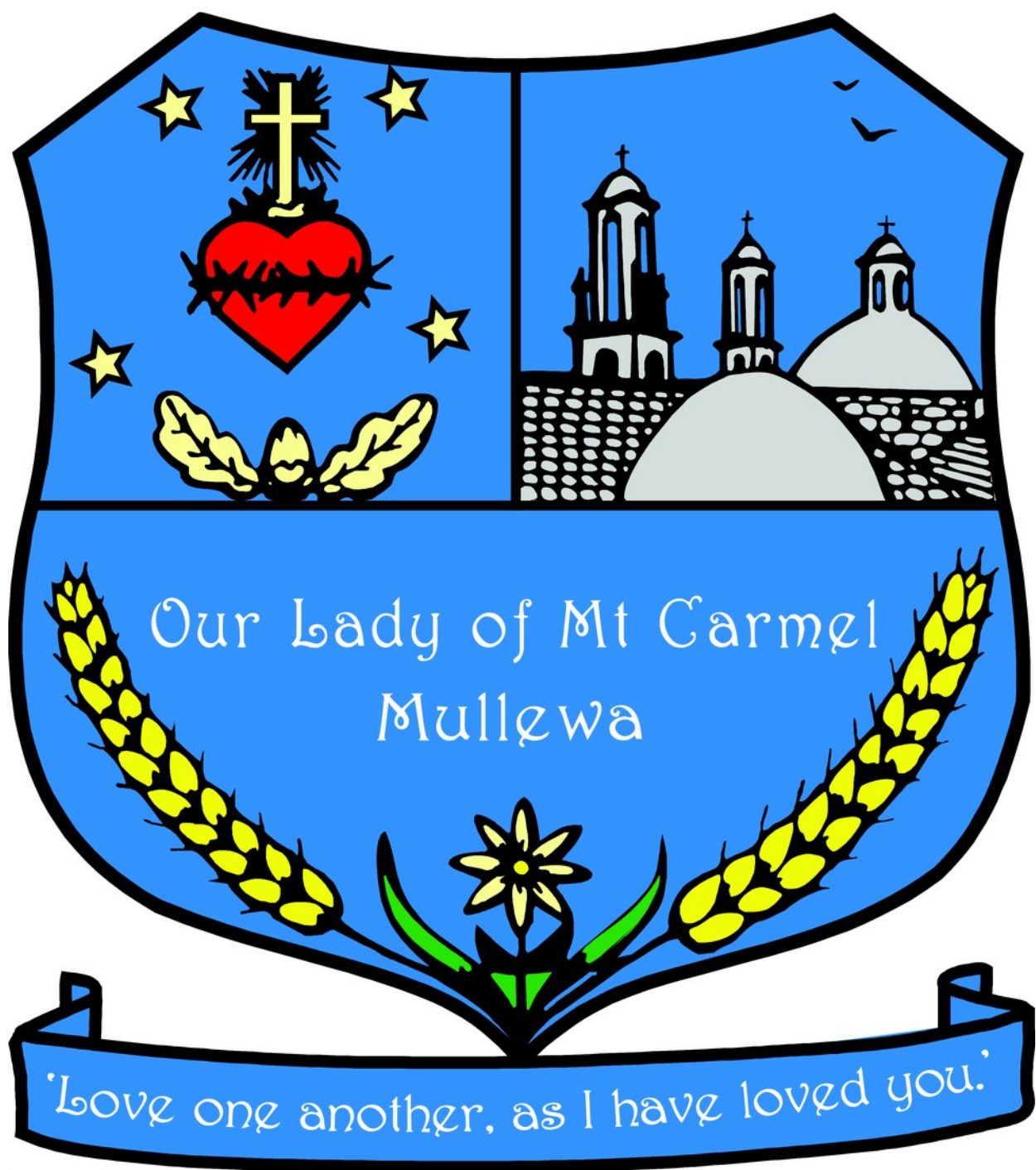


Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Mullewa

Newsletter - Term 2 - Week 3 - 4th May 2021



Prayer of Gratitude

*Thank you, Lord, for the blessings you have bestowed on my life.
You have provided me with more than I could ever have imagined. ...
And Lord, I am so grateful for keeping those around me safe and loved.
I hope that you provide me with the ability and sense
to show them every day how much they matter.*

OLMC Important Dates

11th - 13th May NAPLAN
17th - 21st May Bookfair - Out of Space
18th May Bookfair Dress-up Day
24th - 28th May Communion Week
7th June WA Day Public Holiday
11th June Confirmation Yr 5/6
2nd July Final Day Term 2



Messages from The Principal's Desk

Welcome back to Term 2, already a busy one with lots of happenings across the school and plenty of news to share. As a school community we are extremely grateful we have been able to begin each term this year safely and on time, even with disruptions that are occurring outside of our control, including the destruction and devastation from Cyclone Seroja and the potential outbreak of COVID-19 in recent weeks. We extend our best wishes to those families who were affected by the recent cyclone.

