Dear Parents

Welcome back all to Term 4. I hope all managed to find some time to rest over the September break after a long Term 3. I am really pleased to be back following a fantastic 6 week trip overseas to Germany, Israel, Palestine, Jordan, Greece, Italy and the USA.

With only 9 weeks in this term it will be over before we know it.

Our major event for the term looks like being our end of year whole school musical titled, “A Magical Christmas Jigsaw”, which will be staged on the 28 November out at the Chandler Theatre. Rehearsals are already well under way. I’m sure you will hear plenty about this in the coming weeks.

NAPLAN results had arrived at school but at this stage we are delaying delivery of reports as I was notified over the holidays that ACARA had detected an error on some students’ reports and they were being corrected. As soon as this problem is rectified we will forward home reports. I was very pleased to see that Mt Carmel students had again achieved outstanding results. Best wishes to all for a great term.

Below please take note of the information in regards to our Zumalai Day next Tuesday. This event replaces our Spelling Bee as an alternate fundraiser for our Sister parish. I am grateful to Emma Ponti for all of her hard work bringing this event to fruition.

Regards

Peter Delaney  
Principal, Our Lady of Mt Carmel Catholic Primary School, Coorparoo  
maitlo:pdelaney@bne.catholic.edu.au

Zumalai Day

On Tuesday 15th October we will celebrate Zumalai day at school to raise awareness of the poverty of our close neighbours and to give thanks for all of the gifts that we have as a developed country. Zumalai Day will be in place of our Annual Spellathon.

Children are not to wear free dress, just to wear their normal school uniform. This is a day for the children to walk in the shoes of another child in Timor Leste. It will be a reflective day. We encourage you to sponsor your child for the day as they pledge to walk in the shoes of another for the day. The pledge form is attached to this newsletter.

During the day children will try to do the following –

• No electricity for the day – NO computers, lights, fans, interactive whiteboards
• Use of a pencil and rubber for the day only – no coloured pencils/pens/craft activities
• Limited use of sports equipment for the day – popular sports are soccer, volleyball, elastics, skipping, cat and mouse, duck, duck goose - simple games
• Encouraged to eat a bowl of rice for lunch (children can bring their own morning tea – fruit)
• No cold water from the cold bubblers (They will be turned off for the day)

If your child does not eat rice could you please pack a simple lunch for the day. Rice will be served from the tuckshop. There is no need to place an order for the rice on this day.

We will gather for an Assembly in the last session at 2pm. All parents are welcome to attend our Liturgy in the afternoon. Student of the week awards will be presented after the Liturgy.

Thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards

John Bates and Emma Ponti

NO ASSEMBLY MONDAY 14 OCTOBER—SPECIAL ASSEMBLY TUESDAY 15 OCTOBER AT 2PM
News from the Assistant Principal Religious Education

Welcome back to all families. I hope you all enjoyed a wonderful Spring Break.

Zumalai Day

Traditionally, we have raised funds to support our Sister School in Zumalai, East Timor by having a Spellathon. As a change of pace, Emma Ponti has planned a Zumalai Day which will take place next Tuesday 15th October. Please take note of all the details on the front page of this newsletter. I’d like to thank Emma for planning this new initiative. Please join us at the special assembly time of 2.00pm to help us celebrate Zumalai Day. Weekly student of the week awards will be given out at this time. There will be no assembly on Monday 14th October.

Launch of the New R.E Curriculum

Cameron Anderson and Carmel Altmann will join me at the launch of the New R.E Curriculum at the Mercure Hotel North Quay tomorrow morning. Along with Emma Ponti, Carmel and Cameron have been active members of our school’s R.E Implementation Team. Their input into the process of implementing the new curriculum has been very valuable. The event will be a great opportunity to celebrate the creation of a stimulating new R.E curriculum that has taken a considerable amount of time and effort to put together. It will be available on-line and as a hard copy. Our teachers are currently planning R.E units using the new curriculum. The new curriculum has created a renewed sense of enthusiasm for the teaching of R.E which will benefit our students significantly.

Working Bee

Just a reminder to all about our Working Bee which will take place this Saturday 2-4.30pm. There are a number of projects to be undertaken so please join us to lend a hand.

