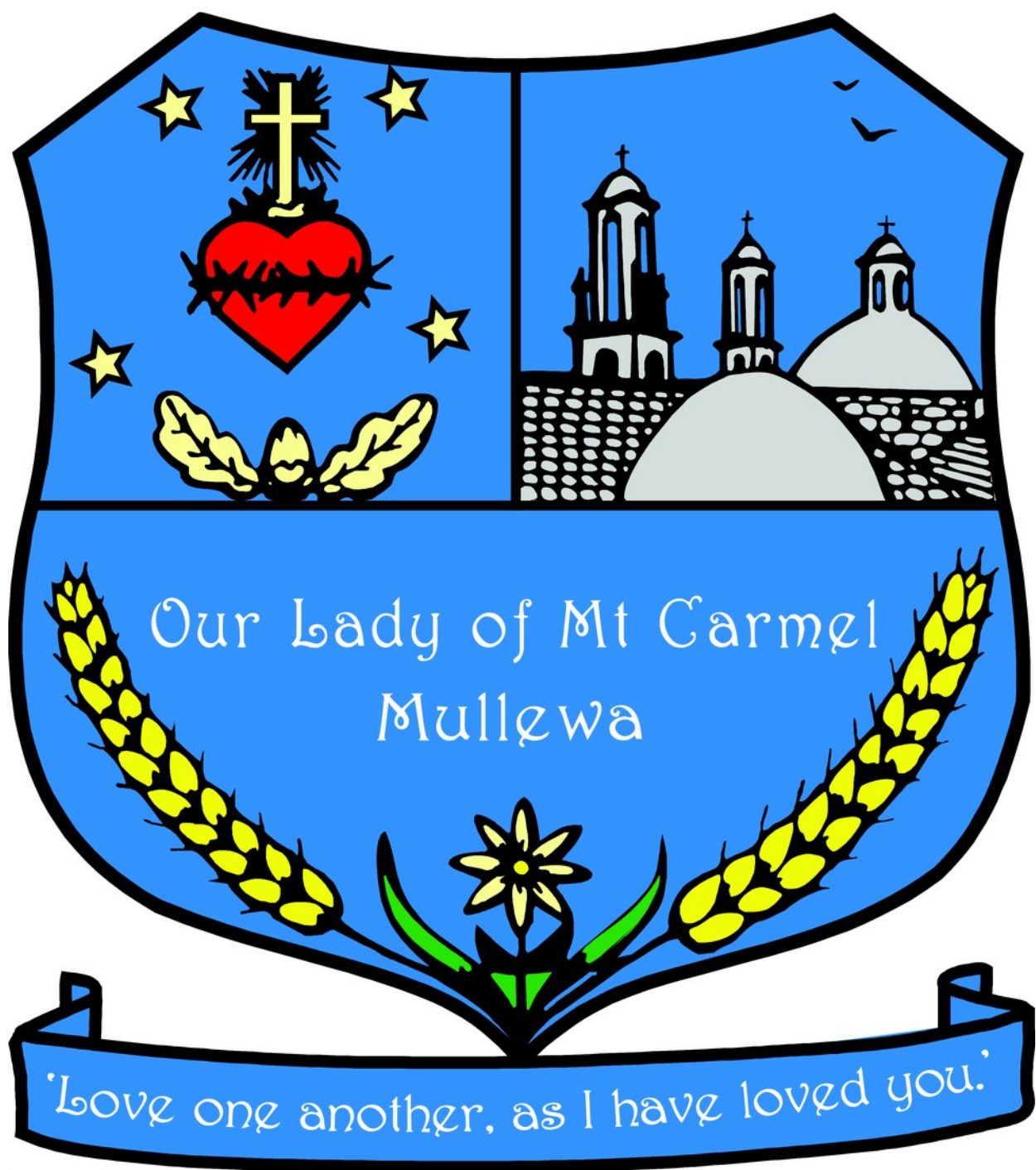


Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Mullewa

Newsletter - Term 3 - Week 3 - 2nd August 2021



OLMC Important Dates

3rd August Yr 2/3 Assembly
5th August Tuckshop
6th August Morawa Ag Excursion
10th August School Photos
13th August Mass Rock
23rd August Catholic Leave Day - Pupil Free Day
24th August Pioneer Cemetery Visit
28th Mullewa Show

