Dear Parents

Report Cards
By now you should have received your child’s Semester 1 Report Card that was sent home on Wednesday. Having read many of the reports I was pleased to see that the children of Mt Carmel are progressing very well.

The next round of formal reporting for all year levels will be Parent Teacher interviews that will be conducted in the last week of Term 3. Parents will be able to book into these interviews using the online booking system towards the end of Term 3.

Please keep in mind that in addition to our scheduled formal reporting teachers will always do their best to meet with you should you ever have a worry or concern. It is however best to organise an appointment time that is mutually suitable to ensure that matters can be properly addressed.

Athletics Carnivals & Inter House Sport
Today & tomorrow all of our students will participate in the annual athletics carnival. Francis (Green) will be defending their junior trophy today and MacKillop (Gold) will defend the senior trophy on Friday.

Interhouse Sport has also gone very well this term for the children from Years 3-7. A very closely fought out competition, playing the sports soccer, table tennis, netball, ultimate disc and dancing came down to the last week of games to decide our champion house. The Blue team (Ward) eventually came out on top. Our Interhouse sports comp will continue again next term for our Yr. 3-7 students.

I would like to congratulate PE teacher, Luke Thomson, on the fantastic job he has done coordinating sport this term. The children at Interhouse sport, athletics and cross country carnivals, netball carnivals & AFL carnivals have been given the opportunity to participate and have fun. Luke has managed to keep things interesting for the children by ensuring a high level of participation.

Talent Quest
Best wishes to all of our students who have been selected to participate in our Junior & Senior Talent Quests today and tomorrow. Under the guidance of our APA, Tony Shaw, and the leadership of our Yr 7’s, another opportunity has been provided for our students to express themselves. I look forward to watching the broad range of performances that will be on display on Thursday and Friday.

Jump Pupils
I would like to congratulate our Yr 7 class, students and teachers, on the very successful Jump Rope program called “Jumping Pupils” that they organised and ran last Friday. Children dressed in green & purple had a great day participating in a range of activities. Following weeks of Tuesday and Friday morning skipping practices the whole school embraced the day and had a great time.

Staff News
I would like to thank Karen Newton for the wonderful effort she has done teaching the Yr 1C class over the last 6 weeks. Karen has done a fantastic job and I’m sure all join me in congratulating her on a job well done. We all look forward to welcoming back Elizabeth Josey who will return at the start of next term.

End of Term
We are almost at the end of what has been another very busy term at Mt Carmel. I would like to thank all for the many and varied contributions that resulted in such a successful Term 2. The children of Mt Carmel, under the guidance of the remarkable Mt Carmel staff, can feel justifiably proud of their achievements this semester. They are now very deserving of a 2 week holiday.

I wish all the members of our school community all the best for a restful and enjoyable holiday break and look forward to your return for the start of Term 3. School will resume on Monday, 8 July.

Happy Holidays!!!

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

20th June 2013
News from the Assistant Principal Religious Education

On two separate occasions this week I have reflected on how fortunate we are to have the presence of our Carmelite priests within our school community. On Monday morning all of the Year Four classes attended mass. The children were very excited as many of them have only recently received the sacraments of Confirmation and Communioon. Fr. Frank led mass and directed his homily to the children’s level so warmly and effectively. Every time classes attend mass in the church they feel a sense of welcome and the children genuinely enjoy the experience. Yesterday I joined the Prep classes, their teachers and a large group of parents at their “Creation Liturgy” in the church. Once again I witnessed Fr. Jerome’s gentleness and warmth as he led this liturgy with the newest members of our school community. His ability to tell a story captivated the children and created a very positive experience for all involved. Can I take this opportunity to thank Fr. Jerome, Fr. Frank and Fr. Mathew for their willingness to work with the school community in such a calm, patient and flexible manner and to our parents and teachers who strongly support the liturgical life of our school.

Tomorrow will be the last opportunity to bring in items for the St.Vincent de Paul Winter appeal. Thanks very much to everyone who has contributed to this year’s appeal; your generosity to the poor is greatly appreciated.

Please remember to mark the 16th July in your diaries as we will celebrate the Mt Carmel Feast Day. Mass will commence in the church at 9.00am.

