Dear Parents

Report Cards

Report Cards for all Mt Carmel students will be sent home in the last week of this term. Teachers of all classes have been burning the midnight oil to ensure reports are completed on time. This is a very time consuming and extensive process and I am most grateful to all teachers for the very professional way in which they have gone about completing this huge task.

Reports for our Prep students have been modified from last year’s format to what we consider a more suitable for our Prep students first semester of school. Prep teachers have written detailed comments on achievements in English and Maths complemented by a general comment on individual progress. Our Prep students have also been designated gradings based on their effort across learning areas and their work habits. These gradings are based on a 4 point scale as detailed below.

- Effort
  - Consistently
  - Generally
  - Sometimes
  - Rarely

Reports for students from Yrs. 1-7 include all of the above plus use of the 5 point A-E scale, listed below, to describe achievement across the semester.

- A = Achieving well above the expectations for year level
- B = Achieving above the expectations for year level
- C = Achieving at the expectations for year level
- D = Achieving below the expectations for year level
- E = Achieving well below the expectations for year level

Mt Carmel is a place where children are encouraged to work and reach their full potential as individuals. In so saying it is important to acknowledge our belief that all learners have the potential to achieve success in their learning but not necessarily at the same time or pace.

Most importantly please keep in mind when reading your child’s report that, “achieving at the expected level” does not mean ‘just adequate’ but rather indicates your child’s learning is firmly on track and should be celebrated.

Please note also that being a mid-year report there may be some strands in some of the Learning Areas that have not yet been touched on. By the end of the year all strands will be able to be reported on.

I would like to thank the teachers for all of the hard work they have put into the preparation of these reports. I hope you find they provide valuable feedback on your child’s progress to date this year. I encourage all parents to discuss the report with their child and celebrate their individual achievement as a lifelong learner.

Our next round of reporting will be Parent Teacher interviews in the hall towards the end of term 3.

Children not returning in 2014

If you are aware that your child will not be returning to Mt Carmel in 2014, I would appreciate it if you could please send me an email (mailto:pdelaney@bne.catholic.edu.au) confirming their departure. Early next term I will be commencing the staffing process for 2014. Staffing is completely determined by enrolment numbers. Confirmation of student departures will greatly assist this process. Thanks.

Pick Up Zone Name Cards

Our pick up zone on Norfolk St is supervised every afternoon with the major goal being to get all of our children, being picked up in this area, safely into cars for the trip home. The other major goal is of course to get everyone on their way home as quickly as possible. The “Family Name Cards” make a huge contribution to keeping cars moving through the pick-up zone. When these cards are displayed on the top of windscreens the teacher on duty can look ahead and have your children ready when you arrive in the pick-up zone. That is assuming your children have arrived at the pick-up zone on time. If you have lost, or do not have pick up zone “family name cards” please reply to the newsletter email requesting name cards and they will be sent home as soon as possible.

Athletics Carnival/Talent Quest

Let’s hope the weather improves for next week’s athletics carnivals on Thursday (Junior P-2) and Friday (Senior 3-7). All are welcome to come along and cheer for all of our athletes. In the afternoon children will enjoy the performances of our talent quest entrants.

Assembly

Due to the Queen’s birthday holiday this week we will be presenting certificates to our Students of the week for the last 2 weeks at Monday’s assembly. All are welcome to join us at assembly each Monday afternoon from 2.20pm in the hall.

Regards

Peter Delaney

Principal
Our Lady of Mt Carmel Catholic Primary School
Coorparoo
mailto:pdelaney@bne.catholic.edu.au

13th June 2013
### CALENDAR

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### NEWS FROM OUR ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

**St. Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal**

I’m proud to say that over the years our school community has developed a very strong relationship with the Marsden/Crestmead Chapter of the St. Vincent de Paul Society. The members of this dedicated community group work tirelessly to support the very needy members of their local community. They are passionate about their work and are deeply committed to serving the poorest members of our local community. Whenever I speak to our friends from St. Vinnies, they speak emotionally in expressing their gratitude towards our community who gives so much every year to support this appeal and the annual Christmas Gifts Appeal. With this in mind I again ask you all to bring in non-perishable gifts like tinned soup, chocolate drinks such as Milo and pre-loved blankets. Please bring donated items to your child’s classroom or the school office. Every donation will be gratefully received.

