Dear Parents/Carers

During the past two weeks I have met many new families who are seeking enrolment at our school.

These meetings can be a time of reflection for the whole community...

Why did I seek to become a member of this Catholic community?

What’s keeping me (and my children) here?

What contributions am I making to this community and my children’s Catholic education?

During enrolment interviews, parents state that they are seeking a school that reflects the values of Jesus, they want their child to be brought up in the practice of the Catholic faith, they have heard this is a “good” school from members of the community and that they belong to the parish.

For all of us who have “been there, done that”, it is an opportune time to reflect on our ongoing hopes for this community...

Am I living the values of Jesus?

Am I practising and modelling my faith?

Am I upholding the good name of our school?

Am I contributing to the parish community?

Being a member of a Catholic Parish School is rewarding and challenging. We’re no better than our State School colleagues ~ but we are different.

We follow the same syllabus, government legislation, accountabilities and we are a Catholic community ~ that’s the difference.

Let us renew our commitment to what makes this school different ~ our Catholic faith ~ learning about it and living it.

Prayer for Nepal

Heavenly Father, we ask you to take care of the people of Nepal after their devastating earthquake. We pray for the victims who have lost their lives. Please look after the many people who are injured and keep the rescue workers safe as they search for the survivors.

Dear God, we also ask that you will be with the families and friends of those who have been killed and help find those still missing. We also pray you embrace Nepalese Australians who have families in Nepal.

Grant the Nepalese the strength and courage to rebuild their beautiful country.

Please help us comfort them with our support and prayers.

Mr Steven Jones
Principal
CHILDREN’S SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

**Confirmation:** We hope all of the children and parents are enjoying their workshops. Please continue to pray for families everywhere who are preparing to celebrate their sacraments.

**First Reconciliation:** A reminder to all families with children from Year 3 onwards that the enrolment form for the first sacrament of Reconciliation is due next week. The Parent Information Evening will be held on Monday 18 May at 7:30pm in the Parish Centre. We look forward to seeing a parent of each child there.

**First Holy Communion** Thank you to those families who have enrolled their children in this sacrament. If you haven’t done so already, there is still plenty of time to return your enrolment form; however please note that Sunday 13 September is now closed. Other available dates for celebration are Saturday 12 December at 6pm Mass and Sunday 20 September at 10:30am Mass.

*Paola Yevenes-Our Lady of Mt Carmel Parish*

### WINTER UNIFORM

All students are to be wearing full winter uniform.

### PRINCIPAL’S HOLIDAY CHALLENGE

All reading logs are to be handed into the school office by tomorrow, Thursday 30 April to go in the holiday draw.

### PUNCTUALITY

Just a reminder that all students are expected to be at school by 8:55am ready for the commencement of the school day. Any student arriving after 9am (gates closed) will be required to be bought to the office by a parent/guardian and signed in. This is a legal requirement.

### SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS

School photographs will take place next Monday 4 May 2015. Children need to wear their full WINTER uniform. (Please note that no sport uniforms are to be worn) Hairstyles should reflect how your child normally wears their hair to school. Payment may be made by cash or credit card. If paying by cash, correct money must be enclosed.

There will be a number of packages available:

- Portrait Pack 1:$32.00 (Group Photo plus one sheet of portraits).
- Portrait Pack 2:$34.00 (Group Photo plus two sheets of portraits).
- Portrait Pack 3:$36.00 (Group photo and 2 sheets of portraits).
- Portrait Pack 4:$38.00 (Group photo and 3 sheets of portraits).
- Portrait Only pack:$27.00 (Includes two sheets of portraits).
- Group Only pack:$29.00 (Includes group photo).
- Extras Combo:$12.00 (Great for gifts)
- Calendar:$18.00

**Family Portrait Envelopes are available from the office.** There are three family photo options available ranging from $15.00 to $25.00. These also need to be returned on photo day. Photo envelopes will be sent home on Friday this week.

Every student who is ordering a photo package must present their own envelope, even if payment is in another child’s envelope.

### MERIT CERTIFICATES

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### FETE EVALUATION & FETE WRAP UP MEETING

The Fete wrap up meeting will be held this evening 29 April at 7pm in the Parish Narthex. All coordinators and helpers are encouraged to attend. Please bring your Fete evaluation to the meeting if you haven’t returned it to the school office.

### SIBLING ENROLMENTS FOR KINDERGARTEN

Enrolments for Kindergarten 2016 at OLMC have already begun. Parents who have a child who will be turning five before June 2016 are invited to complete an enrolment form for their child. The enrolment process involves the parent/s and child having a meeting with Mr Jones (new families) or Miss Pirovic.(siblings). Once all meetings are completed a letter of offer will be sent to families. If you haven’t already completed an enrolment form please don’t delay and collect one from the school office.

### PARKING

Just a reminder that the drop off area on Bennett Street is a no parking zone between 8:30am and 9:30am. You must not stop for more than two minutes in a No Parking area. You must remain in or within three metres of the vehicle. This means restrictions apply for those times only. Mobility Parking Permit holders are allowed to park for up to five minutes. Therefore no car is to remain in this no parking zone during Monday morning assembly.

