Dear Parents, Staff and Students,

Last Thursday we welcomed over ninety parents and visitors to our Early Stage One and Stage One learning spaces. The open morning began with a parent education session describing how the teachers facilitate the learning for our students in contemporary learning environments.

This week parents have been attending Parent/Teacher Interviews to receive feedback on each student’s learning. The teachers have been conducting these each morning from 8:00 am, and until 8:00 pm on some evenings, providing feedback from the Mathematical Assessment Interview (MAI), Early Years Assessments (Stage One), class assessments and student work samples. (Early Stage One Parent/Teacher Interviews were held in week 8).

Improvement in student learning is our moral imperative. There are many influences on student learning and many of them we have no control over. Our focus is on the impact of the teacher and the teaching. The teachers at Mt Carmel work in collaborative teams focusing on their learning and analysing the interaction between teacher learning and student learning. Teachers follow a Cycle of Inquiry as described in last week’s ‘The Carmel Light’ and repeated in this issue.

Learning is life-long and we invite parents to journey with us as we endeavour to provide learning that will meet our student’s future world.

What can parents do to contribute to the process of improving learning at Our Lady of Mount Carmel?
Parents attend Parent/Teacher meetings, Information Session, Parents in the Classroom training and visit the learning spaces so that they are equipped to understand how the learning is facilitated for their children and to contribute to informed conversations with other parents.

The leadership team and the teachers of Mt Carmel look forward to working with you through a range of opportunities where we can all engage in informative conversations about the learning.

God Bless

Mrs Anne Marrins
Principal
Our Mission

Teacher Inquiry Cycle

Teachers learn together as a professional learning community and it begins with student assessments and follows the Teacher Inquiry Cycle.

If measles is detected at the school
Children who are not immunised are at risk of infection or may be incubating measles and so may be excluded to protect them and others. If there is a case of measles in a primary school, unimmunised children may not be allowed to attend school until the outbreak has been contained. In this situation, any students with no immunisation history statement on the school record will also be excluded.

Measles - background information
Measles is a serious viral infection and is highly infectious. The first symptoms are fever, tiredness, cough, runny nose, sore red eyes and feeling unwell. A few days later a rash appears. The rash starts on the face, spreads down to the body and lasts for 4-7 days. About a third of people with measles develop complications including ear infections, diarrhoea and pneumonia. About one in every 1000 develop encephalitis (inflammation of the brain).

MEASLES INFORMATION AND IMMUNISATION HISTORY STATEMENTS

NSW Health recommends that:
Children should be fully immunised against measles. Two doses of measles, mumps, rubella (MMR) vaccine are needed for full protection. The vaccine is free from GPs and is usually given at 12 months and at 4 years. If your child has not received two doses of MMR or you are not sure, please see your GP to get vaccinated.

Parents should provide the school with an immunisation history statement for their child. This is normally collected by the school at enrolment. The Australian Childhood Immunisation Register routinely mails an immunisation history statement to parents once the child reaches 5 years of age.

If the school did not receive an immunisation history statement for your child at enrolment, parents should obtain a new statement now and send it to the school. You can get a new copy of your child’s immunisation history statement by calling Medicare Australia on 1800 653 809 or by visiting a Medicare office.
CLASS NEWS 1S & 1W

Last week we read *Where the Wild Things Are* and we wrote adjectives to describe the Wild Things. We also worked with a partner to write a description of a monster.

My monster has six teeth and a long tongue. It has a blue body with darker blue spots on it. It has red hair and sharp, white horns. It also has red eyebrows. It has crab feet with four toes. It has three fingers on each hand which makes six fingers. It has a blue tail too. It has four eyes which are green and black.

Written by Sarah and Roshni

My monster has two eyes, one is very small and one is very big. It has two long arms with two spikes on each of them and wiggly fingers. It has a blue body with small round feet and a big green spot on his tummy.

Written by Royel and Ruby

My monster has an egg shaped body with a yellow, orange and red belt. It has red skin and it has one black and white eye. It has two yellow and orange antennae. It has a smiley mouth with two sharp, triangular teeth. It has two arms with no fingers. It has two legs with three toes on each one.

Written by Emilio and Kinnari

This monster has a pointy arrow shaped tail with orange spots on it. It has green hair. It has square, sharp teeth. It has white shiny eyes. It has two feet and two toes. It has two ears, four arms and four fingers on each hand. It has a pink tongue. It has a purple body.

Written by Panshul and Mark

My monster has a big, fat, green and yellow body. He has two ears that match the colour of his body. He has four, sharp, dangerous teeth and two, small, black, mean eyes. His short, fat nose is despicable and smelly. This ugly creature has two lucky clovers for his hair. He has feet and arms that look like frogs and a curved wide mouth that can gobble you up.

Written by Ricky and Johnny

FETE

Congratulations to the fete committee, parents, parishioners, staff and students on a successful community fete on Friday 11th March 2011. It is expected that the fete fundraiser will enable the school to install artificial turf on the grass area. The hard work and support of everyone towards the fete contribute towards the building of our community and the facilities of our school. On Wednesday 6th April at 7:00 pm in the Parish Centre there will be a Fete Meeting to celebrate our success, thank our workers and evaluate to improve for the next Fete in 2013. The final amount raised will be announced at the meeting.

