Dear Parents,

The last week has been another busy week at Mt Carmel.

Friday of last week saw our Yr. 7 leaders organise the junior and senior dances for all of our students. From 4.30 in the afternoon we saw an invasion of super heroes as our Prep to Yr.3's came in fancy dress. Batman, Superman, Spiderman, to name a few were well represented on the dance floor.

From 6pm our elder students came dressed in black and white and enjoyed a great time on the dancing through to 8.30pm.

I would like to congratulate our Yr. 7 leaders who did a wonderful job coordinating the two dances. Supported by Yr 7 teachers Carolyn Taylor and Emma Ponti; and also their leadership mentor, Tony Shaw; the Yr.7 leadership group organised everything including the music, decorations, catering, activities and promotion. Both dances were very well supported by our student body and a great time was enjoyed by all.

Monday’s assembly kicked off with a wonderful prayer celebration led by our Yr. 4A class reminding us of the significance of Pentecost, when God sent his Spirit to be with us always. Our Yr. 4’s reminded us of many of the gifts we receive with our faith in God’s Spirit.

Also on this day we sent many teams to the Qld Catholic Schools Netball Carnival ,while our Prep C class finally got their turn to enjoy an excursion to Pullenvale.

On Tuesday we sent a number of AFL teams to participate in the carnival at Coorparoo. On the same day our Book Fair opened for a week of business at the back of the hall. Tuesday night saw a gathering of about 50 parents who are busily helping to organise the many stalls at this year’s fete.

On Wednesday our Yr 7’s headed over to Mitchelton to participate in a workshop entitled "Courage to Care" where they met a number of inspirational speakers encouraging them not to be bystanders in life. The workshop was based on the events of the holocaust. Back at school other students took part in the Maths Olympiad. In the afternoon all took part in National Simultaneous Storytime organised by our brilliant Teacher librarian, Tracey Halstead.

On Thursday our Book Fair continued and some of our students will this afternoon be involved in Confirmation rehearsals ready for celebrations next week.

Tomorrow the day will commence with “Walk Safely to School” activities coordinated by the P&F. Our Yr. 6’s are headed off on their educational excursion to Pullenvale. Interhouse Sport will continue in the afternoon for Years 3-7.Confirmation rehearsals will continue after school. These are just some of the events that have contributed to another busy week at Mt Carmel.

Prep Offers. Please note that Prep offers for 2014 will be posted to all families next week.

Term 2 School Fees due yesterday

Please also note that Term 2 school fees were due yesterday. If you have not yet made this payment your prompt attention to this matter would be greatly appreciated.

Have a great week!

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

**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**.

**DISCO:**

Congratulations to the Year 7 Leadership Team who planned and presented the Junior and Senior Discos last Friday night. The students in the group did all the advertising, promotions, decorations, organised all the music tracks beforehand, operated the tuckshop and ran the event themselves on the night. A great effort by the whole team and they are now preparing for the Junior and Senior Talent Quests on the last two afternoons of this term.

**AFL:**

On Tuesday a number of girls teams and one boys team attended an AFL Carnival at Coorparoo. I spent the day with the boys team and most of them had never played before let alone even kicked an AFL footy or tried to kick a goal. They played 4 games and didn’t score in the first game but started to get a bit of a feel for the game. In the second game they improved their skills in many aspects of the game but still didn’t score but didn’t lose by much.

In the third game they all really got involved and started tackling really well and sharing the ball around and working like a team. In the fourth game they really tackled hard, ran hard, busted tackles, handballed and kicked to their team mates, kicked 3 goals and 4 points and kept their opponents scoreless.

The boys were so proud of their progress throughout the day that they all jumped for joy and took a team photo at the end of the day. Well done boys. You learned a lot about having a go, playing as a team, getting knocked down and getting back up again, sportsmanship and determination.

