

# Our Lady of Mt Carmel School Newsletter

Term 4 Week 3  
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## Prayer

*Father of all, we pray to you for all those whom we love but see no longer.  
Grant them eternal rest, O Lord. May perpetual light shine upon them.  
May their soul and the souls of the faithfully departed,  
through the mercy of God, rest in peace.  
Amen.*

## OLMC Calendar Important Dates

### Important Dates for Term 4

**9<sup>th</sup> December Graduation Mass and Morning Tea**

**10<sup>th</sup> December Christmas Concert**

**11<sup>th</sup>/12<sup>th</sup> December Pool Excursions**

**13<sup>th</sup> December Final Day of Term 4 for students**

**20<sup>th</sup> December Final day or Staff**

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

## Vale Donna Byron

Along with the wider Mullewa community, Our Lady of Mt Carmel School has been very saddened to hear of the passing of Mrs Donna Byron. For many years, whilst her three daughters were at school, Donna was an active member of our P&F Committee. She worked tirelessly to organise and manage our fundraising events, guiding and leading our parent community in managing these events so as to maximise their potential and ultimately raise more money for our students.

Donna played an enormous role in coordinating the running of the Show Kitchen, our Tuckshop Rosters, food for Busy Bees, as well as the school Quiz Night. With Donna at the helm, no-one needed to worry about the catering details – she always had them under control and barely asked for any help. She would annually write out the place cards for our swimming and athletics carnivals. On these days, in her role on the P&F she would prepare fruit and a drink bottle for all of the students' mooning tea. In the times of our OLMC Hero, Donna was the very first adult in our school community to be awarded a hero badge for her tireless work for our students. Mrs Byron will be fondly remembered by many past OLMC students for the times she came up to school to run the Easter Raffle having spent many hours prior, preparing the beautifully wrapped prize baskets of Easter Eggs, and she would always make sure the winner of the basket picked the next ticket out of the bucket!

As a school community there would be few events in which Donna's catering did not play a part with those many trays of sandwiches and her home-made sausage rolls. In recent years, our students have begun to expect one of Mrs Byron's yummy chocolate cakes (always with M&M's on top!) when there is someone to farewell or something to celebrate and this year, even the Newman Students were treated to one of them on their last night.

Donna was a regular visitor to our school; her catering was always organised down to the last detail (such as the serving spoons and the sauce) and was always right on time. Only two weeks ago, Donna had tried a new pasta dish out on the staff, with rave reviews. No-one could make scones, jam and cream quite like Donna, and a basket of these on the staffroom table would always mean a joyous occasion was to be celebrated. She was always sincere in contributing to the occasion with her catering, and always interested in how everything was going around the school. Donna Byron epitomised the Fruit of the Spirit that we try so hard to encourage all of our students to display. She will be fondly remembered not just for her huge efforts in helping our school community, but for her reliability, her faithfulness and for always being ready with a cheerful word. On her passing, we are so grateful for what she brought to OLMC and we know she will not be forgotten.

Our deepest sympathies go to Simon, Jessica, Emma and Laura, and all of Donna's family.

God bless you, Donna. Rest in peace.

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## Messages from the Principal's Desk

### Welcome to Term Four

Welcome everyone, to our last term of 2019. The year really does seem to be flying past and this term will be no different as the students focus on cementing the learning that has occurred across the year. At the end of Term 3, parents were encouraged to attend a Parent/Teacher meeting to discuss their child's progress. The teachers will spend time this term, collecting data in order to ensure that your child's report at the end of the semester reflects the learning that has taken place. As a parent, you will be given an opportunity during Week 6 to attend an information session on how to read these reports. Please ensure you have contacted your child's classroom teacher if you still wish to discuss their progress.

### Welcome Mrs Angela Murray

This term, we are delighted to welcome our new member of the teaching staff, Mrs Angela Murray. Mrs Murray is working to assist Mrs Tunbridge in the Kindy/Pre-Primary classroom whilst she is currently on leave. Mrs Murray has recently graduated to the teaching profession, and also has extensive experience and background in the Early Childhood sector. She has settled easily into life here at OLMC, particularly in the K/PP classroom and we hope you make her feel very welcome.

### MiniLit Training

During the last weeks of Term 3, Mrs Renata Steele and Mrs Melinda Tunbridge were fortunate to work with Mrs Marg Cooper from St Lawrence's as part of their training in the MiniLit reading program. Mrs Cooper has been a dedicated long term staff member at St Lawrence's and we are very appreciative of her willingness to assist our staff on her day off.

### Footy Colours Day

The students celebrated their last day of Term 3 with a Footy Colours Day and had the opportunity to wear their favourite colours, whatever the football code. The dominant colours were blue and gold, purple and white, and of course good old Mullewa's red, black and white. The students enjoyed a yummy sausage sizzle at lunchtime, cooked by Mebin Scaria, our gardener, and then had a go at the longest kick competition. Well done Riley Curtis and Tayla Pitman who showed us all how to kick! A big thank you to Miss Makeeli and the Year Five/Six students who organised the day and managed to raise \$80 for the Footy Colours cause; that is to provide stationery and materials for learning for underprivileged students.

