

# Our Lady of Mt Carmel School Newsletter

Term 4 Week 9  
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## *The Nativity – Luke 2: 11-15*

*So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger.*

*<sup>17</sup> When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child,*

*<sup>18</sup> and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them.*

*<sup>19</sup> But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart.*

*<sup>20</sup> The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen, which were just as they had been told.*



## OLMC Calendar Important Dates

### **Important Dates Term 4**

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

*(Children arrive at 6.10 concert starts at 6.30pm)*

**11<sup>th</sup> December Pool Excursion**

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

### **Important Dates Term 1 2020**

**Term 1 Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> February – Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> April**

**2<sup>nd</sup> March Labour Day**

**10<sup>th</sup> April Good Friday**

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

## From the Principal's Desk

### **The Season of Advent and Christmas Giving**

The Season of Advent occurs during the four weeks leading up to Christmas. During this time we hope and prepare for Jesus' birth by spending time in prayer, but also by helping others in a practical sense. Once again this year, the school is collecting small, simple gifts for the elderly residents of Mullewa, some of whom do not have a family to share Christmas with. We ask families to donate small gifts such as chocolates or biscuits, stationery, handkerchiefs, toiletries etc or any gift you think appropriate. We will be collecting these right up until Thursday, 19<sup>th</sup> December (the week after the students finish), as staff will still be at school. We thank you for your support with this program.



### **Thank you to our OLMC School Community**

Once again in our last week of the school year, I would like to say a sincere thank you to everyone that is a part of our OLMC school community, for all of your assistance in the way in which our school continues to operate. We have so many people who are fully invested in our little school, in particular our School Board members, P&F Committee and all those parents who contribute their time to keeping things running so smoothly, as well as sending your children to school ready and willing to participate every day. All of the staff appreciate the support that is given as they endeavour to provide a grounded education to the students, both pastorally and academically. We are all working toward the same vision for our OLMC students and they continue to reward us with their dedication to their learning, but most of all their commitment to living out the Gospel values of the Fruit of the Spirit in the way they behave and treat others throughout their school day. The students are always what make every day worthwhile and we often give thanks for how magnificent OLMC students are.

I would like to congratulate all of the students for the many, many times they have received a token for demonstrating a Fruit of the Spirit and for working so hard as a Faction group to win the reward every 3 weeks. This year, both Blue and Gold have been winners around the same number of times. Congratulations to all of our individual Fruit of the Spirit winners, many of who have been proudly wearing their OLMC hero badge.

### **Year Six Graduation Mass**

This morning, the school community celebrated a Thanksgiving Graduation Mass for our Year Six students. The students from Pre-Primary to Year Six attended the Mass to support the Year Six s and they prayed and sang beautifully. A special morning tea was shared together in the school hall after Mass. The Year Six students then travelled across to Geraldton with Miss Makeeli and Mrs Steele for a celebratory lunch.

## **Farewell Year Six Students**

This Friday we farewell our Year Six students from OLMC as they move onto new adventures in their secondary schooling. Angus Critch, Lachlan Rowe and Sofie Weir began their schooling at OLMC in Kindergarten; Riley Curtis and Isabella Low began in Year One and Three respectively. We will miss them very much and thank them for everything they have brought to our school community. On their last day of school, they will have the chance to ring our school bell and be farewelled by all the students in the school on their final walk out of the school gate. Parents are very welcome to join in with this special farewell at the end of the day on Friday, 13<sup>th</sup> December. We wish them the very best for their years of schooling ahead.

## **Farewell – Ms Katie Dawson**

As many of you will have noticed, Ms Katie Dawson will soon be having her second child and will therefore be leaving us at the end of the year. Ms Katie has been a staff member at OLMC on and off for a number of years and during this time has always remained her calm, gentle and pleasant self, no matter what the role she has been asked to do. We have been very appreciative of Ms Katie's involvement in leading our Arts program during the last 2 years and providing our students with the opportunity to participate in Drama and Dance lessons. In 2019, Ms Katie took on the role of our Religious Education Coordinator; she also took over in our Kindy/Pre-Primary classroom when needed earlier this year, and again did so with her same flexible and considerate nature. We thank her for everything she has contributed to our OLMC school community. We will miss her lovely smile around the school and wish her all the best with the birth of her second child.

