Our Mission

CHILDREN’S SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME

I’m pleased to announce that the Sacramental Programme for 2012 has begun. Children turning 8 years of age and older may celebrate their first Sacrament of Reconciliation (the form is due back by 4 April) and children turning 9 years of age and older may celebrate their First Holy Communion (the form is due back by 29 June). We will begin the Confirmation Programme next year. Forms, detail and dates may be collected from the church, priory, school or downloaded from the church website. For further enquiries, please phone Paola on 0414 947 799. Wishing all families a very happy and sacramental year.

Paola Yevenes-Hill-Sacramental Coordinator
Our Lady of Mt Carmel Church

EAST TIMOR

We need your help to raise money for East Timor. Just think about how many people are suffering. The least you could do is give $2.

This will do so much to help the people of East Timor because the money will be used to buy goats. Each goat costs $50.00. The goat will provide cheese, milk and meat for the people who receive them.

We would love for Stage 3 to be a big part of our efforts. This is a good way to show we are a Catholic school that helps people in need.

Agnes, Shalene and Zainah—Stage 3

OPENING SCHOOL MASS

We officially opened our school year with our Commencement School Mass last Friday 17 February. We joined together as a believing and worshipping community for the celebration of the Eucharist, which is central to our faith. We welcome and acknowledge people of other faiths whose presence and contribution enriches our community. At the conclusion of the liturgy each of us was commissioned to undertake our different roles as parent, student, student leader and staff in our shared mission in Catholic education.

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SWIMMING CARNIVAL

In previous years the Swimming Carnival cost has been deducted from the Excursion Budget. This year as all students did not attend the Carnival this activity will be invoiced separately.

If your child competed in the Swimming Carnival on Friday 10th February you will receive a letter requesting a payment of $3.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION TEACHERS

We welcome to our school community Miss Fleur Tropea and Mr David Younis as Physical Education Teachers for 2012. Both Miss Tropea and Mr Younis are K-12 Physical Education Teachers and K-6 Primary Teachers. We wish them rewarding experiences at Mt Carmel.

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LIBRARY NEWS

Hello Parents and Students and welcome to another wonderful year of reading!

Monday Lunchtime Story Reading has begun and this year we’ve started reading Harry Potter and the philosopher’s stone. If you haven’t already joined the story reading group, please feel free to come down to the library with me on Monday at lunchtime. Everyone’s welcome!

The 2012 Premier’s Reading Challenge begins in early March and finishes on the 1st September 2012. For more information, go to the PRC website at: https://products.schools.nsw.edu.au/prc/home.html

I’d love to make this year’s participation rate the biggest and best that OLMC Primary has ever had, so, let’s get borrowing and make it happen! Don’t forget to check out the books at your local public libraries as they will most likely have books that our school library doesn’t have.

If you have any questions about the Premier’s Reading Challenge or anything regarding the school library, please feel free to contact me at school via telephone or written message and I’ll get back to you as soon as possible.

Happy reading!

Mrs Alison Peacock
Library Assistant
Phone: 9631 8442

MERIT AWARDS

Merit awards are awarded by homeroom teachers each week to two students for learning achievements and for demonstrating good citizenship and Catholic values. The award recipients are published in the newsletter. This will commence next week as we have had problems with the order from our printing company.

ZONE SWIMMING CARNIVAL

The 30 students who represented our school at the Zone Swimming Carnival should be commended for their fantastic attitude and respect.

They all competed very well. The following students qualified for the Cumberland Zone Diocesan Swimming Carnival on 2 March 2012:

Individual Events: Jacinta Saab, Alexander Nolan and Daniel Incognito
Junior Girls Relay Team: Jacinta Saab, Hayley Farrugia, Jessie Finch, Jahmila Roach
Senior Boys Relay Team: Alexander Nolan, Adrian Khattar, Zac Finch, Christian Zebec
Senior Girls Relay Team: Alexandra Dela Cruz, Isabella Hudson, Annamarie Subramaniam, Brianna Dasey

Congratulations to Alexander Nolan who was the Senior Runner Up.

A special thank you to Peter Dasey who helped with the timing on the day.

Mrs Johra Brackenbury and Mrs Elly Benkovich
Zone Swimming Coordinators