Dear Parents

ONLY 2 WEEKS UNTIL OUR SCHOOL MUSICAL
"THE MAGICAL CHRISTMAS JIGSAW"
THURSDAY 28TH NOVEMBER AT 6:30 P.M.
THE CHANDLER THEATRE, SLEEMAN SPORTS COMPLEX, CHANDLER.

TICKET SALES FOR THE MUSICAL COMMENCE
TONIGHT from 6:30P.M.

Safety in the Pick Up/Drop Off zone. Our children are too precious.....

Can I please ask all parents to be extremely careful when using the pick up zone. It has been brought to my attention that children have been seen hopping out of their car on the drivers side and then walking between cars to reach the footpath. This is an extremely dangerous practice and could easily result in an accident.

I have also seen children hopping out of cars and then walking between cars to get their bags out of the boot of the car. Again this could very easily result in a child being trapped between two cars. It would be my preference that children carried their bags inside the car with them so it is not necessary for them to stand behind, or between vehicles.

The P&F have prepared a Traffic Management plan to help with the safe transporting of children around the school. I have attached this document again to today’s newsletter email. We have sent this home a number of times this year. Even if you have read it before I encourage you to review it again to ensure your practices are consistent with all other families at the school.

Our children are too precious to risk them being injured unnecessarily. Thanks in anticipation of your cooperation with these requests.

Yr 1– Campaigners for Sun Safety

I was very impressed yesterday when Yr. 1 students, Harriet and Ben, visited me in my office to present their classes written proposals on how we can help to make Mt Carmel a more sunsafe environment for our students. Harriet and Ben presented me with the ideas of all of the children in their class. Not only was I very impressed with the quality of their writing, I was also very impressed with their well thought out ideas. We have some very clever children in Yr 1. Well done.

School Fees due tomorrow

Please note that we still have a number of families that are yet to settle their fees account for Term 4. Thank you to all of the families who have already paid fees for the term. Could I please ask all families to do their best to have fees paid as soon as possible. Should there ever be a problem meeting fee commitments I encourage you to make an appointment to have a confidential meeting with me. Thank you in anticipation of your support.

2014 Vacation Care Survey

This week will be your last opportunity to complete the survey gauging interest in Mt Carmel offering a vacation care service in 2014. The possibility of providing this service is totally dependent on sufficient demand. I would appreciate all families completing the survey to give us an accurate idea of whether we have enough interest to support this initiative. The survey contains more detail in regards to this matter. I encourage you to complete this survey and return to school as soon as possible. A copy is attached to this newsletter.

For those looking for vacation care options for the 2013 Christmas holidays I believe St Thomas’ at Camp Hill would welcome enrolments from our school community for their proposed vacation care program. Greg Martin from Go Sports will also be running a MultiSports clinic at the school during the first week of the holidays. This clinic will run from Monday to Thursday from 8.45am through to noon each day. More details are attached to today’s newsletter.

Have a great week.

Regards

Peter Delaney
Principal
Our Lady of Mt Carmel Catholic Primary School
Coorparoo
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Readers Cup

Congratulations to all of our students who participated in the Readers Cup yesterday. Mt Carmel, very proudly, hosted 17 schools in the hall to participate in the Reader’s Cup competition. I am particularly grateful to our very talented teacher librarian, Tracey Halstead, who coordinated the event for all of our visiting schools. Our Mt Carmel team performed brilliantly and finished 7th overall. Mrs Halstead was very capably assisted by our Yr. 5 students who took on a wide range of roles and responsibilities to ensure the success of the day. Well done to you all.
**Calendar**

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- **Sun 24 Nov**      Family Mass 5.30pm Church
- **Thu 28 Nov**      Whole School Concert Rehearsal at venue
- **Thu 28 Nov**      School Concert 6.30pm Sleeman Complex
- **Fri 29 Nov**     Instrumental Music Concert 9am Hall
- **Wed 4 Dec**     Graduation Mass 7pm Church
- **Thu 5 Dec**        Meet the Teacher Day
- **Fri 6 Dec**     Breakfast for Yr 7/End of Year Mass
- **Fri 6 Dec**     Last day Term 4—school finishes @ 12 midday
- **Wed 18 Dec**       School Christmas Carols 6-7pm School hall

**2014 DATE CLAIMERS**

- **Sun 9 Feb**     Welcome Back BBQ for 2014
- **Sat 29 Mar**   Mother’s Club Lunch

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**A Prayer for the Philippines**

We pray for our brothers and sisters in the Philippines.

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*Amen*

I hope you all enjoy the rest of the week!

John Bates

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**Professional Development and Planning Days** - Monday 20 October

(To be confirmed)

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**Instrumental Music Concert**

*Friday 29th November at 9am in the school hall*

The school orchestra will be performing as well as the band and string ensembles. All parents and friends welcome

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**The school office will be closing at midday on Friday 6th December and will re-open on Monday 20th January 2014.**

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**News from the Assistant Principal Religious Education**

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Thursday 14 November 2013 until 6:00 p.m. Thursday 28 November 2013.

