Dear Parents

Fete – We Need You!!!!!!

There are only 10 sleeps until fete day (Sunday August 4) and we are still in need of many more volunteers. Volunteering is easy. Online booking is through Pick-a-time on the Parent Portal. See instructions on page 2 of the newsletter, follow the steps to login and you will be able to volunteer on the many stalls that still require assistance on the day. Thanks in advance of your strong support of our great school. More details in regards to the fete are included further into today’s newsletter.

Sacramental Program – Changes to be aware of!!

I recommend all read very closely the letter below from our APRE, John Bates, in regards to the sacramental program at Mt Carmel. Changes are being implemented to ensure our parish sacramental program is complemented by the new RE Curriculum currently being introduced in all Catholic Schools across the Archdiocese. Details of these changes are outlined in John’s letter below. Should you have any concerns please do not hesitate to contact us at school.

Looking forward to seeing you all at our Grandparents morning this Friday commencing at 9am in the hall.

Have a great week

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

Dear parents,

Receiving the sacraments is an exciting and very important part of our faith journey as Catholics. Currently in the Mt Carmel Parish, children in Year Three commence their sacramental program towards the end of the year. Normally in Term Four the children learn about the sacrament of Reconciliation and take part in a Reconciliation Liturgy in mid-November. As the students move into year four they then commence their preparation and the celebration of the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist.

As you may be aware, as a school community we are currently taking steps to fully implement the new Religious Education Curriculum which will be officially launched in October of this year. Teachers are already teaching units of R.E based on this curriculum. The new curriculum states that Reconciliation is to be covered in year two and the sacraments of Eucharist and Confirmation to be taught in Year Three.

Following a number of the conversations between the school and parish we have decided to run the sacramental program for students from year two and three this year. Although there will be a larger group of children involved during 2013/2014 we can see a range of benefits as a result of this initiative. Aligning our school Religious Education with the Parish Sacramental Program will further enhance our relationship with the parish community. We believe that by our teachers working in line with the parish, our students will gain a deeper understanding of the sacraments that they’re receiving. Additionally, we will be celebrating the sacraments within a similar time-frame to Regina Caeli Parish. Our school community draws students from the Mt Carmel and Regina Caeli parishes.

In the up-coming weeks Mrs Kate McGuckin, the Mt Carmel Parish Secretary, will provide information regarding enrolment into the Sacramental Program.

If you have any questions regarding these changes please don’t hesitate to contact the school or parish office.

Regards

John Bates (Assistant Principal, Religious Education)
Volunteering on a stall – New online booking through Pick-a-Time

Thank you to those people who have already got in early and volunteered for to work on a stall or behind the scenes at this year’s fete. The preferred times are going quick! Remember we have moved to an online rostering system this year, so to volunteer on a stall or behind the scenes, follow the steps below.

Go to


2. Log into the Parent Portal using your BCE Username and temporary pin to access. A letter with your BCE username and temporary password was sent home in the last week of term.

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6. Once inside Pick-a-Time, activities have been divided amongst the three categories of Operations (flyer distribution, night security, fete set-up, collecting equipment), Stalls and Food and Drinks. Navigate between these three activities to find the stalls and jobs you would like to volunteer on.

Don’t forget to like us on Facebook!

[facebook.com/mtcarmelfete]
CALENDAR

Fri 26 Jul  Grandparent’s Day
Sun 4 Aug  Mt Carmel Community Fete
Tue 13 Aug  P&F Meeting 7.30pm
Wed 14 Aug  Ekka Public Holiday
Wed 21-Fri 23 Aug  Yr 5 Camp
Thu 22 Aug  Fete De-Brief Meeting 7.30pm
Wed 28 Aug  School Photos
Thu 29 Aug  School Photos
Mon 2 Sep  Science Fair
Sun 8-Thur 12 Sep  Yr 7 Trip to Canberra
Thu 12 Sep  P&F Meeting 7.30pm
TERM FOUR
Sat 26  End of Year Parent Function
Thu 28 Nov  School Concert

SOCIAL SKILLS TRAINING

A Friendship Group for girls and boys, aged 8 – 10 years is commencing at Griffith University Psychology Clinic (Mt Gravatt Campus).

The Friendship Group will focus on:

- Understanding Feelings
- Initiating and Maintaining Friendships
- Repairing Damaged Friendships
- Copying with Teasing and Bullying

There will be one group for the child and one group for the parent(s) which will run at the same time. The parent group will focus on how to extend and further develop their child’s social skills.