### Library Ministry Colouring-in Competition

A big thank you to Mrs Steele and the Library Ministry for their work in coordinating a colouring in competition with all the classes in the school. All students were given the opportunity to present their best colouring in and the pieces were judged by Library Minister David Chambers and Laney Critch who filled in for Sahara Flannagan on the day. Well done to all the winners of the competition and a special thank you to Mrs Steele who once again organised and purchased all of the prizes. The winners were delighted with their prizes!

Kindy/Pre-Primary	Sally Ward and Lewis Martin
Year One/Two	Isla Tropiano and Aiden Schultz
Year Three/Four	Ruby Knock and Lincoln Pitman
Year Five/Six	Tayla Pitman and Angus Critch



## **Sock it to Poverty**

Like we do every year for the month of October, the students participated in a Soctober fundraising activity that goes by the slogan “Sock it to Poverty” and is an initiative of Catholic Mission. This year the country of focus is Ghana, in Africa. Everyone came to school wearing some colourful socks in a number of creative ways and donated a gold coin for their efforts. Their donation also gave them the opportunity to view a movie and enjoy some popcorn at lunchtime. Thank you to Miss Katie for organising this day as part of our school’s Evangelisation calendar. The students raised over \$70 for Catholic Mission.

## **Ordination to Priesthood**

This Wednesday, three of our Geraldton Diocese’s deacons will be ordained to the Priesthood in a ceremony officiated over by our Bishop, Michael Morrissey. This is a special time, in that these three young men will be the first priests ordained from our diocese. The Mass of Ordination will be a significant moment and we look forward to their future work in our Parishes.

## **St John’s Primary, Rangeway – 50<sup>th</sup> Year Celebrations**

Last Wednesday, I was fortunate to attend a Mass officiated by Bishop Michael Morrissey at St John’s Primary in Rangeway, to mark the beginning of their celebration of 50 years as a school. Like OLMC, their school was established by the Presentation Sisters with many years of dedicated work and sacrifice for the students and school community. It was lovely to see the students’ connection to the Eucharist and their participation in the Mass, just like the students of OLMC. They sang a number of hymns that we might try out here in Mullewa, under Miss Katie’s instruction.

## **Information Session for Parents – Reporting**

An Information session for parents on how to read their child’s school report will be held on Tuesday, 19<sup>th</sup> November, at 9:00am. The session will be run by the Curriculum consultant, Mrs Helen Carrier, from the Catholic Education Office in Geraldton.

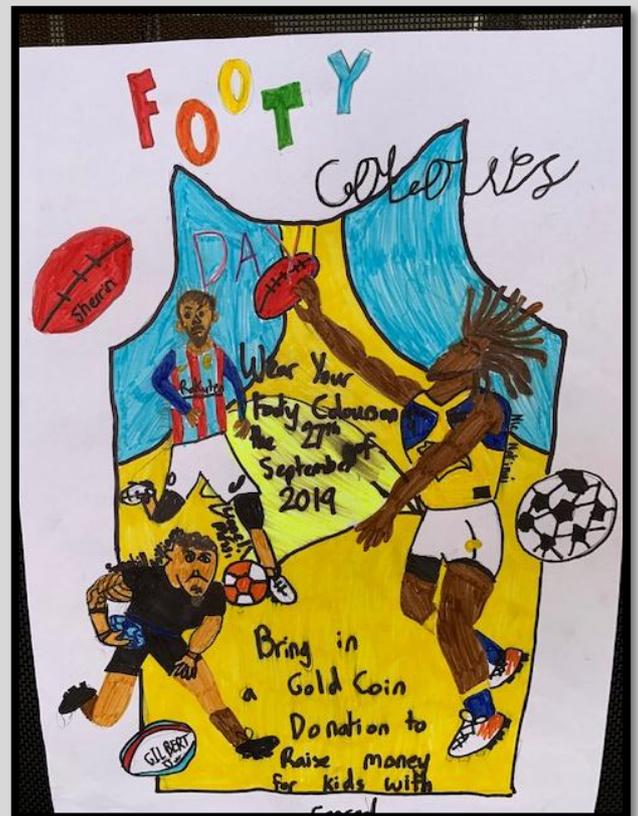
## **Year Six Graduation**

A letter was sent home to Year Six parents last week with details of the students’ Graduation in Week 9. The Mass for Graduation will be celebrated on Monday, 9<sup>th</sup> December, at 9:00am in the OLMC Church, followed by morning tea in the school hall.

**Jill Hollands**  
**Principal**



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## 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.

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## Birthdays

A very happy birthday to the following staff and students:



29<sup>th</sup> October Dennis Exell  
7<sup>th</sup> November Nolan Bryant  
11<sup>th</sup> November Clayton Swift  
17<sup>th</sup> November Riley Keeffe  
18<sup>th</sup> November Dylan Poyner



★ **HAPPY** ★  
**BIRTHDAY!**

## 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



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# Be Breast Aware Morning Tea

TUESDAY 29th OCTOBER 10:30am



Where: Mullewa Community Resource Centre

Date: **TUESDAY 29th OCTOBER**

Time: **10:30am**

Details: Please join us for a bring and share morning tea

With **McGrath Foundation Breast Care Nurses**

RSVP: Please RSVP by Monday 28th October on 9961 1500 or  
[admin@mullewacrc.net.au](mailto:admin@mullewacrc.net.au)

