

OUR LADY OF MT CARMEL
CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL
BY PRAYER AND ACTION WE FOLLOW CHRIST



NEWSLETTER

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9th February 2012

Dear Parents,

I extend an open invitation to all to join us in the church for our Opening School Mass on Friday commencing at 11am. Our Year 7 students will be presented with their Leadership badges at our Opening School Mass this Friday. All are most welcome to attend this liturgy that formally marks the commencement of the 2012 school year. I would like to thank our APRE , John Bates, for his hard work in organising what I'm sure will be a wonderful celebration.

Welcome BBQ & Morning Tea

Thanks to all involved in the organisation of last Friday night's Welcome BBQ and also Tuesday's Welcome Morning Tea. Both of these were events provided a great opportunity for all members of our school community to come together and get to know one another.

Parent Info Night's

This week's parent information evenings for Prep - Yr 7 were very well attended. I would like to thank the staff for their hard work in planning and presenting on these nights. I am also grateful to the large number of parents who found the time to attend. I trust you found the evenings informative and as mentioned in the admin session I encourage you to develop a good positive working relationship with your child's teacher. I feel it is always best to come forward about a concern early rather than let things cause too much angst. We will always endeavour to do our best to support your needs. The establishment of a positive partnership between home and school is a crucial factor in assisting your child's learning and place within the school community. I would encourage you to always try and make an appointment with your child's teacher so they can ensure you their undivided attention.

My door is also open should you ever wish to speak with me. Again I would recommend making an appointment. Also keep in mind that this year I will be doing morning duty most mornings in the shed. Given that I haven't yet managed to join in a game of handball I will always be happy to have a chat 'on the run' while on duty in the shed.

Building progress

I have been asked by our builders to remind parents that the driveway near the admin building is currently not an access way for the general school community. It is still a building site. These gates are often open in the morning for deliveries but for your own safety please refrain from using this as an entry to the school or for dropping off children.

The refurbishment of the Admin Building is now nearing completion. It would be hoped that we will be able to occupy the renovated space by early to mid- March. The rain at the commencement of the school year threw a spanner in the works and thus the delay. Once it is finished hopefully the pain endured during the building process will prove to have been worth it.

**PARENTS PLEASE
NOTE:**

**THE DRIVEWAY
OUTSIDE THE CHURCH
IS NOT TO BE USED AS A
DROP OFF PLACE FOR
STUDENTS**

**THIS IS A SAFE
WALKWAY USED BY
STUDENTS CROSSING
AT THE PEDESTRIAN
CROSSING ON
CAVENDISH ROAD**



PREP 2013

**Enrolment Applications
close Friday 30th March
2012**

**Application forms are
available on our website
mtcarmelcoorparoo.qld.edu.au
or from the school office.**

**All current families with
siblings starting Prep in
2013 are to complete an
enrolment form and
submit as soon as
possible if you have not
already done so.**

School Fees

School Fees will be sent home with the eldest child in each family this week. A letter outlining the variety of ways that school fees can be paid is included with the fees account. I ask all to do their best to meet this obligation to ensure the smooth running of the school's budget. I also encourage all to strongly consider supporting our building fund through the voluntary donations that offer a tax advantage. If you didn't receive your fees account, please check your child's bag.

If you are ever experiencing any difficulties in the payment of fees, do not hesitate to contact me.

School Building Fund Donation

The School Building Fund is registered with the Australian Tax Office thus allowing parents to access the tax advantage. Looking at our current commitments and ongoing building upgrades, the building fund is a vital part of the fees structure. Most schools have now moved away from offering this tax advantage and instead have a compulsory building levy that is not tax deductible. It is only through the strong support of Mt Carmel parents that we have been able to continue to offer this tax advantage, thus I urge all families to strongly consider supporting our building fund by way of donation.

