Message from Assistant Principal Religious Education Re Zumalai Day

**Pledges extended to Friday 1st November 2013**

**Donations for Zumalai**

In the past we have organised a Spellathon to raise much needed funds for Our Lady of Mt Carmel, Zumalai, East Timor. Each year our school raises $12,000 approximately which directly supports a range of projects for our sister school. In recent times our donations have allowed the Carmelites to build a boarding house for children who would normally walk to and from school, covering very long distances. By the time many students return from school it is nightfall. Without power in many villages the students are not able to study at night. The boarding house enables students to live at the school from Monday to Friday returning home for the weekends, enhancing their ability to study effectively. $12,000 equates to approximately $22 per child. If our students are able to forego some of their weekly treats or pocket money I’m sure we could reach this target again in 2013. The school’s generous support of Zumalai is greatly appreciated. 

John Bates

**Thank You**

On behalf of all the staff at Mt Carmel I would like to thank the P&F for the magnificent morning tea we all enjoyed on Wednesday in recognition of World Teacher’s Day. Events as such contribute greatly to the staff morale so it was great to receive this support from our parent body. I would particularly like to say thank you to Bridget Murphy Ward for her huge contribution to ensure the success of these morning teas. Thanks also to the P&F for their very generous donation of a magazine subscription for staff to enjoy during breaks. Again much appreciated.

**Staffing News - Welcome Mikaela**

I am very pleased to inform all that **Mikaela Rotolone** will be joining the teaching staff at Mt Carmel in 2014. Mikaela graduates from ACU at the end of this year and will be a very welcome addition to our teaching staff next year. Mikaela comes very highly recommended and I’m sure will do a great job teaching at Mt Carmel. Please note that the allocation of teaching staff to the various year levels will not be completed until much later in the term.

**Best Wishes to Fiona Philp— Welcome Emily**

Best wishes to Fiona and her family as they prepare for the birth of their child. Fiona will be commencing her maternity leave at the end of next week. Fiona is currently working teaching 2B as part of a 5 day fortnight job share. Fiona’s place in the job share will be filled by Emily Harris through to the end of the year. Emily is very familiar to the students at Mt Carmel. She has just graduated and this will be a wonderful experience for Emily before she takes up a full time teaching position at Our Lady of the Sacred Heart, Darra. I’m sure you join with me in wishing Fiona all the best and welcoming Emily.

**Class Lists 2014**

Teachers will soon be commencing the process of allocating children to classes for next year. Teachers put much thought into the preparation of these lists and have the best interests of all at the heart of their decisions. Having spent the year with the children in their classrooms I believe the teachers are best placed to prepare these lists based on a wide range of factors and the group dynamics that they have observed. Can I please remind parents that, in accordance with school policy, those who wish to have input into this process, **about their own child**, are required to **put their request in writing** and forward directly to me via email (pdelaney@bne.catholic.edu.au). I have heard a few reports of parents going via teachers and the requirement is to send all requests directly to me. All correspondence will be strictly confidential. While I make no guarantees I am happy to consider written requests.

**Mt Carmel Halloween Night Cancelled.**

I was very sorry to hear that the parent function scheduled for this weekend has had to be cancelled due to insufficient ticket sales. I would like to take this opportunity on behalf of the whole school community to thank all of those who had worked so hard to try and bring this evening to fruition. I’m sure it would have been a great night. Hopefully we can go back to the drawing board for next year and try and organise an event that receives stronger support in the community.

Have a great week

Regards

**Peter Delaney**

Principal
Our Lady of Mt Carmel Catholic Primary School, Coorparoo
mailto:pdelaney@bne.catholic.edu.au
CALENDAR
28-30 Oct  Year 4 Camp –Luther Heights
Wed 6 Nov  Prep 2014 Parent Info Evening
Thu 7 Nov  P & F Meeting 7.30pm
Fri 8 Nov  Prep 2014 Orientation Morning
11-13 Nov  Year 6 Camp –Maranatha
Sun 24 Nov  Family Mass 5.30pm Church
Thu 28 Nov  Whole School Concert Rehearsal at venue
Thu 28 Nov  School Concert 6.30pm Sleeman Complex
Wed 4 Dec  Graduation Mass 7pm Church
Fri 6 Dec  Last day Term 4
Wed 18 Dec  Christmas Carols 6-7pm

News from the Assistant Principal
Religious Education

Date Claimer-Family Mass

Our final Family Mass for the year will take place on Sunday 24th November at 5.30pm in the church. The mass will give us the opportunity to welcome Fr. Paul to our community. Please mark this date in your diaries as it should be a wonderful opportunity to gather and celebrate together as another school year comes to an end.

