Dear Parents/Carers

Reflecting on term 3, it constantly amazes me how many various learning opportunities our students have at school these days. Some of these have included…

Catholic Parish Involvement…
- OLMC Feast Day and Morning Tea
- Fathers’ Day Breakfast and Mass
- Assumption Mass
- Grade Masses

Stimulating Learning opportunities…
- National Numeracy and Literacy Week - Numeracy day
- Book Week
- Year 4 Religious Literacy assessment
- Year 5 Personal development night
- Many interesting and exciting excursions
- Voice of Youth
- Maths Olympiad
- English and Mathematics competitions
- Mathematics Staff development day

Extra-curricular opportunities
- Band and Band performance
- Choir
- Wednesday Workout
- Zone and Diocesan Athletics Carnivals
- St Paul’s Creative Arts Matinee performance
- Soccer, Netball & Touch Football Gala Days
- And many varied learning experiences that happen each and every day at OLMC.

Of course, all of these are only possible due to…
- Father Paul and the Carmelite community who guide and nurtures our spirituality.
- the dedication and commitment of the staff. I would like to take this opportunity to thank staff for providing these various opportunities and their commitment to the students of Our Lady of Mount Carmel
- the trust and support of the parent community. Thank you for your encouragement and support.
- the enthusiastic students who willingly apply themselves to all learning experiences with vigour and eagerness.

After another successful term at Our Lady of Mount Carmel, all that really remains is for each of us to be grateful, to say thank you and to rest! Best wishes to all members of our community for a restful holiday. Enjoy the cooking.

I look forward to continuing the journey with you in Term 4.

Lord, for all that has been Thanks!
For all that will be Yes!

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The Community of OLMC is Safe and Respectful
FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Thank you so much to everyone who came to celebrate our First Holy Communions last weekend. Personally, I was quite overwhelmed by the love and joy expressed by family and friends. Thank you

Practise for the last of this year’s First Holy Communion celebrations will be held this Thursday at 3:30pm and at 7:00pm in preparation for this Sunday at 10:30am Mass. Our photographer has asked that you please arrive by 10:00am on Sunday. Details of how you can access the photos via the Snapfish website will be emailed to all families after this weekend.

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS DATES

School finishes for Term 3 holidays on Friday of this week. School will resume for Term 4 on 6 October 2015. Please note that Monday 5 October 2015 is a public holiday. (Refer to Calendar on back page).

ICAS COMPETITION RESULTS-ENGLISH

Congratulations to the 46 children who participated in this competition. 32 students were awarded participation certificates, 1 was awarded a merit certificate, there were 8 credit certificates and 5 children received distinctions.

Merit Certificate: Shuban

Credit Certificates: Claudia, Rebecca, Georgia, Harini, Sebastian, Panshul, Chanel, Mayra.

Distinction Certificates: Maya, Sarah, Cheyenne, Adriel, Marinelle.

SUMMER UNIFORM

All students are to return to school at the commencement of term 4 in full summer uniform with appropriate hairstyles as per uniform policy.

An updated uniform price list was sent home yesterday to all families with many items discounted. Please note, there are limited stock of some items as a result it will be on an order by order basis received.

BUS ROUTE CHANGES-HILLSBUS

Due to bus route changes in the Sydney CBD, Hillsbus has implemented minor changes to services across the Hillsbus network.

These changes will be implemented on 4 October 2015. Please note we have not received any timetables at this stage.

MERIT CERTIFICATES

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Congratulations Gold Award
The following children have worked really hard towards receiving 75 Star Cards
Stephen 6B, Gabriella KG, Naethan KB, Devaj KB, Marten KB, Peter 2B, Saanvi KG,

Congratulations Opal Award
The following children have worked really hard towards receiving 90 Star Cards
Nicholas KG, Gabriella KG, Keon KG, Saanvi KG, Thabeesh KG, Chivonne KG, Mia KG, Harish KB, Chiara KB, Aleisha KB, Ryan KB, Nilan KB, Charlise KG, Winona KG, Natalie 5G, Shuvani 3B,

Congratulations Platinum Award
The following children have worked really hard towards receiving 120 Star Cards
Roman KG, Irene KG, Deng KG, Mia KG, Azhric KB, Jasmine KB, Charlise KG, Gabriella KG, Harini 3B, Ephrem 3B.
CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulation to Anthony Mbonu on making the MacKillop Athletics team to participate at the NSW PSSA Athletics Carnival next term. Anthony placed second at the MacKillop trials in long jump. A tremendous effort. We wish Anthony all the very best next term.