Enrolments for Prep - 2013

We are now accepting enrolments for Prep for 2013. Enrolment forms can be downloaded from our website (www.mtcarmelcoorparoo.qld.edu.au) or collected from the office. Our enrolment policy can be viewed at our website. I would appreciate you drawing this information to the attention of any new families who may be interested in their children attending Mt Carmel next year. The introduction of Prep continues to create some confusion with age eligibility. Below are listed the relevant birth dates for 2013 - 2014 enrolments.

Children born	Eligible for Prep Year in
1 July, 2007 to 30 June,2008	2013
1 July, 2008 to 30 June,2009	2014

Funding our Schools

The Federal Government's Gonski Review of Funding for Schools has now been presented to the government. A period of government consultation and public debate on its recommendations is expected to follow after the report's release later this month.

As key stakeholders in the future of Catholic education it is vital that you are aware of the facts about school funding, so that you are able to participate in this debate at any opportunity.

Please find attached a graph that illustrates the comparative average resourcing levels of the State, Catholic and Independent schooling sectors in Australia.

For more detailed information about school funding I encourage you to visit the website developed by the National Catholic Education Commission at: www.fundinginfo.catholic.edu.au

Have a great week.

Peter Delaney

Principal

Our Lady of Mt Carmel Catholic Primary School

Coorparoo

<mailto:pdelaney@bne.catholic.edu.au>

CALENDAR

Fri 10 Feb	Opening School Year Mass 11am Church
Tue 14 Feb	Chess 7.30am/School Banking 8.35am
Fri 17 Feb	Assembly led by Admin Team 11am Hall
Tue 21 Feb	Chess 7.30am/School Banking 8.35am
Wed 22 Feb	Ash Wednesday
Fri 24 Feb	Assembly led by 5/6B 11am Hall
Sun 17 Mar	Mother's Club Lunch
Fri 30 Mar	Prep 2013 Applications close

PIANO/KEYBOARD LESSONS

Due to the overwhelming response to Expression of Interest in keyboard/piano lessons at Mt Carmel School, there will be a Parent Info Evening on MON 20th FEB at 7pm in the music room.

If you are interested and have not returned a form, please see attachment to the school newsletter. For more info contact Sharon on 0417 759 946

DRAMA NEWS

We've had a great start to drama for the year and the students were very excited to see the addition of 4 big mirrors in the drama room. A BIG THANK YOU TO THE LADIES FROM THE UNIFORM SHOP FOR PURCHASING THE MIRRORS FOR US AND A special THANK YOU to Mrs Moran for organising the quote and installation.

Bernadette Egan



Regina Caeli Sacramental Programme

Regina Caeli Parish is again offering a second round of preparation for Reconciliation for children Year 3 and upwards to be connected with the 2011-2012 Sacramental Programme.

All children will then prepare for Confirmation & First Eucharist, as one single group after Easter, 2012. Any parents wishing their children to be part of the programme please contact Fr John Garrahy or Jeanne Schneider at the Regina Caeli Parish Office.

Regina Caeli Parish Office
Phone: (07) 33983697
Fax: (07) 33248430

E-Mail: reginacaeli@bne.catholic.net.au

A.P.R.E NEWS

We are all looking forward to celebrating the beginning of the new school year and the commissioning of our year seven leaders for 2012 during tomorrow morning's mass at 11.00 in the church. The children have been very busy practising words and actions for the songs for mass. Our year two students led hymn practice on Monday afternoon and the 2B class in particular created the actions for some of our songs. I'd like to thank Miss McDougall, Mrs Apostolos, Mrs Zuino and their students for generating great enthusiasm in the lead up to Friday's celebration. All are welcome to join us.

Yesterday I accompanied six members of our year seven social justice committee to the "Just Leadership Day" held at St. John Vianney's Catholic School at Manly. Megan Mah, Caitlin Burns, Rachael Dalton, Laura Grasso, Sally Nielson and Samuel Poulsen joined a number of other students from Catholic schools across Brisbane. Ms Tricia Ryan, the director of Caritas in the Brisbane Arch-diocese conducted a wonderful hands-on experience for the students with a focus on the attributes of Christian leaders and the work of Caritas throughout the world while providing the opportunity for the students to consider ideas for fundraising initiatives within their school communities for Project Compassion, the annual Lenten appeal for the Catholic church. I would like to congratulate our year seven leaders who represented our school so well. Stay tuned for their report on the "Just leadership Day" in next week's newsletter.

