**WORLD YOUTH DAY**

World Youth Day is for young Catholics aged between 16 and 35 years. It is held every 4 years to celebrate our Catholic faith and the future of the Church in the hands of our youth. It was initiated by Blessed John Paul II over 20 years ago. Next month WYD takes place in Madrid, Spain.

**WYD FUNDRAISING**

To help those young people from our parish, feeder high schools and Parramatta Diocese attend WYD we are holding TWO FUNDRAISING DAYS:

- **Next Friday 29th July**
  The Diocesan World Youth Day Cross will be visiting our school and we will have a morning prayer at 9:00 am for the young people attending WYD. We are asking children to donate a gold coin to help WYD pilgrims. It IS NOT A MUFTI DAY Friday 12th August is also a WYD morning prayer and fund raising day and again we are asking for a gold coin donation.

**CHILDREN’S SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME**

The Parent Information Evening for the First Holy Communion programme will be held on Tuesday 26 July in the Parish Centre at 7:15 pm where we will discuss all aspects of preparing your children for this most beautiful sacrament. A sincere thanks to all those parents who returned their forms on time - it really does help with the planning.

If your child has received the sacraments of Baptism and Eucharist and you would like for them to celebrate their Confirmation, please contact the Diocese on 8838 3416.

**STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY**

Next Monday 25 July is a Staff Development Day. There will be no school for students on this day.

**NETBALL GALA DAY**

Next Tuesday 26 July 2011 is the Netball Gala Day. Children who are participating need to be at school by 7.30am as the bus will depart the school at 7.40am.

**EDUCATION TAX REFUND UPDATE**

**How much can be claimed?**

Those eligible can claim 50% of eligible expenses up to the maximum amounts.

For the 2010-11 financial year the maximum amounts that can be claimed are:

- $794 for each primary school child-that is a refund of up to $397, and
- $1,588 for each secondary school child-that is a refund of up to $794.

**What can be claimed in 2010-11?**

Eligible expenses include the cost of buying, establishing, repairing and maintaining any of the following items.

- Home computers & laptops
- Printers, USB flash drives, and disability aids to assist in the use of computer equipment for students with special needs
- Computer repairs
- Home internet connections
- Computer software for educational use
- School textbooks and other printed learning material, including prescribed textbooks, associated learning materials, study guides and stationery, and
- Prescribed trade tools for secondary school trade courses.

**School Uniforms:** The Government is changing the Education Tax Refund (ETR) so that people can claim their children’s school uniforms. This means people will be able to claim school approved uniform items from 1 July 2012.

From 1 July 2011 start keeping receipts for school uniform items so you can claim them next year.

**How do people claim?**

- The ETR is claimed in an individual’s tax return, or
- For those who don’t lodge a tax return, it is claimed on the Education Tax Refund for Individuals claim form, available from the Tax Office.

For more information go to www.educationtaxrefund.gov.au.

**CATECHISTS URGENTLY NEEDED**

Currently, we are appealing for more Catechists or Special Religion Education (SRE) teachers to take the Good News to children in state primary schools located in Our Lady of Mount Carmel parish. Special Religious Education is the time allowed under the Education Act of 1990 for approved Catechists or Special Religion Educators (SREs) to come into state schools to teach their particular faith to children enrolled in the program. SRE teachers are volunteers, from within our parish who are authorised, approved by the parish and trained by the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine (CCD) within the Parramatta Diocese. Our parish SRE team provides weekly classes on Tuesdays during the school term for children whose parents wish them to have instruction in the Catholic faith.

We are looking for volunteers who can become involved for 1½ hours per week: comprising one 30 minute lesson, plus 1 hour preparation per week.
CATECHISTS URGENTLY NEEDED

We have, at present three primary schools in our parish—Wentworthville, Pendle Hill & Darcy Road Public Schools. To have a Catechist in all classes each week we require 4 new Catechists for various K-6 classes at 9.00am, 9.30am, 11.30am & 12.25pm on Tuesdays. You are not on your own—there's loads of support and opportunities for on-going education and faith formation.

New Volunteers undertake training and complete the Level 1 Accreditation Course provided through the CCD Diocesan Office, Parramatta. Volunteers with teaching qualifications attend a morning session for an update on child protection legislation and the Reconnection evening. Next opportunity: the final 7 day training course for 2011 starts soon.

