Dear Parents, Friends and Students

This week all parents are invited to attend our Meet The Teacher evenings. These gatherings are an important opportunity to meet your child’s teacher who will share information about the class learning programme and very importantly, the routines and expectations for the year. This information will support your child’s success and engagement at school and the important partnership between school and families. At these meetings the School Board will also display copies of our Annual Reports. If you wish to receive a hard copy booklet of these reports please inform Front Office staff. Staff are looking forward to sharing this time with families and catching up with each of you.

We have begun the process of interviewing Reception students and families who wish to enrol their child at OLMC in 2013. As we have a significant demand for enrolments I encourage any families who have a child due to start school in 2013 to lodge an Application for Enrolment as soon as possible. Please note that sibling enrolment is not automatic and enrolment forms must be lodged for each child. Please also inform any friends who may be wishing to enrol their child at OLMC, to do so as soon as possible.

This week staff are involved in a number of meetings to plan and programme for students who require additional support with their learning. This is an important focus of our learning programme and staff will work together to design specific intervention programmes for students. This intervention will form part of the general learning programme with an emphasis on specific skill development. Our Education Support Officers will support teachers in this role and work with individuals and small groups of students to develop and reinforce specific skills and concepts.

As part of our National Partnerships focus staff will also continue analysing our school’s NAPLAN data to ensure that learning programmes focus specifically on the learning needs and styles of our students in the areas of Literacy and in particular, Reading. Staff will work in teams to develop their professional learning and use of strategies which will support and develop student outcomes in these areas. Much of our learning this year will be supported by Consultants from Catholic Education SA and the use of assessment tools to analyse student achievement and progress.

It is great to see students arrive at school well before the 8.45 am bell. Arriving at school before this time ensures that students are prepared and well organised to commence learning at 8.45am sharp. Arriving at school after the bell is disruptive to classes and makes it difficult for students to be effectively prepared for the day. I thank parents for your support in this very important routine.

With best wishes

Grace Parletto
From the Deputy Principal

Pennington/Albert Park Sacramental Program
Parents who would like to enrol their child to prepare for the Sacraments of Confirmation and First Communion are asked to contact me at school for an enrolment package. Your child needs to have already made their Reconciliation to enrol. Those families who were involved in the 2011/12 program will receive an enrolment package today.

Swimming Lessons for Years R-5
By this time, you should have received from your class teacher:
- Double sided information sheet
- Permission form
- Aquatic medical form
- Invoice
Swimming is a compulsory part of our Health and Physical Education Curriculum and includes components of water and sun safety as well as swimming instruction. All classes from Year Reception to Year 5 will be participating in swimming during weeks 6 and 7. I ask that swimming forms are returned to your class teacher no later than Friday 24th February. This allows teachers time to follow up any areas of concern prior to lessons beginning. Please check invoices for due date of payment of monies.

Meet The Teacher Evening
Parents are invited to meet class teachers who will share information about your child’s learning programme and class routines.

Wednesday 15 February
Years R/1 & 2/3 classes.................6.30pm
Years 3/4 & 4/5 classes.................7.15pm
We look forward to meeting parents during these times. Meetings will be held in your child’s classroom.

Thursday 16 February
Year 6/7 classes.............................6.30pm

Internet & Phone Safety
Over the next few weeks students will be discussing safe & appropriate ways to use the Internet and mobile phones. This is part of their learning in Health (personal safety & social skills) and ICT. There are a lot of useful guides and other information for parents and families to access online.

www.cybersmart.gov.au/
This web site helps parents and families understand technologies that your children use, and provides brief information about popular services, tools and what to be mindful of when your children use them. They include blogs, wikis, photo sharing and safe searching.

It also explains how children use current popular technologies such as social networking, video games, chatting, mobile phones and video sharing.

Parents can play a critical role in helping their children have safe and positive experiences online. You can do this by becoming aware of how children and young people use the internet, what they use it for, the risks in being online and some of the strategies to manage these risks.