Tony Shaw

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Fr. Jerome leads a liturgy in the outdoor prayer space with our year five students
News from the Assistant Principal

Religious Education

Assist a Student Program
This program, run by St. Vincent de Paul, aims to support the education of young people in neighbouring countries such as Indonesia, India, The Philippines and Papua New Guinea.

An Assist a Student gift of $70 will educate a young person for a whole year. If you think you might be interested in supporting a student please come and see me so that I can provide you with more information. Alternatively you can communicate with me via email at jbates@bne.catholic.edu.au

Class Liturgies
Our Year Five classes and their parents participated in a liturgy in our outdoor prayer space yesterday morning. The Liturgy focused on the Theme of God’s Creation. During the Liturgy the children had the opportunity to reflect and contemplate on moments when they’ve been filled with awe and wonder over something in God’s creation. The outdoor prayer space proved to be the perfect setting for this liturgy and the parents enjoyed a lovely morning tea afterwards. Well done to all involved.

Courage to Care Program
Our year seven leaders participated in the Courage to Care program at Mt Maria College, Enoggera yesterday morning. Courage to Care, a travelling exhibition, aims to inform and educate Australians of the dangers of prejudice and discrimination. It educates visitors, in particular students, towards an understanding of the roles of victim, perpetrator and bystander by exposing them to survivors of the Holocaust and their rescuers. Courage to Care combats bullying and racism, by empowering the individual to make a difference.

I had the pleasure of accompanying our year seven students and their teachers on this excursion. As always the conduct of all students was excellent. A further report on the day will be included in next week’s newsletter.

Rosies Day
As previously mentioned, Rosies Day which will take place tomorrow, has been planned by the Year Seven social Justice Committee to highlight the wonderful work of this organisation in combatting the issue of homelessness in our local community.

All students are asked to wear Red, Black and White with a gold coin donation. Additionally, for another gold coin donation your child can have their hair coloured in the Rosies colours. The hair colouring will take place before school from 8.15 and at First Break in the shed.

Congratulations and Good Luck
I’d like to pass on my congratulations to all of the children who’ve received the sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist in the Regina Caeli parish recently. Also, all the very best to the children who are preparing for Confirmation next week in the Mt Carmel Parish. May the thoughts and prayers of our community be with these children now and throughout their faith journeys.

Prayers Requested
Could we please keep the Bukowski Family in our prayers. Cameron and Luke’s Grandfather and Louise’s father, Michael Lanigan, has undergone major heart surgery recently and the family would greatly appreciate the prayerful support of our community.

I have to complete my segment by mentioning the outstanding display of the Broncos on Friday night in teaching our local rivals a solid lesson in how to play football in the right spirit. Also, well done to the Mighty Brisbane Lions for getting back on track, with a solid win over the Bombers.

Have a great weekend everyone!

John Bates

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.
LEARNING CENTRE CORNER

If you are a parent of a child with special needs you are a very special parent. Beyond the enormous task of raising any child, you are called to be your child’s advocate and champion, seeking the best ways to help her or him develop and thrive. Here are some suggestions which may help you along your journey:

* Take one day at a time and take the day positively. You don’t have control over the future, over today or over any other day and neither does anyone else.
* Never underestimate your child’s potential. It is a good idea to encourage them and even expect them to develop to the best of their abilities.
* Develop a network of positive mentors such as other parents or professionals who can share their experiences and advice with you.
* Be aware of the most appropriate educational and learning environments for your child and advocate the best for them.
* Be honest with your feelings. It is hard to be a super parent for 24 hours in a day and it is okay to feel angry, frustrated or even exhausted.
* Praise yourself for the accomplishments you and your child have made rather than always focusing on what else you could do or need to do.
* Celebrate the little milestones that are achieved along the way.
* Adopt a positive outlook on life because this is contagious and will often help your child to approach life in the same way.

Most of all focus on what your child can do instead of what they can’t do. Everyone has strengths and weaknesses. We just need to find them and nurture them.

LEANNE CROFT AND KERRY KEARNS

Our Lady of Mt Carmel Parish News

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM – CONFIRMATION - MAY 2013

I thought I would just share this with you all again in case you missed last week’s notice in the newsletter!