**Our Lady of Mt Carmel Feast Day and Mission Day**

On Tuesday 16th July we will celebrate the Our Lady of Mt Carmel Feast Day. We will celebrate mass as a whole school community in the church at 9.00am. From 11-1pm we will have our Mission day activities which will be planned and facilitated by our year seven leaders. The proceeds of this year’s Mission day will go to support the work of Catholic Mission Australia. As we only have a few opportunities each year to worship as a whole school community, I strongly encourage you all to join us at this mass.

**Catholic Education Week**

Two key events have been planned for this year’s Catholic Education week. On Thursday 25th July a group of young gentleman from Villanova College will visit the school to spend time with our Prep. students. They will read picture books, play games and share a treat with our prepies. Following a very successful Grandparent’s day in 2012 we will run a similar day on Friday 26th July. The day will commence with an assembly at 9.00am followed by activities in the classrooms. Grandparents will be invited to enjoy morning tea in the hall at 10.30am.

**Fundraising Ideas—Zumalai—Timor Leste**

Traditionally Mt Carmel has conducted a Spellathon to raise funds to support our sister school; Our Lady of Mt Carmel, Zumalai. If you have a bright new fundraising idea and would be keen to work with me to promote and organise it, please let me know. I’d appreciate any ideas or feedback.

Please mark these events in the calendar.

Have a great weekend and don’t forget; never right off the Broncos.

John Bates

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**Piano Lessons**

Vacancies have become available for piano lessons in term 3. Prep group lessons are starting!!! Private lessons for grades 1-7 are available and are strictly during school time. (There are no outside school times available). If you are interested in knowing more about these lessons please email Sharon van der Hurk sharon@mobilemusicindustries.com.au

**Woolworth Earn and Learn**

Please now return any completed or half completed sheets and loose stickers to either the collection box in the office or directly to the Resource Centre. We will have to submit our final points numbers soon. Thank you!
THE LEARNING CORNER

School Holidays can be a great opportunity to reinforce school learning in short bursts. If your child needs extra support with early reading and phonics, it can be a good idea to work with them for just twenty minutes a day and early in the morning is usually the prime time. To make it fun and interesting for children, I have included the name of a great website http://www.magickeys.com/books/index.html which includes some delightful stories that can be read online and also some fun phonics games that your child might enjoy playing. Some of the games on the site are listed below.

- **ABC Fast Phonics** - our **FREE** sister site introduces phonics to beginning readers of any age in a fun and easy way. Over 100 pages of audio lessons with 400 cartoons and clickable words.


- **Phonics Endings Game** - a three-level game where you match words with similar endings to the object in a picture. **LEVEL 2, LEVEL 3, MATCHING WORKSHEETS** (at bottom of page). From www.dositey.com.

- **Digby the Mole** - find words that (1) begin with, (2) end with, or (3) sound like (rhyme with) a given letter, blend sound, or word. From The Little Animals Activity Centre at the BBC Schools section (www.bbc.co.uk/schools) of the BBC's web site.

- **Picture Match** - Match pictures to their beginning letter sounds, or short and long vowel sounds by sorting them into the correct letter box. Other good information here including lesson plans and web resources from www.readwritethink.org.

- **Construct a Word** - Build a word list from letters and letter groups by matching up word beginnings to word endings to create **COMPLETE** words. Also from www.readwritethink.com.

- **Clifford the Big Red Dog Sound Match Game** - Find pictures of words that begin with the same sound as the picture name at the top and drag them into a box. From www.scholastic.com.

- **Match Letters Game** - Four games where you match sets of letters or blends, turned over two at a time. Has a timer that can be used for competition or **TRACKING** personal best, but does not time out. Separate games for **CONSONANTS B-N, CONSONANTS M-Z, VOWELS, and BLENDS**. From www.genkienglish.net.

