Dear Parents

**Enrolments for Prep - 2014**

We are now accepting enrolments for Prep for 2014. Enrolment forms can be downloaded from our website [www.mtcarmelcoorparoo.qld.edu.au](http://www.mtcarmelcoorparoo.qld.edu.au) or collected from the office. Our enrolment policy can be viewed at our website. I would appreciate you drawing this information to the attention of any new families who may be interested in their children attending Mt Carmel next year. While siblings are given top priority for enrolment places it is very important that enrolment forms for 2014 are lodged as soon as possible. Enrolment interviews will commence early in Term 2. Below are listed the relevant birth dates for 2014 - 2015 enrolments.

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**Interhouse Swimming Carnival**

As mentioned in last week’s newsletter, Friday the 1st March is the date for our Interhouse Swimming Carnival for Years 3 through to 7. The carnival will be held again at Griffith University, Mt Gravatt Campus Pool. Students are asked to come to school as normal and go to class when the bell rings. They will then depart on buses for the pool at approximately 9am. It is expected that the carnival should conclude by approximately 1.00pm.

At this time we are happy for students to be collected directly from the pool should parents choose to do so. **All other students will return to school, on buses, where they will be fully supervised for the duration of the school day.** If you are collecting your child directly from the pool please ensure you have informed their teacher.

Students must wear their sports uniform on the day (they may wear house shirts) with their swimmers on underneath. Please ensure your child has sunscreen.

While the carnival is being run as a trial and selection for our Zone team, more importantly it is being run as a school community event where participation is the most important ingredient. Days as such contribute so much to our sense of school spirit. Thus all students are expected to attend and participate in the swimming carnival. For those swimmers who are not strong enough to participate in 50m or 25m races, activities will be arranged in the ‘learn to swim’ (small and shallow) pool so that they do not miss out and can contribute to the team effort. I ask all parents to encourage their children to participate. I am aware that some children may feel anxious leading up to the carnival but I believe that encouraging them to take a chance and have a go will greatly assist them as they develop a sense of resilience. Hopefully by the end of the day they can report that they had fun. All are most welcome to come along on the day and cheer on the house teams.

**School Board**

On Tuesday night I met for the first time this year with the Mt Carmel School Board. The School Board consists of representatives from the Parish, School and parent body. I am most grateful to the following members of our school community who make up this year’s board:

- **Chair Person** Paul Mulligan (elected member)
- **Principal** Peter Delaney
- **Elected members** Megan Barry, Natalie O’Gorman, David Henderson
- **Parish Priest** Fr Jerome Watt
- **Staff Representative** Mark Murphy
- **Co-Opted Members** Jenny Kemp, Jayne Preston

(Contd. Over)
Epipens
I would like to thank parent, Emma Box, who on Wednesday afternoon took the Mt Carmel staff through a refresher on the use of Epipens. With over 20 children in the school now potentially requiring the use of an epipen it is important that we revisit this process on a regular basis. The number of children with a range of severe allergies is growing at a great speed and for this reason I ask all to be vigilant in supporting school policies in relation to their safety. The most common allergy seems to be nuts so your cooperation in avoiding sending any nut products to school is much appreciated.

Admin Leadership Conference on Gold Coast
As you read this afternoon’s newsletter I am completing the first day of a 2 day BCE leadership conference on the Gold Coast and am accompanied by Tony Shaw (APA), John Bates (APRE) and Emma Ponti (Curriculum Support). While I’m sure you are imagining us lazing by the pool, or catching waves (which would be nice), it is actually a great opportunity for the Mt Carmel leadership team to start working on some of the “big picture” items for the year. The development of our annual action plan is a major goal for the conference. Once completed this will be available on our website for all to peruse. The conference also provides an opportunity for us to network with many of the BCE staff that service our school.

Go the Reds against the Waratahs on Saturday night. I’m looking forward to taking my seat at Suncorp on Saturday night as Israel Folau makes his return to the cauldron.

Have a great week.

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

Family Contact Details
Please return your family contact details form via the classroom teacher AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. Thank you to those families that have already returned their forms.

If your details have changed please mark corrections on the page, sign and return to the school via your child’s classroom teacher.

