Dear Parents/Carers

In 2012 the whole church marks another anniversary, the golden jubilee (50 years) of the Opening of the Second Vatican Council. To mark this the Church in Australia is celebrating a “Year of Grace” from Pentecost last weekend (27th May 2012 to 19 May 2013). Pentecost is a great time to embark on a mission of renewal lead by the Bishops of Australia, just as the followers of Jesus bravely did, inspired by the Holy Spirit, all those years ago with Peter at the lead.

The Year of Grace is a chance for the people of Australia to count their blessings and renew their faith. This mimics the time 50 years ago when the church underwent the renewal of Vatican II and celebrates the achievement of our diocese being 25 years old.

The theme for the “Year of Grace” is starting afresh from Christ. A wonderful opportunity for us as individuals, families and communities to reconnect, reengage, recommit with Christ, our Church and one another.

The word grace may be new to many children. It means a God-given opportunity. We say grace before meals to thank God for the gift of food and of our family. You might like to list with your children and count the graces that God has given to your family. This list could be displayed (on the fridge?) Each evening in your prayers you could focus on just one of those graces and give thanks to God.

Prayer for the Year of Grace
Gracious God,
You have blessed this ancient land with many gifts, especially its people.
We thank you for the Year of Grace, a time to start afresh from Christ.
You invite us to contemplate the face of Jesus your Son, that we may experience a new wave of grace, and that the light of Christ may burn more brightly in our lives.
Amen

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UPCOMING DATES

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NOTES SENT HOME

**THIS WEEK**

1. Bus Note for Children who catch Bus No. 8635
2. Stage 3 Star Card Award

**NOTE SENT HOME LAST FRIDAY**

1. Stage 1 Transport and Sydney Tower Excursion Note
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Staf Development Day

Just a reminder that Friday 8th June will be a Staff Development Day. There will be no school for children on this day. This will be followed by a long weekend as it is the Queens Birthday Holiday on Monday 11 June. School will resume on Tuesday 12 June 2012.

Sick Children

At present we have a number of children who are sick. We ask that you make sure your child has fully recovered before they return to school. This allows them to be ready to learn and helps prevent the spread of illness. Please contact the office on the THIRD day of their absence so your child be away from school.

Australian Catholic University Student Teachers

From Monday our school will be hosting student teachers from Australian Catholic University until the end of the term. This is a wonderful opportunity for our experienced staff to model their excellent teaching practices to the students and develop the teaching skills of these future teachers.

Sacramental Program

First Reconciliation will take place next week on Monday 4 June 2012 at 7.30pm and Tuesday 5 June 2012 at 7.30pm.

Please keep the children making this sacrament in your prayers.

Explanation of the Year of Grace Logo

There is no one symbol or message that the Year of Grace logo is intended to convey. It is a bright and stylish image which, in looking at it, has many significant symbols and connections that can be drawn:

- The Cross
- The Sun
- A circle that represents the infinity of God
- The halo incorporating a cross that surrounds the head of Jesus in Eastern iconography
- The host used at Mass
- The monstrance used in Eucharistic adoration
- A link with the artistic tradition of our Indigenous people
- The earthen, ochre colours of Australia
- A diversity of peoples and cultures, gathered into one community
- A star-burst
- Light

There may be other ways in which the logo speaks to people.

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**OLMC NETBALL CLUB 2012 SEASON**

Playing times for Round 9 on Saturday 2 June are as follows:

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Please be at the courts 30mins before your timeslot to warm-up with your team. The PANA web address is www.panansw.netball.asn.au. Please note there are no games on Saturday 9 June due to the State Championships. For enquiries please phone Margaret Nolan on 0405 509 253

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**Entertainment Book**

The 2012/2013 Entertainment Book is available for purchase through the school office. For $65 you will receive over $15,000 worth of offers from a fantastic variety of restaurants, arts, attractions and much more. A percentage of each sale goes to the school. To order please bring your money to the school office in an envelope marked Entertainment Book Order. If you wish to order an Entertainment Book for Sydney or North Sydney region just indicate your preference on the envelope when ordering.