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 this week –

* 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.

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

Outside School Hours Care

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

Monday Box construction, Heads down thumbs up, Wonderful decorative card design, Cricket games, Skipping with a partner.

Tuesday Flower rubbing patterns, Freeze frame, Design your own foam shapes, Scoop ball activity, Ultimate Frisbee fun, Hand ball.

Wednesday Creative bead art and craft, Silent ball, All about me project, Hula hoops, Basket ball games, Rhythm ribbons, High stepper.

Thursday Create your own fruit and vegetable shapes, Simon says, Pipe cleaner craft, Mini volleyball fun, Catch ball, Toss and catch.

Friday Fantastic shaped fuse bead board, Trampoline fun, Paper craft with different designs, Rainbow play balls, Multi sport games.

Thank you Hannah, Sophia, and Henry for their contribution to the weekly program activities.

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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.
Resource Centre News

Book Fair Fun

We are now a few days into another wonderful book fair. Thank you to all the children and patient parents who have come to visit. Next week, I will have a full write-up on the fair and the National Simultaneous Storytime, which was held this Wednesday.

Read More in May Competition – it only takes five minutes to enter!

As part of hosting a Book Fair in May, your child can eligible to enter a special Scholastic competition. Just fill in the entry form at the following link:


There are 25 individual student prize packs worth $250 to be won and the school can win $1000 worth of resources. Entries close in early June so get in quickly!

Book Club/Book Fair Clashes

I apologise that you also may have received Scholastic Book Club brochures at the same time as our Book Fair. The two schemes are run totally separately and there is usually only a very small overlap in the titles on offer. Purchasing from either the Book Clubs or the Book Fair means that the school receives reward points that are then spent on classroom and library book resources. However I can understand that you can be receiving some “pester power” from your eager readers so please don’t feel obligated to purchase from both (or either for that matter)!

Students celebrating Birthdays this week

Henry Cliff  Arabella Burke  Max O’Connor  Tyler Rukavina  
Lieta Siale  Parker Marshall  Evie Becconsall  
Louis Henderson  Evie Henderson  Sebastian O’Brien  Sophie Branch
SPORTS SHOES AT THE READY - WALK SAFELY TO SCHOOL DAY IS HAPPENING TOMORROW, FRIDAY 24 MAY. BELOW ARE THE STARTING POINTS, COVERING MOST COMPASS POINTS HEADING INTO THE SCHOOL. IF EVERYONE IS GATHERED AT THEIR GROUP AND READY TO START WALKING AT 8AM, THIS SHOULD ALLOW PLENTY OF TIME TO WALK SAFELY TO SCHOOL. ON ARRIVING AT SCHOOL, THERE WILL BE FRUIT AND JUICE/WATER FOR ALL TO SHARE. CHILDREN WHO WALK TO SCHOOL WILL BE ABLE TO EARN A POINT FOR THEIR SPORTS HOUSE.

PLEASE REMEMBER THAT CHILDREN MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY A PARENT TO WALK SAFELY TO SCHOOL. CHILDREN CANNOT BE DROPPED TO A STARTING POINT AND NOT HAVE A PARENT STAY WITH THEM. THIS WILL ENSURE THAT EVERYONE ARRIVES AT SCHOOL SAFELY. HAVE FUN WALKING!!

Lade Street Park
Leicester Street Park (Martha Street end)
Majestic Park
Trundle Park (Cnr Mackay and Kenneth Streets)
Regina Caeli – (Cnr Wakerley and Lavington Streets)
Loreto Bus Stop (Cavendish Rd)

DRAMA NEWS

JUST A REMINDER ABOUT YOUR INVITATION TO COME AND VIEW YOUR CHILD'S CREATIVE DANCE CLASSES NEXT FRIDAY 31 MAY IN THE HALL. THE CLASS TIMES ARE:

Year 2 9:05a.m.
Year 1 9:35a.m.
Preps 10:05a.m.

LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING YOU THEN,

Bernadette Egan

COFFEE POD UPDATE

Thank you to all of the community who have been collecting used coffee pods for my sculpture. It is nearly complete, so if you have any pods already collected, please drop them into the office. Otherwise thank you again for collecting & watch out for a photo coming soon!!

Nat O’ Gorman

The community of St Marks’ Catholic Primary School cordially invites past staff members of St Mark’s Catholic Primary School to the 50 year Jubilee Celebration:

Sharing our St Mark’s School Story.

Please join us for a time of reminiscing, sharing stories and seeing the changes.

Venue: St Mark’s School, Mercy Hall 92 Lilac Street, Inala
When: Saturday 15th June, 2013 from 2-5pm
Light refreshments will be available  RSVP: St Mark’s School Office: 33723408
pinala@bne.catholic.edu.au by 1st June, 2013

Student of the Week

Prep B  Ava Dang
Prep B  Edward Fletcher
Prep C Parker Marshall
Prep C Luke Bukowski
1A Isabella Nolan
1B Chiemela Brook
1C Harry Poole
2B Zoe McInerney
2C Eva Dearness
2C Zach McAdam
3A Chanel Albion
3A Tom Campbell
3B Madeleine Mar Fan
4A Bilhah Haddock
4B Eliza Barry
5B Lizzie Costi
5B Nora Antu
6A Georgia Ganin
6A Charlotte Green
6A Emma Reid
6A Isobel McCulloch
6B Grace Matheson
7 Molly Amorous
Fete Update:

**Help us find sponsors** - 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 - 0411877711/ michaeld@allfixfasteners.com.au), Paula Atkinson (Prize sponsorship- 0435100371/ patkinson@bne_catholic.edu.au) & Louise Weir (Prize sponsorship- 0473007767/ lou.weir@bigpond.com).

**Reminder to all Stall Convenors** - The first Fete Bulletin is currently being prepared. Please forward details regarding your stall & how families can support it to Christina Jones (Marketing & Communications Committee christinaj@optusnet.com.au) by Tuesday 28th May.

**OLMC 2014 Calendar Update**

'2 months to sponsor remain'

Now that we have given Mount Carmel Families first option to 'sponsor a month' for our 2014 calendar, we would like to extend the invitation to local business. If you know of anyone who may be interested in having their business logo and details included in our calendar, we would love to hear from them. The cost to sponsor a month is $100.

For further details, please contact Rebecca McPherson (0402285229/ becmcpperson@bigpond.com)

P&F Update

We are sure everyone has been thinking of little Patrick O’Sullivan, whose day out at a school Fete near Toowoomba on the weekend ended with a terrible accident on an amusement ride. None of us wants to see anyone hurt at a Fete – please be reassured that we are highly conscious of safety when making plans for this event and follow all procedures recommended by Brisbane Catholic Education.

The Fete Committee is reviewing arrangements with our amusement ride provider, Party Time Amusements, and will ensure that safety requirements (including height restrictions) on all rides are well communicated to the school community.

Tuckshop News:

- Fri 24 May  
  - Diana Thiele
  - Sasha Baker
  - Christy Grigson
  - Sue Littleton
  - Liz Carroll
  - Cath McCahon

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

- Thu 30 May  
  - Janelle Tsockallos
  - Paula Roberts

- Fri 31 May  
  - Megan Barry
  - Simone Holmes
  - Alicia Maunsell
  - Kylie Kelly
  - Michelle Park
  - Amy Webber

- Wed 5 Jun  
  - Helen Polson
  - Joanna Crowe
  - Gregoria Makras
  - Erica McAllister

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

Cross Country
On Tuesday seven runners took part in the Met East cross country trials as part of the Lytton rep team. All athletes did well on the day with the stand out performance being from Ellie Ryan who won her race by 100m and will now head to the state titles at Ipswich.