PLEASE SEE BOOKING INFORMATION at the end of the newsletter that takes you through the simple steps to book your concert tickets.

Next week is Costume Check during concert rehearsals. During this time photos will be taken for the concert. Please send your child’s costume to school on their drama/music days. Some students are arriving in their costume on the Wednesday or Thursday. Your child's teacher will advise you if this is the case for your child.

Aardvark Pictures has the license to film "The Magical Christmas Jigsaw" this year. Order forms are included with this week's newsletter. They are very prompt in having the DVD's ready to go home in the last week of the school year and are a wonderful memento!!

Looking forward to seeing all the costumes next week.....if you are looking for ideas on how to add some Christmas tinsel for the Year 1 and 2 items, there will be a sample in 1C (Mrs Josey's Room) from this week.

Bernadette Egan

YEAR 7 PERSONAL IMAGE COURSE

Each year at Our Lady of Mt Carmel, the Year Sevens participate in a course in grooming, etiquette and confidence building conducted by Mrs Bernadette Egan. Last term the Year 7's completed their 'Personal Image Course' and will receive their certificates of completion this week. The sessions covered General Grooming, Social Etiquette, A Healthy Body, Fashion Sense, Skin and Hair Care and Confidence Building.

Congratulations to the Year 7's.....Here are some comments from some students: "I enjoyed all of the course...I like the way we learnt about how we should always open doors for the girls and also about having manners, particularly at the table" Zach Seipel Yr 7.

Madelyn Kelley also commented " I really appreciate the etiquette lesson you gave our class. I had a lot of fun and learnt a lot. Thank you for teaching me as I will remember these lessons and the correct behavior of young women. Thank you very, very, very much!"

Bernadette Egan

2nd Hand Uniform shop will be open again on Tuesday 18th November from 8am-9am

Student of the Week

Prep A Thomas Weir
Prep A Addison Yared
Prep B Nicola Vitanza
Prep B Jack Wall
1A Joseph McGahan
2A Charlie Seymour
2A Noah Passaris
2A Emma Palmer
3A Jack Carson
3A Mariangela Urbina
3B James Grigson
4A Susannah Morris
4B Ashlee Zernike-Darrington
5B Harriet Crowe
7 Joe Love

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Prep Orientation Day

Thanks everyone who supported the organisation of the Prep Orientation day last week, especially the Mothers Club ladies who organised the morning tea, Prep parents for providing an abundance of lovely food, and the P&F Exec members who helped out with selling t-shirts and other items. The teachers and students showcased the school as a happy and enjoyable place to be and I am sure that the new children and their families are looking forward to 2014.

Support for extra-curricula activities

Following a suggestion from a school parent, the P&F has decided to make funds available to assist those families faced with the additional costs that come when their child is selected in a representative team. This would typically be a sporting team, but the policy also recognises that other representative opportunities might arise in other curricular or co-curricular areas. The policy is attached to the newsletter and parents who are interested in accessing this funding should contact Peter Delaney.

Decisions at last week's P&F meeting

Thanks to everyone who was able to make it along to our final P&F meeting of the year last Thursday night. As is usually the case with the final meeting, we had lots on the agenda, so particular thanks to everyone for their patience on the night. The P&F decided to contribute to the cost of building a new access ramp to the Year 1 and 2 building, to purchase excess brown uniform stock from St Paul’s at Woodridge, and to fund the development of the Mt Carmel Community Garden.

We also had an excellent presentation led by Bretton Watson and Nader Ibrahim from the Master Planning Committee, and this ended with everyone very excited about possible future projects around Mt Carmel. More information on all these initiatives will be in future newsletters.

Kim Broadfoot
P&F President
pandfmtcarmel@gmail.com

Tuckshop News

NO TUCKSHOP THURSDAY 28th NOVEMBER due to concert rehearsal

NO TUCKSHOP LAST WEEK OF TERM: 2nd – 6th DECEMBER

CLEANING DAY: MONDAY 2nd DECEMBER—ANY HELP APPRECIATED

Fri 15 Nov Marcella Walker Michelle Milner Coleen Zenenos Hiromi Goto Kelly Rigby Louise Bukowski Jill Mee
Wed 20 Nov Rachael Houston Alicia Maunsell Raelene Garvey
Thu 21 Nov Kath Eberhardt Philippa Child Maria Dann
Fri 22 Nov Andrea Carter Zsuzsa Henderson Angela Ransom Kellie Tesolin Janny Kemp
Wed 27 Nov Bridget Murphy-Ward Helen Palmer Michelle Greer Julianne Burke Victoria Lenton
Thu 28 Nov NO TUCKSHOP
Fri 29 Nov Marita Fox Margaret Vitanza Melanie Bingham Martina Noyle Therese Oates Christine Poole

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

OLMC Parish News

Last SPARKS for the year!
Sunday 24 Nov 4 - 5:15pm
Followed by the school Family Mass.

SPARKS is:
◊ a group for kids in grades 4-6
◊ to get together one Sunday a month
◊ for some games, sharing of faith
◊ and to share some food afterwards
◊ then to attend the 5:30pm Mass together.

