Dear Parents

School Fees

A reminder that Term 3 school fees were due last Friday. We still have quite a few families that are yet to make payment this term. In the interests of helping maintain our budget I ask all to do their best to meet this commitment as soon as possible. Should there ever be a problem paying fees I ask you to make an appointment to see me for a confidential meeting to discuss an appropriate plan. For those who have already paid fees I am sincerely grateful.

Tablets

I am pleased to inform all that this week we have placed an order for 103 Microsoft Tablets that will be put to use across the school. Some of these devices will be used to support students with special needs but the great majority will be for the general use of students in classrooms. The purchase of these devices has been funded by the IT component that is budgeted from our resource levy. These funds have also been used this year to purchase an extra 25 laptops and complete the installation of interactive whiteboards to Yr. 3. We now have Interactive whiteboards from Prep to Yr 3 and projectors in all other classrooms. We expect delivery of the tablets in the next 2-3 weeks.

Air Conditioning

I am also pleased to confirm that the installation of air conditioning across the school will commence at the end of this term. We have contracted air conditioning firm Cool Times who have confirmed that the upgrade of our power supply and the installation of air conditioning to Prep will commence on the first Monday of the September holidays. All going well we will look to have the next stages completed over the Christmas break.

No Entry off Norfolk St

I would again like to remind all that access by vehicles to the school grounds off Norfolk St is no longer permitted on school days. As mentioned in previous newsletters and to the children on assembly on Monday, this area was transformed into a staff car park from the beginning of this term to free up some space out on the school’s surrounding streets. Despite a sign being painted at this entrance indicating “no entry” we still have quite a number of vehicles that are entering the school grounds at this Norfolk St driveway. Many of these vehicles are dropping off and picking up students, particularly for before and after school activities. Can I please ask all to assist me in spreading the word for all to refrain from this practice and use the school drop off/ pick up zone instead.

QCMF

Best wishes to all of our students who will participate in the Queensland Catholic Music Festival this week. Our QCMF choir performed at assembly on Monday. Thanks to Paula Roberts who accompanied the children and has given very generously of her time to support the choirs running at school this year under the direction of teachers Christa Cloete and Sarah Esbensen.

Principal Leave

In just a few days I will be commencing a 5 week period of leave. Two of these weeks are part of my Professional Renewal entitlements and the final 3 weeks are long service leave.

In my absence John Bates will be stepping up as Acting Principal. Tony Shaw, APA, will be on full time release to assist John with some of the administrative duties and Emma Ponti will be our Acting APRE while also continuing as Curriculum Support Teacher & Yr 7 teaching duties. Kathryn Joss will look after the 4C class on a fulltime basis, as will Peta Thompson in 5B. Carolyn Taylor will also take on some extra teaching hours in Yr 7.

I will be returning to Mt Carmel for the beginning of Term 4. I look forward to seeing you all then.

Go the Broncos and Wallabies!

Regards

Peter Delaney

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

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**REMINDER:** School fees were due last Friday 9th August.
Could all outstanding fees please be paid as soon as possible.
Thank you.

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**INVITATIONAL DISCO:**

On Friday 30th August Mt Carmel will host another Invitational Disco for students in Years 5, 6 & 7. A number of our local Catholic Schools will receive invitations to attend the disco. Tickets to attend will be delivered to the schools and any students wishing to attend need to bring their ticket along with $10 (includes entry fee, drink and chips). The disco will run from 7.00pm - 9.00pm and will be held in the School Hall.

**SCHOOL PHOTOS:**

These are scheduled for Wednesday 28th and Thursday 29th August and will be taken in the School Hall. Once again we are using Advanced Photography. Envelopes have gone home for you to fill in your orders. Sibling Order Envelopes are available from the school office.

**YEAR 5 CAMP:**

I will be attending the Year 5 Camp at Midginbill Hill NSW from 21st - 23rd August with all the Year 5 teachers and students. We are looking forward to a fun time canoeing, orienteering and horse riding amongst other activities.

**SPRING CONCERT:**

Our Band / Strings / Choir Concert is scheduled for Wednesday 4th September from 7.00pm - 8.00pm. Our last concert finished at 7.50pm but there are a few more presentations this time around so the finish time may be closer to 8.00pm or perhaps even a bit later. It is a great opportunity for our music students to show us how much they have learnt and developed.

