Dear Parents

NAPLAN

Naplan testing for 2013 is now complete. I would like to congratulate our Year 3, 5 & 7 students on the manner in which they approached this annual testing program. They can be very proud of their efforts. I would also like to thank our teachers who have worked diligently to prepare the children for NAPLAN. I believe they have done an excellent job. Thanks also to Emma Ponti, our Curriculum Support teacher, who has again successfully coordinated the NAPLAN process at Mt Carmel.

Results for NAPLAN tests are not expected until Term 4.

Please note that Friday is designated as a make up day for any child who may have been absent over the previous 3 days.

P&F AGM

Last week’s P&F meeting was designated as the Annual General Meeting. At this meeting annual reports were presented by the P&F President, Treasurer and Principal. Copies of these reports will be made available for all to peruse. The reports presented very positively outlined the achievements by the school and P&F over the previous 12 months. It is quite amazing what is achieved in a 12 month period.

As well as the presentation of reports, it is also at this meeting that the new P&F is elected for the next 12 months. I would like to congratulate and thank the following members of our parent body who were elected and generously accepted the following positions.

- President: Kim Broadfoot (re-elected)
- Vice President: Kate Thurecht (re-elected)
- Secretary: Rae Garvey & Maria Becconsall (newly elected)
- Treasurer: Kathryn Hennessy (newly elected)
- Asst. Treasurer: Kellie Tesolin (newly elected)

I would also like to thank the following parents who have stepped down from the P&F Executive. Your very generous contributions to our school community have been very much appreciated by all.

Thanks to Robert Plunty (co Vice President), Emma Box (Secretary), Laura Palmer (Treasurer) and Simone Holmes (Asst. Treasurer).

Have a great week

Peter Delaney

Principal
Our Lady of Mt Carmel Catholic Primary School
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CALENDAR

Fri 17 May  Junior & Senior Mt Carmel Disco’s
Tue 21May  Fete Stall Convenor Meeting 7.30pm
Fri 24 May  Walk Safely to School Day
Fri 31 May  Preps, 1&2 Creative Dance Presentation
Thu 13 Jun  Year 4 Drama Eisteddfod
Fri 14 Jun  Jumping Pupil’s Day
Thu 20 Jun  Year 3 Plays
Fri 21 Jun  Last day Term 2

TERM THREE
Mon 8 Jul  School Resumes Term 3
Wed 10 Jul  Fete Stall Convenor Meeting 7.30pm
Tue 23 Jul  Fete Stall Convenor Meeting 7.30pm
Sun 4 Aug  Mt Carmel Community Fete
Thu 22 Aug  Fete De-Brief Meeting 7.30pm

TERM FOUR
Sat 26 Oct  End of Year Parent Function

From our Assistant Principal Administration

SCHOOL DISCO:
This event will be held this Friday 17th May in the School Hall. Apologies for last week’s newsletter when I left Year 3 out of both discos. So Year 3 you are included in the Junior Disco (Years P-3 from 4.30pm-5.30pm) and no changes to the Senior Disco (Years 4-7 from 6.00pm-8.30pm).
Looking forward to seeing all those “Super Heroes” at the Junior Disco and all the “Black and White” theme costumes at the Senior Disco (not too many Collingwood jumpers I hope). No doubt there will be some prizes for best dressed, best dancer, etc. Entry fee is a gold coin and children can bring along some extra change if they want to buy a drink and / or some chips.

WALK SAFELY TO SCHOOL DAY:
This annual event will take place on Friday 24th May. Families are encouraged to walk to school together from various pre-arranged meeting points. The idea behind this event is to raise awareness for physical fitness and healthy eating for everyone but especially children as they are growing and developing.
When children arrive at school there will be fruit platters and poppers for students to enjoy. Children are also encouraged to write their name and class on a sheet with their House Colour and place in the appropriate box. The Team with the most participants will be read out at the following Monday assembly.