These activities will help keep your children busy and learning at the same time. Hope you find these useful.

**LEANNE CROFT AND KERRY KEARNS**
LAST WEEK OF BORROWING

The last week of library borrowing. All books must be returned by the end of next week. Please encourage your children to be prompt in their returns because I am sure you do not want an overdue notice as a “holiday present”

READERS CUP SEVEN

I took a very enthusiastic group of Year 7 girls to participate in the Readers Cup competition at Regents Park. Readers Cup involves the team reading 6 books and answering very detailed questions on each book. The guest author Richard Newsome, write of The Billionaire’s Curse (pictured with the team) said he would not know half of the answers for his own book, which shows how hard the competition is!

The girls did a brilliant job and placed equal 8th out of 30 teams. This earned a book for our school library. Congratulations to Evie, Lydia, Siobhan, Tamara and Teagan for representing the school so well. As they proudly told Richard, our school is “the best place to be”!

COME IN AND SCAN SOME POSTERS

You may see some interesting new posters around the school featuring some Year 6 students. These posters all link to some fantastic sustainability webpages produced by the students. To view these pages, you can just scan the QR code into your ipad, ipad mini or smart phone and you will be taken to the website. You will just need to install a free qr code scanner app on your device to do this. For example, here is the qr code for the OLMC webpage. I will give a full write up on all the term technology projects in next week’s newsletter.

TERM THREE COMPUTER CLUB

Next term’s computer club will be for students in Years 3 and 4. I will be handing out forms to interested children on Monday of the last week. It is first in best dressed but children that miss out are placed on a waiting list for their next available opportunity.
P&F Update

The next P&F meeting will be held on Thursday 11 July at 7.30pm in the Staffroom.

Remember if you ever want to get a message to the P&F Executive, have an idea, or a topic for discussion at meetings, please email us at pandfmtcarmel@gmail.com. This address is checked regularly and is the best way of making sure messages get through.

Thanks go to Bridget Murphy-Ward and all the parents who provided another lovely morning tea for our staff last Wednesday.

Kim Broadfoot
P&F President

School Garden Project

A school kitchen garden project will be undertaken and we are seeking interested parents to be involved. No gardening skills required (though we would love to hear from gardeners), however if you have any specific area of interest or would simply like to support its implementation please send through your contact details to either:

Jayne Preston - jayne.preston@bigpond.com or Tammy Spiller - tammy.spiller1807@gmail.com.

To find out more about how this kind of project works within a school we encourage you to check out the following clip from Gardening Australia, which details the Seven Hills State School Project. http://www.abc.net.au/gardening/stories/s3592918.htm

San Sisto College

The college cordially invites All Past Students to join us on Sunday 11 August 2013 10.00 am – 12.00 pm for Our Annual Reunion at which the classes of 1973, 1983, 1993 and 2003 will be celebrating their 40th, 30th, 20th and 10th year reunions.

There will be morning tea, a gathering ritual, an address by the Principal and a tour of the college.

Please join us at
San Sisto College
97 Mayfield Road
Carrara 4152

RSVP by Monday 5 August to the college 3900 9800
Please advise any dietary requirements

Tuckshop News:

Fri 14 Jun    Michelle Rukavina Nicole Nasser Andrea Ibrahim Susan Blunt Misha Del Rae Silvana Abraham
Wed 19 Jun   Susan Flynn Christina Jones Glenys Piunti Bronwyn Aboud
Thu 20 Jun   Simone Ryan Pauline Mednis Natalie Ryan Marcus Soo
Fri 21 Jun   Ermana Garbati Lisa Kratzmann Lisa Watson Shalini Matthews Mary Pappas

FRIDAY 21 Jun: TUCKSHOP NORMAL MORNING TEA—LUNCH IS HOT DOGS AND SUSHI ONLY.

PLEASE NOTE : CUT OFF FOR ORDERS IS 8.30AM THURSDAY!