Rosy Vicario
ICT coordinator
Happy Birthday

Evanna Venardis, Jenna Abela, Hannah Welling, Karah Schultz, Mitchell Beale, Maya Pawlisz and Gemma Settre

Joke of the Week

What do you call a Penguin in the Sahara Desert?

Lost!

2012 has been designated as the National Year of Reading. Thousands of events and activities will be staged across Australia this year to celebrate reading and foster a reading culture in all Australian homes. The official launch will be on 14 February, but many activities are already underway. Local libraries, schools, bookshops and community groups will host events and activities throughout the year offering lots of opportunities for all Australians to get involved.

OSHC

Please find with this Newsletter a flyer with the new fee structure for 2012. These fees will come into effect as of the week commencing 5th March 2012. Could all outstanding Vacation Care accounts please be paid asap. Prompt payment of fees is necessary for the next session of Vacation Care to be programmed successfully. Thank you for your cooperation.

Urgent Request for Netball Coaches.

If you have a spare hour or two each week and a current Police Clearance we are in need of 4 coaches for our Netball Teams. We have two senior teams 1 under 11’s and 1 under 9’s. The students will be unable to play without the support of a coach. Please see Mr Canil or Grace Parletto if you are able to help us achieve our sporting goals.

Uniform

We now have stock of Small Caps. Still awaiting the arrival of shorts in some sizes. We have a range of uniform items available for purchase during shop hours.

Monday, Wednesday, Friday
8.30am — 9.30am
Wednesday
3.00pm 4.00pm

Celebrating the class of 2011 Mount Carmel College

Jeffrey Austin
2012 College DUX
ATAR – 96.00
Adelaide University
Bachelor of Engineering
(Mechanical & Aeronautical)

Leah Wells
Merit in English
Communications
ATAR – 94.95
Adelaide University
Bachelor of Commerce

Rachel Cagliuso
Bachelor of Education
ATAR – 90.15
UniSA Bachelor of Education

Mietta Loneragn
ATAR – 88.85
UniSA
Bachelor of Business
(Property)

Jasmine Argent
ATAR - 84.60
UniSA
Bachelor of Arts/
Bachelor of Journalism
(double degree)

Sam Militch
ATAR – 94.95
Adelaide University
Bachelor of Science
(Nano Science &Materials)

Ashleigh Pisani
Merit in Research
Project
ATAR – 89.75
UniSA
Bachelor of Laws
(double degree)

Danielle Clark
ATAR - 86.10
Adelaide University
Bachelor of Commerce

Canteen Roster

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Pizzas are unavailable until further notice.

No Meat Products will be sold on Ash Wednesday
Thank you Pat

THANK YOU FOR MAKING OUR SCHOOL “ALLERGY AWARE”

Please note that Our Lady of Mt Carmel is an “ALLERGY AWARE” school. Foods containing nuts or nut products must not be brought onto school grounds. This includes Peanut Butter, Nutella etc.
6/7 BC Goals for 2012

Sarah: My reading goal is to read harder and longer words

Emily: My sport goal is to run 1500m

Wilson: My school goal is to finish my work on time

Alyssa: My reading goal is to get the final premier’s Reading Challenge medal

Will: My reading goal is to read longer books

Nathan: My maths goal is to learn more of my x tables

Alec: My reading goal is to read carefully

Angela: My sport goal is to participate in at least 1 carnival

Danielle: My writing goal is to use correct punctuation

Jennifer: My writing goal is to write more interesting stories

Zenyta: My goal is to make at least 1 new friend

Toni: My writing goal is to make my writing more descriptive

Georgie: My writing goal is to learn where to put punctuation marks

Tyson: My sport goal is to improve in soccer

Laura: My writing goal is to write more neatly

Steven: My reading goal is to remember the information I read

Kimberly: My reading goal is to read 3 books in 1 week

Anushka: My goal is to work really hard in all subjects

Isabella: My sport goal is to do well in running and netball

Kathryn: My goal is to make 5 new friends

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A Community of Learners Making a Difference