I asked my students in 4B to write 'Ten Commandments' for a just and harmonious school community. Over the up-coming week's I'd like to share some of them with you.

Ten Commandments for a Just and Harmonious School
(By Isabella Crawford)

Treat each other how you like to be treated.

Welcome new children to the school.

Get along with each other.

Talk to each other with care.

Use caring words and actions.

Respect the school property.

Think of others first.

Feel comfortable with the people around you.

Think of others who don't have as much as you.

Feel free to share your ideas.

Have a great weekend everyone!

John Bates

RESOURCE CENTRE NEWS



National Year of Reading 2012

Welcome to the official National Year of Reading newsletter insert! Our reading promotion program this year will use the beautiful flower logo above as a focus. The children will be helping me to create a wall garden full of reading comments and pictures.

February is our month for books that make us Laugh. In reading time with the early years (Prep – 2), I will be sharing funny stories, nonsense stories, poems and even some joke books. I will also have some humour reading lists ready in the last week of February for every child in Years 3-7 so that they can hunt down more funny books. I will also be sharing a funny picture book at a storytime session every Thursday lunchtime during February (weather permitting)

Library Lover's Day – Tuesday February 14 is the official start date of the National Year of Reading. At Tuesday lunchtime, we will create a love heart border for our wall garden using love hearts that children can decorate with pictures or words about why they love reading. I am sure that the love hearts will be a wonderful start to my reading garden.

For more information on the National Year of Reading, visit <http://www.love2read.org.au/>

"The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you'll go." (Dr Seuss, I Can Read With My Eyes Shut.)

LEARNING CENTRE CORNER:

Is this your child? Late homework, leaves assignment work to the last minute; forgets about important events and dates, has a backpack jammed full of papers and is always losing things? Yes, this is typical of many children but teaching them how to get organized is critical to their success and feelings of self-worth.

A great start for the new school year begins with organisation. When children are organised, they feel more in control of their day and their confidence is boosted. For many children, organisation doesn't come automatically and needs to be taught. Many educators believe that small steps to becoming organised can begin in the early years of schooling.

Step 1 Live an organized life to start teaching your child organization.

Step 2 Make it a habit to list family plans and events on a large family calendar. Post this calendar in a spot where your family spends time every day, such as the kitchen.

Step 3 Create a homework schedule for your child as soon as he starts school

Step 4 Teach your child how to tell time. Display a large wall clock so you can teach them what time it is at dinner time or bed time. When they have learned how to tell time, begin teaching them how to manage their time.

Step 5 Show your child how to empty his backpack every week and throw old papers out, file important things away and keep stationery supplies in order. Teaching your child how to organise their belongings at school will make their school day run much more smoothly.

It is worth remembering that when children are organised, life can be easier for everyone.

LEANNE CROFT AND KERRY KEARNS

STUDENTS CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS 2–8 February

Kristie Corkill

Thomas de Brito

Ada Lukin

Brendan Oates

Noah Passaris

Ben Jones

Madeleine Mar Fan

Joanna Esbensen

Claudia Thurecht

Cate Ward

Liam Farrell

Zach Seipel

Oliver Box

Jackson Moore

Alec Weir



TUCKSHOP ROSTER

Fri 10 Feb Maree Nucifora Nikki Reid
Brianna Wall Kate Farrell Sarah Prestridge

Wed 15 Feb Sweet McDonald Carmel
Grasso Glenys Piunti

Fri 17 Feb Teresa Kruger Lucy Berridge
Michelle Elsey Kerri Cahill Clare Kinross
Toni Ware

Wed 22 Feb Bridget Murphy-Ward Karen
Treby Michelle Greer

Please call Kelly on 3395 5236 if you
cannot work on your rostered day.

