Dear Parents

School Concert Thursday 28 November

It is just a week until our talented students take to the stage again at the Sleeman Sports Complex at Chandler for our end of year Christmas Concert. Ticket sales last week for very solid but I have been told there are still a small number of tickets available for sale. All children will travel by bus next Thursday to the centre for a rehearsal prior to the evenings performance. Please note that the tuckshop will be closed on this day due to the rehearsal at Chandler.

Report Cards

Teachers are currently burning the midnight oil to have report cards ready for the end of school year. Technology permitting report cards will be sent home on Wednesday 4th December. Included with your child’s report will be a note outlining their class allocation for 2014. On Thursday morning all of our 2014 students will participate in a morning session with their new teacher and classmates for 2014.

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

I am continuing to hear reports of dangerous practices in our pick up and drop off zone. Again I ask all to think about practices in this area. Please do not allow children to take their bags from the boot of a car. This places them between vehicles and could easily result in an accident. It is much safer for the children to have their bag with them in the car and then get out on the footpath side of the car. It is also best if parents remain in their vehicle as this will result in the drop off zone functioning efficiently. Much frustration can be caused by parents stepping out of their vehicles as this can dramatically slow down the drop off process. Our children are too precious to risk them being injured unnecessarily.

Thanks in anticipation of your cooperation with these requests.

School Fees now overdue

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.

The school year is almost over

With only a few weeks to go there is still so much to do. The concert will be a highlight for all. We are also preparing to farewell our Yr 7 class at their graduation. Many year levels are also heading out on a variety of year level excursions.

A reminder that school will conclude at noon on Friday 6 December. Please also note that next week’s newsletter will be our last for the year.

Have a great week.

Regards

Peter Delaney

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

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**2014 TERM DATES**

**Term 1**
- Wednesday 29 January - Friday 4 April

**Term 2**
- Tuesday 22 April - Friday 27 June

**Term 3**
- Monday 14 July - Friday 19 September

**Term 4**
- Tuesday 7 October - Friday 5 December

**Professional Development and Planning Days** - Monday 20 October (To be confirmed)

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**News from the Assistant Principal Religious Education**

**Family Mass: This Sunday at 5.30pm in the Church followed by Sausage Sizzle.**

I’m really looking forward to our Family Mass this Sunday. Special jobs have been allocated to students and I’m incredibly grateful to everyone for volunteering to assist in some way. If you haven’t returned your Family Mass note please do so tomorrow.

**End of Year Mass of Thanksgiving: Friday 6th December at 10.45**

Can I strongly encourage you all to come along to our End of Year Mass of Thanks which will take place on the last day of the year at 10.45am in the school hall. With renovations taking place in the church we had to make this late venue change. Please note also that the Year Seven Graduation Mass will still take place in the church.

The End of Year Mass is particularly significant for our community as it provides us with the opportunity to celebrate all that is great about being a part of this wonderful community. During the mass we will farewell and bless students as well as members of staff. Traditionally, we also take the opportunity to present our donated Christmas gifts to members of the St Vincent de Paul Society. So please come along and be a part of this festive celebration and experience the spirit of our community.

**Assembly: 2.00pm Next Week: 2C and Piccolo Choir**

**Assembly on Monday will commence at the special time of 2pm.** 2A will lead our regular prayer assembly which will be followed by a performance by our Piccolo choir. Mrs Sarah Esbensen has led the choir beautifully this year. It has been a pleasure to witness the joy that singing in a choir has brought to the children involved. Mrs Paula Roberts has accompanied the girls on the keyboard throughout the year. Well done to these wonderful ladies and their beautiful singers.

**Christmas Appeals**

Thanks again to everyone for continuing to support the Christmas Hamper and Christmas Gift Appeals. Your generosity in reaching out with compassion to others is greatly appreciated.

Enjoy the rest of the week.