Both groups will run from 4:00 – 5:15pm on Mondays.

The Friendship Group is planned to commence in August 2013 and will run for 10 weeks, and will also include an additional follow-up session. The total cost for attendance will be $200 per family.

To find out more, please call Griffith University Psychology Clinic on (07) 3735 3301.

Photos from Wednesday’s State AFL Final
LEARNING CENTRE CORNER

“Reading is so much more than just letters and words on a page. Reading is communication. Reading is imagination. Reading is participation” (How Do I Teach This Kid To Read by Kimberley Henry).

Another well-known education consultant, Sue Larkey, recommends the following tips to encourage reading in our learners.

- Read stories that include the student’s special interests to motivate reading and comprehension.
- Let the child read one book of interest to them and one you choose.
- Include non-fiction as well as fiction material.
- Make photo books about their own experiences to encourage reading. Digital cameras make this very easy. You can use the same photos over and over and create a whole range of books.
- To extend comprehension, remind the student to look at the pictures in the book.
- Ask questions to check comprehension.
- If the student has difficulty with questions start a sentence “...The boy is ...” rather than “What is the boy doing?”
- Use cut and paste activities. For example, cut up the sentences and have the student match the words to pictographs or cut up the sentence and put back together.
- For children with visual perception difficulties, it is important to teach the child to point to the word so they keep track of where they are up to.
- Use a timer or digital timers to establish how long they are reading. If it is found that reading drags, sometimes rather than read a “whole book” aim for a set amount of reading time.
- Do reading in the morning or on weekends and school holidays when they are more receptive.
- Great apps for Reading include Reading Eggs and School A-Z.

Hoping you find these tips useful.

LEANNE CROFT AND KERRY KEARNS

Villanova Music Festival 2013

for Senior Choir members

Mt Carmel Senior Choir will perform at the Music Festival at Villanova on Thursday 15 August 2013. Parents will be responsible for their child's transport to Villanova and back home. The performance will be at the Goold Hall at 5.23pm and will finish at 5.43 pm.

The students will then be taken back to the audience at 6.05 where the results will be announced. All choir members need to arrive at Goold Hall at 4.45 pm dressed in their brown and white uniforms, brown socks and polished shoes. Parents are required to pay an entrance fee of $5.00 and will need to park in 8th Avenue (if possible) Please be early enough to get a parking spot and be seated in the audience in time for the performance.

All the choir members who have been selected to take part in the QCMF, will receive a copy of the Performance schedule and an important information brochure about the QCMF. Hope to see all parents there to support their children.

Music regards, Mrs Christa Cloete

Students celebrating Birthdays this week

Ellen MacDonald
Ruby-May Carter
Ava Hopton
James Horton
Mitchell Millard
Emily Campbell
Milton Pyers
Monique Piunti
Theodore Vu
Gabriel Armstrong
Georgia Ganim
Eloise Schabe
Nectaria Tsockallos

O L M C PARISH NEWS—CONFIRMATION PHOTOS

For those who ordered a photo from their child’s Confirmation in May these are ready for collection. Parish hours are 8.30am-4.00pm Tues-Friday. It would be appreciated if you could collect these ASAP.

Kate McGuckin, Parish Secretary
African Drum Fun is coming to Mt Carmel in August.

Keep an eye on the newsletter after the fete.

Sport News

AFL State Championship Final

What a game we witnessed at the Gabba on Wednesday morning. After our girls had fought through 3 earlier rounds to make the final we met Tullawong SS for the title. We were off to a rocky start with the ball perched in our backline for the majority of the first quarter. Lydia Blunt was exceptional early on fighting for possession and clearing the ball. We headed into quarter time down on the scoreboard for the first ever time this season.

The girls remained composed and slowly ground their way back into the game. Every player is required to rotate through all positions on the field and in this way every girl contributed. This proved to be our strength as we not only caught up on the scoreboard, but moved slightly ahead in the second and third quarters.

When the final quarter began we were leading by six, but this was soon negated by Tullawong who were throwing everything at us. Both teams held the lead numerous times in the final quarter. In the dying minutes, while trailing, we managed to sneak one last goal that put us 5 points up. Luckily the hooter sounded after a tense minute of desperate defence. The girls were jubilant and the travelling fans were in raptures as Simon Black handed over the Carol Berry cup to a Mt Carmel team for the second time in three years.