**BOOK LISTS 2014:**

I am currently revising the Book Lists for 2014 to reduce the costs over all the year levels and to have more consistency with various items. I will be asking other companies besides West End News to submit their pricing and any other contributing factors.

This process should be finalised by the end of term so we can then allow parents online access and get 2014 orders submitted.

Tony Shaw

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**News from the Assistant Principal – Religious Education**

**Family Mass: Sunday 18th August**

I’m looking forward to seeing a large number of families at Sunday’s Family Mass which will commence at 5.30pm. Jobs for the mass have been allocated and I really appreciate the fact that so many people volunteer to take on special responsibilities. Thanks again to Mr Paul Asnicar for co-ordinating the music. As always you are all welcome to stay afterwards for a sausage sizzle. A gold coin donation is required for this.

**Feast of the Assumption**

Our year six classes attended the Feast of the Assumption Mass in the church this morning. On this Holy Day of obligation we remember the story of Mary, the Mother of Jesus and how she was bodily assumed into heaven. Our year six teachers kindly led a Litany to Mary as part of this morning’s staff prayer.

**Jesus’ Day**

I’d like to thank the teachers and school officers in Prep to Three for organising a wonderful day for the young members of our school community. Countless hours have gone into the organisation of Jesus’ Day for our young ones. The children have developed an excellent understanding of life in the time of Jesus and had fun at the same time. Thanks to the parent helpers as well.

Have a great weekend everyone!

John Bates
**Resource Centre News**

**BOOK WEEK NEXT WEEK!**

Don’t forget the dress up day next **Monday (19th August)**! You should by now have received a note listing a bit more detail on the dress-up for the various year levels.

Also, if you wanted to purchase one of the books from our visiting Book Week Authors, please return these order forms to me by this **Friday August 16th**.

Also, you may want to start hunting for that perfect book swap book. Your child can bring these in anytime with their gold coin donation, in preparation for our Book Swap day in a couple of week’s time.

If you need a copy of the dress up note, the book swap note or the book week author order forms, just email me with your child’s year level or levels at **tmhalstead@bne.catholic.edu.au** and I will send them through.

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**Sport News**

Last Wednesday and Thursday a number of Mt Carmel students travelled to Villanova College Fields to compete in the Lytton Athletics selection trials. It was two very hot days with fierce competition in every event. Overall we improved on the previous year with 6 students selected in the rep team. Bronte Job, Emily Campbell, Georgia Elmore, Jordan Curd, Monique Piunti and Ellie Ryan were all selected in the team with Ellie Ryan breaking two records along the way. Well done to those students and we wish them luck at the next level.

Training for the zone carnival is well underway now with the team to be finalised this week. The carnival is on the 30th August at QEII stadium (back track). Training for all running events and Shot Put is on Tuesday and Friday mornings with Ball Games on Monday and Friday lunchtimes. Those who were placed in the top 4 of the div 1 100m races, and winners of the 800m races are all expected to be at training. Could we please ensure that those students are at training for 7.50am so that they can be warmed up appropriately before training begins.

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**Student of the Week**

- Prep A Isabella Fox
- Prep A Dylan Fryga
- Prep B Alex Linnett
- Prep B Zara Linnett
- Prep C Maddie Kendall
- Prep C Anna Mulligan
- 1A Raif Kristenson
- 1B Rohan Chopra
- 1C Alexandra Dearness
- 2A Isobelle Bevan
- 2B Scarlett Zenonos
- 2C Joanna Esbensen
- 3A Hannah McCahon
- 3A Caitlyn McDonald
- 3B Oliver Box
- 3C Henry Watson
- 3C Ryan Piunti
- 4A Zara Ibrahim
- 4B Henry Cliff
- 4C Sophia Jones
- 5A Aiyana Del Rae Maher
- 5B Emma Korst
- 6A Charlotte Greer
- 6A Lilianna Givanakis
- 6B Sakura Lavery
- 7 Charlotte Gavin
- 7 Evie Lukin

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**Band & String Camp 2013**

**Sunday 25 August, 8.30am - 4pm**

**$30 per student, includes:**
- BBQ lunch, morning tea & house induction
- Application forms available from Loreto College Music Department

Loreto College
85 Cremorne Road, Cremorne
p: 3298 9915 e: music@loreto.qld.edu.au
LEARNING CENTRE CORNER