Messages from The Principal's Desk

STAFF DEVELOPMENT

OLMC Staff Retreat Day

On the Pupil Free Day at the start of this term, all staff members enjoyed a Retreat Day of reflection with a focus on contemplative prayer and mindfulness. The day was presented by Joanne Harris, our Religious Education Consultant from the Geraldton Catholic Education Office.

Contemplative Prayer

*What is contemplative prayer? St. Teresa answers: "Contemplative prayer ...in my opinion is nothing else than a close sharing between friends; it means taking time frequently to be alone with him who we know loves us." - **Catechism of the Catholic Church No 2709***



OLMC Leadership Team – Tracey Messina and Leonora Tunbridge

The staff recently shared a wonderful morning tea to give thanks for the two leaders on our staff – Tracey Messina, our Second in Charge and Leonora Tunbridge as our Senior Teacher. Our school is certainly blessed to have these teachers, both with such high levels of experience, professionalism and a commitment to our students' learning and wellbeing. Our Regional Officer from Catholic Education, Mr Allen McMahon, was able to attend along with David Tropiano, our School Advisory Council Chairperson.



Catholic Primary Principals Conference

I recently spent three days joining with the other principals of Catholic Primary schools from all across the state for the CPPA Conference. The theme was "Don't Let a Good Crisis Go to Waste". One of the speakers was Glen Mitchell, a former ABC TV/Radio sports broadcaster and mental health advocate and speaker. He shared his own personal struggles with mental health and advocated we are all responsible for looking out for each other. The first day was for the members of school Leadership Teams and I was joined by Tracey Messina, as our Second in Charge. Along with listening to the international and local speakers, it was also an opportunity to spend time with other principals from our system and I found it a rewarding experience. We were also fortunate to listen to a session presented by our very own Bishop, Michael Morrissey.

RECENT EVENTS

Cross Country

Everyone enjoyed our Cross Country events for 2021 that were run at the end of Term 2. All of the students showed improvement and ran solidly and with lots of determination. Gold Faction took out the shield. Thank you to Mrs Messina for all of her organisation and for training the students in the weeks leading up to the day.

Medal winners were:

Year One/Two Sportsmanship Patrick and Nicholas

Year Three/Four Sportsmanship Luna Byron

Year Five/Six Sportsmanship Amelia McCuish

Year Three/Four Champion Girl Isla Tropiano

Year Three/Four Champion Boy Jack Murray

Year Five/Six Champion Girl Maggie Critch

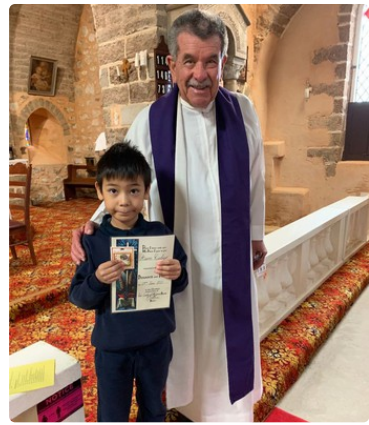
Year Five/Six Champion Boy Hunter Rumble





Year Three Sacrament of Reconciliation

Year Three students Flynn Mills and Olivia Kovac received the Sacrament of Reconciliation in the church supported by their classmates and families. The other Year Three students received a blessing from Father Robert. The students presented an echo pantomime of the parable of The Lost Son. Everyone enjoyed morning tea in the front garden after the service.



Ministry Badges

On Friday the Year 5/6 students received their Ministry Badges. Thank you to Father Robert for coming and blessing the badges and the students.

