Dear Parents/Carers,

Over the past week I have had the privilege to read every child’s report in the school. One thing that stood out was the incredible number of students with outstanding effort in all areas of their learning. As a result, 117 Principal certificates were handed out to students with their reports. This is a new initiative this year to recognise the outstanding effort of students regardless of their A-E grade. These children are to be congratulated and the school challenged to increase this number of certificates given at the end of the year (semester two).

There would not be a single family in Australia who, at some stage in the life of their children, hadn’t encouraged them to “do their best”. When we, as parents, tell our children to do their best, we also need to tell them that their best is never going to be the same from one period of time to the next. Everything is alive and changing all the time, so their best will sometimes be high quality and at other times will not be as good; it could depend on whether they are feeling wonderful and happy or upset and moody. When our children don’t do their best, they are somewhat denying themselves the opportunity to be who they really are.

So, how can we support our children to do their best? Well, most children become what adults tell them they can become. Children take words to heart, especially words from the adults they love; they want and need to believe what their parents say about them. Through our speech and behaviour towards our children, we communicate to them the boundaries of their potential.

Sometimes, children will need feedback from their parents that might be negative in nature. However, we need to take care that the manner in which we give the feedback is not counterproductive to our children not thinking well of themselves and accepting the need to perhaps change their behaviour. When we do give feedback, we need to focus on the behaviour not on our child’s general worth as a person.

To help children to do their best we need to show a genuine interest in them and let them know how much we care about them. We need to acknowledge what’s important to them and provide affirmation about who they are and what they’re doing. We need, on occasion, to say “well done” for nothing worth doing is ever easy; worthwhile things always take time and effort. When the need arises, we might offer to lend a hand; if our children see that we are willing to commit our time and energy to their interests, they will be more committed to see things through and be less likely to give up on themselves.

“Lord, we invite You to walk with us as we journey with our children. Help our guidance to be reflective of You so that it is loving, compassionate and honest. Amen.”

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**NOTES SENT HOME**

**THIS WEEK**

1. Stage 2 Boys Soccer Gala Day  
2. Stage 2 Headlice  
3. Stage 2 Pyjama Mufti Day  
4. Yr 1 Report explanation/information  
5. Bookclub Order forms  

**UPCOMING DATES**

**Week 9**  
Mon 18/6 3.30-5.00pm Report Interviews  
Wed 20/6 3.30-5.00pm Report Interviews

**Week 10**  
Tues 26/6 Stage 2 Boys Soccer Gala Day  
Thurs 28/6 Athletics Carnival  
Friday 29/6 LAST DAY TERM 2

**TERM 3 BEGINS MONDAY 16 JULY 2012**
The annual Athletics Carnival will be held next Thursday 28 June 2012 at Gipps Road Sporting Complex, Gipps Road, Greystanes.

All children are to arrive at school no later than 9.00am in their Sports Uniform. The $6 cost for the hire of buses, equipment and field will be deducted from your child's excursion levy unless you elect to pay separately.

All students will be travelling to and from the venue by bus. Parents are not permitted to travel on the bus. No Canteen facilities will be available. Students are to bring recess, lunch, healthy snacks, water and drinks (no canned drinks). Recess will be at 11.20am and lunch break at 1.30pm. Students will not be permitted to sit with their parents at any time throughout the day.

If you wish to take your child home directly from the carnival, you will be required to see your child's age group teacher to record their departure on the official attendance list. Please note that your child's age group teacher will not necessarily be your child's class teacher.

Carnival Format: The whole school will be following a program of circuit rotations involving running, relays, ball games, long jump and novelty events. The infants and primary stages will be grouped according to age for all activities.
Playing times for Round 10 on Saturday 16 June are as follows –

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PANA Crazy Hair Day
On Saturday 16 June Parramatta Auburn Netball Association, in partnership with NSW Netball, will be holding a “Crazy Hair Day” to support the Kid’s Cancer Project. For as little as a gold coin donation, players, coaches, managers, executive, parents and friends are encouraged to participate. Not only will this assist sick children who are finding times a little tough, but it will be a fun day for all those who participate. For those who are a little worried about their hair or have something else they need to attend on the day, we would also welcome your support so why not wear coloured or odd socks on the day.

Car Park Closure
Please be advised the car park on Percy Street, Auburn will be closed due to railway track work from Friday 22 - Sunday 24 June.

For enquiries please phone Margaret Nolan on 0405 509 253.

