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MATTERS OF INTEREST AND IMPORTANCE THIS WEEK

WHOLE SCHOOL ASSEMBLY
Please note that our first School Assembly for this year is happening this Friday (17th Feb) commencing at 9:00am in the School Hall. The students from 2N, 3/4H and 5/6S will host this assembly. All families are most welcome to join us for this whole school gathering.

PARENTS AND FRIENDS – MORNING TEA
A reminder that following our Whole School Assembly this Friday we will be hosting a morning tea. If you are new to our school community, interested in taking on a more active role or would just like to meet and chat with other parents within the school, please stay around after Assembly and join us. There will also be a representative from Bank SA joining us to help with any school banking queries including setting up school banking for your child. If you are unable to join us on Friday but would still like to be involved in the P&F this year, please leave your details at the Office.

PARKING AROUND THE SCHOOL
We are seeking the support of every person who drops off children or collects them from OLMC. We are requesting that you only park in those spaces/places that are signed as permitted. We also request that you drive around the school at a low speed, and continue to be aware of the large number of children arriving or leaving at these times.
Please do not park in No Parking or No Standing zones, the vast majority of which are indicated by a yellow line adjacent to the footpath.
There are a range of fines applicable to parking incorrectly, and we do have regular visits from the council. More importantly, parking illegally increases the level of danger to children and their families.
Accompanying the Newsletter is a flyer outlining specific details associated with these reminders.

OPENING SCHOOL MASS - RESCHEDULED
Due to the excessive heat last week, we unfortunately had to cancel our Opening School Mass. Thankfully, Father Tony has been able to accommodate us with another time and we will now celebrate next Monday, 20th February at 9:15am in the Church. All parent, guardians and families are most welcome to join us to celebrate this Mass.

MEET THE TEACHER NIGHT – Thank You
Many thanks are extended to all families who joined us on Monday evening for Meet the Teacher night. We hope that this format provided a meaningful and worthwhile combination of formal and informal communication between families and staff. We are always keen to hear feedback from families on events such as this. Please have a chat with Dave Edwards, Greg Esposito or your child’s class teacher if you have something to share.

ROYAL COMMISSION INTO INSTITUTIONAL RESPONSES TO CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE
Accompanying the Newsletter this week is a letter from the Vicar General of our Archdiocese in respect to final hearings related to the Catholic Church associated with this Royal Commission. I encourage you to take the time to read this letter, which clearly outlines key points associated with this abuse.

REMINDERS

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.
**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.

**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.

**INSTRUCTIONAL 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.

**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.

**KIDS MATTER**
The challenges for parenting is constantly changing. Not only are children and young people constantly growing and developing but societal trends evolve and change at such rapid rates that it hard to keep up. It’s also hard to differentiate between the significant and the frivolous when it comes to trends and changes.
Accompanying this week’s Newsletter is a flyer about four priorities for parents to be aware of as the 2017 school year begins.

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**INFORMATION INCLUDED AS ATTACHMENTS**
- Letter from the Vicar General
- Kids Matter-Parenting Ideas flyer
- School Parking Safety Brochure

**KEY DATES**
- Whole School Assembly: Friday 17th Feb
- Opening School Mass: Monday 20th Feb

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**FROM THE COMMUNITY**

**OPEN NIGHT**
Wednesday, 15 March 2017
4pm-7pm
www.mcc.catholic.edu.au

Now enrolling Year 7’s into Secondary for 2019!