Spiritual - Amelia McCuish

Library - Lincoln Pitman

Sports - Blue - Ruby Knock and Riley Keefe

Gold - Clayton Swift and Max Rumble
Cultural - Aidan Weir
Communications - Maggie Critch and Latrell Ryder
Environmental - Hunter Rumble and Tarkyn Fulker



ART PROJECTS

Soul Circle Workshop

On the last day of Term Two, the Year Four/Five/Six students participated in a Soul Circle art workshop run by Lynda Howitt. Thank you to Holly Freeman at the Community Resource Centre for involving our students in the workshop.



Helen Ansell Mural

The Year Four students assisted our local artist and mother, Helen Ansell, to prepare the background for her mural on the wall of the St Andrew's Anglican Church.



Helen Ansell Studio

Last week, two of our classes visited Helen Ansell's studio to view her art works and interview her in her role as a professional artist. The students then had the opportunity to respond to her art by identifying those pieces they liked and why. The students enjoyed a hot chocolate at the end of the visit. Mrs Helen Ansell kindly came to school to speak to our Pre-Primary and Year 1 students.



STEM Showcase

One of our Year Six students, Aidan Weir, recently participated in a STEM Showcase event at Nagle Catholic College as part of a team of students from St John's School in Rangeway. Aidan's team performed admirably and achieved third place. The team is now in the position of presenting their submission via video to the finals taking place in Perth with students from around the state. A huge congratulations to Aidan for all his hard work in preparing for this event.



Alice in Wonderland Performance

Last week, our Year Four/Five/Six students travelled across to Geraldton to view Nagle Catholic College's performance of Alice in Wonderland at Queens Park Theatre. Our school was fortunate to be transported in one of Nagle College's buses, driven by one of their school drivers and we are extremely grateful to Nagle and their Principal, Mr Mike Williams, for giving us this opportunity.



UPCOMING EVENTS

OLMC Facebook Page

The OLMC Facebook page is now up and running. We hope you get a lot of enjoyment from sharing the many experiences our students have throughout the day. Please click on the following link [\(2\) Our Lady of Mount Carmel Primary School, Mullewa. | Facebook](#)

WA School of Agriculture Morawa

This Friday, August 6th, Pre-Primary to Year Six students will be visiting the WA School of Agriculture in Morawa for their Open Day. A letter outlining the day has been sent home and permission slips need to have been returned. All students will need to be at school just before 8:30am on that day in order for the buses to depart at 8:30am. School gates will open at 8.15am.

Mass Rock

On Friday, 13th August, the students from Pre-Primary to Year Six will be making their annual trip up to Mass Rock. A permission letter will be sent home this week detailing all information needed for the day.

CURRICULUM MATTERS

Keeping Safe – Child Protection Curriculum

At our school, the Keeping Safe Child Protection Curriculum teaches all children from a young age, in an age appropriate way to:

- o Understand ways to keep themselves safe
- o Recognise abuse and tell a trusted adult about it
- o Understand what is appropriate and inappropriate touching

At the start of this semester, classroom teachers sent out an information letter for parents of students from Pre-Primary to Year Six. Please contact your child's teacher if you have not received this.

Bishops' Religious Literacy Assessment (BRLA)

Year Three and Five students are currently preparing to participate in the BRLA during Week 3 of this term.

Nationally Consistent Collection of Data (NCCD)

Every year, all schools in Australia participate in the Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability (NCCD). The NCCD process requires schools to identify information already available in the school about supports provided to students with disability. These relate to legislative requirements under the *Disability Discrimination Act 1992* and the Disability Standards for Education 2005, in line with the *NCCD guidelines* (2019).

The NCCD provides state and federal governments with the information they need to plan more broadly for the support of students with disability. Further information about the NCCD can be found on the [NCCD Portal](https://www.nccd.edu.au) (<https://www.nccd.edu.au>). If you have any questions about the NCCD, please contact the school.

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.

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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CLEAN UP MULLEWA



Meet at Bowtell Park
(Corner of Jose Street and
Birdwood Street)

13 AUGUST | 9-11 AM
BOWTELL PARK

JOIN US FOR A BBQ AFTER THE CLEAN UP