Well done to the Mighty Broncos for their stellar performance on Monday night, hopefully it’s the start of our climb up the premiership ladder.

Have a great holiday everyone!                           John Bates

FROM OUR ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL - ADMINISTRATION

Parent Portal and fete volunteering

The rostering of volunteers on stalls this year has moved to an online system. The program is called Pick-a-Time and the software is operated by the same company that produces PTO - the Parent Teacher Interview booking software we have all used. You may have already noticed the quicklink for fete stall volunteers on the school website.

The link is located within the school’s new Parent Portal. The school’s Parent Portal is a more secure online environment where we can access information about our school. As a security measure, we wanted to locate the online fete rosters within the Parent Portal to ensure the people who volunteered on fete stalls were Mt Carmel families and friends only.

This week letters were sent home to all Mt Carmel families giving each family your BCE Username and temporary pin to access the Parent Portal. The Parent Portal is found by going to the school website http://www.mtcarmelcoorparoo.qld.edu.au / Community Access / Parent Portal. Once logged in the first time, parents then set up a permanent pin.

The fete volunteer rostering (Pick-a-Time) is located within the Online School Services tab within the Parent Portal. Before using Pick-a-Time, you will need to Register for Use. Once you have registered you will be able to also register your partner and extended family or friends.

Extended family or friends volunteering on a fete stall must sign and return the school’s Volunteer Register Sheet & Volunteer Suitability form and read the school’s Volunteer Code of Conduct and Student Protection Handbook for Volunteers found on the school website.

Once inside Pick-a-Time, activities have been divided amongst the three categories of Operations, Stalls and Food and Drinks. Navigate between these three activities to find the stalls and jobs you would like to volunteer on. If you have missed out on preferred time and stall, then please contact the relevant stall convenor as we would still love your help.

We anticipate the online booking system will make volunteering on a stall at the fete a simpler and more coordinated approach for everyone involved. If you have any questions or problems with the system please don’t hesitate to contact Tracy (during the holidays okay) at tracylaidlaw@optusnet.com.au or on 0409274880.

Tony Shaw

SCHOOL BANKING NEWS

Congratulations to our very youngest school Bankers! Students from Prep C class had the most number of deposits for term 2 and rewards have been issued to the class. Well done also to the student bankers in Prep A as they came a close second.

Overall it has been an amazing term for school banking and we thank you for your efforts.

SCHOOL BANKING TEAM
P&F Update

Fete season is now well and truly upon us. This is the only fundraising activity for the P&F each year, and I think has always been so successful because of the high levels of support and involvement from every family in the school community.

While the Fete Committee certainly hopes everyone will pitch in, there are no set expectations. People will contribute in whatever way they can. This means different things to each family – some people love filling masses of Tombola bags, crafty types knit or make cards, and others the relish the work-out involved in stirring endless pots of fudge. Some of us with no special talents are just happy to diligently follow the shopping list for donations, clean out the toy cupboard, and turn up to man stalls on Fete day.

This year it is easier than ever before to volunteer for stalls and it is really important to be able to fill those rosters. There are more than 60 families directly involved in running the Fete as stall convenors, many of whom will put in huge hours organising and setting up before Fete Day even arrives. We would love for them to be able to have a break at some stage during the Fete to enjoy part of the day with their own families.

Thank you

There was a large crowd at the Hall last Wednesday night to see the talented musicians of Mt Carmel perform. On behalf of all parents I would like to thank our music teacher Mrs Cloete, as well as visiting instrumental teachers, Mrs Van der Hurk and Mrs Reck, for their patience and dedication in putting together these performance opportunities. The choir steps purchased by the P&F were put to good use, which made seeing and hearing the choir so much easier.

Thanks also to Simone Holmes for organising a donation of frozen meat to Ozcare at West End (left over from an event earlier in the year).

Lost property

Please try to collect lost property items by the end of the week. The P&F will be doing a clean up early in the holidays and for hygiene reasons will dispose of all lunch boxes, drink bottles etc. Unnamed uniform items will be sent to the second-hand uniform shop.