Thanks to Dom Murphy for organising this important event.

Enjoy the rest of your week!

John Bates

Our Lady of Mt Carmel

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM – RECONCILIATION

PARENT INFORMATION NIGHT NEXT
WEDNESDAY 16th OCTOBER

Please note for those parents who have already enrolled their child/children for the sacrament of reconciliation in November this year **there is a compulsory Parent Information Session next Wednesday night 16 October at 7.30pm in the school hall.** At least one parent needs to attend this meeting. (Please note the children DO NOT need to attend.)

At this meeting you will meet our new Parish Priest, Fr Paul Sireh, who will revisit the sacrament with us all and talk about the way the liturgy for Reconciliation will take place.

Parents will then be given all the information you will need to prepare your child for this Sacrament including a Parent Reflection booklet, material needed for the liturgy and confirmation of the date of your child’s Reconciliation liturgy.

Fr Paul and I look forward to seeing you next Wednesday. If you have any concerns please contact me.

Kate McGuckin, Parish Secretary
3397 1587 (Tues-Fri) or email – mtcarmel@bne.catholic.net.au

RCIA ENQUIRY NIGHT

This will take place on Tuesday 29 October at 7.30pm in the Parish Community Room (underneath the Church) at 7.30pm.

“There exists in the human heart an innate yearning to return home. In the context of faith and spirituality, this longing finds its home in God. Our modern world offers much distraction and clutter in our minds, yet this does not eclipse the spiritual hunger within us. This is what the Rite of Christian Initiation (RCIA) responds to.” - Karen Hart.

A warm welcome is extended to anyone seeking to know more about the RCIA journey.
COME and SEE!

Jerome

Term 4 is here! Time to start thinking about end of school year momentos, stocking stuffers, gifts for family and all important school dates for 2014.

Don’t miss out! Order your Mount Carmel 2014 Calendar, On Sale Now for $10each, via Flexischools or by returning order form (at the end of the newsletter) !!!!
P&F Update

Working Bee
We still need more helpers for the Mt Carmel School/Parish working bee this Saturday afternoon. It is always astonishing what can be achieved when we get a good band of parents along, and it is very satisfying to arrive at school or mass and see the transformation. Please consider giving up some of your Saturday afternoon this week to come and lend a hand – no particular skills or experience necessary!

Uniform shop reminder
A reminder that the Uniform Shop will be open every Friday afternoon from 2.30-3pm, and on next Tuesday 15 October from 8am-9am. Donations to the white laundry basket in the Office are always welcome.

Prep Buddy Families
We would like to hear from a few more families who might be prepared to assist in welcoming new Prep families next year. Most of us will remember the many small questions and concerns we had when our first child started school, and this is a great way of helping new families through that process. If you have a child starting Prep in 2014 and would like to participate, please email pandfmtcarmel@gmail.com.

Halloween Parent Function – 26 October
Don’t forget to book your tickets for the parent function on 26 October. For those who love to dress up, there are some great, cheap and easy Halloween costumes available at the moment (check out the Spotlight 30% off catalogue) – but the beauty of the Halloween theme really is that anything goes.

As mentioned before the holidays, it would really help with planning if people bought their tickets now – cheque or cash to the office, or through TryBooking and Flexischools.

Kim Broadfoot
P&F President

Next P&F Meeting: this Thursday 10 October 7.30pm in the Staffroom

Concert News

ONLY 8 WEEKS UNTIL OUR SCHOOL PRODUCTION!!!!!! - 'THE MAGICAL CHRISTMAS JIGSAW'

DATE: THURSDAY 28 NOVEMBER
VENUE: THE CHANDLER THEATRE, CNR TILLEY & OLD CLEVELAND ROADS
TIME: 6:00 P.M. FOR 6:30 P.M. START

Please see the letter at the end of the newsletter for more important information.

Many Thanks,
Bernadette Egan

Million Metres for Motor Neuron Disease Swim – this Sunday October 13

It’s on again! The Million Metres for MND Swim is on this Sunday (October 13) at Langlands. Join the local community to swim and support the MND and Me Foundation, founded by local father and Pride of Australia medal-winner Scott Sullivan. You don’t have to be a super-fish or regular squad swimmer, it’s for everyday people who want to get moving to help those who eventually can’t. To register and for more details, go to www.millionmetres.com.au.