Should your details be the same please mark “UNCHANGED” at the top of the form, sign where indicated and return via classroom teacher.

Thank you for your attention to this very important matter.
News from the Assistant Principal Religious Education

New Religious Education Curriculum

It is an important year for Catholic Schools in our arch-diocese as the new R.E curriculum is almost complete and ready for full implementation by October this year. The release of the new R.E curriculum, designed to complement the Australian curriculum which is continuing to roll out slowly, is very exciting for us as catholic school educators. Although a significant amount of the content will be similar to our current syllabus, the subtle differences are very relevant to our modern society with a focus on the broader Christian tradition.

To ensure that the new R.E curriculum is successfully implemented this year an implementation team will be established to support the teachers. Professional development will be offered to make sure that our teachers are confident in teaching the new curriculum.

The process of implementation will allow us as a staff and school community to look at a vision for Religious education in our school. Simply stated, the vital role of Catholic schools is to give a Christian voice to everyday occurrences. In this way we can help our children to make sense of the good and bad things that happen in our wonderful world in light of our Christian story.

I’m confident that our teachers will be highly motivated by the changes in the R.E curriculum which will lead to excellent outcomes in the classroom for your children.

Date Claimers

Walk for Water Day- Friday 15th March
Term One Family Mass- Sunday 17th March at 5.30pm

Project Compassion Week 1

Since her parents died from AIDS, Ditosa lives with her grandmother and aunt in Matuba, Mozambique. At the Matuba Children’s Centre, Ditosa receives food, medicines and support. She also learns important life skills. This support is a lifeline for the families supported by the Centre, and is enabling them to improve their livelihoods.

Your donation to Caritas Australia’s Project Compassion provides children like Ditosa with the opportunity to learn new skills, and to become self-supporting. [www.caritas.org.au](http://www.caritas.org.au)

Enjoy the rest of your week!

John Bates

Students celebrating Birthdays this week

- Alexander Kerr
- Anyela Rogan
- Nicholas Weir
- Thomas Weir
- Hanna Nucifora
- Hugo Panizza
- Jaxson Seipel
- Caleb Hopton

Student of the Week

- Prep A Lucinda Batch & Jeremiah Antu
- Prep B Sam Leighton & Olivia Soo
- Prep C Will Reilly & Margot Kemp
- 1A James Watson
- 1B Henry Mee
- 1C Jane Craig
- 2A Sam Atkinson
- 2B Nicholas Craig & Angus McPherson
- 3A Edward Alford
- 3C Olivia Lammey
- 4A Juliette Parer
- 5A Imogen Wilson
- 5A Monique Piunti
- 5B Eloise Crawford
- 6B Andrew Matheson

St Joseph’s Centenary Mass and Family Picnic

St Joseph’s Top Oval

Sunday 10th Mar at 10.00am

Mass Presider: Archbishop Mark Coleridge

BYO Chair and Picnic Lunch. Cold drinks and coffee van available.

Classrooms will be open from 11.30am until 1.30pm.

Phone the School Office for further details: 3201 6188
Sports News

◊ A reminder to all families in years 3 -7 about the swimming carnival to be held at Griffith Mt Gravatt on the 1st March. All relevant details were contained in last weeks newsletter, and I must remind you that the nomination sheet needs to be completed only if your child would like to swim in either the 50m events or the ‘small pool’ events for those less experienced swimmers. All swimmers who wish to participate in 25m events can just line up for their events on the day.
◊ Our school swimming carnival will also be used as the main trial for the school team to travel to the Zone Championships, so if your child is born in 2004 or earlier they are eligible and must swim in 50m events to be considered.
◊ If there are any parents interested in helping out on the day (I can promise limited stress but a better view), please email me through the school email.
◊ The school cross-country will be held here at school on the last day of the term, 28th March from 9am to 10.30am. Keep it free!
◊ Just to let all the parents of the 2005 swimmers know that if they would like to register to swim 50m, please just write that they are 2005 born on the top of the nomination sheet.

Luke Thomson

SCHOOL BANKING NEWS

Thankyou to all school banking students for the large number of deposits received yet again. Well done!

