Dear Parents

CANBERRA TRIP:
As you read this newsletter our Year 7 teachers and students will be practically on their way home from Canberra or getting ready to do so. Thanks go to John Bates, Emma Ponti and Carolyn Taylor for giving up their time away from their families to take the Year 7 students on this exciting, educational and fun trip. The week seems to have flown by and I will bet we have some very weary travellers returning tonight. They will all be having a day off school Friday and resting up over the weekend to attend the last week of school for Term 3.

PARENT / TEACHER INTERVIEWS:
These will be conducted during the last week of school on Wednesday 18th and Thursday 19th September. Teachers have allocated time slots when they will be available to meet with parents on these dates. If you haven't already done so (although it looks like most of you have) please log on to the Parent Portal, Online Services and PTO to book a time to see your child's/ren's teacher/s. All interviews will be held in the school Hall and will be of ten minutes duration. If you have any trouble accessing PTO or not all your children are showing up when you log on please contact the school office.

SCHOOL PHOTOS:
At the moment I am filling out names of students on all our Special Group photos and hope to return these proofs to the school photographers by the end of the week. I would expect delivery of school photos home early next term.

BOOK LISTS:
We have decided to go with a new supplier for 2014, a company called SOS (School and Office Supplies) who were recommended to us by a number of sources. I met with a representative from SOS recently and they seem very professional, well priced and flexible. Staff are currently deciding on texts and stationery for their final lists. I hope to get this finalised by the end of this term and available online to parents early next term. We have cut back on a number of items including Atlas's, Bibles, calculators, pouches and glue and prices for Book Packs 2014 should be considerably cheaper than past years.

CULTURAL DAY:
On the last day of Term, Friday 20th September, we celebrate "Cultural Day' at Mt Carmel. This is an opportunity for all our singers, musicians and dancers to perform for the whole Mt Carmel student body. There will be 6 stations set up and the children will rotate in their Pastoral Groups from 11.00-1.00 spending 20 minutes at each station. After lunch there will be a concert in the Hall from 2.00pm-3.00pm.

HALLOWEEN DINNER DANCE:
This event is set down for Saturday 26th October at 7.00pm. This event was advertised in last week's newsletter but please note if you are purchasing your ticket online ... you need to log on to the Parent Portal, Online School Services and click on the link under the title "Halloween Dinner Dance" . You can make a booking as from today. Otherwise complete the form in the newsletter as indicated.

Some interesting footy games this weekend in both the AFL and NRL. Carlton were probably not expected to still be alive at this part of the finals and Freemantle probably not expected to be where they are either. And the Cowboys are all the talk in the NRL as they have put together a string of wins. All the best for your team this weekend (unless you are like me and your team has already finished).

Tony Shaw
Assistant Principal Administration

P&F Meeting tonight, Thursday 12 September at 7.30pm in the Staffroom
All welcome
CALENDAR

Thu 12 Sep                P&F Meeting 7.30pm
Wed 18/Thu 19 Sep     Parent /Teacher Interviews
Fri 20 Sep                 Cultural Day
Fri 20 Sep      Last day Term 3
TERM FOUR
Mon 7 Oct              Public Holiday - Labor Day
Tue 8 Oct      School resumes Term 4
Thu 10 Oct                P & F Meeting 7.30pm
Mon 21 Oct      Pupil Free Day
Sat 26 Oct          Halloween Party—Parent Function
Thu 7 Nov             P & F Meeting 7.30pm
Thu 28 Nov        School Concert & Rehearsal at venue

Resource Centre News

Computer Club Term 4

Term 4 Computer Club is for students in Years 1 and students in Year 2 who have not participated in Computer Club before. It is held before school on six Wednesday mornings of next term (7.30am start). Spaces are extremely limited. If you would like to receive the computer club note, please email me at tmhalstead@bne.catholic.edu.au and I will give a copy of the note to your child. When the completed copy of the note is returned to me your child will receive a term timetable. If there are no more spaces available, your child will be placed on the waiting list for the next available Computer Club (Term 3 for current Year 2 students and Term 4 for current Year 1 students).

Student of the Week

Prep A  Jayden Matthews        Prep A  Abbey McAllister
Prep B  Ethan Park             Prep B  Jack Parry
Prep C  Andrew Esbensen        Prep C  Annabel Murphy
1A  Christian Porreca          1B  Cameron McDonald      1B  Charlie Kerr      1B  Leo Fulton
1C  Rhys Mikkelsen             1C  Tom Loch
2A  Ellora Gupta              2B  Adam Curd          2C  Sarah O’Bryan    2C  Nicola Avraam
3A  Riley Poole               3B  Gabriel Armstrong  3C  Jorge Makras     3C  Mia Faranda
4A  Louis Henderson            4B  Harry Grant-Smith  4C  Hannah Baird
5A  Georgia Lammey            5B  Samuele Urbina
6A  Eloise Rieck              6A  Lucy Ware           6A  Bridgette Dabinett
6B  Andrew Matheson           7  Ruby Leigh O’Brien
LEARNING CENTRE CORNER

More and more are we hearing that children in their early years of learning are being referred to a Speech Pathologist to improve literacy skills. Studies have shown that up to 75% of children with early language delays have reading problems when they are eight years old. Therefore, it is critical for learning to identify children who are at risk for speech, language and literacy difficulties as early as possible. Some common signs of language based learning difficulties include:

- An inability to learn the alphabet
- Trouble matching letters and sounds
- Difficulty sounding out words
- An inability to memorise songs or nursery rhyme lyrics
- Difficulty comprehending or remembering what is new vocabulary
- General inefficiency communicating whether it be verbal or written.