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**Mt Carmel Tots Playgroup**

There will be no playgroup next Friday 8th June due to a Staff Development Day at the school. We will be back at the Parish Hall next Friday 15th June.

If you have preschool age children and would like to come along to playgroup please feel free to join us from 9:30 – 11:30 at the Parish Hall each Friday to do craft, sing songs, play and have fun.

Call Danielle Gardner on 0414 607 180 for more information.

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**Earn and Learn Program**

The Woolworths Earn and Learn program is up and running again this year until 22nd July.

This year the program has changed a little and instead of collecting dockets you are asked to collect stickers. You need to ask for these stickers at the register at the time of purchase. You get 1 sticker for every $10 you spend. If you could bring your stickers and place them in the box in the Parish Centre we will be able to place them onto reward sheets and exchange them for resources for our school.

If you want to fill in your own reward sheet you can ask for one at the register and place your stickers in the spaces provided. Just mark Our Lady of Mount Carmel Wentworthville as your school and place it under the box in the Parish Centre. One sheet holds 30 stickers!

Thanks once again for your support of our school.

Danielle Gardner
President Parents and Friends Association

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**SECOND HAND UNIFORM**

**MID YEAR SALE COME AND GRAB A BARGAIN!! WEDNESDAY NEXT WEEK 6 JUNE 2012 FROM 2.30PM UNTIL 3.30PM**

**BOYS SHIRTS AND GIRLS BLOUSES $2.00 EACH SUMMER STOCK HALF PRICE**

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**EASY IDEAS FOR HEALTHY SNACKS**

Children are often hungry between meals. Eating snacks that are nutritious, as well as satisfying, goes a long way towards better health. The following snack ideas will help you provide your children with healthier choices.

- Pikelets (add mashed banana)
- Homemade air-popped popcorn
- Yoghurt
- Wholemeal crackers with cheese
- Fruit muffin/English muffin with spread
- Rice cakes with tomato and cheese
- Toasted sandwiches-try baked beans
- Vegetable or pumpkin soup
- Fruit smoothie-try milk, a small banana or kiwifruit, vanilla and cinnamon
- Raw vegetables like carrots & capsicum sticks with dip

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**CATHOLIC TRADE TRAINING CENTRES**

Students in Years 11 and 12 can complete their Higher School Certificate and start a trade qualification in Automotive, Hairdressing, Hospitality, Metals & Engineering, Brick & Block Laying, Carpentry, Shopfitting or Electrotechnology. Brochures are available from the school office.
ON WEDNESDAY 23RD JUNE, THE FIRE FIGHTERS CAME TO SCHOOL. FIRST, THEY TALKED ALL ABOUT FIRES AND SHOWN US THEIR UNIFORM. WE GET TO ASk THEM LOTS OF QUESTIONS. THEY ALSO TAUGHT US TO "GET DOWN LOW AND Go, Go, Go!" AFTER THAT, WE WENT OUTSIDE AND SPRAYED WATER FROM THE HOSE (MAKING RAINBOWS AS I WOULD SAY). THEN, WE GOT TO HAVE A SEAT IN THE BACK-SEAT OF THE TRUCK. THEY PUT ON THE SIREN. IT WAS SO LOUD THAT IT MADE ME JUMP! FINALLY THEY PUT A STAMP ON OUR HAND. IT WAS SO MUCH FUN! BY SARAH 10

I LIKED TO SEE ALL THE THINGS INSIDE THE TRUCK.

I GOT TO SPRAY THE HOSE AND I COULD SEE A SMALL RAINBOW.

DID YOU KNOW A FIRE FIGHTER'S UNIFORM WEIGHS 15 KILOGRAMS!

REMEMBER... COVER YOUR FACE AND STOP, DROP AND ROLL!

HTTP://WWW.BELGRADEKIDS.COM