John Bates

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**PARENTS PLEASE NOTE:**

THE CARPARK IN THE QUADRANGLE IS FOR STAFF AND DELIVERIES ONLY. PLEASE DO NOT PARK THERE TO DROP OFF YOUR CHILDREN IN THE MORNINGS

THANK YOU

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

ONLY 1 WEEK TILL OUR SCHOOL MUSICAL: "THE MAGICAL CHRISTMAS JIGSAW"
THURSDAY 28TH NOVEMBER AT 6:30 P.M.
THE CHANDLER THEATRE, SLEEMAN SPORTS COMPLEX, CHANDLER.

Don’t forget to order your tickets online at http://www.trybooking.com/ DWTV 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.

Attached to this newsletter is important information about next week’s rehearsal at Chandler and some other information about car parking, arrival times etc. I’ve also included a map to help with parking - either Car Park 2 or 3 is recommended by the Sleeman Sports Complex.

We will be having rehearsals at school next Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. Our final technical rehearsal will be during school hours on Thursday 28th November at the Chandler Theatre. NO COSTUMES DURING THE DAY REHEARSAL.

See you next Thursday 28th November at 6:00p.m. for a 6:30p.m. start WITH YOUR CHILDREN IN FULL COSTUME!!!

MANY THANKS,
Bernadette Egan

**Piccolo Choir to bring Christmas cheer to the community!**

The Mount Carmel Piccolo Choir will spread a little Christmas cheer next week as they perform their Christmas repertoire at their two final performances for the year. On Monday at Assembly (2.00pm in the Hall) the Piccolos will perform for the school and parent audience. They will sing two new Christmas pieces – "The Best Gift of All" and "Mary’s Rockin’ the Baby". All school parents are welcome to attend this special assembly.

This performance will be the perfect warm up for the Piccolo’s first community appearance which will take place the following day. The Piccolo Choir has been invited to perform at “The Village” Retirement Community on Cavendish Road at Coorparoo. Here they will sing their Christmas pieces, in addition to some of their favourites from the year such as "Don Gato” and "The Marvellous Toy". Many of "The Village” residents have connections to the Mount Carmel school and parish, so they are sure to enjoy this visit from some Mount Carmel "Angels" spreading a little Christmas cheer!

Thanks, as always, goes to the very talented Mrs Paula Roberts who accompanies the Piccolo Choir on piano. It has been a great year of fun, singing and learning. I am extremely proud of how much the choir has developed in just 3 terms and can’t wait to see what we can achieve next year!

Sarah Esbensen – Conductor Piccolo Choir
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 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.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION - OLMC PARISH

Congratulations to all those who celebrated the Sacrament of Reconciliation on either Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday night of last week. The children were all very beautifully behaved and we thank parents for their preparation of the children for this sacrament. Thanks also to Peter Delaney, John Bates and the Grade 2 and 3 teachers who attended the liturgies, helped on the night and offered valuable guidance to children as they prepared for last week. Thanks also to all the parents who helped out during the liturgy.

Fr Paul and Kate

Choral Music Concert.....
Of Heaven and Earth....
The Thomas Cantley Singers
featuring Mt Carmel teachers
Sarah Esbensen and Tracey Halstead
present a choral concert of contemporary and Christmas pieces.
Friday 6 Dec 7pm
Mansfield State High School Auditorium Tickets at the door or online www.trybooking.com/DVVX
Adults $15, Concession $10, Children under 13 FREE

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.
Food wise, can kids bring something small to share (no nuts please). Contact Paul Mulligan on psmulligan@gmail.com or 0439 784 604 or Michael Barry Michael.Barry@bmtwbm.com.au

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 and circle which day you can volunteer:

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

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

WEDNESDAY  THURSDAY  FRIDAY
**SCHOOL BANKING NEWS**

As mentioned in previous school newsletters, the Commonwealth Bank is implementing a new reward tracking system in 2014. As a result, tokens received this term cannot be carried over to next year to claim rewards. Each child will start at zero deposits at the beginning of the 2014 school year. We hope that your child has had the opportunity to claim a reward this term.