ATHLETICS CARNIVAL
There has been a change of date for the Athletics Carnival. It will now be held on Thursday 28 June instead of the last day of school.

CROSS COUNTRY CARNIVAL
On Friday June 15, 3 students from Our Lady of Mount Carmel, will be participating in the NSW CPSCCC cross country carnival at Eastern Creek. The students have been selected as members of the Mackillop representative side. The students are Jessie Finch from stage 2L in the girls 10yrs, Jayda Terracciano from stage 3S in the girls 11 yrs and Zac Finch Stage 3S in the boys 12/13 yrs. We wish them well as they compete against students from all over NSW in the cross country carnival. We know that they will be great ambassadors for our school community.

PRAYERS AND SYMPATHY
We ask you to keep in your prayers the Gardner family - Mitchell 3N & Lachlan 2S on the passing of their Great Grandmother on Monday this week.

Also
The Touma family—Jamelle 3C, Karima 2B, Isaac 2L, Emmanuel 1B, Elizabeth ES1 whose Grandfather passed away recently.

Eternal rest grant unto them
O’ Lord
May they rest in peace
Amen

P&F NEWS
ENTERTAINMENT BOOK
With the school holidays coming up, it's the perfect opportunity to make the most of the 2012/2013 Entertainment Book. The books are still 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 such as bowling alleys and movie theatres.

To order please bring your money to the school office in an envelope marked Entertainment Book Order and the type of book you would like – either a Sydney Greater West or a Sydney or North Sydney book.

All books are $65 and a percentage of each sale goes back to our school.

EARN AND LEARN PROGRAM
The Woolworths Earn and Learn program is still running until Sunday 1 July. Please don't forget to ask for the stickers at the Woolworths checkout. For every $10 spent you get one sticker to stick on your own reward sheet. Each sheet holds 30 stickers. Just mark Our Lady of Mount Carmel Wentworthville as your school and send it to class with your child to place in the box in the office. Extra sheets are available at the Woolies checkout or at the school office.

Thank you to all those who have already sent in sheets, we’re our way to achieving our school goal of 50,000 stickers.

SUPPORT FOR THOSE SEPARATED OR DIVORCED
Amongst other services, the Solo Parent Ministry organizes Seminars to assist those who are struggling with matters concerning the breakdown of their marriage and family union. Last month’s Seminar dealt with the Process of Annulments; this month's Seminar is titled: “Dealing with the Legal System”. Mr Richard Brading from the Wesley Community Legal Service in Macquarie St will give information that will assist you in dealing with Solicitors and Barristers and some help in knowing how to protect family assets. Wed. 27th June. 7.30 - 9.30pm. Diocesan Assembly Centre, 1-5 Marion St Blacktown. $5.00. Bookings to be made with Sr Eileen 99330205 or eileen.quade@ccss.org.au.

Discover OLMC Parramatta in June
Our Lady of Mercy College Parramatta would like to invite you to tour the College and see Mercy values in action at our Open Morning Tour Monday June 18, 2012.

Visit www.olmc.nsw.edu.au or phone 8838 1263 to reserve your place or obtain further information.
Today you will receive your child’s report for Semester One. These reports are only one way of gaining information about your child and their academic progress. We encourage you to also look through your child’s work samples that will be sent home with their report.

The report communicates information about your child’s learning…

for all seven Key Learning Areas (KLAs)

- Religion
- English
- Mathematics
- Human Society and its Environment
- Science and Technology
- Personal Development, Health and Physical Education
- Creative Arts

using a scale of achievement

What is a Scale of Achievement?

Kindergarten learning reports communicate individual achievement in all areas according to the following scale:

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For Years 1 to 6 the number of students achieving at each level E - A is stated on your child’s report for each key learning area.

Your child’s effort for each area is reported using a three-point scale:

- Needs Improvement
- Satisfactory
- Excellent

The number of students achieving at various levels is determined:

- by the year group’s achievements
- it is not by a mathematical formula

Listed in the table below is an example of achievement (Year 1 to 6) for parents regarding their driving skills. The majority of the parent community would be C (Sound Achievement) and this is what we would expect the majority of drivers to achieve. This idea may assist you when reading your child’s report.

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Learner
Drives with guidance & requires continuous support and monitoring

Provisional
Able to drive but lacks experience
Basic driving ability

Sound driver
Experienced in various situations
Majority of people driving on the roads

Attended advanced driver training course
Experienced and tested in various situations at high speed

Formula 1 driver
Experienced and tested in various situations at high speed