ON THE MOVE TO END DEMENTIA MEMORY WALK—SUNDAY 15 MAY 2011 8.30AM-12.30PM

On Sunday 15 May 2011, join Alzheimer’s Australia NSW, our friends and supporters and participate in the Memory Walk and the new Memory Jog. The Memory Walk and jog will raise awareness and much needed funds to support people and their families living with dementia. This year the event will start at Leichhardt Oval #3, Leichhardt Park on Maliyawul St, Lilyfield next to Le Montage, just off the City West Link in Sydney’s inner west. The new course will follow the well-known Bay Run. Choose from our 2km or 7km Walk, or for those of you who are up for an even bigger challenge, we have added the 7km or 9km Memory Jog—our new running event.

It’s going to be a great day out for the whole family, with lots of activities and entertainment, including a heart starting warm-up with xfitness, live bands and music artists, a giant jumping castle and face painting for the kids, as well as delicious food, drink and much more! There is also the chance to win some great prizes with the Raffle, by entering the Lucky Walkers’ draw or by being the top team or individual fundraisers.

People who are interested in participating in the Walk can enter online at www.memorywalk.com.au or phone 8875 4626 for an entry form. So please join us and help us raise $100,000 to increase our ability to provide face-to-face services, such as counseling, art and music therapy, education and professional training across NSW. With your help we can make sure that our support is always available to those who need it.

For an information brochure visit the school office.

CANTEEN NEWS

Parents, please remind your children to drop their lunch orders into the canteen first thing in the morning as they arrive at school.

This will prevent children being disappointed when they aren’t able to have their lunch order because it was handed in late.

Mrs Freda Nousias—Canteen
Playing times for Round 2 on Saturday 2nd April are as follows:

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U10's Gold (OLMC3) please note that your team has been regraded to U11's and your time slot is now 11.30am. The courts are located at Wyatt Park, 1 Percy St, Auburn. The web address is [www.panansw.netball.asn.au](http://www.panansw.netball.asn.au) Round 3 will be played on Saturday 9th April and Round 4 on Saturday 30th April. There will be no games on the 16th and 23rd April. For enquiries please phone Margaret Nolan on 0405 509 253.

### DIARY DATES 2011

#### Term 2 begins on Wednesday 27th April 2011

**Week 1**
- **April**
  - **Monday 4** Year 6 Camp
  - **Tuesday 5** Stage 2M & 2C Cumberland State Forest excursion
  - **Wednesday 6** Stage 2B & 2V Cumberland State Forest Excursion
  - **Friday 8** Last Day of Term 1
  - **Sunday 10** Fr Paul Sireh Installation as Parish Priest

### Term 2

**April**
- **Week 1**
  - **Wednesday 27** SCHOOL RESUMES
  - 2.30pm Anzac Liturgy

**May**
- **Week 2**
  - **Tuesday 3** Diocesan Cross Country
  - **Wednesday 4** Mothers’ Day Stall
  - **Thursday 5** 9.00am Parent Education Session (repeat)
  - **Friday 6** 10.00am Mothers’ Day Mass & Morning Tea
  - **Friday 13** 11.30am School Open Morning

**June**
- **Week 6**
  - **Friday 3** NSW Cross Country

**July**
- **Week 9**
  - **Sunday 19** Holy Trinity
  - **Monday 20** Body & Blood of Christ
  - **Wednesday 22** Athletics Carnival

**Term 2**

**Week 2**
- **Wednesday 27** SCHOOL RESUMES
- 2.30pm Anzac Liturgy

**Week 3**
- **Monday 9** WINTER UNIFORM
- **Tuesday 10** Yrs 3/5 National Testing: Writing
- **Wednesday 11** Yrs 3/5 National Testing: Reading
- **Thursday 12** Yrs 3/5 National Testing: Numeracy
- **Friday 13** Yrs 3/5 National Testing: Catch-up

**Week 4**
- **Wednesday 18** 7.00pm P&F Meeting

**Week 5**
- **Tuesday 23** 9.00am Mary Help Of Christians Liturgy
- **Wednesday 25** School Photos
- **Friday 27** STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY

**Week 6**
- **Sunday 12** Pentecost
- **Monday 13** QUEENS BIRTHDAY

**Week 7**
- **Sunday 19** Ascension of the Lord
- **Monday 20** Reconciliation
- **Tuesday 7** Reconciliation
- **Wednesday 8** ICAS Science Competition

**Week 8**
- **Sunday 26** Athletics Carnival
- **Monday 27** Queens Birthday

**Week 9**
- **Tuesday 21** 3.30-5.00pm Parent/Teacher Interviews
- **Wednesday 22** 3.30-7.00pm Parent/Teacher Interviews

**Week 10**
- **Sunday 26** Body & Blood of Christ
- **Wednesday 29** Athletics Carnival

**NOTES HOME THIS WEEK**

1. National Assessment Program (Naplan) - Letter to Parents
2. Year 6 Camp Final Note