Royals Netball Club sign on is Sunday the 1st of December 11am-2pm and we would love the opportunity to get more children involved in a team sport.

NB: If anyone is interested in joining but cannot make sign-on, please feel free to email the club direct for sign-on documents.

Erin Matison-Ferris
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LOURDES HILL COLLEGE

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

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If your daughter is currently in Year 3 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

SCHOOL BOOK COVERING
CONTACT ELOISE ON 0468 510 335
Clear contact can be provided or BYO patterned/clear

STUDENTS CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Sofia Lindsay
Eloise Rieck
Charlotte Craig
Charli England
Ewan Roberts
Caitlin Holmes
Harriet Kinross
Jasmine Kozionas
Ryan Piunti

Mt Carmel Parish
St Vincent de Paul Society
Christmas Hamper Appeal

The Mt Carmel Parish St Vincent de Paul Society is running a Christmas Hamper Appeal. We are requesting donations of non-perishable festive food items to create Hampers which will be delivered locally, and which will help to make Christmas Day different from every other day and just that little bit more special.

Suggested items include: Christmas Cakes, plum puddings, chips, pretzels, nuts, chocolates, sweet or savoury biscuits, softdrinks, antipasto (olives/tapenades etc) other non-perishable festive food items. (This is not a general food drive)

Please note that this Appeal is in ADDITION to the toys/gifts appeal + Year 3 St Paul’s Appeal run by the school.

We understand that the school community is asked to support many worthy causes throughout the year, so if you are able to help, even in a small way, all donations will be very much appreciated and we thank you in anticipation of your generosity.

Boxes have been placed in each classroom for donations which can be made up until Friday 30th November. Donations can also be placed in the church foyer until Sunday 1st December or by contacting Margaret Land ph: 0422 011 945 email: mland@tpg.com.au

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Resource Centre News

Premier’s Reading Challenge Part Two
Here are the rest of my wonderful readers. All of these students were recognised with a giant clap at assembly last Monday. Mr Ian Kaye, our state MP also presented certificates to representatives from each year level. Once again there is another photo-bomb and a look-alike to spot as well!! Thank you to all the students who took part, and of course the mums and dads at home who keep encouraging them to read! I am aiming for even larger participation next year.

Yr 5 Readers Cup
Mt Carmel hosted this competition this week. I will have a full wrap up next week about this exciting day.
MT CARMEL 2014 CALENDAR ORDER FORM

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  becmcpherson@bigpond.com
Rebecca Murphy  0402 322 689  rebeccakmurphy@me.com

Pre Order Now
Outside School Hours Care

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

Monday  Aboriginal art and craft, Connect four games, Making paper planes to fly, Basket ball shoot out, Hula hoops, Skipping with a partner.

Tuesday  Create your own collage pattern, Box construction, Pom- poms, Freeze frame, Active after school sport, Cricket activities Paddle pop stick craft.

Wednesday  Come and have fun with our owl theme, Heads down thumbs up, Decorative cards, Scoop ball, Hit and catch, Volley ball.

Thursday  Design your own creation, Simon says, Fantastic shaped fuse bead boards, Hand ball competition, Qld. AFL sports, Ball chases.

Friday  Peg art and craft, Juggle applause, Up down all around, Paper craft fun, Jelly spike ball games, Speed touch, Ultimate Frisbee throwing.

Thank you to Lachlan, Harrison and Anastasia for their contribution to the program.

TUCKSHOP 2014 VOLUNTEER REPLY SLIP

Tuckshop is held on WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY & FRIDAY each week
Please indicate below if you would like to be added to the roster for 2014:

NAME: .................................................................  CHILD’S NAME & CLASS 2013 .................................................................

CONTACT PHONE NUMBER: .................................................................

WEDNESDAY  THURSDAY  FRIDAY

(PLEASE RETURN REPLY SLIP TO SCHOOL OFFICE VIA CLASS TEACHER)
Your DVD package will contain the entire performance and will be filmed by two professional camera operators. The performance will be filmed using broadcast quality high definition cameras with high-end microphones, insuring the highest quality sound and picture. Your DVD will arrive with printed stickers, excellent quality cases and direct face printed disks. Your package will be edited using a state of the art editing system and will include a fully interactive menu with chapters.

I would like to order ________ copies of the end of year performance DVD package, priced at $35.00 each. I would like my copy/copies to be in ______ (DVD or VHS format)

Name: ___________________________________________

Contact phone number: ___________________________________________

I have included the amount of $_____________ in Cash / Cheque (please circle)  

(Cheques payable to: Aardvark Pictures)

⇒ PLEASE SEND ORDER FORM AND CORRECT MONEY IN AN ENVELOPE MARKED “THE MAGICAL CHRISTMAS JIGSAW” DVD ORDERS TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE.

⇒ ENVELOPE MUST HAVE NAME OF ELDEST CHILD & CLASS
⇒ ALL ORDERS MUST BE HANDED IN BY FRIDAY 29th NOVEMBER
⇒ DELIVERY DATE WEDNESDAY 4th DECEMBER

If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact us:

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