PARENT PORTAL:
The Parent Portal will essentially give parent access to all sorts of information without going to the School Web Site. The Parent Portal will have Announcements, Calendar Items, forms and downloads, Newsletter, School fees, photos, students absentee information, family change of details information plus Sports and Music timetables and information.

Access will be similar to PTO where parents enter an email address and you will be forwarded an access code. I am hoping to have the Parent Portal up and running and “live” to parents from the beginning of Term 3. The School Web Site will then become just a public site for families who do not have children attending Mt Carmel and are just after some basic information about the school.

Brisbane Lions play teams in the top 8 in their next 6 games after last weekend’s loss. Ouch!

Tony Shaw

WOOLWORTHS EARN AND LEARN
Please keep collecting stickers from Woolworths. Loose stickers or completed sticker booklets can be returned to the GREEN COLLECTION BOX in the school office or directly to the Resource Centre.
Thank you

SCHOOL FEES ARE DUE WEDNESDAY 22nd MAY
Your prompt attention to this matter is appreciated
**News from the Assistant Principal**

**Religious Education**

**Rosies Day: Friday 24th May**

As reported in last week’s newsletter our year seven students have organised a Rosies Day. The day has been planned to highlight the work of Rosies in looking after the marginalised in our local communities. Rosies provides support to young people who end up on the wrong side of the law, are imprisoned or are living on the street. Details of Rosies Day are as follows:

⇒ Gold coin donation to dress in Red, Black and White
⇒ Gold coin donation to have your hair sprayed in Red and Black. This will take place before school and at morning tea.
⇒ A representative from Rosies will speak to the students from Years 3-7 at 12.30pm in the hall. Parents are more than welcome to join us at this time.
⇒ Children in Year P-2 will take part in a colouring competition at this time. Prizes will be given to the winners in each year level.

All proceeds from the day will help to support the vital work that Rosies does in our community.

As always I’m very proud of our year seven leaders for organising this day. Well done to all.

**Pentecost**

On the Feast of the Ascension we are reminded of Jesus leaving his beloved disciples to be with God in heaven. This would’ve been a very difficult time for them, as it is for us when we lose a loved one. The feast of Pentecost which we celebrate this Sunday is for me a favourite. I love the powerful images of wind and fire as the disciples receive the Gift of the Holy Spirit. They are personally transformed by the Holy Spirit and are empowered to spread Jesus’ message to all people. It allows them to overcome their grief and to get on with the important work that was required of them.

For us The Holy Spirit has the capacity to break through boundaries in our lives, to make things possible that we were sure were impossible. Sometimes we ask ourselves how people can possibly cope with the challenging events that take place in their lives. This is where the Holy Spirit works in us; allowing us to choose forgiveness rather than revenge, tolerance rather than hatred, self-control rather than anger and so on. It enables us to keep our moral compass in good working order.

As our sacramental program candidates prepare for Confirmation let’s pray that the Holy Spirit will work in their lives as they take the next step in their faith journey.

Have a great weekend!

John Bates
LEARNING CENTRE CORNER

As parents of both boys and girls, many of us would have undoubtedly noticed that they tend to learn differently. Michael Gurian, a noted educator and author, puts it quite simply by saying that male and female brains are equal but different. The brain is divided into two hemispheres – the right hemisphere and the left hemisphere. The right side handles spatial skills like measuring things, understanding directions and working with objects. The left hand side manages the verbal skills like reading, speaking and writing. Gurian informs us that boys use the right hemisphere more and girls the left.

Gurian recognises six ways in which girls and boys learn differently:

- **Boys often process information from the general to the specific and do well on multiple choice tests whereas girls start with concrete examples and move to general concepts, therefore doing well in expressing their thoughts in writing.**
- **Boys like to use jargon and coded language for understanding whereas girls use usable and everyday words.**
- **Boys tend to ask for reasons to support an argument whereas girls listen for details and are often more receptive to what is presented.**
- **Boys can become bored easily by a subject and need stimulation to stay interested whereas girls tend to remain involved for longer.**
- **Boys tend to become restless more easily and often need movement breaks whereas girls tend to move around less in a learning environment.**
- **When older, boys tend to learn best when using symbols and girls prefer written texts.**

It is important for us as parents and teachers to recognise and appreciate these differences in our school-age children. When dealing with your children’s learning at home, it might be worthwhile keeping these differences in mind as it will affect the way you assist their learning.

