Our Lady of Mt Carmel School Newsletter

Term 4 Week 6
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Feast of the Presentation of Mary

The Hail Mary

Hail Mary,
full of grace,
the Lord is with thee;
blessed art thou among women,
and blessed is the fruit of thy
womb, Jesus.
Holy Mary,
Mother of God,
pray for us sinners, now and at
the hour of our death.
Amen

OLMC Calendar Important Dates

Important Dates for Term 4

9th December Graduation Mass and Morning Tea
10th December Christmas Concert
11th/12th December Pool Excursions
13th December Final Day of Term 4 for students
20th December Final day or Staff

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

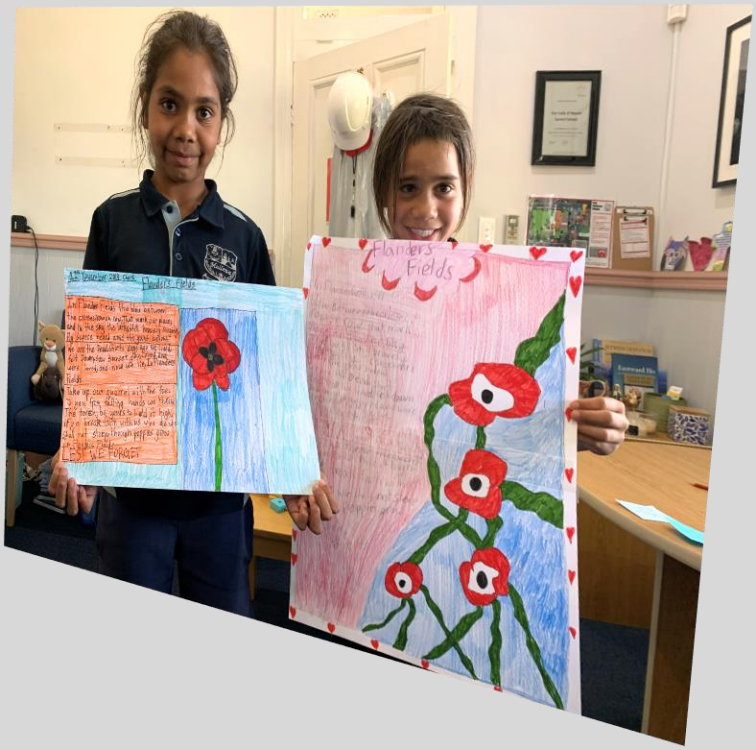
From the Principal's Desk

All Souls Day

All Souls Day (also known as the Feast of All Souls) is celebrated every year, on November 2nd, and follows All Saints Day. All Souls Day is traditionally a time for the Christian community to remember deceased family and friends. Some churches invite the congregation to write the names of deceased family members or friends to be placed on the altar at each Mass during November. All of the students at OLMC were given the opportunity to write the names of those people they wished to pray for during November and these have been placed in a small basket in front of the altar in our church. The students from Year Three/Four led the rest of the school in a beautiful Prayer Service to mark All Souls Day. The students read aloud their own words of prayer, to remember all those who have died, especially those connected to our school community. They then led the school in singing a hymn. All of the students responded beautifully by listening and praying reverently throughout the service.

Remembrance Day Service

On 11th November, at 11:00am, all of the students and teaching staff gathered in the front garden of the school for a special service to mark Remembrance Day. The Year Five/Six students led the service with Prayers of Remembrance and the reciting of The Ode. They also recited poems of Remembrance they had composed during their Library lesson. These poems were both simple yet poignant and expressed their understanding of this important day.



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Ordination to the Priesthood

Last week, I was blessed to have the opportunity to attend a special Mass of Ordination for 3 seminarians from our Geraldton Diocese – Dominic Hoang, Peter (Tam) Duong and Savio Nguyen. They were ordained to the Priesthood by Bishop Michael Morrissey, in St Francis Xavier Cathedral in Geraldton, with 40 other priests in attendance. They received the Laying on of Hands by Bishop Michael, similar to that our Year Five and Six students received during their recent Sacrament of Confirmation. Their Priestly vocation, Bishop Michael said, is a calling to serve, as Jesus himself served his Disciples at the Last Supper.

Year Six Health Forum

Our Year Six students recently travelled across to Geraldton with Miss Makeeli and Mrs Steele to participate in a Year Six Health Forum, attended by other Year Six students from schools within the MidWest. The students had the opportunity to experience hands on and team building activities as well as listening to presenters speaking on topics such as resilience, well-being, and making safe choices – all in preparation for entering secondary school next year.

Year One/Two Excursions – Our Community

During the last few weeks, the Year One/Two students have made a visit to find out the workings that occur in services within our community. We are grateful to the Mullewa Police Station and the Mullewa Doctor's Surgery for giving up their time and allowing the students to visit.

Feast of the Presentation of Mary – School Mass 21st November

This Thursday, 21st November, the students from PP to Year Six will be attending a whole school Mass in OLMC Church to celebrate the Feast of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary. The feast celebrates Mary's presentation in the temple by her parents, Anna and Joachim. Even though the feast does not appear in the scriptures, it emphasises that the Holiness conferred on Mary from the beginning of her life, continued into early childhood and beyond. The Year One/Two class will be preparing this Mass.

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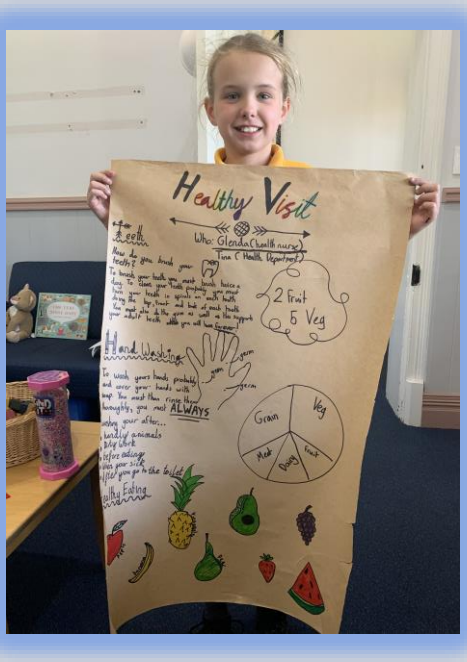
School Health Nurse Visit

Last week, the students were fortunate to have a visit from two of our School Health Nurses who presented sessions on healthy eating, correct dental hygiene and washing our hands correctly. The students particularly enjoyed seeing a variety of healthy food, and even some they may not have seen before, as well as learning about healthy food choices they are able to make throughout the day. We thank the Health Nurses for their visit and for leaving the students some fruit to eat.



Information Session for Parents – Reporting

A reminder that an Information session for parents on how to read their child's school report will be held on Tuesday, 19th 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 has been sent home to Year Six parents with details of the students' Graduation in Week 9. The Mass for Graduation will be celebrated on Monday, 9th December, at 9:00am in the OLMC Church, followed by morning tea in the school hall.

Jill Hollands
Principal

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From the Office

Reminder: Please ensure that all uniforms are clearly labelled with your child's name**.**

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