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

Cross country

On Thursday the 30th March our cross country season culminated in the Catholic Zone Championships held at St Edwards Daisy Hill. We were expecting big things from the team who had won at St Anthony’s and contained seven district runners. The course was extremely tricky and all runners were under strict instructions to be at the pointy end of the race when it entered the 'squeeze bridge.' I am pleased to say that all runners put their best foot forward and used this advice to their advantage with passing opportunities limited until later in the race. The day started well with the senior girls dominating their race getting all five runners home in the top 13 places. This trend continued with all remaining age groups doing well and placing themselves in the frame for their respective age championship trophy. There were numerous race winners and place getters on the day but the overall team effort was the most pleasing aspect to see with runners fighting for position down in the race equally important as those placing individually.

We won two age championships and came second in three of the remaining four. This effort ensured that we were to have our name on the aggregate trophy for the first time. It was a great team effort and all students were rightly proud of what they had achieved.

It was a great season with two overall wins from two carnivals and 7 rep runners beating our previous best of 5. Thank you to all of the parents who not only came out and supported the runners but kicked them out of bed that little bit earlier to ensure that they were here for training on time. Finally a big thank you and well done to all students who ran throughout the year, a great season with not only big individual improvements but a superb team effort which produced some deserved results.

AFL

Congratulations to the 12 girls in the AFL team who defeated St Edwards 14-8 to 2-2 on Friday to book their place in the next round of the Brisbane Lions cup on Thursday. It was a ruthless display bringing back memories of the 2011 team. Lara Johnson was named player of the match and received the game ball from the umpire, but every girl played well and never let St Edwards into the match through strong defence and piercing runs.

Calling all Scientists

Science Fair 2013

We are holding a Science Fair on Monday 2nd September. All children from PREP to Year 7 will participate. From 2pm-3pm on that day we would like to invite parents who are 'scientists' (vets, doctors, researchers, etc) to come into school and give a demonstration or give a little 10 minute chat about your role as a scientist within the community.

If you could dedicate some of your time to help us out on this occasion we would really appreciate it. Please see Emma Ponti if you are interested.

Thank you.

Jumping Pupils Day tomorrow!!

Why: To raise money for Vision Australia.

For a gold coin donation you can come dressed in purple and green

Participate in a whole school "Jump Off" at 8:15am

Bring your own skipping rope if you can!! (Make sure it is named)

Be a part of the whole school skipping rotations between 11- 1pm

Make up a skipping routine to perform to the school after lunch. Keep jumping!!!
Mt Carmel Supporter Cap

Due to the popularity of the Stall Conveners caps at last year’s Fete, Mt Carmel Supporters caps will soon be available to purchase.

The caps are for parents, grandparents etc. to wear at outdoor Mt Carmel events like the School Fete, Sports Carnivals, Cross-Country, Inter-school carnivals and Grandparents Day.

The caps are not for Mt Carmel students as the children already have sun-safe hat and visor options as part of their school uniform.

The black caps will feature the four Mt Carmel House colours and at a price of $10 you can have a lovely sun-protecting souvenir that will support the school.

If you would like to pre-order caps before the Sports Carnivals on 20 and 21 June please check-in to Flexi-schools from Monday 17th June. These caps will be available for collection and also for purchase at the “Cap Stand” at the Carnivals.

Pre-ordered caps will continue to be available before the Fete through flexi-schools and can be sent home via your eldest child. If you miss any of these opportunities the caps will also be available at the Information Stand at this year’s Fete. Please note, new stall conveners will be provided with a free cap and shirt.

OLMC PARISH – FIRST EUCHARIST CELEBRATIONS

Congratulations to those children who received the Sacrament of Eucharist last weekend. The children were all so beautifully behaved and were a credit to their families, Parish and School - well done!

This coming weekend there are another 40 or so children who will be receiving the Sacrament of First Eucharist.

The date for the practice is – Friday 14 June at 3.15pm in the church.