### PROPOSED FOOTPATH REPAIR WORKS

Holroyd council has notified the school that they will be carrying out footpath repair works to damaged sections of footpaving along Bennett St and possibly surrounding perimeter streets. It is anticipated that this work will take approximately a week and involve the replacement of cracked/broken/hazardous footpath panels. It may also involve the replacement of panels across the driveway to some residences. Please be considerate of this work and take particular care as to where students are dropped off of a morning once the work commences.
SECOND HAND UNIFORM SHOP

The Second Hand Uniform shop will be open every Tuesday afternoon from 2:30-3:00pm. Any orders now need to be placed before Tuesday morning and will be processed Tuesday afternoon. If this time is not suitable please contact Katherine Ang on 0413 574 708 or Thressa Zammit on 0419 602 410.

PREMIER’S READING CHALLENGE

The Premier’s Reading Challenge is well under way. There have been many children borrowing books to read for the challenge. The teachers have been reading books to the children to count towards their reading record. 129 children have begun their online reading log. Amazingly we have seventeen children who have completed the Premier’s Reading Challenge already! Congratulations to the following children: Saniya, Michael, Simona, Gokul, Lucas, Mary, Ann Sapna, Thomas, Shuban, Zac, Shuvani, Tiana, Lara, Ann Maria, Tanya, Aleena and Luke.

OLMC NETBALL

Playing times for Round 5 Saturday 2 May, 2015:

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Remember hair must be tied back, nails need to be clipped and no jewellery is permitted. We understand that playing times are earlier this year, so as usual we ask that you please be at the courts no later than 20 minutes before your game to warm-up with your team. Your cooperation is much appreciated.

For enquiries please phone Paula Epenian 0406 515 782 or Alycia Koulouris 0414 513 448.

PARENTS & FRIENDS

Help Needed For Mothers’ Day Stall
If any parents are able to come and help with the Mothers’ Day stall next Wednesday 6 May, it would be very much appreciated. The stall will run from 9am till 1pm so any help is welcome, even if it’s for just one hour.

The stall will be held in the Parish Hall and morning tea and refreshments will be provided. If you can help please contact Sonia Farah on 0431 692 960 or Joanne Sakr 0418 623 867.

Families Matter! Parish forum
The Our Lady of Mount Carmel Wentworthville Parish Council will host a forum for all parishioners on Wednesday 13 May 2015 at 7pm in the Parish Centre.

Everyone is welcome to attend. This is a great opportunity for all of us to come and share our thoughts and ideas on supporting family life in the context of our parish.

How can we bring our vision to life?

“Families have an indispensable mission in society. It is in the family that children are trained in sound values, high ideals, and genuine concern for others. But like all God’s gifts, the family can also be disfigured and destroyed. It needs our support.” - Pope Francis

P&F General Meeting
Our next P&F General Meeting will be held on Tuesday 12 May at 7pm in the school library. We encourage as many people as possible to attend. A note and meeting agenda will be sent home with students the week before the meeting; we look forward to seeing as many people as possible there.

Second Hand Uniform Shop
As the school will be beginning the new uniform transition process late this year/early next year, the second hand uniform shop is calling for any uniform donations especially the larger sizes.

This will help parents to cover any shortage in uniforms and enable more families to wait until the new uniforms are launched at the end of the year. If you have any uniforms you no longer use, please send them to the second hand uniform shop via the office.

CCSP Conference – It Takes A Village To Raise A Child
The Council of Catholic School Parents (CCSP NSW/ACT) will be holding its 11th Catholic School Parents Conference this year on the weekend of 16 and 17 May at Opal Cove Resort in Coffs Harbour.

This year’s conference, titled It takes a village to raise a child will host various speakers with a wide range of workshops across the two days. Speakers include well known parenting educator Michael Grose, relationship specialist Bruce Sullivan and Fr Elio Capra to name a few.

OLMC P&F is calling for individuals interested in attending the conference and will pay for the full conference attendance fee ($250 including one conference dinner).

If you are interested and able to coordinate your own transport and accommodation please contact Danielle Gardner on 0414 607 180.

More information is available at www.ccsp.catholic.edu.au

This column is compiled by P&F Communications. If you have any queries or wish to contribute please email olmctwenty@parra.catholic.edu.au and attention it to P&F Communications.
DEAR MR JONES,

WE BELIEVE THAT WE SHOULD KEEP THE THREE GIANT EGGS ABOVE THE LIBRARY BECAUSE THE STUDENTS ARE VERY CURIOUS AND EXCITED ABOUT THEM. ON THE OTHER HAND, WE SHOULD NOT KEEP THE EGGS DUE TO POTENTIAL UPCOMING EVENTS SUCH AS; THE EGGS ROLLING OFF AND INJURING A FELLOW STUDENT, THE EGGS WILL HATCH AND SOMETHING WILL EMERGE OUT OF THEM, OR WORSE, THE MOTHER WILL COME... AND WHO KNOWS WHAT WILL HAPPEN!?

REGARDS,
CHANEL, KASEY, LACHLAN, MARINELLE
YR 6

DEAR MR JONES,

YOU SHOULD KEEP THE EGGS BECAUSE I WANT TO KNOW WHAT IS INSIDE.

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DEAR MR JONES,

WE SHOULD NOT KEEP THE EGGS BECAUSE THEY MAY BE DEADLY OMNIVORES LIKE A TROODON, IT COULD EAT US AND DESTROY THE SCHOOL!

FROM CELESTE
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SHOULD THE EGGS STAY?