LEANNE CROFT AND KERRY KEARNS

Our Lady of Mt Carmel Parish News

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM – CONFIRMATION - MAY 2013

As you are all aware Confirmation will be celebrated with Bishop Brian V Finnigan on **Tuesday 28 May** or with Bishop Joseph Oudeman OFMCap on **Wednesday 29 May** 2013 at 7pm. A celebratory cake will be supplied by the sacramental team to be shared by the children after each ceremony.

*If parents would like to bring a plate to share for this supper that would be appreciated.*

Each child will need to bring their -

- decorated white stole
- baptismal candle

Children are to meet in the Carmel Community Room at **6.40pm (no later than 6.45pm)** so that their stoles can be attached – a medal for the children will be supplied which will be used to attach the stole to their outfit.

There will be a **Ceremony Practice** the week before the confirmation celebrations -

- **Thursday 23 May** for those celebrating on 28 May
- **Friday 24 May** for those celebrating on 29 May

*These ceremony practices take place at 3.15 pm in the church. All children preparing for Confirmation are expected to attend the ceremony practice.*

*Please bring your child’s pew decoration to this practice.*

If anyone has still not submitted the names of the sponsors for Confirmation this needs to be done ASAP.

PHOTOGRAPHY envelopes are still being accepted!

Any queries contact Kate in the Parish Office (Tues – Fri) on 3397 1587 or email mtcarmel@bne.catholic.net.au
Sport News

CROSS COUNTRY
Last Thursday bore witness to a momentous event in Mt Carmel history. Never before had our cross country team travelled to St Anthony’s as defending champions. A large team was intent on defending our title and if possible improving on our results from the previous year. Our Junior girls were the first team to run and led in by Claudia Thurecht got the team off to a great start. Inexperience was countered by sheer determination and enthusiasm as every girl got into a strong position at the start then dug deep and hung on to their position.

The junior boys followed and this saw our first win for the day with John Joyce proving too strong for his rival in the last 200m of the race. The rest of the team also performed well to place both junior teams in the hunt for their age group titles.

Intermediates followed and Nicholas Green led the boys in while Lizzy Bryant was just pipped for the race win in the girls. Both teams ran extremely well and again both were in the hunt for team honours. It was especially pleasing to see all of the runners who were a year younger than their competitors finishing so highly placed, a result which I am sure will benefit our team next year.

The seniors were the last to run and in the past this age group has proved to be our Achilles heel. This year however it was a clear strength as our girls dominated led by Ellie Ryan who won her race in a sprint finish and our boys miraculously placed themselves in the frame for the age group trophy off the back of a great second placing by Jordan Curd.

Come presentation time the team were extremely excited, confident of success after their hard work. In the end we took a clean sweep of the girls divisions winning all three age group trophies, and placed third in two of the boys divisions. A great effort especially by our senior boys who placed third, when in the past we have not even been able to field a team of three runners.

Unbelievably this was an improvement on last years two age group wins and two placings.

We also won the aggregate trophy as the champion school form the 14 who attended the day and more importantly gained some valuable experience leading into our zone championships on the 30th May at Daisy Hill.

The team has been posted on the window of my office for this meet, but all runners are still welcome to come to training in the lead up to this event.

PLEASE NOTE: NO TRAINING ON MONDAY 20TH MAY DUE TO NETBALL CARNIVAL

GOOD LUCK
Good luck to our representative runners who will be taking part in the Met East trials on the 21st of May. We will keep you posted on their results.