Parish Masses

This week our Year Three classes and our Preps attended morning mass in the church. Our Prep students enjoyed singing the final song- “Great Big God”. Each class in the school will attend morning mass at least once this term. Parents, you are always welcome to join classes in the church at this time. Next week our Year Six classes will attend mass on Wednesday while our Year Four students will worship together on Friday morning.

Assembly: World Teacher’s Day

Next Monday’s assembly will be led by our Year Seven students who will pay tribute to our wonderful staff of dedicated teachers and their assistants. My thanks to the parents who provided an awesome morning tea for the staff last Wednesday. It was greatly appreciated!

Prayers Requested

Could we kindly include in our prayers the people of rural N.S.W who’ve experienced a very tragic week of bush-fires. Also there are a few Mt Carmel families at the moment who are dealing with the trauma of illness and would greatly appreciate our prayerful support.

Enjoy the rest of your week!  

John Bates

ATTENTION PARENTS:
NEW LATE ARRIVAL RECEIPTING AT MT CARMEL

All students who arrive late to school (ie: after 8.35am) are to be signed in via the new “Student Kiosk” located in the office. Simply scan the student’s barcode, choose reason and name of person signing in and a late slip will be printed which is to be given to the classroom teacher. See example below.

S P A R K S  i s  o n  a g a i n !  T h i s  S u n d a y  2 7  O c t o b e r  a t 4 p m

(Last one for the year will be Sun 24th November - just before the school family mass.)

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 on Michael.Barry@bmtwbm.com.au or 0412 236 782.

STUDENTS CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS

THIS WEEK
Hugo Collins
Andres Urbina
Grace Kendall
Chloe Ryan
Bobby Vedelago
Hana Lavery
Maxim Paterson
Johanna Conomos
Phoebe Ryan
Elizabeth Shaju
Caitlin Lenahan

CO-CURRICULAR PHOTOGRAPHS: Group photos for band, strings, choirs and sporting teams are available for viewing in the school office. Orders can be made by completing the Special Order Envelope (collect from the office)

Please enclose correct money and return to the school office by THURS 31st OCTOBER.
P&F Update

**World Teachers Day**

We are so lucky to have so many dedicated and talented people working here at Mt Carmel, and this week is an opportunity to say ‘thank you’ for all they do for our children. Yesterday, parents organised a wonderful morning tea (thanks to Bridget Murphy-Ward and all those volunteers who assisted), and the P&F presented a voucher to use to purchase magazines for the staffroom.

Vases in classrooms are filling up with flowers from the children - it’s not too late to bring more in tomorrow.

**Dinner Dance**

Unfortunately, this Saturday night’s parent function has been cancelled. This year was the first time we had experimented with holding the event in Term 4, as an end of year function for all parents. However, with response rates quite low it was not viable to go ahead with the evening. This was disappointing for the Committee who has been so brilliant at organising our Dinner Dances for the past three years - who could forget (or for some attendees, who could remember?) the 2011 James Bond and 2012 Wild West evenings?

The Committee always said that they would do three years, so now they are headed off to party-planning retirement. Thanks very much Rachael Patterson, Maryanne Costi, Shalini Matthews, Simone Vasilou, and Kath Eberhardt for all their efforts and enthusiasm over the past three years.

Next year we will be looking to form a new Committee, and the P&F is open to all ideas about the timing and format of an annual parent function.

If you have purchased tickets, we will be organising refunds as soon as possible.

**Master plan status update**

Our final P&F meeting for the year is on Thursday 7 November. Come along and hear a status update on the work of the Master Planning Committee. This Committee has been looking at the future uses/opportunities for the Mt Carmel school site and will be presenting a status update on outcomes so far.

Kim Broadfoot
P&F President

Next P&F Meeting: Thursday 7 November 7.30pm in the Staffroom

**CONCERT UPDATE**

ONLY 5 WEEKS TILL OUR SCHOOL MUSICAL - "THE MAGICAL CHRISTMAS JIGSAW"
THURSDAY 28TH NOVEMBER AT 6:30 P.M.

THE CHANDLER THEATRE, SLEEMAN SPORTS COMPLEX, CHANDLER

Last week you should have received your child's note about ‘costume details’ for their class item. I have attached an electronic copy for you with this week’s newsletter, (if by chance you didn't receive this note). Just scroll down to your child's class for their costume details. If you have any queries, please don't hesitate to come and see me.

Thanks for the offers of help with sewing, prop making etc. If anyone has ‘big’ Christmas decorations suitable to stand freely on the stage could you please contact me at began@bne.catholic.edu.au

Many Thanks,

Bernadette Egan
**HELP NEEDED**

Hi Mount Carmel families,

My husband and I grew up in the Blue Mountains, and as you would be aware the communities there are being devastated by fires. We have family still living in the area and have heard of lots of our friends and their families who have lost everything!