Training continues for our school team on Monday and Thursday mornings in the lead up to the Zone carnival on the 30th May at Daisy Hill. Letters have been sent home with the race times.

Netball
On Monday 70 girls took part in the Qld Catholic Schools Cup at Wembley Park. All girls had a great day and all rose to the challenge throughout provided by the high level of competition. Our under 11 team was the stand out on the day winning the competition, and achieving a goal difference of over 100 on the day, a remarkable performance. Our under 10 team also had a successful day finishing runners-up in their division, only falling behind in the 'final' in the last two minutes. The improvement in every team throughout the day was evident or all to see, especially in some of our 'B' teams who often had to play much stronger opposition.

The day would not have been possible without the help of the many parents who volunteered. Taking 7 teams, we rely on helpers and not only were we lucky enough to have parents volunteer, but their expertise and knowledge added to the girls positive experience on the day, so thank you. Thank you must also go to Mrs Thomson, Mrs Taylor, Miss Daigle and Miss Johnson who not only managed/umpired teams on the day but in the weeks leading up to the day, gave up their time to coach the girls at lunch.

Could all parents please check their children's jumpers they brought home on the day as some of the girls have lost the jumpers and maybe some people have picked up the wrong one.

AFL
Tuesday saw many of the girls backing up for the Brisbane Lions Cup day at Coorparoo JAFC. 40 girls were joined by all boys in years 5 to 7 for the day. Once again a great day was enjoyed by everyone, and there were some footy skills learnt as well!!! Our girls A team won their competition and will now go on to the next round of competition on the 30th May. Eftihiia Avraam, Charlotte Green and Georgia Elmore proved difficult to stop in front of goal, while Ruby May Carter dominated the centre bounce.

Our boys improved throughout the day and managed to collect a win with big James 'Jimbo' Livingstone proving very difficult for opposition teams to control. The jubilation of the winning match was well deserved and I was pleased to see every member making tackles, running into traffic, and getting stuck in to the game. No student demonstrated this more so than Hugo Scott (our small man) when he tied up the St Thomas' star player (big man) in one match, much to his own surprise and astonishment.

Well done to all those students who played, especially those girls who were backing up from a big day at the netball on Monday.

Luke Thomson
Handmade stall

The handmade stall is gearing up to produce another fantastic range of special items for the Fete. If you are interested in helping or have a special crafting talent, we would love to hear from you. It’s always nice to have a new collection on sale. Many of you may also have a talented family member who might like to help.

We are looking for donations of Hand-made items such as:

- Knitted and crocheted items eg Scarves, Beanies, baby jackets, teddy bears, doll clothes and scarves made using Mt Carmel school colours.
- Hair accessories and jewellery eg brooches, earrings, necklaces, bracelets, rings
- Hand towels (with knitted/crocheted handles),
- Covered coat hangers, (fabric or knitted/crocheted)
- Dress up costumes eg Children’s capes, fairy/dancing skirts, masks, crowns
- Handmade cards or other paper products
- Heat packs for adults and children
- Aprons (adults and children’s) and library bags
- Bunting

To complete some of our projects we are in search of the following materials (ASAP):

- packets of dried lavender and wheat
- buttons and rolls of ribbon,
- tulle, fabric and elastic
- pencils
- plain hand towels
- beads for jewellery making
- scrap booking card stock
- glue (paper and fabric)
- old/damaged Mt Carmel school shirts (checked only).
- Felt pieces (eg A4 size) and shapes

We would also appreciate any small cash donations or vouchers for Spotlight to help cover material costs. You would be surprised how far $10 goes!!

Any items or donations can be left at the school office or you can contact us directly and we’ll make arrangements to collect it. Please contact us for more information if needed.

There are many little jobs to do, so if you would like a little “take home” project or can join us for a small workshop then please contact us as soon as possible. With time ticking away, we would like material donations, as soon as possible, as this will allow plenty of time for our clever crafters to complete their projects.

Thank you for your support, Melissa and Aideen

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