terms of collating their assessments, assigning grades, and drafting and editing comments, all whilst dealing with their regular classroom responsibilities.

Kindy/Pre-Primary Assembly

A reminder that the Kindy/Pre-Primary Assembly that was cancelled last week due to our Cyclic Review, will be held this Thursday morning, 27th June, at **8:55am**. All are welcome to attend.

Our Lady of Mt Carmel Cross Country

The students are currently practising for their Cross Country events next Wednesday, 3rd July, at 9:00am. It is great to see so many of the students trying their hardest and participating with a positive attitude.

Jill Hollands Principal



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Birthdays

A very happy birthday to the following students:

21st June Maggie Critch

23rd June Asher Ansell

9th July Sally Ward

11th July Aidan Weir

14th Hannah Simpson



★ 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 28th June. Jenna McGregor is the leader and Debbie Crudeli and Michaela Keefe are the helpers.

Spare seats still available!

OLMC QUIZ NIGHT

DATE: Saturday 29th June

TIME: 6PM for a 6.30PM Start

PLACE: Mullewa Sports Club

THEME: Back to the 80s



*Tables strictly of 8

*Book your table with Megan Curtis on 0408 422 457

*\$10 Per Person

*BYO nibbles to share

*NO BYO alcohol

*Prizes and Raffles galore

*Prizes for the BEST DRESSED table

*Penalties for those not dressed in 80s get up

*Creche available- \$10 per child to be paid prior to the night to

**ADULTS
ONLY**

Penny Critch
President

Brendan Weir
Vice President

Jenna McGregor
Secretary

Janelle Rowe
Treasurer

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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



THREE DAY CAMINO (Walk)

- ♦ **FRIDAY 9 AUGUST** —24km walk from Ellen-dale Pool to *St James' Church, Kojarena* (overnight Echidna Park Sporting Complex, Kojarena)
- ♦ **SATURDAY 10 AUGUST** —25km walk from Kojarena to *Our Lady of Fatima Church, Nanson* (overnight Nanson Show Grounds)
- ♦ **SUNDAY 11 AUGUST** —Join in 80th anniversary celebration of the Hawes designed *Our Lady of Fatima Church, Nanson*, followed by bus to East Yuna & 5km walk to McGauran Memorial and picnic among the wildflowers (arrive back in Geraldton circa 4pm Sunday)

COST: \$250

For more Information & Registration go to
www.geraldtondiocese.org.au/heritage/camino-walk
or contact

Fr Robert Cross on 99213221(10am to 4pm only)





Image: Courtesy of the artist.

SCHOOL HOLIDAY WORKSHOPS

with West Australian Author/Illustrator Briony Stewart

GERALDTON REGIONAL ART GALLERY, 24 CHAPMAN RD GERALDTON

Scribble and Scribe

If you love writing and drawing then sharpen your pencils for a morning of word-weaving, brain-storming and character creation. In this workshop Briony will show you all of her sneaky tips and tricks for creating interesting writing and illustrations as you develop words and drawings that will also have the chance to feature in a beautiful illustrated book!

10am-12:30pm Daily
Monday 8, Tuesday 9, Wednesday 10 July 2019
Suitable for young people aged 8-14 Years

Illustration Celebration

From scribbly skies to moody metropolises, have you ever wondered how illustrators create the spaces and places of stories? Join Briony for a fun illustration workshop of painting experiments, and drawing techniques. Help to create some book-worthy story landscapes and vital visual details that will feature in a beautiful illustrated book!

1:30pm-4:00pm Daily
Monday 8, Tuesday 9, Wednesday 10 July 2019
Suitable for young people aged 8-14 Years

FREE to attend, bookings essential. RSVP to artgallery@cgg.wa.gov.au



More about Briony

Briony Stewart is the author and illustrator of several award-winning books for children, including *Kumiko and the Shadow Catchers*, winner of the 2012 Queensland State Literature prize for children's fiction. Briony lectures on children's literature at university and conducts talks and workshops with children across Australia. She loves live drawing challenges, day dreaming and discussing dragons, bunnies and how to tame lions.

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