With the sports carnivals later this week there will be lots of hats and jumpers coming off and on, so making sure things are named well is also a good idea.

Enjoy your winter holidays everyone!

Kim Broadfoot
P&F President

pandfmtcarmel@gmail.com

Next P&F meeting
Thursday 11 July
7.30pm
Resource Centre News

ICT Term Wrap Up
This term I have been working with all the grades on technology projects. With all of our projects, the focus is on the children gaining some new skills and gaining confidence with programs or applications that they may not have tried before.

Here is a summary of what has been covered this term.
Prep - weather report movies
Year 1 - Dreamtime story claymations
Year 2 - Bible parable freeze frame photostories Year 3 - Dreamtime-style story movies Year 4 - Endangered animal websites Year 5 - Sustainability websites with qr code linked posters Year 6 - Solar System mini-movies using green screen Year 7 - Ancient Greece interactive online posters using Glogster

That adds up to about 460 individual or group technology projects! Children in Years Prep to 4 will have information in their work folios on how to access projects and children in Years 5,6 and 7 can show you their work either online or on their USB sticks.

All Library Books Now due back
If you happen to find a library book lying around in a holiday clean up, please ensure that your child puts it straight into their school bag to return on the first day of school! Children with books out from last term cannot borrow until these books are returned.

Jumping Pupils Day
Our Jumping Pupils Day was a great success. Thank you to all the children who bought cookies and donated money by wearing purple and green. We hope everyone had a great day.

We would like to thank all the parents who helped out with our Tuesday and Friday skipping mornings.

A special thank you to Mrs Hales who came to help on the Jumping Pupils Day.

Congratulations to the winners of our Jump Off
Sophie Mednis, Allora Gupta, Alex Eberhardt

Congratulations to our Demonstration winners
Lauren O’Shea, Lara Mah, Bridget Dabinett.

By Year 7 Recreation Leadership Team.

From the Sweet Stall convenors

There is now a plastic tub marked “Sweet Stall’ in the office for donations of ingredients. Donations can be placed in the baskets in the classrooms or in the tub in the office. Thanks for your help.

Zsuzsa, Sarah, Natalie

Tuckshop News:

Fri 21 Jun  Ermana Garbati Lisa Kratzmann Lisa Watson Shalini Matthews Mary Pappas
Wed 10 Jul  Ornella Lazzarini Paula Roberts Janelle Tsockallos Christine MacDonald
Thu 11 Jul  Jennifer Cochrane Sharni Cotter Kelly Joyce
Fri 12 Jul  Rachael Paterson Susan Gunew Tess Sherlock Joannah Ings Amanda Smith

Please call Kelly on 3395 5236 if you cannot work on your rostered day.
WHY SHOULD YOUR CHILD PLAY CHESS?

Chess - Gymnastics Of The Mind.

Chess has been played by mail, by telephone, underwater, in space, on horseback (Catherine the Great), and today by millions of people via the internet. Some historical figures who have been avid chess players include Beethoven, Sir Frances Bacon, Lewis Carroll, Chopin, Leonardo da Vinci, Helen Keller, and Albert Einstein. A little known fact is that there are more books written about Chess than any other sport. Benjamin Franklin, in the first American book written about chess wrote, "Chess teaches foresight, by having to plan ahead…vigilance, by having to keep watch over the whole chess board…caution, by having to restrain ourselves from hasty moves…and finally, the greatest maxim in life, that even when everything seems to be going badly…continue searching for the solution to our problems."

The beauty of Chess is that it is a game for everyone. Mastering Chess is not restricted to the super bright as many people believe. It is one of the few activities that opens up both sides of the brain and studies conducted world-wide have proven that the improvement one would expect in maths, spatial and lateral thinking skills, is overshadowed by an improvement of up to 25% in language skills. This was the unexpected result of a recent study involved two groups with students at identical levels in language skills. One group was taught chess for a specific period of time during the school year while the other group worked on language exercises.

Currently, FIDE, the world organisation for chess, is pushing for the recognition of ‘Mind Sports’ (which includes chess), by the International Olympic Committee. Those who argue that chess is not a sport are ignoring the fact that the brain is a part of the human body, and as such should be accorded the same opportunity to be represented. Anyone who has ever played chess at competitive level will understand the integral relationship between a fit body and the ability to sustain concentration for several hours. Fortunately, chess players are not confined by the physical restraints which separate boys and girls in other sports.