NETBALL
QCS netball championships are on this Monday at WEMBLEY PARK (not Downey). Students will be required here at school by 7.40 am and the competition will finish at 3.30pm with presentations complete by 4pm. The letter home said that we will be back by 4.30pm however the competition has been revised and I hope to be back at school by 4pm. Any support on the day is welcome and if there are any parents still keen to assist on the day we would love to hear from you. There will be a canteen open on the day but students should still bring lunch and water as well as sunscreen and hats.

Many thanks to all those parents who volunteered with transport. There has been an overwhelming response and as a result I have asked those who are required and if you have not heard from me then your services are not required but you are more than welcome to come out and cheer!!

AUSTRALIAN RULES
On the following day (after the netball) we have the first round of the Brisbane Lions cup. 40 girls will be going on the day as well as the boys from years 5, 6, and 7. If teams are successful on this day they will progress to the next round of the competition. Training for both boys and girls is on Friday morning and letters went home on Tuesday. Mouthguards must be worn on the day (although games are only ‘grab’), and are available form any chemist at a reasonable price.

Luke Thomson
Premier’s Reading Challenge

I now have close to 80 children taking part which is wonderful. If you have requested a sheet for your child, but have not yet received it, check in your child’s homework satchel. If there is still no sign of it, please email me on

Book Fair starts next Tuesday (21st May) in the School Hall
Book Fair hours:
Tuesday Lunchtime, 3pm – 4pm
Wednesday, Thursday, Friday & Monday (May 27)

As well as the items listed above, there are always some fun low-cost competitions for children who want to take part without purchasing a book. These competitions are 50c entry each:

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I hope you come along and join in the fun. There will be a special red, furry visitor at Assembly on the last Monday to help me to announce some of the competition winners. I wonder who it could be????
**P&F Update**

**New Executive elected**

At last week’s AGM, our 2013/14 Executive members were elected. It was wonderful to be able to fill all positions.

We have four new Executive members. Catherine Hennessy will be our new Treasurer. Catherine is perhaps known to many through her work on past Fete Committees and has two children at the school (Aisling Year 4 and Connor in Year 2), with Ciaran due to start Prep next year. Catherine will be assisted by Kellie Tesolin, another Year 4 parent (of Stefania, and Ellie in Year 3).

This year we have two people sharing the Secretary role. Maria Becconsall, another Fete veteran (mother of Evie in Year 3 and Joseph in Prep, along with Ned who is 2), will be working with Rae Garvey. Rae is a new parent to Mt Carmel this year, with Madeleine in Prep, Ava due to start in 2014 and 2 year old Elijah.

The continuing members of the Executive are Kate Thurecht (Claudia in Year 3, William in Year 1 and Harriett another 2014 starter) and Kim Broadfoot, whose sons James and Hugo Panizza are in Years 4 and 2 respectively.

**Thanks to outgoing P&F Executive members**

It is hard to find the right words to thank the members of the outgoing P&F Executive: Rob Piunti, Laura Palmer, Simone Holmes and Emma Box. Each of Laura, Simone and Emma served two terms on the Executive, and all of them have contributed enormously to so many aspects of life at Mt Carmel – both large and small. The dedication, wisdom, good humour and selflessness they brought to the P&F helped us achieve so much and we will miss them enormously in their ‘retirement’.

**Code of Conduct**

One small thing we did overlook at the AGM was to distribute to all members present the Code of Conduct. This forms part of our P&F Constitution and is designed as a guide for members of the parent community in maintaining positive relationships within the school community.

A copy is attached to the newsletter. 