Next week will be the last week to claim the reward in order to guarantee that your child will receive the item this year.

Therefore,

- If your child has not claimed a reward this term and has 8, 9 or 10 tokens, please submit the tokens and redemption card **next week**. This will guarantee that your child will receive the item this year. We will still process deposits in the final week of the school term but will not order new rewards as we cannot guarantee that the item will be available.
- If your child has not claimed a reward this term and has 7 or less tokens, please send in tokens in an envelope with your child’s name, class and number of tokens written on the front of the envelope. We will endeavour to give your child a small thank you gift for all their school banking efforts this term.

Any questions please contact the School Banking team on Tuesday mornings working in the School Hall.

**Violin For Sale**

1/2 size student Violin for Sale - Mt Carmel Student
Case and Violin and chin rest (needs a new bow)
Violin teacher indicates suitable for new students year 2
New $225  Sale $ 120 ono
e-mail : t craig73.5@bigpond.com
or 0411401405

**STUDENTS CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK**

Nirowin Abeywickremasinghe
Alexandra Eadie
Gabriella Nucifora
Nate Scott-Day
Molly Amourous
Sophie Carroll
Jay Vickers
Hugh Mason
Annabel Gavin
Emily Galpin
Christos Nicolaou
James Waller

**SCHOOL BOOK COVERING**

**CONTACT ELOISE ON 0468 510 335**

Clear contact can be provided or BYO patterned/clear

**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 e-mail: mland@tpg.com.au
Resource Centre News

Readers Cup Five

Last Wednesday, our school hosted 16 other schools for a Readers Cup Competition. Our Readers Cup 5 team of Siobhan, Gemma, Grace, Monique and Imogen did a fantastic job with a seventh place finish. This was only ½ a point behind the teams that finished equal fifth and only 6 ½ points off the winning team (Macgregor Primary), which indicates the high standard of the competition. A large group of our Year 5 students also showcased our school beautifully with their exemplary behaviour as my gophers and runners on the day. Guest author Brian Falkner entertained the schools with a great talk about writing books. Thank you to all the Mt Carmel Children who made the day a wonderful success. Here are some photos from the day.

P&F Update

2014 Parent Function

I am pleased to say that we already have a new Committee working on organising next year’s parent function. It’s one of the things I love about Mt Carmel that you wait barely a minute before someone puts up their hand and says, “I’ll do that”. Jacki Kerr, Sophie Hales and Lou Weir are leading an enthusiastic group looking at a few different options for 2014. Meanwhile, make sure you mark your calendars with 29 March for the annual Mothers’ Club Lunch, always a real highlight of the Term 1 calendar.

Lost property is everywhere

There is a mountain of lost property building up, so it would be worth everyone checking the boxes next to the Learning Centre to claim your child’s items before the year ends. All drink bottles and lunch boxes will be thrown away at the end of the year, while clothing items will be laundered and either returned to the office for families to claim (if named) or sent to the second-hand uniform shop. This is a lot of work for the P&F, so it would be great if the mountain could be transformed into a molehill over the next two weeks.

Tuckshop thanks

Thank you Sharon McCulloch for stepping in to manage the Tuckshop while Kelly has been on leave. It is always busy in the final weeks of the year (as we all look for every bit of help we can get) so we very much appreciate Sharon’s assistance.

Getting ready for 2014

With only a few weeks left before the holidays, there’s a few things you can do now to make the holidays more of a ‘holiday’. By ordering your bookcovers, name labels and calendar online now, you’ll be ready for 2014 in just a few clicks.

Calendar - can be ordered through Flexischools for $10. Put it on your fridge or pantry door and have all the important school dates at your fingertips.