In over 30 countries world-wide Chess is a mandatory part of the school curriculum and students as young as three years old are taught the basics of board set up and piece movement.

Students are being offered the opportunity to engage in weekly Chess lessons in Term1. The lessons will be conducted over a 7 week period before school on Tuesday mornings from 7.30am-8.30am in the hall. The cost for the term is $59.50 and is payable by week 2 of Chess lessons. The teacher will be Mrs Connie Pizzato who has been teaching chess for over 20 years. Mrs Pizzato currently teaches chess as a subject at Somerville House and works at several private and state schools within the greater Brisbane area.

Please contact Mrs Pizzato on 0409794745 if you have any queries.

Please sign the form below and include with payment by week 2 of lessons. Payments may be made by DD however it is crucial that student name and school is included and that a copy of the receipt is handed to Mrs Pizzato

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CHESS—Mt Carmel Term 3

I ................................................ would like my child……………………………..……..…. Year ............... DOB..............................

To attend chess lessons at Mt Carmel.

Signed............................................................................

Contact Details: Home ......................................................... Mobile.................................................................

Email.....................................................................................................................

Direct Deposit Details are:            BSB:   484799  / ACC NO:   000873071   /   ACC NAME:  Connie Pizzato
A vacancy currently exists in our Pre-Prep Program in the Monday/Tuesday/alternate Wednesday group, commencing start of Semester 2, Monday 8th July 2013.

To be eligible for Pre-Prep 2013, children must have been born between 1 July 2008 and 30 June 2009. Attendance hours at Harty St are 8:45am to 2:45pm.

Please contact the Co-Directors on 3397 6434 or email info@hartyst.org.au if you are interested in this placement.

Harty St continues to accept names for their 2014 waitlist, and names for years beyond can also be registered.

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**Students celebrating Birthdays this week and during the holidays**

Lorna Clifford    Tom Cotter    Erin Joyce    Anastasia Tsockallos

Lucy Ware    Daniel Phillips    James Reid    Ellie Costi    Jack Ryan    Jorge Makras

Henry Mee    Lachie Park    Annabel Burgess    Lauren Spiller

Jeremiah Antu    Lara Mah    Hugo Scott    Christian Jones    Adam Curd

Matilda Duane    Charlotte Jensen    Jayden Matthews    Brianna Walker

Nevanmee Abeywickremasinghe    Lucinda Batch    Cooper Marshall

Molly Nicol    Patrick McIlwain    Charlotte Poole    Riley Poole

Claire Parry    Cecilia Egoroff    Lachlan Southwood    Tom Southwood    Holly Hill

Ellie Ryan    Nikita Tsockallos

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**Jingle Belles in July**

The Cannon Hill Catholic Parish and The Broadway Babes are proud to present a wonderful program of delightful music and delicious winter fare for all the family. The event will be held at St Oliver Plunkett, 21 Beauvardia St, Cannon Hill starting 10.30 for 11.00am on Sunday, 21 July 2013.

The concert includes a two-part performance and a lovely three course luncheon. Tickets are only $20 for adults, $15 for Seniors/Concessions, children (u16) are $8 or take the whole family (2 adults & 3 children) for just $50. Tickets can be purchased online at jinglebellesinjuly.eventbrite.com or call Ronda on 3399 3424. There will be lucky door prizes, fabulous raffle prizes and drinks also available to purchase.

All proceeds go towards the conservation of the church buildings in the Cannon Hill Catholic Parish.

Many thanks to you all for your support and we hope to see you there in July.

Kind regards, Ronda Romano
Finance Committee Member
Cannon Hill Catholic Parish
Tel: 07 3399 3424 /0413 270 393
Dear Parents,

The State Government have launched a new 30 year Vision for Queensland. The Queensland Plan will outline a shared vision for the next 30 years and identify local and statewide priorities. Queensland primary schools are invited to participate in The Queensland Plan by drawing and writing their personal vision of Queensland on the back of the postcard that will come home via your child from your class teacher. All entries can go in the draw to win an Apple iPad mini.