Kim Broadfoot

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**Tuckshop News:**

**Fri 17 May** Andrea Carter Suzsza Henderson Angela Ransom Kellie Tesolin Tara Morris

**Wed 22 May** Maria Angeli Nicky Briggs Rachel Lyons Kylie Southwood

**Thu 23 May** HELP NEEDED

**Fri 24 May** Diana Thiele Sasha Baker Christy Grigson Sue Littleton Liz Carroll Cath McAhon

**Wed 29 May** Liz Carroll Suzanne Schick Sweet McDonald Carmel Grasso Diane Reynolds

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

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**Calendar News:**

**Hurry..Only 2 Months to Sponsor Remain....**

We are giving families of Mt Carmel, first option to ‘Sponsor a month’, have your business logo and contact featured in our Mount Carmel Calendar for 2014.

The Calendar will feature, not only many very important school/parish dates/events but also various candid photos of Mount Carmel children, together with many other school events such as The Fete, school concert etc – not only practical but a lovely idea for gifts and or a terrific momento of our school community.

If you would like to be a part of the inaugural Mount Carmel School Calendar or for further details, please contact.... Rebecca McPherson 0402 128 029 becjmcpherson@bigpond.com

**Calling all parent photographers............**

Would you like a chance to have your photo featured in the 2014 Calendar ???

If you have taken group photos of some school events this year and would like to see them included in the calendar, please send them to becjmcpherson@bigpond.com or jennykemp@surgidat.com.
Thank you for all of the tremendous offers of help and assistance that have already been made.

This year’s fun-filled fete is 11 weeks away, so mark the date and time in your diary now.

Each and every contribution helps to make our fete a success. If you are still thinking about how you can help, then why not think about sponsorship and fundraising;

The fete is the major fundraising activity for the P&F Association. Income generated will be donated back to the school for beneficial projects such as air conditioning and upgrading playgrounds. Sponsorship of the fete is sought each year to further our fundraising efforts. If you know of any small businesses or people who would be interested in sponsoring the fete either through cash, goods or services, please contact;

- Michael Dann, Cash Sponsorship michaeld@allfixfasteners.com.au (0411 877 711),
- Paula Atkinson, Prize Sponsorship patkinson@bne.catholic.edu.au (0435 100 371) or
- Louise Weir, Prize Sponsorship lou.weir@bigpond.com (0423 007 767).

Many Mt Carmel families and local businesses have already kindly offered to help with sponsorship and the generous donation of prizes. Once again this year, one of the fantastic Art Union prizes will be a holiday for two adults and two children staying in a deluxe Family room down at the Hotel Grand Chancellor Surfers Paradise. This is a great prize that everybody would love to win. Other great sponsorship that we have received so far is from the O’Brien family (Seb in Grade 1B) with a donation of wine from wineboss.com.au and Books @ Stones has made a generous cash donation.

All of these donated prizes will be used throughout Fete day in the Multi-draw raffle and the two Live Auctions. These are always a crowd pleaser and it will be interesting to see what great prizes and auction items are on offer on Fete day. Watch this space!

Reminder - A Stall Convenor meeting will be held on Tuesday, 21st May at 7.30pm in the School staffroom.

To stay up to date with what’s happening with the Mt Carmel Fete 2013

Why not become a Facebook friend - facebook.com/mtcarmelfete, or

Rookies2Reds at
OUR LADY OF MT CARMEL

Start: Thursday 23rd May
Finish: Thursday 20th June

LITTLE LEGENDS: 5YRS-7YRS 3.15PM-4.15PM
JUNIOR CHAMPS: 8YRS-9YRS 3.15PM-4.15PM
SCHOOL OVAL

Quade Cooper said:
“The best thing about playing Rugby is getting outdoors and having fun with your mates.
At Rookies2Reds you'll learn some new skills, take home some really cool Reds gear and also have the chance to make some new friends as you pass, kick and run together through plenty of fun activities.
After all, teamwork and being a good sport is what Rugby is all about.”

$80
5 weeks of professional coaching and a Rookies2Reds pack all valued at over $200
Pack includes Quade Cooper poster, lanyard, rugby ball, ball pump, backpack and member benefits of 10% off Reds merchandise and tickets.

TO FIND YOUR NEAREST CENTRE AND REGISTER VISIT
WWW.ROOKIES2REDSCOM.AU