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LEANNE CROFT AND KERRY KEARNS

DRAMA NEWS

It's a busy time in the drama room conducting the auditions in Years 5, 6 & 7 for the main cast for our school production "The Magical Christmas Jigsaw”. Hopefully the cast will be announced before the September school holidays.

HELP!!! If any parent has a dance background and is interested in helping with the choreography for class items could they please contact me at began@bne.catholic.edu.au or come and see me at the Drama Room A.S.A.P.

Many Thanks, Bernadette Egan

Music in 2014

All music groups at Mt. Carmel will be showcased at the Cultural Day Concert on Friday 20th Sept 2pm in the hall.

If you are considering a musical instrument for your child in 2014 you are invited to come along and hear our students perform.

Sharon Van der Hurk

HELP NEEDED

Are there any mums who drive regularly from Mt Carmel to Churchie after school who might consider taking an extra passenger a couple of days a week? Only responsibility is to safely deliver Yr 4 student to Churchie (she can easily walk from the prep school - she knows Churchie v well) where her father works.

Happy to compensate you for your assistance. Please call Rachel - 0411 208 732

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Tuckshop News

Fri 13 Sep       Megan Barry Simone Holmes Alicia Maunsell Kylie Kelly Michelle Park Amy Webber
Wed 18 Sep    Bridget Murphy-Ward Helen Palmer Michelle Greer Julianne Burke Victoria Lenton
Thu 19 Sep      Kath Eberhardt Rachael Paterson Alison Dann
Fri 20 Sep        Michelle Rukavina Nicole Nasser Andrea Ibrahim Susan Blunt Misha Del Rae Silvana Abraham

Term 4

Wed 9 Oct       Maria Angeli Nicky Briggs Rachel Lyons Kylie Southwood
Thu 10 Oct   Danielle Ganim Jane Green Julie Stokes Di McGregor
Fri 11 Oct     Ermana Garbati Lisa Kratzman Lisa Watson Shalini Matthews Mary Pappas

Please call Kelly on 3395 5236 if you cannot work on your rostered day.
RSVP: by Monday 21\textsuperscript{st} October 2013 by completing the attached form below or paying with credit card via Flexischools.

Name of People Attending: ___________________________________________________

Oldest child and grade: ______________________________________________________

Dietary requirements: ________________________________________________________

Payment method:               Cash/Cheque                                       EFT     Flexischools

DIRECT TRANSFER – Please include a copy of direct transfer payment slip

BSB No:              064-786
Account No:       215060100
Account Name:   Cavendish Road – Mt Carmel P&F
Surname:  _________________________________

(please leave your surname as a reference—add any other details below)

\textbf{You can also book online via Trybooking.com}

\textit{See the link on the Parent Portal - School Online services.}
**P & F Update**

**Prep Buddy families**

Incredibly, it is time to start thinking about 2014! In past years we have organised a Prep Buddy Family for our new Prep families. The role of the buddy family is to provide a warm welcome and a point of contact to help navigate through some of the common questions or concerns about starting school.

We would like to hear from Mt Carmel families who have a child starting Prep next year, and who would be willing to be matched up with a new family. If you are interested, you would be given the name and contact details of the buddy family, and we would ask that you get in touch with them prior to the Prep Orientation day in November.

If you can assist, please let us know by emailing pandfmcarmel@gmail.com. In your email could you also please provide your new Prep child’s name.

Thanks very much to Merrin Rains who has kindly agreed to coordinate the buddy program this time around.

Kim Broadfoot
pandfmcarmel@gmail.com

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**Friends of Zumalai Plant Stall, Cafe & Raffle**

The Friends of Zumalai will be holding a Spring Sale of plants and holding a café on the lawn for coffee/tea and cake beside the church on

**Sunday 15 September** following the 8.30am mass.

Please support the great work of the Friends of Zumalai – East Timor.

Tickets are $2 each or 3 for $5 and will be available at all masses on the weekend of and 14th and 15th September.

Drawn after the 8.30am mass on Sunday 15th September 2013

Thank you for your support, Friends of Zumalai – East Timor

**Raffle prizes are:**

1st: Cricket bat – signed by Ricky Ponting, Adam Gilchrist and David Boon

2nd: Gift voucher from Aesthetica valued at $300.00 donated by Karen Jack

3rd: The Complete Matthew Hayden Cookbook and an 18 piece stainless steel BBQ tool set

4th: Matthew Hayden ‘Standing My Ground’ – an autographed copy by Matthew Hayden

5th: Orchid plant – donated by Flowerama at Greenslopes Mall

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**Students Celebrating Birthdays This Week**

Annika Andrew
Oliver Nasser
Ashlee Zernike-Darrington
Margot Kemp
Mollie Parer
Stefania Tesolin
Marissa Nicolaou

**Outside School Hours Care**

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

**Monday** Paper craft activities, Card games, Silent ball, Colour creations, Paddle ball, Multi-skill sport games.

**Tuesday** Pom-poms, Bingo game, Crimping activity, Bean bag circuit, Ultimate Frisbee throwing, High stepper.

**Wednesday** Skill sticks, Freeze frame, Complete craft items, Scoop ball fun, Fitness dice, Hand ball games.

**Thursday** Create your own canvas, Simon says, Peg craft, Skipping with a partner, Jelly spike ball fun, Hula hoops.

**Friday** Abstract art and craft, Connect four, Heads down thumbs up, Free craft activities, Ball skill fun, Tiger feet.

Thank you to Christian, Anastasia, and Sue-Jee for their contribution to the weekly program.

Grace Pitt, Coordinator
Our Lady of Mount Carmel OSHC

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