This practice is very important as there is quite a bit to be covered with the children to ensure the liturgy goes smoothly. Please note that the children need to be in the Carmel Community Room no later than 15 minutes before their mass begins. The children will be processing into the Church and so they need to be organised for this and then either Fr Jerome or Matthew will bless and pray over them.

Children do not need to bring anything but themselves to the mass they are attending. There is no candle needed. There is also no cup of tea or coffee following these masses so if you are wondering about time I think it would be the length of a normal mass and maybe add 5-10 minutes.

I will use your pew decorations again to allocate a pew for each family so please let your guests know.

Any queries please feel free to contact me on 3397 1587 or email mtcarmel@bne.catholic.net.au

Kate McGuckin
Parish Secretary

Mt Gravatt Little Athletics 2013 – 2014 season
Sign-On Day Saturday 22 June 2013
11:00a.m to 2:00p.m.
MGLA Club House Mansfield SHS, Ham Road, Mansfield.

Students celebrating Birthdays this week
Sakura Lavery
Edward Fletcher
Rocco Faranda
Sophie Isaac
Lilianna Givanakis
Ignatius Weier
Marin Prestridge
Lily Kratzmann
Sasha Kratzmann
Emma Palmer

Happy birthday
Fete Update:

The weeks are flying by and the Fete will be here before we know it!

Please take the time to read the first Fete Bulletin that came home with the children last week. It provides details about what type of assistance our stall convenors are seeking. For example:

- Fill your clip-seal bag for the Tombola stall and return to your classroom. Please only include new toys and novelties, wrapped lollies only. A Pizza Party will be awarded to the class who collects the most bags.
- Donate a bottle of wine for Chance Cellars. Donations can be left at the school office.
- The Handmade stall is looking for donations and would greatly appreciate any of the following items; plain white baby bibs, coloured buttons, ribbon, packets of pencils, fabric including satin and tulle, wool, scrapbooking paper, felt, glue, elastic.

The class stall allocations and a suggested shopping list were included in the bulletin. Any donation of your time and/or goods is greatly appreciated. If you need another copy of the Bulletin, there are plenty of spares in the office.

Mount Carmel 2014 Calendar – Pre Orders begin this Friday!

Don't miss your opportunity to stay up to date with important school dates and holidays throughout 2014, not to mention a wonderful momento for graduating students and family. Calendars will be available for sale for $10 each via Flexischools (no surcharge on calendar purchases) this Friday and continue until SOLD OUT!

A very big thank you to all the school family businesses who have sponsored the calendar.

Art Union tickets coming home this week!

Please look out for your book of Art Union tickets that will be coming home this week with the eldest child of each family. There are 3 fabulous prizes up for grabs this year:

- 1st prize: $6000 cash
- 2nd prize: 5 nights for 2 adults and 2 children in a deluxe family room at the Hotel Grand Chancellor, Surfers Paradise (valued at $2,760)
- 3rd prize: an Apple iPad Mini (valued at $356) and a $100 iTunes Gift Card.

Tickets are still only $5 each. Please return all Art Union tickets to the office by Friday 26 July or sooner if possible whether sold or unsold. The Art Union is a vital part of our fundraising for the fete, so if you are able to sell some more tickets, please pick up some more from the office.

Pre-Purchase of Ride Armbands

Flexischools is now set-up to enable the pre-purchase of fete ride armbands.

- We have introduced a new armband this year — Toddler Armband — that is recommended for 3-4 year olds. It will entitle the wearer to unlimited rides all day on four rides only. (Junior Jumping Castle, Red Baron, Tram Ride and The Triple Screamer Giant Slide)

- The Standard Armband option entitles the wearer to unlimited rides all day on the rides they are eligible to go on. Nine exciting rides have been booked this year and five of these are brand new. The rides are The Triple Screamer Giant Slide, Red Baron, Tram Ride, Laser Skirmish, Mountain Ridge Slot Car Racing, Senior Jumping Castle and Junior Jumping Castle, Super Sizzler (1100mm to ride) and Extreme Force (1200mm to ride).