Dear Parents, Staff and Students

I would like to welcome each of you to the 2012 school year, especially those families and staff who are joining our community this year. I wish you many rewarding and fulfilling experiences at Mt Carmel.

There are some opportunities in the next few weeks to meet the staff and other families. Our new and Early Stage One parents are invited to a Welcome Barbeque on Friday 17th February. All parents are invited to the Parent information Session/s on Tuesday 7th February and to our Opening School Mass on Friday 17th February 2012. I welcome your support and participation in our ongoing partnership of parents, school and parish in Catholic education. God bless

Mrs Anne Marrins-Principal

STAFF WELCOME 2012

We welcome the following staff into our community for 2012:

Mrs Elly Benkovich has been appointed to the position of Acting Assistant Principal for Term 1, 2012. Mrs Benkovich is currently Assistant Principal at St Bernadette’s, Dundas and comes to our school with extensive experience as a teacher and leader and more recently in the role of Specialist Numeracy Teacher and leading the EMU learning.

Miss Sara Butler comes to our school with experience as a teacher of Stage 1 to Stage 3 and as a leader of learning in the Sydney Archdiocese and previously in the Parramatta Diocese. Miss Butler brings expertise in Literacy and Numeracy learning and as coordinator a Numeracy Program. Miss Butler has been appointed to the position of Coordinator of Learning for ES1/S1 and teacher for Stage 1 and will lead the EMU Program for our school.

Mrs Jacki Janis is our Stage 2 teacher for Weeks 1 to 5 while Mr Stan Stefaniak is on leave. Mrs Janis has extensive teaching experience in both the Sydney Archdiocese and Parramatta Diocese of Education.

We welcome our new teachers to our community and wish them many rewarding experiences.

PARENT INFORMATION SESSIONS

You are invited to our Parent Information Sessions next Tuesday 7th February to be informed about the learning in 2012. You are encouraged to attend these sessions to learn how the team of teachers in each stage structure the learning. The Information Sessions are as follows:

6:30pm – 7:30pm
Stage One (Years One and Two)

7:00pm – 8:00pm
Stage Two (Years Three and Four)

7:30pm – 8:30pm
Stage Three (Years Five and Six)

First half hour each stage
Principal’s Message

Second half hour each stage
Teachers’ Stage Information

WEHCME STUDENTS 2012

We welcome into our community all our ES1 2012 students and also Ndifreke Jackson 1S, Nishtha Jadhga 1B, John Juan 3K, Marielle Juan 2L, Rachelle Juan 1C, Cheyenne Baqial 1B, Jesse Agwuncha 2S.

NEW UNIFORM SHOP

To order school uniforms a “New School Uniform” order form will need to be filled out and submitted by Wednesday of each week to the office. Forms are available at the office counter.

Orders will be ready for collection by Friday of each week and if paid for at time of ordering then they will be sent to your eldest child’s class by Friday of that week.

SPECIALIST TEACHERS

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Numeracy (EMU) Leader

| Miss Sara Butler |

Numeracy Specialist Teacher

| Mrs Rhonda Sculley |

Reading Recovery

| Sr Carmelita Cassar rsm |

Music

| Mrs Emma Moore |
| Mrs D’Anne Worsley |

Sport

| TBA |

LEADERSHIP TEAM

| Principal | Mrs Anne Marrins |
| Actiing Assistant Principal Term 1 | Mrs Elly Benkovich |

Religious Education Coordinator

| Mrs Bernadette Nolan | Stage 3 Leader |

Coordinator

| Mr Stan Stefaniak |
| Mrs Benkovich (T1) | Stage 2 Leader |

Coordinator Extending Mathematical Understanding (EMU) Leader

| Miss Sara Butler | ES1/Stage 1 Leader |

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A SPECIAL INTENTION: Please keep in your prayers Mrs Simone Dore (Mother of Marcus 1B and Alannah ES1) who is currently in hospital. We extend to her our very warm wishes for a speedy recovery.

2012 DIOCESAN SCHOOL FEES

Kindergarten tuition fees will remain at $19 per week and will not be increased for the next two years (2012-2013). Tuition fees for Years 1-6 will increase by 3.9% to $23 per week.
The new fee structure for 2012 will be:

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Diocesan Building Levy: The building levy supports the capital works of all Catholic schools in the diocese and is payable per family. In 2012, the building levy will be increased by $45 per annum to $615 per family.

For further information please call Rachael on 045 130 0187

PARENTS AND FRIENDS NEWS

Welcome back to Term 1. Feels like we never left in many ways doesn’t it? A special welcome to all our new parents. We hope your time at Our Lady of Mt Carmel is a time that you will treasure. A big thank you to Caz Learmonth, Jo Anne Caine and Judith Sukamar for their help with the Tea and Tissues Morning Tea. It was really appreciated.

Please note in your diary that the next P&F meeting is Tuesday 21st February at 7.00pm. An agenda will be sent to every family prior to the meeting. We hope you will come along.

The P&F will host a Welcome Barbecue for Kindergarten (ES1) parents and new parents to our school on Friday 17 February at 6.00pm in the school grounds. If you are able to provide assistance on the night please phone Danielle Gardner on 041 460 7180.

Danielle Gardner-President

OLMC NETBALL CLUB 2012 SEASON

OLMC Netball Club will be taking registrations for the 2012 season on Wednesday 8 February from 3.10 to 3.30pm in the front playground. Registration fees are as follows – Juniors (11-17yrs) - $110.00; Modified (8, 9 & 10yrs) - $85.00; NetSetGo (6 & 7yrs) - $65.00. This fee is payable at the time of registration. Cheques may be made payable to OLMC Netball Club. Orders will also be taken for new uniforms. For further information please contact Margaret Nolan on 0405 509 253.

FAITH IN OUR FUTURE

Planning Together in Christ for the Catholic Diocese of Parramatta

How can we serve families better as a church, build a true sense of belonging, and equip people for Catholic life in the 21st Century? How might we better support our schools and parishes and better meet the needs of our people, especially our children and future generations?

Bishop Anthony Fisher OP invites you to share your vision, suggestions and ideas as we plan for the years ahead in the Diocese of Parramatta.

For information about the consultation event taking place near you, or to have your say online, visit www.faithinourfuture.org.au

RUGBY LEAGUE (The Greatest Game of All)

OLQP Bulldogs are accepting registrations for the 2012 season for boys and girls competing in the under 6’s to under 11’s. Games are played on Sundays.

Registration dates are: Friday 3rd & 10th February-3pm to 4.30pm at OLQP School or Sunday 12th February 9am to 12 noon at Roberta St Park, Greystanes (This includes coaching clinic and BBQ)

Fees: $75 for 1st Child, $50 for 2nd Child and Free for any other children from that family.

New registrations must provide Birth Certificate and Baptism Certificate.

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