We have organised a semi trailer to pick up donations from our Qld community. Everyone has been so generous so far! I am asking Mount Carmel families for donations of toiletries, i.e. toothbrushes, tooth paste, mouthwash, floss, shampoo, conditioner, etc. to put on the truck to those in need. These small items can be dropped into the school office.

I am sure there is still room on the truck for other items as well, if you have new or near new mattresses, and fridges.

We have set up a Facebook page for anyone wanting to find out more, it's called 'Queenslanders rebuilding the Blue Mountains'.

Thanks so much for your help,

Pauline Amourous (Mum of Molly Yr7)  PH: 0431 017 845

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**Tuckshop News**

Fri 25 Oct  Louise Weir Anita Marshall Sally Grigson Kate Solofa Melissa Young Maria McCosker Jackie Kerr Catherine Parer Libby McGahan

Wed 30 Oct Melissa Kerr Andrea Avraam Simone Vasiou Maria Nicolaou Vanessa Pavlou Christalla Savva

Thu 31 Oct Maria Becconsall Jane Bryant Kate Thurecht

Fri 1 Nov Kerri Isaac Trish Job Sam Robinson Rachelle Dang Carolyn Jensen Sue Godwin Michelle Haddock Margaret Land

Wed 6 Nov Susan Flynn Christina Jones Glenys Piunti Bronwyn Aboud

Thu 7 Nov Annie Johnson Wendy Wallis Susan Hill

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

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**SUNGLASSES AT SCHOOL**

As part of our commitment to being a Sun Safe School, we are again 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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**SUNGLASSES ORDER FORM**

I………………………………………………………………………... (parents/guardian) would like to purchase ………………………(number) pairs of Cancer Council sunglasses for my child/children.   ……………………………………………………………………….

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I have enclosed: $.......................................... By CASH .
LEARNING CENTRE CORNER:

It is an exciting time ahead for our Year Seven students. Many have just enjoyed their Orientation Day at their new highschool and before long, they will be graduating from primary school and moving onto the next stage of their educational journey. Usually, this involves moving into what is often a larger school environment and can lead to anxiety or periods of unease. Here are some steps that may be useful in making a smooth transition:

- Be positive and enthusiastic about their moving to highschool.
- Try and ensure you attend advertised Orientation events.
- Ensure that you have travel arrangements in place and practice these before the beginning of the new school year.
- Discuss with your child some of the changes they may experience.
- Organise uniform and books so they are ready in advance.
- Practice organisational skills.
- Set up a study area before the new school begins.
- Help your child to develop good study habits.
- Learn about the school routines.
- Discuss emergency and safety issues.
- Encourage your child to talk about their feelings and reassure them that these concerns are normal and will pass.

The key to a smooth transition into high school is to be organised yourself and equip your child with the organisation tools they need to manage their busy lives and optimise their learning potential.

LEANNE CROFT AND KERRY KEARNS

**Band Instruments for Gr 3:**

2014 sees the introduction of band instruments (flute, clarinet, sax, trumpet) on offer to the children in grade 3 and above. If your child is interested, please fill in the EOI form attached to the newsletter.

_Sharon van der Hurk - Instrumental Music Teacher._

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**Regina Caeli Sacrament Preparation**

**Reconciliation Round I:**

**Mass of Commitment** 
SAT/SUN - OCT 19/OCT 20, 2013

**Reconciliation Preparation**

Session 1: SAT/SUN - OCT 19/OCT 20, 2013  
Session 2: SAT/SUN - OCT 26/OCT 27, 2013  
Session 3: SAT/SUN - NOV 2/NOV 3, 2013

**Ceremony of Reconciliation** 
Monday November 4, 2013 at 6.30pm

**Time Wise...** SAT’DAY EVENING - 5.25 FOR 5.30PM  
REPEATED SUNDAY MORNING 7.55 FOR 8AM

**Reconciliation Preparation Round 2, 2014 – dates tbc**

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**Outside School Hours Care**

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

- **Monday** Peg art and craft, Thumb wrestling, Mask making, Foam flyers, Soccer, Hula hoops, Scoop ball games.
- **Tuesday** Design your own creations, Silent ball, Cylinder people, Hopscotch, Twister, Qld. Cricket activities.
- **Wednesday** Create your own foamiies poster, Musical statues, Crimping craft, Forty four home, Multi sport.
- **Thursday** Pipe cleaner craft, Simon says, Paper plate art, Rainbow playbook, AFL Qld. Jelly spike ball games.
- **Friday** Kids choice art and craft, Card games, Uno, Heads down thumb up, Iron on beads to create a colourful pattern, Skipping.

Thank you to Ignatius, and Harrison for their contribution to the weekly program.

Grace Pitt, Coordinator  
Our Lady of Mount Carmel OSHC

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**Centacare child care services**

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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.