On Holy Thursday 21st April, we enter into our celebration of the Easter Triduum (three days) – the most significant feast of our Christian faith. At the Last Supper Jesus demonstrates that truly great people are humble servants with generous hearts. We try to forget our own needs and reach out to our human family so that they may experience justice, freedom and hope – what we regard as givens.

Christianity seems an uncomfortable religion with the cross at its centre. On Good Friday we are confronted with Jesus’ suffering and death. We are reminded that no matter how difficult life gets, prayer, faith and hope are the things we need and ultimately the hardest to grasp. St Paul tells us that we have been baptised into the death of Jesus so that just as Jesus was raised to new life we too might walk in the newness of life. On Easter Sunday the risen Jesus gives us courage and new life for the journey ahead.

Holy Week is the culmination of our Lenten efforts. We now focus on the last days of Jesus’ life and prepare for the celebration of hope, the Resurrection. I leave you with some ideas for enriching the journey:

♦ Let go of a grudge
♦ Invite a neighbour to dinner (perhaps a new arrival to our country)
♦ Set aside time to ‘be’ with each other in your family
♦ Set aside time to ‘be’ with God

May each of you be renewed by the hope, peace and joy that the Resurrection bestows on us.

Happy Easter holidays
God Bless

Mrs Anne Marrins-Principal

PRAYERS & SYMPATHY
Please keep in your prayers the Essey family (Celine 2V) whose Auntie, Mr Celine’s sister passed away this week.
Also Mrs Lyn Bryant (Parish Secretary) whose Mother passed away on Wednesday this week

Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.
May they rest in peace. Amen.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

The annual Catholic schools Week event will be celebrated this year across NSW and ACT from 1st to 7th May. The theme this year is ‘A Learning Adventure, a Journey of Faith’.
Our school is planning a number of activities that highlight the wonderful learning and teaching that takes place at Mt Carmel.

FETE

Our community deserves to be proud of the achievements from our fete on Friday 11th March 2011. The primary purpose of the fete has always been about building community, with parents, staff, students and parishioners working together. The secondary purpose of the money raised is a bonus, enabling us to improve our school and parish facilities.

On Wednesday 4th April at the Fete Review Meeting the final amount raised was announced $25,125.87. Congratulations and well done everyone. Our school and parish community extends grateful thanks to Suzanne Stanton, Fete Coordinator, JoAnne Caine, Treasurer, Jon Caine, Publicity and fete stalls, Joe Zeidan, Electrical, Lanette Achmar, Assistant and the supportive group of parents and parishioners (too many to list) who assisted with setting up, coordinating stalls, setting down and cleaning up. As you would know a fete is a huge endeavour and your help in any way was greatly appreciated.

Father Paul Sireh - Parish Priest
Anne Marrins - Principal
OLMC NETBALL CLUB

Playing times for Round 3 on Saturday 9th April are as follows

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The courts are located at Wyatt Park, 1 Percy Street Auburn. The web address is www.panansw.netball.asn.au There will be no games on the 16th and 23rd April due to the school holidays. Round 4 will be played on Saturday 30th April. If your child is interested in playing Netball please phone Margaret Nolan on 0405 509 253.

P&F NEWS

Wishing everyone a very Happy Easter. We look forward to seeing you at the next P&F Meeting on Wednesday 18th May at 7.00pm

Mrs Danielle Gardner—P&F President

KINDERGARTEN ENROLMENT FORMS 2011

Enrolment forms are now available from the office for Kindergarten (Early Stage 1) 2012.

DIARY DATES 2011

Term 2

April

Week 1

Wednesday 27

SCHOOL RESUMES

2.30pm Anzac Liturgy

May

Week 2

Catholic Schools Week

Tuesday 3

Diocesan Cross Country

Wednesday 4

Reconciliation Parent Information

Thursday 5

9.00am Parent Education Session (repeat)

Friday 6

10.00am Mothers’ Day Mass & Morning Tea

11.30am School Open Morning

Sunday 8

Mothers’ Day

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

Monday 23

9.00am Mary Help Of Christians Liturgy

Wednesday 25

STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY

Friday 27

Easter Sunday Masses

7.00, 9.00, 10.30am

There will be no evening Masses on Easter Sunday.

June

Week 6

Friday 3

NSW Cross Country

Week 7

Sunday 5

Ascension of the Lord

Monday 6

Reconciliation

Tuesday 7

Reconciliation

Wednesday 8

ICAS Science Competition

Week 8

Sunday 12

Pentecost

Monday 13

QUEENS BIRTHDAY

Week 9

Sunday 19

Holy Trinity

Monday 20

3.30-5.00pm Parent/Teacher Interviews

Tuesday 21

3.30-5.00pm Parent/Teacher Interviews

Friday 24

Mercy Day Liturgy

Week 10

Sunday 26

Body & Blood of Christ

Wednesday 29

Athletics Carnival

July

Friday 1

SCHOOL CLOSES TERM 2

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OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL CHURCH

EASTER TRIDUUM LITURGY

SCHEDULE

Tuesday 19 April

Community Reconciliation

7.30pm

Holy Thursday 21 April

Mass of the Lord’s Supper

7.30pm

Good Friday 22 April

Stations of the Cross 9.00am

9.30-10.30am Sacrament of Penance

Celebration of the Lord’s Passion

3.00pm

Holy Saturday 23 April

The Easter Vigil

7.30pm

Easter Sunday 24 April

Easter Sunday Masses

7.00, 9.00, 10.30am

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