## **Christmas Concert**

The annual Christmas Concert will be held in the Mullewa Town Hall on Tuesday, 10<sup>th</sup> December, at 6:30pm. Students need to arrive at the hall by 6:10pm ready to sit with their class at the front of the hall. Your child's teacher will have informed you of any costume requirements. All students will be walking to the Town Hall on Tuesday morning, 10<sup>th</sup> December, for a whole school rehearsal. Please ensure your child has their hat and water bottle.

## **Swimming Excursion**

The annual swimming excursion for all students from Pre-Primary to Year Six will be held on Wednesday, 11<sup>th</sup> December. Students will walk to the pool after recess. A sausage sizzle will be provided for lunch, but students will still need their morning tea on this day. Please ensure you have read the letter that has been sent home for details, and returned your child's permission slip.

## **Semester Two Reports and End of Year Letter to Parents**

An end of year letter will be mailed to parents, along with your child's semester report early in Week 10. This letter will outline a number of important details including the Pupil Free dates for 2020 and a copy of the First Term Planner.

## **Annual Community Meeting**

Our Annual Community Meeting that includes the AGM for our School Board and P&F Association will be held as usual in early February, 2020.

## **New School Phone Number**

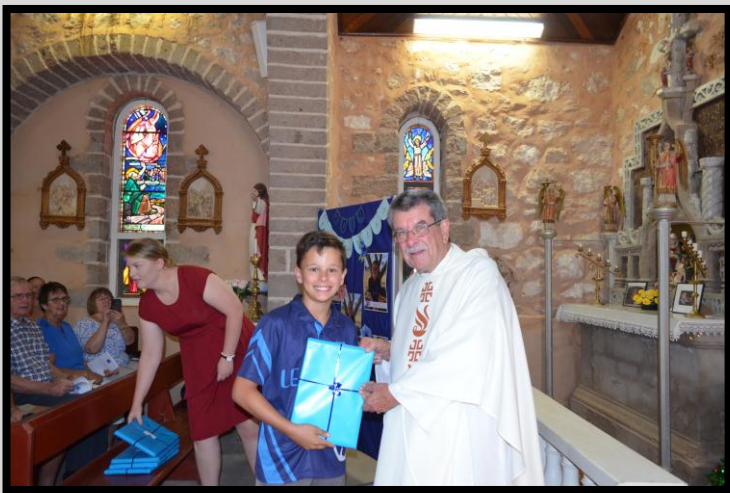
Please note that the school has a new phone number – 99 612200. Calls to the old number will be transferred for the next 12 months.



## New School Uniform (phase in period finished)

Please note that the 2 year phase in period for our new school uniform will cease at the end of 2019, therefore all students need to be wearing the correct uniform at the start of 2020. The office has the new sports shorts to purchase, or orders may be placed.

**Jill Hollands**  
**Principal**



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## Birthdays

Happy birthday to the following staff and students



12<sup>th</sup> December Xavier Schulz  
19<sup>th</sup> December Emma Simpson  
22<sup>nd</sup> December Patrick Keeffe  
22 December Cooper Messina  
26<sup>th</sup> December Robert Excell  
31 December Olivia Kovac  
6<sup>th</sup> January Jack Murray  
13<sup>th</sup> January Hayden Bryant  
16<sup>th</sup> January Revis Carnamah  
21<sup>st</sup> January Isabella Low



## From the Office

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

**Dates to Remember – Term 1 Monday 3rd February – Thursday 9th April**

**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



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All Welcome  
Come sing a song of Joy



# Christmas Carols

Combined Hospitals Christmas Carols

Tuesday 17th December

Time 6.15pm

Commencing in St John of God Hospital Foyer

then onto Geraldton Hospital

with light supper to finish

*ALL WELCOME, no need to practice  
Bring your family and friends*



Contact Victoria Ross at Geraldton Hospital  
or  
Alison Dawson at St John of God Hospital







# **TENINDEWA/ DEVILS CREEK/ WONGOONDY CHRISTMAS TREE**

## **21ST DECEMBER**

**AT THE TENINDEWA STORE**

**FROM 5PM, SPECIAL GUEST  
ARRIVES 6PM**

FAMILY \$20, SINGLE \$10  
FREE FOR TENINDEWA PROGRESS ASSC  
MEMBERS

PLEASE BRING A SALAD AND A SWEET TO SHARE

## **ALL WELCOME**

PLEASE RSVP TO PIP RUMBLE FOR CATERING PURPOSES:  
0448833898  
PIPRUMBLE@GMAIL.COM

PRESENTS CAN BE DROPPED WITH PIP OR BEHIND STORE ON THE NIGHT.



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