We are always grateful for the many acts of kindness and generosity that occur within our school and the Mullewa community. Thank you to:

- Staff members who helped clean up and ensure the school was clean and safe to open after the cyclone
- Families who offered support to those impacted by the cyclone
- The student who gave up their prize from the Easter Raffle for someone in Mullewa who wouldn't receive an Easter egg

These are wonderful examples for our children on ways they can be available and supportive for others.

Principals from the Diocese gathered recently to look at research and strategies available to staff, students and the wider community to improve well-being and connection within our school community. Some strategies being utilised within classrooms are journalling and taking time to reflect positively at the end of each day. Teachers are currently working with the RE Consultant from CEO Geraldton on various forms of prayer, other than formal prayer in which children are able to take the time to slow down and reflect on who and what they want to pray for.

Code of Conduct

As has been mentioned in past newsletters, it is important to remember that all members of our school community are required to follow the school's Code of Conduct. We will continue to explore aspects of this Code of Conduct in each newsletter. The Code of Conduct is the minimum standards of behaviour expected to ensure the safety and well-being of all members of our community, especially the students. The main goal of the 'Code of Conduct' is to provide an environment where the safety, well-being and education of all students is a priority. The full Code of Conduct can be found on our website.

The Code of Conduct encompasses both personal and social contact with other members of the community, as well as the use of ICT and online environments while at school. But at times things go wrong in schools. This includes Our Lady of Mt Carmel. It is timely that as adults we remember that complaints should be dealt with appropriately and that the dignity of children should be maintained at all times. A few tips to assist families when dealing with complaints.

- It is inappropriate and damaging to gossip and discuss other family's children with each other
- It is inappropriate and damaging to contact other families directly. Any school incident should be communicated to and dealt with at school by staff involved
- Listen and be empathetic to your child if they voice an issue. Contact the classroom teacher to clarify the issue. At times we all forgot to include some information and gaining clarity often places issues into perspective

As a school I know things go wrong. Effective communication will ensure complaints are dealt with in a timely manner whilst maintaining the dignity of those involved. To ensure disputes are managed timely and dealt with by the appropriate staff, families are requested to always contact their child's classroom teacher in the first instance. If your concern is unresolved, please contact the principal.

Stations of the Cross

Staff and students gathered to reflect on Holy Week on the last day of Term (Holy Thursday) with a beautifully prepared role play of the Stations of the Cross presented by the Year Four/Five/Six class. All students participated with a great sense of reverence for the occasion.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Father Robert spent a morning in the last week of term ensuring all students in Years 4/5/6 received the Sacrament of Reconciliation, an opportunity to reflect on ways in which they are able to become better persons and closer to God.

Easter Raffle

A huge thank you to all those who donated eggs toward our Easter Raffle and Mrs Melinda Weir for her work in getting the tickets out to us and then preparing the baskets (ably supported by Pip Rumble in making up the baskets). There were many wonderful eggs to be won. Winners were:

1st Steve from the Police Station

2nd Lucas Bell

3rd Ruby Knock

4th Leo Tunbridge

5th Kiah Bryant

6th Dave Tropicano
7th McCuish Family
8th Dylan Poyner
9th Aaliyah & Lara Curtis
10th Jodie Schulz
11th Asha Tropicano
12th Ruby Knock
13th Jenny Bland
14th Patrick Keeffe

Raffle held at Thurkles Patricia

ANZAC Day

The Year Six students led the school in a moving ANZAC Day service last Tuesday morning in the front garden of the school. They sang the words of the poem "In Flanders Fields". Tarkyn Fulker read aloud a poem about a boy and a veteran that he also read beautifully at our town ANZAC service on Sunday morning.

Godly Play – Bible Storytelling Workshop

A special thank you to our mothers – Megan Byron, Katie Riediger and Nikkita Iaria, and grandmother, Robin Keeffe, for helping to create wooden Bible characters for storytelling in the classroom. They were led by Jo Harris, our RE Consultant from CEO Geraldton who demonstrated how the wooden pegs are used when she retold the story of the Women at the Tomb from the story of the Resurrection. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the workshop.

Newly Refurbished Staff Workroom

Our staff are delighted to be able to work in a newly refurbished workroom with new cabinetry to house curriculum materials and teaching resources. The cabinets have made locating resources a lot easier. The school's collection of Big Books for reading lessons are now housed in specially designed pull out drawers. The workroom looks amazing and staff are very appreciative of this enhanced working environment.