Written expression is a crucial part of communication and critical thinking. Being able to express oneself in the written form not only helps children to succeed in their learning but also prepares them for their academic and professional futures. It has been found that students who experience difficulties with written expression need a highly structured and scaffolded approach to the composition of written work. Also students who have difficulties with written expression may have problems with organising their written work, structuring sentences, writing grammatically and spelling correctly. It is worth remembering that the aim of the writer is to convey meaning clearly. Keeping this in mind, some of the following strategies may be of use:

- Start assignments early – preferably as soon as they get them.
- Spend time understanding what is required before beginning to research and certainly before beginning to write. Underline or highlight key words in the task question to help focus on what is required.
- To reduce the possibility of straying from the topic, write it out in large letters and place it above your computer or work desk so you can refer to it often.
- Identify the type of text required for the assignment – eg a report; an analytical essay; a persuasive essay and stick to the textual features that characterise that particular text.
- A variety of graphic organiser templates are available on the net which provide you with a structured way to collect and record your information.
- Learn how to develop concept maps so as you research and read, you can alter the concept map.
- Planning is the most important step. Keep your plan at your side when beginning to write your assignment and refer to it often.
- Do not write long, complex sentences that start to waffle. It is sometimes more useful to write simpler sentences that convey the meaning clearly.
- Make sure your paragraphs are linked to each other.
- Use the five point paragraph model whereby:

  Sentence one is the **topic sentence**.
  Sentence two **elaborates on the topic sentence**.
  Sentence three gives an **example**.
  Sentence four provides support from an authority source – eg. **Quote**
  Sentence five **summarises the key idea** of the paragraph and **makes a connection** to the next paragraph.

- Be careful **not to copy** chunks of information from the internet but present the information found in your own words.
- If you are having difficulty identifying errors, read your assignment aloud to someone.
- Finally, always try to hand in assignments on time because when you are late with one; it will make the next one even later and the quality of your work may end up being compromised.

**LEANNE CROFT AND KERRY KEARNS**

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**Students celebrating birthdays this week**

- Eva Dearness
- Ben Craig
- Cooper Watson
- Olivia Ryan
- Harry Grant-Smith
- Genevieve Green
- Mitchell Rieck
- Tom Rieck
- Sophie Fotea
- Emma Korst
- Jacob Faranda
- Mia Lazzarini
- Lachlan McGregor
- Ruby-Leigh O’Brien

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**African Drum Fun at Mt Carmel**

**Starts Wed 21st August**

See attachment to this newsletter for more information
ENROLMENT IN THE SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM FOR 2013/14
OUR LADY OF MT CARMEL PARISH
CLOSING DATE 23 AUGUST!

All children in Grade 2 and 3 have been given a letter outlining details of the next Sacramental program to prepare them to continue their Initiation into the Church through the Sacrament of Reconciliation in 2013 and Confirmation and Eucharist in 2014.

The preparation will commence in Term 4 at Our Lady of Mt Carmel Parish, Coorparoo. The enrolment form is due back at the Parish Office no later than Friday 23 August. (Late enrolments cannot be accepted.)

If you have a child in a grade higher than grade 3 who you would like to participate in this process, they are more than welcome to join the program.

For any questions at all regarding this program please contact me on 3397 1587 (Tues-Fri)
Kate McGuckin, Parish Secretary

SPARKS being restarted at Our Lady of Mt Carmel Parish!

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.

It is held in the Mt Carmel Parish community room from 4-5:15pm on the 4th Sunday of each month (excluding Dec/Jan and school holidays).

Parents can drop their kids off at 4pm and then meet them for the 5:30pm Mass or collect them afterwards. Of course, parents are very welcome to stay and help out - in fact we're looking for parents to help run it!

Our first get-together is 4pm Sunday 25th August. Food wise, can kids bring something small to share (no nuts please).

Contact Paul Mulligan on psmulligan@gmail.com or 0439-784604 or Michael Barry on Michael.Barry@bmtwbm.com.au or 0412-236782

Outside School Hours Care

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

Monday Peg art and craft, Participate in singing games, sewing activity, High stepper, Scoop ball fun, Cup catch.

Tuesday You design tropical scene theme, Uno game, Freeze frame, Weaving activity, Active after school sports, Hand ball competition.

