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

MATTERS OF INTEREST AND IMPORTANCE THIS WEEK

OPENING SCHOOL MASS
A reminder that our Opening School Mass will take place this Friday 10th February (Week 2). This Mass is an ideal opportunity for all members of our school community to come together and celebrate the beginning of the new school year. The Mass will be held in the Our Lady of Mt Carmel Church (next to the school) and commence at 9:15am. Parents and family members are most welcome to join us at this celebration, and also at all class/school Masses throughout this year.

OCCASIONAL CARE
We are pleased to announce that Our Lady of Mount Carmel School has received accreditation to offer an Occasional Care service to children aged 3 – 5 years old. One session a week will be offered on a Wednesday, from 9 – 12 pm, starting in 2017, Term 1, Week 3.
Occasional Care offers an engaging and fun early year’s program and will be staffed by Tina Constantinides and Connie Lupoi.
Occasional Care is offered to families within OLMC and also the general community, so feel free to pass this information on to other families, who may benefit from such a service.
If you are interested in placing your children in occasional care at OLMC, please contact the office for an information pack and enrolment form. The cost for each session is $20.00, however, if this makes attendance unaffordable please talk with Tina re this.

MEET THE TEACHER NIGHT – WE WOULD LOVE YOU TO JOIN US!
Our Meet the Teacher night is on this coming Monday, 13th February (Week3) starting at 6:00pm. The format for the evening is as follows.

- 6:00-6:15 – Parent Information Session presented by Class Teachers in their classroom/work space.
- 6:15-6:45 – Parents have opportunity to look around the classroom/work space and have a brief informal chat with class teachers.
- 6:45-7:00 - Parent Information Session presented by Class Teachers in their classroom/work space.
  (Repeat of 6:00 information)
- 7:00-7:30 – Parents have the opportunity to look around the classroom/work space and have a brief informal chat with class teachers.

We believe this will provide greater flexibility for families with more than one child, enabling them to see and hear multiple teachers, and also for families who may not be able to attend one session due to other commitments. If families are unable to make it on the night and would like to chat with class teachers, please contact them directly to arrange a time.

SPORTS DAY
Our Sports Days this year will be held using the same format as last year.
Our Reception to Year 7 Sports Day will be held on Friday 31st March, Week 9, and will be a twilight event. The children will attend school from 8.45am until 1.00pm, when they are dismissed. They are then asked to arrive at Iverson Athletics Reserve, Langham Place, Port Adelaide between 3.30 and 3.50, with the event beginning at 4.00pm. There is a break from 5.30 until 6.00 for a light tea or snack and the day finishes around 7.00pm.

The OLMC and Mt Carmel College Year 5 to 12 Sports Day will be held on Tuesday 7th March, Week 6. This is an all-day event and is held at Santos Stadium, Mile End.
More details in relation to these events will be sent home later in the term, but we wish to share the dates now to support families’ planning. Please chat with a member of staff re any queries you may have.

CHESS CLUB
Chess Club will be restarting this term on Monday afternoons at 3:30pm. Please speak to or email Deb Casburn (2/3CH) if you are interested - dcasburn@mcps.catholic.edu.au. Cost per child $50:00 per term.
The Parents and Friends Committee is looking forward to a busy and exciting year.

**Morning Tea**
Following next week’s assembly (Week 3, Friday 17th February) we will be hosting a morning tea. If you are new to our school community or are interested in taking on a more active role, please come along. **All welcome.** If you are unable to join us next Friday but would still like to be involved in the P&F this year, please leave your details at the front office.

**Shrove Tues – 28th February**
The P and F will once again be cooking up pancakes for all students on this day and are always on the lookout for parents who can help.

**SAVE THIS DATE**
Our ShootSA Family Portrait Fundraiser has been rescheduled for **Sat 8th April**. More information will be sent out later in the term. This will be a great idea for a Mother’s Day Gift!

**BAKERS DELIGHT FUNDRAISING INITIATIVE**
OLMC and Bakers Delight St Clair will be working in partnership to support our school community, by providing awards for our sports teams, offering a rewards program entitling families (one card per household) to one free loaf of bread per day for one month and later in the term we will be having a Hot Cross Bun Drive. Throughout the course of the year a reward card will be sent home in an envelope to your family. They will be sent in batches to different families as the year progresses.

Kelly Bonaguro
P & F Chairperson

**REMININDERS**

**SCHOOL STREAM**
A reminder about our School Stream App. This app is designed to keep families up to date with the goings on around the school. For further information on how to download or use the app please see Mr Esposito in the Office, or ask at the Office for a flyer explaining the process.

**INSTRUMENTAL PROGRAM**
The private Instrumental Program is continuing this year. Students have the choice of learning any of the following instruments: Piano, Drums, Guitar, Violin or Voice. For further information or any queries please speak with Julie Dobo (Music Teacher on Tuesday or Thursday), or ask at the Office.

**SCHOOL UNIFORM – HATS**
A reminder to all families that as a part of the school uniform in both Terms 1 and 4 that all students are required to wear a school hat during play times and PE/fitness sessions. Hats cost $10 and can be purchased from the Uniform Shop.

**STUDENT ABSENTEES**
If your child is absent we ask that you please contact your child’s teacher or the school as soon as possible. This can be done in a number of ways including: phone (8447 1405), email ([info@mcps.catholic.edu.au](mailto:info@mcps.catholic.edu.au)) or via the Student Absentee section on the School Stream app.

**KEY DATES**

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**INFORMATION INCLUDED AS ATTACHMENTS**

- Occasional Care Flyer
- Term 1 Parent Calendar

**FROM THE COMMUNITY**

**WOODVILLE WASPS**

**JUNIOR RUGBY UNION**

**SUMMER ACADEMY**

**WEDNESDAY NIGHTS -5 WEEKS**

February 15 - March 15, 5:30-6:30pm for children 5-8 years
5:30-7:00pm for children 9-15 years
Woodville Rugby Union Football Club Ailsa Ave Seaton
For more information pick up a flyer from school or call Roy Utting on 0400 850 505