OUTSIDE SCHOOL HOURS CARE

We offer some suggestions and children can
choose to participate or be involved in other
tasks:

Monday Crimpling Art, Freeze Frame, Paper Craft
Fun, Outdoor Games, Scoop Ball, Soccer Activi-
ties.

Tuesday Valentine Day Craft Activity, Knot Me,
Festive Crowns, Mini Air Flow Tennis Bats, Feather
Flyball, Skipping Game.

Wednesday Cooperation Activities, Building and
Construction, Stencils, Hoop Stretch, Basketball
Fun.

Thursday Peg Craft Day, Heads Down Thumbs
Up, Weaving Activity, Rainbow Play Balls, Ulti-
mate Frisbee Fun.

Friday Dot 2 Dot Activity, Catch Me, You Design
Healthy Eating Wheel, Jumping Ball, Tiger Feet,
Hula Hoops.

Grace Pitt

**P: 07 3847 9585 | F: 07 3847 9858 |
Norfolk Street COORPAROO 4151**

INTERNET BANKING DETAILS :
BSB 064-786 Account# 310861800
Account name: OSHC Mt.Carmel/Reference
No: Child's full name

Before school capped at 15

After school capped at 30

PARENTS NOTE:

**Please come and see Grace personally
about casual bookings. Permanent
bookings are charged on being AB-
SENT or in ATTENDANCE.**

O L M C PARISH NEWS

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

OUR LADY OF MT CARMEL

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM FOR

EUCCHARIST AND CONFIRMATION 2012

For those of you who have enrolled your child in the Mt Carmel Parish based sacramental program with Confirmation and Eucharist to take place this year (your child would have celebrated their reconciliation in November 2011) the date for the sacramental information evening is –

Wednesday 15 February at 7.30pm in the School Hall.

At this meeting you will hear from Fr Wayne, receive all your preparation material for the sacraments and organize cluster groups, dates and times for the four mandatory preparation sessions. It is therefore essential that you attend.

Also please ensure that you have in your diary the Rite of Welcome for all children enrolled in the Sacramental Program. This will take place at any of the masses on the weekend of –

18/19 February – Saturday 6pm or Sunday 8.30am, 5.30pm

It is important that your child attend one of these Masses, as this Rite is a significant part of the preparation process. Children are asked to prepare a profile to be placed on the back of the Church wall. This is simply presented on an A4 sheet and might include a picture of themselves and some information on who they are and what they are interested in. This gives all those in the Parish an opportunity to pray for the children during this special time.

Any questions please call Kate in the Parish Office (Tues-Fri) 3397 1587.

CALL TO MINISTRY

On Wednesday 22nd of February we celebrate Ash Wednesday. It is hard to believe that Lent is just around the corner.....it seems only yesterday we were gathering together for our Christmas celebrations.

The Season of Lent encourages us to "Turn our lives towards God" in a renewed way. Many of the activities of our lives are already an expression of God's love but perhaps Lent is that time of year when we can Pause and Reflect.....How open are we to God's change of us?

Each weekend over the next couple of weeks we will give time to consider the various areas of Ministry within our Parish Community. Perhaps a way of being more open to God's change of us is to take a MORE ACTIVE PARTICIPATION within our Parish Community.

Consider getting involved through one of our Parish Ministries.....Children's Liturgy, Reader or Eucharistic Ministry during Mass, Preparing couples for Baptism of their children with other couples, or perhaps you are a gardener or happy to mow lawns or clean the Church....whatever there is a place for you .

THINK ABOUT IT AND COME ON BOARD!!!!!!!!!!!!

Wayne

COMMUNITY NEWS

Please support Warren Mah a Mt Carmel Dad) and Fatboyz Cycling team as they continue to raise money for The Qld Institute of Medical Research.

A number of fund raising events are being held in the next few months and they will be mentioned in upcoming newsletters eg:

* Car & Dog Wash Sat 25 Feb

* Professional Photo Shoot Day with eventphotography scheduled for Sunday March 25th.