The players who were in the team were:

Eftie Avraam
Lydia Blunt
Ruby Leigh O’Brien
Ruby May Carter
Lara Johnson
Hannah Johnson
Georgia Elmore
Georgia Ganim
Charlotte Green
Jasmine Kozionas
Lauren Henley
Alex Eadie

It was a great finale to the season and with 7 members of the team in year 6 we look forward to another big year next year.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Eftie Avraam who was not only part of the winning Aussie Rules team but the week prior had been part of the met east team contesting the state soccer titles. Eftie played the house down and in doing so was selected in the Qld team to contest the national titles. We wish her well for that and look forward to hearing of her continued success.

Athletics

Athletics training will start next week with sprints, middle distance and throws training all taking place on Tuesday and Friday mornings at 7.45. Any students (2004-2000 born) who won the 800m, 200m (div 1) or finished in the top 4 of the 100m (div 1) are expected to be at training. Any students interested in trying out for shot put should also attend as these positions are still up for grabs. Ball games teams will train at lunchtimes when finalised.

Those students who were absent from the carnival and would like to be considered for the team should still attend training and arrangements will be made there with regard to possible run offs.

Luke Thomson
P&E Update

Fete fever

We are now in the final stages of Fete preparation. The Fete Committee and all the convenors have done a brilliant job in planning, organising, and communicating for this year’s event. Sponsors, community members and school families have been extraordinarily generous with donations, sponsorship and volunteering. It is wonderful to be part of an event that harnesses so much enthusiasm and goodwill and the day promises to be very successful.

Over the next week, if you have not had a chance to volunteer for any stalls, our convenors would dearly love some extra hands on deck. Spread the word to family and friends about what a great day out it will be, and keep your fingers crossed for fine weather!

Kim Broadfoot
P&E President

Next P&E meeting Tuesday 13 August 7.30pm (this is the night before the Ekka holiday)
pandfmtcarmel@gmail.com

LAST MINUTE REMINDERS FROM STALL CONVENORS

⇒ **Lob-a-choc** So far our supplies are quite low so we urgently request for all classes to bring in as much chocolate as they can over the following week. A pizza party awaits the class that brings in the most chocolate. Thanks very much, Di McGregor & Marcella Walker

⇒ Kids, take the opportunity to pay back your teacher for all the homework with the new **PITCH BURST SUPER SOAKER** Get this game right, and you could see your teacher covered in litres of water! The following staff have very bravely volunteered to take the challenge: Mr Delaney, Mr Bates, Mr Shaw, Mrs Halstead, Mrs Brady, Miss Daigle, Mr Thomson, Mrs Atkinson, Mr Anderson, Mrs Taylor, Mrs Isaac, Mrs Magometos and Ms Ponti. Stay tuned for a timetable of when these teachers will take on the SUPER SOAKER challenge at the fete! So start practising your aiming skills to hit the target and soak the teacher in the wet seat.

Michelle Haddock, Siobhan Stafford and Kate Lyons

⇒ **Penalty Shoot Out** Calling all energetic people to register your time for this fast, fun, entertaining stall. Past students that may still have siblings at the school would be a great addition. Any queries please contact Bridget - murphyw1@bigpond.net.au or Michelle - mrukavina@aapt.net.au

⇒ **Garbage Men Needed**

Fete Equipment Convenor **Ian Eberhardt 0411 756 148** is desperate for some assistance emptying wheelie bins on fete day. Not the most glamorous of jobs, but absolutely vital to the successful operation of the fete. The peak time bins need to be emptied is between 11.30am and 2.30pm. On fete day if you can spare 10 or 15 minutes to help empty a couple of wheelie bins then please let Ian know or choose a time to help on the Pick-a-Time fete roster.

Remember to also ‘do the right thing and use the right bin’ this year. On fete day place your recyclables (glass, plastic, paper and cardboard) in the recycling bin.