Wednesday Pipe cleaner craft activities, Connect four, Cone creations, Hula hoops, Skipping with a partner, Jelly spike ball games.

Thursday Make a special personalised gift, Lean and leave, Make your own mobile, Paddle bat ball, Volley ball, Frisbee fun.

Friday Aboriginal art and craft, Person to person, Plate decorating, Dinosaur feet, Feather fly ball fun, Little red hot letter game, adventure playground.

Grace Pitt, Coordinator
Our Lady of Mount Carmel OSHC

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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 ABSENT or in ATTENDANCE.
P&F Update

Thank you Bridget Murphy-Ward and all the wonderful parents who provided morning tea for the staff last week. Coming so soon after such a huge effort for the Fete, this was very much appreciated.

Matthew Ames fundraisers

I am sure many Mt Carmel families have heard about the Matthew Ames, a dad at St Thomas, whose sore throat turned into a rampant infection that nearly killed him — but resulted in the amputation of all four limbs. The story, told by his sister in the Courier Mail recently, is an extraordinary one of love and courage that leaves you asking ‘How could I help?’ (http://www.couriermail.com.au/news/queensland/matthew-ames-adjusts-to-life-without-limbs-after-toxic-shock/story-fnhssrf2-1226663985242).

There are families at Mt Carmel who have a close connection to Matthew, and it would be wonderful for our community to support any of the fund-raising events scheduled for coming weeks.

First, as mentioned in a recent newsletter, St Thomas is hosting a Masquerade Gala at the school on 24 August. Tickets are $65/head. Then, on 6 September, Matthew’s colleagues and friends the Australian Institute of Environmental Health have organised a Gala Ball at the Sofitel.

Details of both events can be found at: http://renovatingmatthew.com/how-you-can-help/upcoming-fundraising-events.

Bon Voyage Peter

Finally, we would all like to wish our hard-working Principal, Peter Delaney and his wife Leanne, a safe and enjoyable sabbatical leave break.

Kim Broadfoot
P&F President

Next P&F meeting Thursday 12 September 7.30pm
pandfmtcarmel@gmail.com

St Thomas’ Primary School’s Masquerade Gala Night, supporting the Renovating Matthew Foundation, would like to thank all who have supported Matthew Ames so far. The closing date for purchasing tickets for this fabulous event is Monday 19th August. Ticket price is $65 and suggested attire is Masquerade Cocktail. You can make your booking online at www.trybooking.com/DEDY or contact socialstthomas@gmail.com for further information.

In addition, we now also have a dedicated Everyday Hero supporter page if you wish to make a direct donation https://give.everydayhero.com/au/st-thomas-primary-school. We truly appreciate your assistance and sentiments in helping Matthew to reach his goal.

Tuckshop News

Fri 16Aug Andrea Carter Zsuzsa Henderson Jenny Kemp HELP NEEDED
Wed 21Aug Melissa Kerr Andrea Avraam Simone Vasiliou Maria Nicolaou Vanessa Pavlou Christalla Savva
Thu 22Aug Simone Ryan Pauline Mednis Natalie Ryan Marcus Soo
Fri 23Aug Marita Fox Margaret Vitanza Melanie Bingham Martina Noyle Therese Oates Christine Poole
Wed 28 Aug Susan Flynn Christina Jones Glenys Piunti Bronwyn Aboud

Please call Kelly on 3395 5236 if you cannot work on your rostered day.
Regina Caeli Catholic Parish
Sacrament Preparation Information Evening

Tuesday September 3, 2013
at 7.30 pm
Venue: Regina Caeli Parish Hall
~ Parking enter via ~
Green's or Waverley Rd Camp Hill

Parents are invited to attend an
Information Evening
for children who may be involved
with Regina Caeli Sacrament preparation
during 2013-2014.
Round 1 preparation for Reconciliation is Term 4, 2013.
Round 2 will be available in February next year
on a needs basis.
Sacraments of Confirmation and First Eucharist
will be conferred to in Term 2, during June 2014.

All children year 2 and upwards
and with the recommendation of parents are invited to be part
of Regina Caeli Sacrament preparation.

For further details contact
Fr John Garrahy
at the parish office:
81 Waverley Rd Camp Hill, 4152
p: 3398 3697
e: reginacaeli@bne.catholic.net.au
or
Jeanne Schneider m: 0414 836 071

Reconciliation