Dates:  Tues– Fri, 9th – 12th August & Tues – Thurs, 16th - 18th August.

Time:  9.30am – 2.30pm at Marayong Parish Hall

RECONNECTION EVENING: Wednesday, 14th September. An insert in next week’s bulletin will explain the role of a Catechist further. Please prayerfully consider joining this important and rewarding ministry. For more information please phone Natalie Stewart: 0431 692 948.

OLMC NETBALL

Playing times for Round 13 on Saturday 23rd July are as follows -

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Players will be notified by their Team Managers if the Round is cancelled due to rain.

ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

Winning Teams: Blue 219 points Red 252 points Green 233 points Gold 265 points

Age Champions:
The Age Champions will receive their awards at our next assembly on Monday 1 August 2011.

Snr Girls Champion
Madelyn Nolan
Snr Girls Runner Up
Friscilla Midon
11 Yrs Girls Champion
Julia Achmar
11 Yrs Girls Runner Up
Catherine Raftopoulos
Jnr Girls Champion
Jessie Finch
Jnr Girls Runner Up
Kimberly Imbun

Snr Boys Champion
Austin Eid
Snr Boys Runner Up
Jonah Stenning
11 Yrs Boys Champion
Zac Finch
11 Yrs Boys Runner Up
Sean Brazier
Jnr Boys Champion
Jack Mansour
Jnr Boys Runner Up
Majak Majak

Thank You!

Many thanks to the parents who took on official roles throughout the day. Without your assistance, the day would not have run as smoothly as it did. A special thanks to the parents who came to the oval early to assist in the set up and stayed back to pack up the equipment.

Mrs Chehade
Sports Coordinator

DIARY DATES 2011

Term 3

Week 1
Monday 18
SCHOOL RESUMES
10.00am OLMC Feast Day & Grandparent’s Mass
& Morning Tea
All Schools Cross Country

Week 2
Monday 25
STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY
Tues 26
Feasts of Saints Joachim & Anne
Netball Gala Day
3.15-4.15pm Chess
1st Eucharist Parent Information Meeting

Week 3
Monday 1
Stage 2 CSIRO Excursion
Tuesday 2
ICAS English Competition
Friday 5
3.15-4.15pm Mary MacKillop Liturgy

Week 4
Tuesday 9
3.15-4.15pm Chess
Wednesday 10
7.00pm P&F Meeting
Friday 12
5.30pm P&F Disco

Week 5
Monday 15
Assumption Liturgy
Tuesday 16
ICAS Mathematics Competition
Wednesday 17
7.00pm Yr 5 Personal Development Night
Friday 19
1.30pm Blessing & Opening Ceremony

Week 6
Monday 22
Zone Athletics Carnival (Change of date)
Tuesday 23
3.15-4.15pm Chess
Friday 26
Diocesan Athletics Carnival Blacktown

Week 7
Tuesday 30
3.15-4.15pm Chess
Wednesday 31
Fathers’ Day Stall
7.00pm Parent Education

Week 8
Tuesday 6
9.00am Parent Education
Friday 2
8.00am Fathers’ Day Breakfast &
9.00am Fathers’ Day Parish Mass
Sunday 4
Fathers’ Day

Week 9
Tuesday 13
9.00am First Eucharist
Thursday 15
Creative Arts Expo
Sunday 18
First Eucharist

Week 10
Tuesday 20
STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY
Friday 23
SCHOOL CLOSES FOR TERM 3

PLAYGROUP NOTICE

Due to work being carried out on the school grounds & inclement weather, Playgroup will not take place next Friday. It will resume the following week on 5 August 2011.

EXCITING NEWS FROM AN EX STUDENT OF OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL!!

Michael O’ Loughlin has won the 2011 NSW State Junior Singles for Lawn Bowls. Michael is an ex-student of Our Lady of Mt Carmel and is currently in Year 12 at St Pauls Catholic College.

OPEN AUDITIONS are now on for Artes Christi’s 2011 musical JOSEPH.

This is a fantastic chance to perform with a Catholic theatre company as a singer, actor, dancer or orchestral player.

Auditions: 14 July—1 August at the BXVI Centre (235 Devonshire St, Surry Hills).
To register email arteschristisydney@gmail.com or phone 0414 099 516 or visit www.arteschristi.org.au.