Student of the Week

Prep A Hayden Ballantyne
Prep A Lucinda Batch
Prep B Ava Dang
Prep B Aisling Cressy
Prep C Margot Kemp
Prep C George Hales
1A Hugo Collins
1B Caitlin Lenahan
1C Harriet Kinross
2A Annabelle Thomson
2B Kate Milner
2C Anastasia Tsockallos
3A Mariangela Urbina
3B Alessandro Porreca
3C Elle McDaniell
4A Annabella Pavlou
4A Nick Hartley
4B Marissa Nicolaou
4C Liam Linnett
4C Sebastian Allan
5A Hannah Moran
5B Emerson Locke
5B Emily Dann
6A Emma Reid
6A Hanna Nucifora
6B Jess Henley
6B Hannah Johnson
7 Ellie Kreutzer
Outside School Hours Care

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

**Monday**  
Design different characters, Moving to the music, Weaving activity, Skipping games, Rhythm ribbons.

**Tuesday**  
Skill sticks fun, Concentration, Paper craft fun, Jelly spike ball games, Martial art demonstrations.

**Wednesday**  
Create a fantastic mobile, Noisy animal pairs, Cone creatures, Rainbow playball games, Paddle ball.

**Thursday**  
You design photo frames, Connect four, Sewing, Basket ball shoot out, Multi skill activities.

**Friday**  
Awesome abstract art, Heads down thumbs up, Paper plane competition, Bat tapping, Red hot letter.

Our Lady of Mount Carmel OSHC  
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 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.

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We will be photographing your school on Wednesday 28th August 2013 (Main Day) & Thursday 29th August 2013 (Sports & Extracurricular).

This week you will receive a Flyer/envelope for each child explaining the products available.

Please ensure that each child returns his/her own envelope to the classroom teacher even if payment is made in the eldest child’s envelope.

Envelopes are not to be placed inside other envelopes.

Students are to bring envelopes on or preferably before Photo Day.

We have an automated system for payments by credit card. You can go online to www.advancedlife.com.au for easy to understand payment instructions. You will receive a receipt number which MUST be written on the order envelope in the space provided.

You can also make payments by cash, cheque or money order. Sibling Photos are also available—Please collect a “family order envelope” from the school office.

Please don’t hesitate to contact us if you have any queries. We look forward to seeing all your smiling faces!

Your Team from Advanced Life Photography

We invite you to join St Thomas’ Primary School in supporting the Renovating Matthew Foundation at our Masquerade Gala Night. The Gala will be held at the Noble Tree Centre at St Thomas’ Catholic Primary School, 10 Stephen Street, Camp Hill, on 24th August from 6.30pm.

Please show your support for the Ames family and come along and enjoy an amazing night, with plenty of delicious canapés, great entertainment in the form of ‘Who’sYaDaddies’, raffles and other wonderful surprises. All profit on the night to be donated to the Renovating Matthew Foundation. Ticket price is $65 and suggested attire is Masquerade Cocktail. Tickets are limited, so secure your booking online at www.trybooking.com/DEDY or contact socialstthomas@gmail.com for further information.

For further information about the Renovating Matthew Foundation, or to make a direct donation, please visit www.renovatingmatthew.com. If making a donation, please use the code “STG” at the beginning of your reference.

Tuckshop News

Fri 26 Jul    Kerri Isaac Trish Job Sam Robinson Rachelle Dang Carolyn Jensen Sue Godwin Michelle Haddock Margaret Land

Wed 31 Jul    Maria Angeli Nicky Briggs Rachel Lyons Kylie Southwood

Thu 1 Aug     Merrin Augustin Janelle Tsokcallos

Fri 2 Aug     Kim Broadfoot Simone Parry Kathryn Twaddell Laura McAdam Damian Craig Tracy O’Bryan

Wed 7 Aug     Liz Carroll Suzanne Schick Sweet McDonald Carmel Grasso Diane Reynolds

Please call Kelly on 3395 5236 if you cannot work on your rostered day.
Only 10 days remain till…. FETE 2013

* ART UNION RAFFLE - Remember the highest ticket seller wins a $100 Westfield voucher - so please collect some extra ticket books from the office today and sell at your workplace and to friends & family. All three prizes in this raffle are amazing! Make sure you are in it to win it! Competition closes Sunday 4 August @ 2pm, with the winners drawn at the fete at 2.45pm.

* BAR & BBQ OPEN TILL 6PM FETE DAY - No need to worry about dinner for the family on fete night. Remember after the fete officially closes at 3.30pm, the sensational sounds of _Highly Strung_, our delicious BBQ and thirst quenching drinks at the Bar will continue until 6pm. So head down to the oval Sunday afternoon, unwind and celebrate another fantastic Mt Carmel Community Fete.