Just a few reminders for families to take note:

- When redeeming a money box, please circle the one your child wants on the redemption slip
- Deposit slips need to be filled in and completed at home
- Each week the reward token should be removed from deposit book, kept home then sent to school only when student is claiming a reward
- Ensure that all coins are of Australian currency as the bank does not accept foreign currency (eg. New Zealand) so please check all coins beforehand

School Banking Team

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Fr Jerome.

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Tuckshop News

Fri 22 Feb Megan Barry Simone Holmes Alicia Maunsell Kylie Kelly Michelle Park Amy Webber HELP NEEDED
Thu 28 Feb Jennifer Cochrane Sharni Cotter Kelly Joyce
Fri 1 Mar Michelle Rukavina Nicole Nasser Andrea Ibrahim Susan Blunt Misha Del Rae Silvana Abraham
Thu 7 Mar Jo Phillips Sharon McCulloch Sue Cummins Narelle Rieck Bec McPherson
Fri 8 Mar Ermana Garbati Lisa Kratzman Lisa Watson Shalini Matthews Mary Pappas
Please call Kelly on 3395 5236 if you cannot work on your rostered day.
The Learning Corner

Homework positively affects achievement in school and teaches many valuable skills critical for success throughout life.

As the 2013 school year gets underway and the regular pace of life increases with school, extra activities, meetings, it is advisable to take the time to implement a routine that suits your family and you child/children to promote positive homework practises that allow afternoons to run smoother and children to establish effective homework strategies.

Through establishing a homework routine within your home and encouraging children to complete homework you are assisting in laying the foundation that will guide your child/children’s routines for years to come.

Developing positive homework practises enables children to further develop instruction following skills, independent work habits, time management and responsibility.

As part of our partnership approach to your child/children’s learning we have an expectation whereby parents support homework through monitoring, encouraging and signing the diary or signing off the homework. When homework is signed off by a parent the child is completing their homework task at a standard that is acceptable to their parent or parents. By setting a standard in the homework you as a parent are supporting the classroom teacher. **The work they do in the living room supports what they learn in the classroom.**

Like all aspects and challenges of parenthood no one size fits all. Every child requires an adaptable approach or routine to enable the best homework outcomes. Some children need to come home and relax or do some physical activity before homework starts. Other children are better off starting off homework straight away.

Some helpful hints for establishing positive homework routines are consider location, supplies, lighting, posture, general environment, organisation, parent presence and most importantly encouragement.

Leanne Croft and Kerry Kearns

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**SUNGLASSES AT SCHOOL**

As part of our commitment to being a Sun Safe School, we are looking at purchasing school sunglasses which would be available to buy for all students at Mt Carmel.

These sunglasses would be encouraged and accepted as a part of the school uniform, but would remain optional for students.

Sunglasses will be available to purchase from the school office at a cost of $16.95 a pair. The sunglasses are black in colour, feature a space on the arm for students to write their names and come in a range of sizes from small (4-6yrs) and medium (6-8yrs) to large (8-11yrs). Most importantly, the sunglasses have an eye protection factor of EPF10 which is the highest available in Australia.

If you are interested in purchasing a pair of cancer council approved sunglasses for your child please detach the slip below and return it to the office with payment in a clearly marked envelope indicating the child’s name and size of sunglasses required.

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**P & F Update**

**School master plan**

The P&F and Board are forming a joint working group to develop a new concept master plan for the school. This is an exciting new project that will provide us with a framework for planning and prioritising the future development and renewal of the school’s facilities.

Keep an eye on the newsletter for more information, including dates for meetings where the parent community will be given an opportunity for input.

**Traffic around the school**

Everyone has commented about what a hassle-free year we have had this year with traffic around the school. Normally at this point of Term 1, the newsletter is full of explanations, warnings and pleadings. Thanks to everyone who is doing the right thing.

**Class coordinators**

A reminder to all class coordinators that the breakfast is on next Thursday 28 February 7.30-8.30am in the Hall. It would be great if you could give us an idea of numbers by emailing us at pandfmtcarmel@gmail.com.

We are still looking for coordinators for some classes – please contact your class teacher if you would like to be involved.

**P&F Meeting**

Thank you to the many parents who attended last week’s P&F meeting. To help with the smooth running of meetings, if you have a new agenda item or a specific concern, please do not hesitate to contact any member of the P&F Executive between meetings.

