Dear Parents, Students and Families,

I trust the past week allowed some time to share as a family, and to enjoy a few laughs.

**SCHOOL DATES**

I would like to take the opportunity to share some key dates for this term. While there are a range of dates in our community that relate to whole school, groups of students and specific classes, the following dates are those that I believe are most important this term for all families. We are aware that the reality of family and work life may limit your attendance, however these are those that I encourage all families to attend.

**Meet the Teacher Evening: Thursday 12th February.**

This night will also allow for initial review of the 2014 School Year AGM Reports.

Beginning at 6.15pm, with class sessions beginning at 6.30pm.

Further details of the evening are outlined in our Newsletter again this week.

**Beginning of Year Celebratory Mass**

Friday 13th February @ 9.00am in the Church (adjacent to the school)

Please note that due to Mass being held on that Friday, Assembly will be held on Thursday 12th, NOT Friday, next week.

**Sports Day: Our Lady of Mt Carmel and Mt Carmel College**

Santos Stadium, Tuesday 3rd March

Our Sports Day is held during normal school hours. More details will follow in the lead up to this date.

**Parent Teacher Interviews**

Will be conducted in weeks 9 and 10 of this term; Monday 23rd March to Thursday 2nd April.

Specific days and times will vary across classes.

All teachers will offer later meeting times, up until 7.30pm, on Tuesday 31st March.

More details about each of these events will be shared via the Newsletter and specific notes in the lead up to each.

I trust the week ahead is a positive one for you and yours.

God Bless,

Dave Edwards

Principal

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**Acknowledgement of Country**

We acknowledge that we are meeting on the traditional country of the Kaurna people of the Adelaide Plains. We recognise and respect their cultural heritage, beliefs and relationship with the land.

We acknowledge that they are of continuing importance to the Kaurna people living today.

Approved by Kaurna Elder Uncle Lewis O’Brien 2004
From the Deputy Principal/REC

Beginning of the Year Mass
We will be celebrating the beginning of the 2015 school year with a mass next Friday 13th February at 9.00am in the Church. You are all warmly invited to join us in this celebration.

P&F News
Our first P&F meeting for 2015 will be held next week on Monday 9th February at 2pm in the staff room. We will use this meeting to prepare for the following upcoming school activities.

· Shrove Tuesday (pancake day)
· Easter raffle

We are always looking for new and enthusiastic parents to join our group, the more, the merrier.

If you would like to help out but can’t attend the meetings, let us know. There are often tasks that can be done from home if you’re happy to donate an hour or two of your time. Please leave your name with the front office.

Uniform Clarification
Next week the teachers will be taking special note of the shoes your child is wearing with their uniform.

Shoes- Black regulation style lace up, buckle or Velcro shoes or navy, brown or black school sandals with closed in heel and toes

*Slip on shoes/boots are not permitted.

If you would like details/pictures of the correct uniform, you can find them on our website in the our school section.

www.mcps.catholic.edu.au

Again, we thank you for supporting your child in following our School Uniform Policy.

Clearances for Volunteers
It has been wonderful to see the number of parents and friends renewing or applying for their Catholic Police clearances. There will be a number of exciting opportunities throughout the year in which the support of parent volunteers is very much valued and appreciated.

Student Pickup
When collecting children at the end of the day, we ask that you enter the school grounds via the main gates which will be unlocked from 2.45pm.

If you need to collect your child before 2.45pm, please follow the usual pickup procedures by reporting at the front desk to sign your child out. Our thanks for your assistance in this important matter.

Year of Consecrated Life
On behalf of our school community, I attended a mass at the Cathedral last Monday to join in the launch and celebration of the Year of Consecrated Life.

‘Consecrated Life’ is a church term which embraces all priests, brothers and sisters of Religious Congregations and also includes men and women who have consecrated their lives in other ways formally accepted by the Church.

Our Catholic school sector is deeply indebted to the generous and inspiring work if religious sisters, brothers and priests who established so many of our schools and who have devoted themselves for over a century to the education of children in the name of the Gospel.

Prayer for the Year of Consecrated Life
O God,

During this Year of Consecrated Life, we give you thanks for these courageous witnesses of Faith and models of inspiration.

Their pursuit of holy lives teaches us to make a more perfect offering of ourselves to you.

(Excerpt)

God Bless

Nives Kresevic

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School Assemblies
Term 1
Thursday 9.00am

Week 3

R/1WS
3/4D
6/7’s

Week 6

2H
2/3CM
3/4H

Week 10

Holy Week

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Meet the Teacher
Annual General Meeting
Thursday 12th February

School open at 6.15pm

Two 15 minutes sessions will be offered per class/year level.

6.30pm R/1 & 5/6/7
6.50pm 2/3/4
7.10pm 5/6/7 & 2/3/4
7.30pm R/1

School will close at 8.00pm

Second session will be a repeat of the first.
The Importance of Children’s Wellbeing

Wellbeing is vital for learning and life. Children who are mentally healthy learn better, benefit from life experiences and have stronger relationships with family members, school staff and peers. They are better equipped to meet life’s challenges and to contribute productively to their families, friends and society in ways that are appropriate for their age.

At OLMC student’s wellbeing is prioritised and addressed with the same enthusiasm as other priorities such as numeracy or literacy. Our school is committed to offering all children support ranging from teaching skills for social and emotional wellbeing to specific mental health interventions.

During our establishment weeks, our students and teachers are spending a lot of time getting to know their classes, building positive relationships and establishing positive learning environments. Our priority is to enable all students and families to feel that our school is a place where they belong and feel welcomed.

We have attached to this week’s newsletter some tips and recommendations from parenting expert Michael Grose. In his article ‘Building parent-school partnerships’, he speaks about the importance of the parent—teacher partnership and how working together can help your child achieve.

Or for more information about positive wellbeing visit http://www.kidsmatter.edu.au/

Grace Loizos
Wellbeing Co-ordinator

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Henley Raiders Rugby League Club
EST 2012
Come and Try Day at
Henley Beach Primary School
Monday 16th Feb From 4-6pm
Free Sausage Sizzle
Come and join in the fun with Adelaide’s most recent Rugby League Team for more information please call, Rebecca Drage 0408 095 743

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School of Languages

In 2015 primary programs will be offered in the following languages: Afrikaans, Chinese, French, Hindi, Indonesian, Italian, Japanese, Khmer, Korean and Spanish. Further information can be found on our school website at www.schooloflanguages.sa.edu.au. Alternatively contact the school on 8301 4800 for questions regarding courses

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Canteen Roster

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Thank you Pat

Happy Birthday
Chloe Le, Hunter Cross, Johnathon Kasmeridis, Joshua Goudis, Jasper Keech and Ethan Bonaguro

Joke of the Week
Why is a fish easy to weigh?
Because it has its own scales

ST. JOSEPH’S OLD SCHOLARS ANNUAL MASS/ AFTERNOON TEA
Sunday 15 March 2015 at 2.00 p.m.
Invitation to ALL former students/teachers (male and female) from ANY Josephite Schools/Colleges to join with us and Mary MacKillop College for MASS at 2.00P.M. in St. Joseph’s Convent Chapel, Kensington. Monsignor Robert Aitken will be our Celebrant. DEVONSHIRE AFTERNOON TEA ($5) will follow in Bethany - adjacent to the Chapel.

Love to see YOU there.

Woodville South Junior Footy Club
Welcomes all new and existing players to season 2015.
Player Registration Day Sunday February 8th 2-6pm
Sausage Sizzle
Jumping Castle

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A special welcome to our new Receptions!