URGENTLY SEEKING VOLUNTEERS!

* All stalls are still seeking volunteers to help on fete day and the following stalls are dangerously low on volunteers. If you can assist it would be really appreciated.

  Ashton and Old Coffee and Cakes  
  Ring-a-Coin  
  Fairy Floss and Snow Cones (Sorry ladies but it's 'Men in Pink' only at this stall)  
  Pre-loved Toys  
  Pre-loved Books  
  Penalty Shootout  
  Greek Food Stall  
  Face Painting

  Alison Burgess 0414 773 787 alison@burgessca.com  
  Michelle Dixon 0412 366 724 michelle.dixon@optusnet.com.au  
  Mark Fletcher 0404 845 058 t.fletcher@hctmail.com  
  Suzanne Littleton 0408 384 790 hslittleton@optusnet.com.au  
  Michelle Milner 0411 229 219 michelle@milners.net.au  
  Bridget Murphy 0411 091 720 murphyw1@bigpond.net.au  
  Maria Nicolau 073899 2216 marianic@bigpond.net.au  
  Kathryn Twaddell 0403 037 678 kathryn@delprojects.com.au

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* CAKES, SWEETS, JAMS & PRESERVES - If you would like to do some bulk baking or cooking for the Cake stall, Sweet stall or Jams & Preserves, please contact the relevant convenor and they can assist you.

  Sweets - Natalie Dunton (0428 774 468 njdconsulting@bigpond.com), Zsuzska Henderson (0437 180 355 zsuszarenyi@gmail.com), Sarah Ward (0406 403 050 sarahward03@optusnet.com.au).

  Cakes - Sophie Hales (0450 372 35 sophie.hales@optusnet.com.au), Susan Hill (0437 648 68 susanhill@gmail.com), Jane Bryant (0423 853 730 j.bryant@optusnet.com.au).

  Jams and Preserves - Nicole Eadie (0439 940 555 needie@bigpond.com).
RIDE ARMBANDS -

- Remember to purchase your discounted ride armbands before the Fete to save! Ride armbands can be pre-purchased on Flexischools and discounts apply for multiple purchases. The deadline for pre-purchased armbands is 3pm Thursday 1 August. Don't miss out because after this time your order cannot be processed and your only other option will be to pay full price at the fete. Fantastic rides have been arranged for the fete this year, suitable for children of all ages. So our armbands are great value for money.

- Pre-Purchased Prices
  Toddler Armbands - 1@ $16, 2@ $30 & 3@ $44
  Standard Armbands - 1@ $26, 2@ $50, 3@ $68, 4@ $86, 5@ $102
  On fete day, toddler armbands will be $18 each, standard armbands $35 each and individual ride tickets $5 each. So pre-purchase before the fete and save!

- The Toddler Armband is recommended for 3-4 year olds. It will entitle the wearer to unlimited rides all day on four rides only. This includes the Junior Jumping Castle, Red Baron, Tram Ride and The Triple Screamer Giant Slide.

- The Standard Armband entitles the wearer to unlimited rides all day on the rides they are eligible to go on.

- Saturday Set Up - “All hands on deck” are needed on Saturday 3 August from 8am for set up. Always a great buzz and excitement setting up for Fete so drop into the school sometime Saturday if you can lend a hand. Drinks and a worker BBQ are provided.

- Fete Photographers - Our beautiful and colourful photos on the Fete website and promotional material would not be possible without a number of Fete Photographers each year. If you have an interest in photography and would like to capture the fun and frivolity on Fete Day while spending time with your family, then this role is for you. On Fete Day all you need to do is collect a convenor’s lanyard from the information stand and snap away! Afterwards make a copy of your photos and leave them at the office for Tracy Laidlaw.

- Fete Entertainment Program - is attached to the newsletter. School performers please note the following message:

  - The stage is located on the school oval this year (near the daycare facility).
  - Prep Percussion Band and Yrs 1, 2 and 3 choirs please meet in the marshalling area to the left hand side of the stage at least 15 minutes prior to your performance time.
  - Students will be available for collection from the oval, in front of the steps/seating below the tennis court.
  - Teachers will have percussion instruments for the Prep Percussion Band.
  - Performers in Yr 1 and 2 choirs please bring their decorated headpiece with them.
  - School uniform is not required.
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:

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