Prep A Ewan McCosker
Prep A Ronan McMahon
Prep B Clem Roberts
Prep B Charlie Scott
Prep C William Reilly
Prep C Lucinda Box
1A Dominic Andrews
1A Brodie Young
1A Henry Manning
1C Sam Rigby
1C Harrison Starr
2A Sienna Lyons
2B Jeremy Laverty
2C Eloise Job
2C Connor Hennessy
3A Molly Murphy
3B Blake Thiele
3C Cameron Wallis
3C Chloe Ryan
4A Nick Hartley
4B Lily Kratzman
4C Amelia Dang
5A Alex McGahan
5A Chloe Ryan
6A Ellie Griffin
6A Lara Mah
6B James Livingstone
7 Emily Galpin
RSVP: by Monday 21st October 2013 by completing the attached form.

Payment Options:-
⇒ Flexischools
⇒ Return this form with cash or cheque
⇒ Try Booking : See Quick Links on website or https://extranet.bne.catholic.edu.au/parent/mtcarmelcoorparoo
Or http://trybooking.com/62434

Name of People Attending: _____________________________________________

Oldest child and grade: _____________________________________________

Dietary requirements: _____________________________________________

Payment method:  ☐ Cash  ☐ Cheque
Resource Centre News

Welcome Back

It was lovely to welcome all the taller smiling faces through the door this week. For our students, this term is all about preparing them for their transition into a high year level next year and the raised expectations that comes with this move. It is also a term where I like to take stock of the “year that was” and plan my Library program for 2014. Hopefully this will mean the return of many favourite Library events and programs, plus testing out a few new ones, just to keep me and Mrs Allan out of mischief.

Lexile Term Three Certificates

Congratulations to the following children who have earned their Lexile certificate (or certificates). These certificates will be presented to the students at the first Assembly of the term (next Tuesday).

Blue Award (25 Points)
Harper Tunney

Red Award (50 Points)
Johanna Conomos
Harper Tunney

Bronze Award (100 Points)
Genevieve Green
Patrick Grigson
Tiana Rukavina
Harper Tunney

Green Award (150 Points)
Nora Antu
Genevieve Green
Stefania Tesolin
Harper Tunney

Orange Award (200 Points)
Annabelle Allan
Issy Kemp
Luke Palmer
Georgia Spiller
Ellie Tesolin
Imogen Wilson

Silver Award (250 Points)
Luke Palmer
Georgia Spiller

Term Three Library Books Due Back Now

There are still quite a few library books from last term that have not been returned. Overdue Term Three books that are not returned by this Friday are assumed to be lost and reimbursement notices will be issued. The good news is that if you reimburse us for a lost book and the book turns up, your money is refunded. I am really hoping that I will have no notes to send out next week.

Music in 2014

All Instrumental Music groups at Mt Carmel were showcased at the Cultural Day Concert on Friday 20th Sept. If you are considering a musical instrument for your child in 2014 please see the attached letters regarding expressing your interest in the program.

Like to be on the radio?

Come see the 96five Family Show, Liam, Robbie and Ness, as they broadcast their breakfast show LIVE from Loreto College to help us celebrate our 85th anniversary and to promote our annual Live & Wired Music Festival!

On Friday 18 October, 96five will be broadcasting live at Loreto College from 6am -9am and there’ll be loads of awesome activities including a jumping castle, sporting games, freebies and of course a coffee van for the parents and teachers! Have your chance to be on the radio, win great prizes and help us celebrate the Live & Wired Music Festival! Bring your friends and family and join us for a truly memorable morning, everyone’s welcome. Friday 18 October, 6am to 9am, Deshon Oval.

Like to be on the radio?

96five Family

www.96five.com
Our Lady of Mt Carmel Primary School P&F is proud to announce that we are in the process of producing a limited edition calendar for 2014. The calendar is to be published to coincide with the Fete 2013. To avoid missing out pre-order your calendar now.

Total number of calendars required: _______@ $10

Name: ____________________________ Class: ____________________________

Amount: $________________________ (please circle) cash/cheque

Also Available through Flexischools. – No service charge applies.

