



Our Lady of Mt Carmel Parish School

NEWSLETTER



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Acknowledgement of Country

We acknowledge that we are meeting on the traditional country of the Kurna 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 Kurna people living today.

Approved by Kurna Elder Uncle Lewis O'Brien 2004

TERM 2

WEEK 10

3rd JULY 2019

MATTERS OF INTEREST AND IMPORTANCE THIS WEEK

END OF TERM – THANK YOU

As we reach the end of the second term, we also reach the halfway point of the school year. This term has been a busy one and our students have been involved in a range of class, unit and school wide activities, such as Sacramental Program, VIP Day, Reconciliation Week, Sorry Day, Music is Fun Performance, Catholic Education Week, Vinnies Winter Appeal, NF2 Fundraiser Day, Sports Carnivals and After School Sport, visits to Mount Carmel College, Year 5/6 Camp, Excursions and our R/1 Showcase last week to name but a few. No wonder the students (and staff) are due for a rest.

As we head into these holidays, we do hope that you all get an opportunity to slow down and find some time to relax with your children, even if only for a short time. We wish all our families a safe and happy break and look forward to seeing you all again on Tuesday, 23rd July at 8:45am for what promises to be another engaging and busy term.

We offer our sincerest thanks to all of those in our community who have helped to make sure the diversity of programs named above were able to become a reality. To our staff, families and other volunteers, we are truly appreciative of your generosity in sharing your skills, knowledge and time within our school.

END OF TERM EARLY DISMISSAL – Please be aware that students will be dismissed at 12:30 pm this Friday (5th July). OSHC is available for students in the afternoon. Please contact Mary or Davina to make a booking on 8240 0781.

Children are permitted to wear casual clothes on the last day of term. This is not a fundraiser, but a treat/thank you for all of the 'A' choices they have made across the term.

PUPIL FREE DAY – MONDAY, 22nd July (Week 1, Term 3)

Monday 22nd July is a Pupil Free Day, as staff undertake professional learning. The focus of the day is Student Assessment and how this can be effectively used to inform the next steps in every child's learning.

Please be aware that OSHC is available for students on this day and bookings can be made through Mary and Davina in OSHC on 8240 0781.

TERM 3 WILL RECOMMENCE ON TUESDAY, 23rd JULY at 8:45am.

SACPSSA Netball Carnival

Yesterday all students in Years 4-6 attended the SACPSSA Netball Carnival at Priceline Stadium, Mile End. While the weather was cool, we managed to avoid the rain and showers that have postponed this event over the last few years. 14 teams represented our school with pride and demonstrated great enthusiasm, sportsmanship and teamwork throughout the day. A big thank you is extended to our parent helpers /coaches, students from Mount Carmel College who acted as umpires, Mr McDeed for his planning and preparation and to all staff for their organisation of teams and students on the day.

AMBULANCE COVER AT OLMC – URGENT INFORMATION

Students at school or attending school activities (eg. excursions, sports carnivals, school team sports) are covered by the school's ambulance cover for **accident or injury.**

Ambulance call outs for incidents relating to pre-existing conditions (e.g. diagnosed allergies, anxiety, asthma, diabetes), are regarded by SA Ambulance as non-school related and are therefore not covered under the school's policy. Students travelling to or from school are also not covered.

It is up to individual families to have their own ambulance cover for these situations.

Should an ambulance be needed at any time and the incident is not covered under the school's policy the families will incur the cost of the ambulance transport, which in the period 1/7/18-30/6/19 was \$976 per call out plus \$ 5.60 per kilometre (new charges are not currently posted on the SA Ambulance website).

OUR LADY OF MT CARMEL FEAST DAY

Everyone is invited to attend the Our Lady of Mt Carmel Feast Day on Sunday, 14th July. Mass will be celebrated in the OLMC Church at 10:30am and this will be followed by a shared brunch in our school hall directly afterwards. We look forward to seeing you there!

OF INTEREST.....

SCHOOL SWIMMING – Advance Notice

Please be aware that School Swimming lessons will be taking place from Tuesday, 30th July to Friday, 2nd August (Week 2, Term 3) for all students in Reception to Year 4. Parent Information, Permission and Medical forms were sent home to all families (except the new Reception class) on Tuesday. We are requesting all families fill in and return these forms before the end of the term. This supports our management of the paperwork and planning associated with the lessons.

If you have not received these forms yet, please speak with your child's class teacher or see a staff member in the Office to collect a copy. (Year 4 students may have received theirs today, due to the Netball Carnival yesterday and their late arrival back at school). Not only is water safety a part of the curriculum, it is also a valuable life skill and one which we promote throughout our school community. We thank you for your ongoing support of this program.

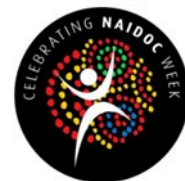
NWJSA SOCCER

A reminder to all families and players that the NWJSA Soccer Competition takes a break for the School Holidays. **The second half of the season will recommence on Saturday, 27th July (End of Week 1).** All fixtures for the remainder of this season are also now available. These can be accessed through the NWJSA website: <https://www.nwjsa.org.au/u6-u11-season-program/> or <https://www.nwjsa.org.au/u12-and-seniors-program/> via the links in the SchoolStream app or on the noticeboard in front of the school library.

NAIDOC WEEK: 8th – 15th July

NAIDOC Week celebrations are held across Australia each July to celebrate the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

This year NAIDOC Week takes place during the school holidays. Due to a very busy Week 10, we have decided to celebrate this special week during Week 1 next term. Throughout the week, students will be working on a range of activities to celebrate this year's theme: "Voice, Treaty, Truth. Let's Work Together"



While Reconciliation Week, celebrated earlier this term, is a little more somber, NAIDOC Week is an opportunity to celebrate the accomplishments and achievements of all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders past and present.

As a school we continue to work towards true and respectful reconciliation across our community and are proud to recognise the accomplishments and achievements of all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders past and present during NAIDOC Week.

RECEPTION / YEAR 1 LEARNING SHOWCASE

On Friday 28th June the students from the Reception & Year 1 Unit had a special morning to share our learning with our special invited guests. We began the morning with a Liturgy celebrating "Reaching Out To All" and then moved into the hall for our special learning showcase. We shared our term project about zoo animals. After our excursion in Week 5 to the Zoo, we researched our chosen animal and completed a number of tasks. These included an information report, poem, creating a habitat, making our animal out of plasticine and an illustration of our animal. We shared these with our special guests and concluded the morning with a shared recess. We are very proud of all of our Reception and Year Ones and their hard work this term.

LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS AT OLMC

A reminder to all families that you are most welcome to join us at all Class and Whole School Masses.

Class and Whole School Masses generally take place on Fridays at 9:15am and are held in the Our Lady of Mt Carmel Church (next to the school).

- Term 2 – Mass and Liturgical celebrations have now concluded
- Term 3 – Details are still being finalised and will be available Week 1 next term.

KEY DATES

Please be aware of the following important dates:

- Friday 5th July (9:00am) – Whole School Assembly in School Hall
- Friday 5th July – (12:30pm) – Term 2 Concludes (Early Dismissal)
- Monday 22nd July – Pupil Free Day (OSHC Available)
- Tuesday 23rd July – Term 3 Commences (8:45am)