**Kim Broadfoot**

P&F President
Dear Parents,

Regina Caeli Parish is again offering a second round of preparation for Reconciliation, to be connected with the 2012-13 Sacramental Programme. All round 2 children will then prepare for Confirmation and receiving First Eucharist as one single group after Easter. Any parents wishing their children to be part of the programme please contact Fr John Garrahy or Jeanne Schneider at the Regina Caeli Parish Office. For Round 2 of Reconciliation, children need be Year 3 and upwards. Any enquiries please contact Fr John Garrahy or Jeanne Schneider at Regina Caeli Parish Office.

FYI

Reconciliation ~ Second Round ~ 2012-13 Sacramental Programme ~ Preparation Sundays
Arriving at 5.20pm for a 5.30pm start on Saturday evening or 7.50am for an 8.00am start on Sunday morning

Week 1 Preparation - Saturday / Sunday - February 23/24, 2013
Week 3 Preparation - Saturday / Sunday - March 2/3, 2013
Week 3 Preparation - Saturday / Sunday - March 9/10, 2013

Ceremony of Reconciliation (Sacrament of Penance) for Second Round Tuesday March 12, 2013 at 7pm

Confirmation & First Eucharist ~ 2012-13 Sacramental Programme ~ Preparation Saturday/Sunday
Arriving at 5.20pm for a 5.30pm start on Saturday evening or 7.50am for an 8.00am start on Sunday morning

Confirmation - First Eucharist: Four Preparation Sundays are set down TBC.

Meeting following Mass on first Preparation week for Confirmation & First Communion
Saturday / Sunday - April 13 / April 14, 2013

Confirmation & First Communion Preparation ~ Session 1
Saturday / Sunday - April 13 / April 14, 2013

Confirmation & First Communion Preparation ~ Session 2
Saturday / Sunday - April 20 / April 21, 2013

Confirmation & First Communion Preparation ~ Session 3
Saturday/Sunday ~ April 27 / April 28, 2013

Confirmation & First Communion Preparation ~ sessions are
Saturday/Sunday ~ May 4 / May 5, 2013
However, Children’s Church during 8.30am Mass in Church hall for any children of any age.

Confirmation & First Communion Preparation ~ Session 4
Saturday/Sunday ~ May 11 / May 12, 2013

Celebration of the Sacraments of Confirmation and First Communion -
Sunday only ~ May 19, 2013 ~ Pentecost Sunday
8.30am Mass + Celebration Breakfast-

Regards
Jeanne Schneider  [m - 0414836071]
MT CARMEL MOTHERS LUNCH
SATURDAY 23RD MARCH
12 NOON TO 5PM
THE MARTINI ROOM, STORY BRIDGE HOTEL

Don't miss the most anticipated social event on a Mt Carmel Mum's calendar.
Delegate your regular Saturday afternoon commitments and take some time out for you!

This year's lunch will be a cocktail-style affair featuring fine food and an array of great raffle prizes
- plus live music in the 1920s French-inspired Martini Room.

The lunch provides an opportunity to catch up with Mums from all year levels.
New mums are especially welcome!! Past Mums are welcome back too.

Cost: $45 per person
Includes fine finger food and a glass of bubbly on arrival.
Beverages can be purchased from the bar.

RSVP: By Friday 15th March 2013
Please complete the attached slip and hand it into the office with your payment in an envelope.
Payment can be made by cash or cheque (cheques made payable to the Mt Carmel P&F).
Buy your ticket by Friday 1st March and go into the draw to win a bottle of Veuve Clicquot!!!
Kindly donated by The Cat Clinic (Guneau Family)

Funds raised help support Mt Carmel families in need and the ongoing sponsorship of Fernando Gusmao "Nando" of Timor-Leste.
We have proudly supported Nando for the past 6 Years.
If you can help with raffle prizes for the day, please contact Susan Guneau (0418151117 or mguneau@optusnet.com.au)
OR Maria White (04009264116 or blairand maria@vpxsol.com.au)

MT CARMEL MOTHERS LUNCH RSVP
12 NOON TO 5PM, SATURDAY 23rd MARCH 2013

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