The competition is **NOT compulsory**. However if you would like your child to participate please fill out and attach the consent form which is below to your child’s postcard entry. All entries must be handed in to the office (Miss Ponti’s desk) by Wednesday 7th August. Please see the website for more details – [www.qld.gov.au/queenslandplan](http://www.qld.gov.au/queenslandplan). Thank you for your support. If you have any concerns please do not hesitate to contact me.

Regards, Emma Ponti
DRAMA NEWS

The last weeks of Semester 1 have arrived quickly and our students are to be congratulated for their commitment and enthusiasm towards their drama performances this term.

Last week Year 6A, 5A & 5B performed their Fairytale Plays. The Year 4 classes competed in our Speech & Drama Eisteddfod and were proudly parading their medals of achievement.

This week Year 7 & 6B will perform more ‘Fractured Fairytale Plays’ and Year 3 will be presenting their ‘Aboriginal Dreamtime Legend Plays’ for their parents today.

A few weeks ago, the Preps, Year 1 & 2 showed their parents some of the ‘groovy moves’ that they have learnt in their Creative Dance classes. Here are some images from that presentation:

Bernadette Egan

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.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM OLMC

Congratulations to all the children who received the Sacrament of Eucharist for the first time last weekend. Again, the children were all so beautifully behaved and were a credit to their families, Parish and School - well done! Thank you to everyone who assisted with the Sacramental Program.

Kate McGuckin, Parish Secretary
Fete Update:

* ‘PICK-A-TIME’ - Log onto the school website’s Parent Portal > Online School Services > Fete Volunteers ‘Pick-a-Time’ to volunteer for some fete activities. Options include working on a stall, set up assistance, flyer distribution & night security.

* Art Union tickets were sent home with the oldest child in each family last week. Please sell these great prizes to family, friends and at workplaces. The highest ticket seller will receive a $100 Westfield gift voucher.

* Sold Art Union ticket stubs and monies can be returned to the office and extra books picked up from there as well. If you have lost your tickets please email Susan Flynn - flynnsm@bigpond.com

* If you can help with donations for the Live Auctions and Multi-draw raffle on Fete day please contact Paula Atkinson - patkinson@bne.catholic.edu.au or Louise Weir - lou.weir@bigpond.com.

HOLIDAY TO-DO LIST

* Read through the second Fete Bulletin for stall details, requests and drop off times for donations.


* Pick-a-Time volunteer roster - details above.

* Contact Jams & Preserves convenor Nicole Eadie (0439 940 555; neadie@bigpond.com) if you, a family member or friends can help make jam or preserves or are able to donate jars and ingredients.

* If you or a family member can assist the Handmade Stall with making items or donating resources please contact Melissa Liddy (0418 185 395; mjliddy@optusnet.com.au) or Aideen Mcinerney (0412 781 162; amcinerney1@yahoo.com)

* Remember to buy your Ride Armbands on Flexischools!!! (This is the same location as tuckshop orders)

* Continue to sell your Art Union tickets with fabulous prizes to family & friends.

* Holiday drop off for donations to Books, Pre-Loved Toys & A Touch of Vintage - Friday 5 July, 10am-12noon. To make bulky and heavy donations easier to get to school, a holiday drop off time has been arranged for absolute convenience. Simply drive into the quadrangle and neatly stack your items at the rear of the hall. Books can be delivered to the green shed beside the year 1 classrooms.

* If you have large items that you are unable to drop off during this time please contact the relevant stall convenors to arrange a pick up time:

  **Book Stall:**  
  Michelle Millner 0411 229 219 michell@miners.net.au
  Orla Thompson 0403 852 800 me@orlathompson.com

  **Pre-loved Toys:**  
  Susan Littleton 0408 384 790 bslittleton@optusnet.com.au
  Maria Horton mariahorton@bigpond.com

  **A Touch of Vintage:**  
  Wendy Wallis 0419 029 852 kandwwallis@optusnet.com.au
  Samantha Robinson sk_robbio@yahoo.com.au
  Rachelle Dang rachelle@tdplanning.com.au

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