Please return orders to the school office. Delivery is scheduled for July 31, 2013.

Cheques payable to: Our Lady of Mt Carmel P&F Association

Orders can be obtained from:
Jenny Kemp 0418 873 024 jennykemp@surgidat.com
Rebecca McPherson 0402 128 029 becjmcpherson@bigpond.com
Rebecca Murphy 0402 322 689 rebeccakmurphy@me.com

AFRICAN DRUMMING
CONTINUES WEDNESDAY MORNINGS AT 7.20AM IN THE MUSIC/DRAMA ROOM.
ALL WELCOME.
TO MAKE A BOOKING EMAIL: Sharon@mobilemusicindustries.com.au

REMINDER: 2ND HAND UNIFORM SHOP
OPENING TIMES:
FRIDAYS 2.30-3PM & TUES 15 OCT FROM 8-9AM.
Dear Parents,

RE: IMPORTANT INFORMATION RELATING TO OUR END OF YEAR SCHOOL PRODUCTION

Our annual school production this year is “THE MAGICAL CHRISTMAS JIGSAW” by Mary Green & Julie Stanley. At a bustling Christmas market five excited children come across a very special stallholder who gives them a tatty old Christmas jigsaw. As the children gradually piece the jigsaw together, the Christmas story comes to life with all the traditional nativity characters.

All students from Prep to Year Seven will be performing in this major school production. If there are extenuating circumstances as to why your child cannot attend, please assist us by letting us know in writing, as soon as possible.

Please find following important information to mark in your diaries:

CONCERT DATE: THURSDAY 28 NOVEMBER 2013
START TIME: 6:30 P.M.
VENUE: CHANDLER THEATRE,
OLD CLEVELAND & TILLEY ROADS, CHANDLER

TECHNICAL REHEARSAL AT VENUE: SAME DAY, THURSDAY 28 NOVEMBER 2013 (During school hours)

COSTUME DETAILS will be sent home next week. Most costumes will be fairly easy to put together, but we are looking for some sewers to assist with some simple sewing. Please indicate if you can help here.

Details about TICKET SALES will be sent out in the next few weeks. We are using the same online system as last year for ordering the tickets. Please check the CONCERT section in the school newsletter for all concert updates.

The children are always so excited about their school production and we are looking forward to making this an enjoyable experience for all, as well as achieving the learning outcomes for the drama, dance and music strands of our arts syllabus.

Many Thanks

Bernadette Egan
Drama Teacher

REPLY SLIP CONCERT ASSISTANCE:
I am able to assist with: (please circle) Sewing Prop making Transporting Props

NAME: CONTACT: CHILD’S CLASS:
Outside School Hours Care

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

Monday Create your own masterpiece, Silent ball games, Butterfly making, Skipping with a partner, 12 Sided dice activity, Hula hoops.

Tuesday Friendship bands, Moving to the music, Sea mobiles, Basket ball games, Multi sport skill games, Tiger feet, Mexican wave.

Wednesday Sewing activity, My Grandmother went to the market, Paper craft, Jelly spike ball games, Mini Volleyball fun, Juggle applause.

Thursday Peg art and craft, Heads down thumbs up, Uno games, Pipe cleaner craft, Youth ultimate Frisbee throwing, Hit and catch.

Friday Colour fun whit board markers, Connect four, Bean bag circuit, Design your own pirate hat, Red hot letter, Cup catch ball games.

Thank you to Chiemela and Harper for their contribution to the weekly program.

Grace Pitt, Coordinator
Our Lady of Mount Carmel OSHC

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Tuckshop News

Fri 11 Oct Ermana Garbati Lisa Kratzman Lisa Watson Shalini Matthews Mary Pappas

Wed 16Oct Liz Carroll Suzanne Schick Carmel Grasso Diane Reynolds

Thu 17Oct Simone Ryan Pauline Mednis Natalie Ryan Marcus Soo

Fri 18Oct Rachael Paterson Susan Gunew Tess Sherlock Joannah Ings Amanda Smith Leah Peck

Wed 23Oct Helen Polson Joanna Crowe Gregoria Makras Erica McAllister

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