Bookcovers - there are two suppliers to give you a choice of either fun designs or plain bright colours. These can be ordered via the parent portal. Further details were sent this week via the Class Coordinators.

Name Labels - your lost property will find its way home sooner if it’s clearly marked with your child’s name. Order your personalised labels via the parent portal.

School Shoes - this year we have joined The Athlete’s Foot School Rewards Program. They will donate $5 to school for every pair of school shoes (yes, they stock brown shoes), sandals, sports shoes and work shoes you and your family purchase.

Simply mention Mt Carmel when you buy any shoes from The Athlete’s Foot Carindale.

P&F Executive
pandfmcarmel@gmail.com
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 0418873024 jennykemp@surgidat.com
Rebecca McPherson 0402128029 becjmcpherson@bigpond.com
Rebecca Murphy 0402 322 689 rebeccakmurphy@me.com
Outside School Hours Care

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

**Monday**
- Crimpling art and craft
- Balancing act
- Have a go at this word wheel challenge
- Piggy in the middle
- Skipping with a partner

**Tuesday**
- Super mega fuse bead art
- Knot me
- Box construction
- Juggle applause
- Active after school sport
- Cricket
- Handball competition

**Wednesday**
- Sunflower handprint painting
- Swiss ball fun
- Cone creatures
- Bean bag activities
- Feather fly ball games
- Red hot letter
- Bat tapping

**Thursday**
- All about being green poster
- Simon says
- Design silly bugs
- Rhythm ribbons
- Qld. A.F.L. games
- Scoop ball activity
- High stepper

**Friday**
- Design your own festive crowns
- Heads down thumbs up
- Create pirate hats
- Ultimate Frisbee fun
- Walk right through skills

Thank you to Olivia, Joshua & Ethan for their contribution to the program.

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**ONLINE TICKET BOOKING INFORMATION FOR OUR LADY OF MT CARMEL MUSICAL 2013 'THE MAGICAL CHRISTMAS JIGSAW'**

Tickets will be available online from 6:30 p.m. Thursday 14 November 2013, until 6:00 p.m. Thursday 28th November 2013. There is a limit set for the venue at The Chandler Theatre, so don’t leave your ordering too late. Entry is by ticket only and there are no sales at the door.

**REMINDER: Mt Carmel Students do not need a ticket.**

Here are the simple steps to book your concert tickets:

1) Type in your web browser [http://www.trybooking.com/DWTW](http://www.trybooking.com/DWTW)
   OR go to ‘Quick Links’ on our school website.
   This is our unique booking URL for our event and this will provide a link to our event-booking page:
   ‘Our Lady of Mt Carmel Musical 2013’ page will appear, then click on ‘Continue Booking’.

2) Click on Thursday 28 November 2013 6:30 p.m.

3) **Click on the seats that you wish to reserve.**
   The Chandler Theatre has auditorium style seating and this year you will be able to select the seats across the 3 sections by scrolling across the one page. Adults are $16 / Pensioner/Child/Students (Not Mt Carmel Students) are $12 plus there is a 30cent booking fee. Then click on ‘Continue Booking’.
   Indicate the quantity next to the ticket type you wish to purchase, then click on ‘Continue Booking’.

4) **Shopping Cart** appears where you review your selected tickets and prices, and then click on ‘Check Out’.

5) In ‘Booking Details’ you supply an email address, name etc. where your booking confirmation and tickets will be sent. Continue to

6) **Payment Details** where you provide credit card details through their secure service (Verisign)

7) **Tickets are instantly available to print** at home or are automatically sent to your email address.

8) **DON’T FORGET TO BRING YOUR TICKETS ON THE NIGHT!!!**

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**P: 07 3847 9585  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 20—VACANCIES

After school capped at 50— VACANCIES

**PARENTS NOTE:**

Please come and see Grace personally about casual bookings. Permanent bookings are charged on being ABSENT or in ATTENDANCE.
DVD ORDER FORM

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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