PARENTS & FRIENDS

Happy And Safe Holidays
We hope everyone has a wonderful break.

The P&F Movie Night Last Friday
A huge thank you to all the families that attended the P&F Movie Night last Friday. It was a beautiful evening and much fun was had by all.

This year, the atmosphere was enhanced with the smell of fresh popcorn and the added entertainment of glow sticks and other glow novelties. During a short intermission, we drew the lucky door prize;
- A picnic cooler bag hamper was won by the Raad Family
- Two large Cadbury Favourites box were won by Lachlan Gardner and Grace El Helou

Thank you to all those who volunteered and helped out on the night, without whose help the night would not have run as smoothly as it did.

A special thanks to Mr Jones and other staff members for their help and support, and for giving up their Friday night to attend our movie night.

SAVE THE DATE! An afternoon with Dr Michael Carr-Gregg 17th Oct 2015 at 2:00pm
St Andrew's Parish Hall, Breakfast Road, Marayong
PRC is proud to have been able to secure Dr Michael Carr-Gregg for the benefit of our Diocesan parents and educators in 2015!

Dr Michael Carr-Gregg is one of Australia's Highest Profile psychologists who specialises in the area of parenting adolescents and adolescent mental health.

Dr Michael Carr-Gregg will be doing his presentation on his latest book: Strictly Parenting - Everything you should know about raising a school-aged child.

Book early for this NOT TO BE MISSED free event at prcparraevents@hotmail.com
Contact: PRC President
Email: prcparraevents@hotmail.com

Grandparents Day
We are celebrating the special gift of grandparents as a school community on Friday 23rd October. We will have morning tea and share a story with our grandparents. Please let your Nan, Pop, Grandma, Opa, Nonna and anyone else know so that they can keep this day free and join us.

Earn And Learn Shop For Your School
Woolworths Earn and Learn has finished and we are in the process of finalising the sticker count and sending that in to Woolworths Headquarters. We are looking forward to obtaining some wonderful resources for our school so stay tuned!

Thanks once again for your support.

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

SCHOOL FEES

Thank you to all parents who have finalised payment of their 2015 school fees. We are currently working with the Catholic Education Office to audit all payments that have been received for school fees. If you feel there are any issues with your account, please contact Maree Murphy in the school office.

ST NICHOLAS NETBALL GALA DAY

Six teams participated in the Netball Gala Day last Friday. It was a beautiful, sunny day and a great day was enjoyed by all and new skills were learnt.

YEAR 7 2016 ORIENTATION DAY AT ST PAULS

The Year 7 2016 Orientation Day at St Pauls Catholic College, Greystanes on Wednesday 7 October 2015.

During the Orientation Day students from our school will be involved in a day of planned activities designed to assist their transition into High School. The day commences promptly at 8:35am and concludes at 3:00pm. Each student will be required to wear his Primary School uniform for the day, and parents are asked to make appropriate transport arrangements for their son. He will be required to bring some morning tea with him—our Canteen will be open for him too—and he will be provided with a BBQ lunch.

OLMC REPRESENTATIVE SPORTS SHIRTS

Any students who have worn a representative sports shirt belonging to Our Lady of Mt Carmel to any sporting event must return the shirt to school by Friday this week for the Stage 3 Touch Football Gala Day.

Please note that we are currently missing a number of shirts. Could parents please check at home and make sure there are no shirts there.

At the moment we do not have enough shirts for all children to wear to the next Gala Day.
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Term 1 next year begins on Thursday 28th January 2016 – Years 1-6, Monday 1st February 2016 - Kindergarten