Classroom Doors

Our Kindy/Pre-Primary/Year One and Year Two/Three classrooms along with the Library have had new glass doors installed. These allow what is happening in the classrooms to be clear and visible. They look wonderful and are part of our school's safety requirements for registration around child safety.

WA Centre for Rural Health – Impacts of Trauma on Children's Brains

Last Thursday, Miss Jill was fortunate to be able to attend the launch of a new resource that some of the ladies of Mullewa, along with the WA Centre for Rural Health, have developed to educate about the impacts of trauma on the brain. It is hoped the video will be used with workers, schools and communities. Two of our students' grandmothers – Debra and Pauline Maher, spoke of their involvement in the development of the video. Our school staff are fortunate to be some of the first groups to be able to view this valuable resource.

Staff Training

Staff in our school new to Catholic education have recently undertaken training in their Accreditation to Work in a Catholic School. They completed Faith Story Witness, sessions related to the Catholic nature of our school.

NAPLAN 2021

Students in Years Three and Five will be participating in NAPLAN testing during Week 4. These tests will be completed online, other than the Year Three Writing test that will be completed with pen and paper. Whilst this is an important test for the students to participate in, it is only one opportunity the teaching staff have to find out how the students are performing. The students have been provided with time to find out how a testing situation looks and feels, therefore this week should not place any undue stress on the children. The best way to prepare your child for these tests is to ensure they are well rested with a good night's sleep, and have eaten a nutritious breakfast.

Mothers' Day Stall

The Mother's Day Stall will be set up first thing on Thursday morning, 6th May. Gifts will range in price from \$5 to \$15. Please send in money with your child if they wish to purchase a gift. Thank you to Jennifer Critch for once again running this stall for us.

Assemblies Term Two

Please note the day for assemblies this term has changed to a Tuesday. Dates for assemblies this term are:

Tuesday, 4th May Year Four/Five/Six

Tuesday, 25th May Kindy/Pre-Primary/Year One

Tuesday, 15th June Year Two/Three

Sacrament of Confirmation – Friday, 11th June

The Confirmation Mass for Year Five and Six students will be held on Friday, 11th June. A letter has been sent home with Year 5/6 students today containing important information for Confirmation.

School Camp - Yr 5/6 2021

A communication letter regarding the school camp for Year 5/6 students has been sent home today.

Bookfair

Bookfair for this year will be held in week 5 from the 17th - 21st May. The theme for this year is Out of Space. Our dress up day will be held on Tuesday 18th May, children can dress according to the theme or any costume related to any book character they wish. The Bookfair will be set up in the school hall. More information will be sent out closer to the date.

Bread Bag Recycling

Our school has registered to participate in a recycling collection. Families can bring in bread bags and bread tags to school between 12th May and 25th June to be collected by our Environmental Ministers in Years Five and Six. Please see the flyer attached to this newsletter.

Playing our part to build a national picture of child health.

In early 2021, our school, along with thousands of others across the country will begin preparations for the fifth Australian Early Development Census (AEDC). The AEDC gives us a national picture of the development, health and wellbeing of children in their first year of full-time school. Since 2009, the census results have helped communities, schools and governments plan services and develop better policies to target support for children and families. Children don't miss any class time, and parents/carers don't need to supply schools with any new information for the census. The AEDC gives us data at a school and community level - it isn't an assessment of individual children.

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Office Reminders

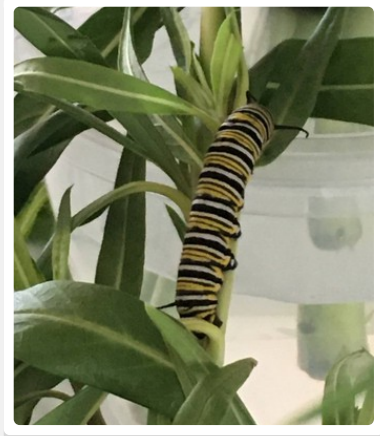
Parent/Emergency Contact and Medical Emergency Information – If your contact details change throughout the year please contact the office as soon as possible and update your information. Please also let the office know if your child has any allergy and/or medical condition. It is imperative that the school has the most up to date and correct information in case of an emergency.



Kindy, Pre-Primary, Year One Insects

Kindy, Pre-Primary and Year One are studying insects this term. Last week we observed a caterpillar turn into a chrysalis and a chrysalis split open to reveal a butterfly. The excitement was electrifying. On Thursday, we released the butterfly. We still have newly hatched eggs and several chrysalises, so we will get to watch the complete lifecycle repeat.

This week, we will study stick insects; we have three stick insects and look forward to sharing our learning with you.



Parish Reminders

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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