ST LAURENCE'S COLLEGE

ENROLMENTS 2014

An information session will be held on Mon 5 March commencing at 7.00pm in the Edmund Rice performing Arts Centre. Enrolment interviews will be held in Term 1 2012.

SETON COLLEGE

Information and open morning 9am – 10.30am Tuesday 6th March 2012. 1148 Cavendish Road Mt Gravatt East PH 3291 5333

Email:

smtgravtt@bne.catholic.edu.au

DEANERY TRIVIA NIGHT

Saturday 10th March 2012 at Sts Peter & Paul's Good Samaritan School Hall, Alexandra Street, Balmoral. 7pm for 7.15pm start. \$10 per person with tables of 10 people max. Cash Bar. BYO Nibbles for your table. Raffles, Lucky Door & Best Dressed Prizes. All proceeds to the Deanery Youth Ministry.

Bookings and payment to be made at our parish office by 29th February.



Car & Dog WASH

SAT FEB 25
10AM - 4PM

Free Band Sausage Sizzle Car Wash
\$20 Small & Mid
\$25 Large
Dog Wash \$10

St James Catholic Church
165 Old Cleveland Road,
Coorparoo

We need to raise over \$40,000 to help cure cancer. Cancer can strike at anytime and we'd like everyone who suffers from cancer to enjoy days like today for many more years to come. Please give generously to help us to help all those that are affected by this terrible disease.

Queensland Institute of Medical Research | Follow Us... team fatboyz on Facebook | fatboyz



LOURDES HILL COLLEGE

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Applications currently being accepted for Year 7 & 8, 2015 (current Year 4 & 5 students)

and Year 7, 2016 (current Year 3 students)

Applications for Year 7 & 8 in 2015 close on Monday 30th April 2012.

If your daughter is currently in Year 3, 4 or 5 and you wish to submit an enrolment for her please contact the College on 3399 8888 to request an Enrolment Pack or alternatively download from our website:

www.lhc.qld.edu.au

For all enrolment enquiries, please contact
Mrs Maria Krause, Enrolments Registrar on
3399 0434

86 Hawthorne Road, Hawthorne, QLD 4171

2012 INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS AND ASSESSMENTS FOR SCHOOLS (ICAS)

This year students in Year 4, 5, 6 and 7 **are invited to participate** in the English, Mathematics and Science Tests. Testing in all year levels is **not compulsory** this year. If your child would like to participate please fill out the slip below and hand it into the office.

The entry fee per student is as follows:

Science – 6 June 2012 (AUD7.70 GST inclusive)

English – 31 July 2012 (AUD7.70 GST inclusive)

Mathematics – 14 August 2012 (AUD7.70 GST inclusive)

All of the above (AUD23.10 GST inclusive)

Please return the permission slip and entry fee to the Office by: **Friday 9th March**

For more information please visit the EAA website at www.eaa.unsw.edu.au

ICAS provides an opportunity for all Years 3 – 12 students to gain a measure of their own achievement in an external testing situation. It provides parents and students with a report of the results in the areas of English, Mathematics and Science.

All students receive a certificate and an **individual student report** indicating which questions they answered correctly and their score compared with the rest of the students tested.

UNSW certificates are awarded for each year level as follows:

- ✦ High Distinction to the top 1% of entrants
- ✦ Distinction to the next 10% of entrants
- ✦ Credit to the next 25% of entrants

Participation to all other participating students.

If you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact me.

Regards,

Emma Ponti

If you would like your child to participate in one of or all of the the tests please return the slip below with all monies to the office by Friday 9th March.

.....
I _____ give permission for my child _____

In Class _____ (4/5/6/7) to participate in :

() *Science – 6 June 2012 (AUD7.70 GST inclusive)* () *English – 31 July 2012 (AUD7.70 GST inclusive)*

() *Mathematics – 14 August 2012 (AUD7.70 GST inclusive)* () *All of the above (AUD23.10 GST inclusive)*

I enclose \$ _____ Signed _____