Dear Parents

**Working Bee- This Sunday 5 May 1-4pm- We Need You!**

I’m looking forward to seeing as many as possible at our working bee this Sunday that will run from 1.00pm to 4.00pm. All volunteers are asked to gather in the shed from 1pm where jobs will be allocated. The working bee will be followed by complimentary drinks and sausage sizzle.

If you think you can volunteer a few hours on Sunday the 5th May from 1pm please email parent, Dominic Murphy, who is coordinating this event on djmurphy@qldbar.asn.au. We would love to see you and your support would be greatly appreciated.

Please bring with you any gardening equipment you can especially long handle forks, picks, mattocks, hedge trimmers (extension cords), long handle hedge trimmers, secateurs, wheelbarrows and/or bins.

**Say No To Bullying – Mt Carmel Day 6 May**

Unfortunately the “Say No To Bullying Day” held across many schools earlier this year clashed with our Walk for Water Day. To avoid confusion we decided to delay our celebration of this important message to a later date.

Thanks to our Yr. 7 leaders, next Monday, May 6, will be Mt Carmel students opportunity to come in free dress with an orange theme. The purpose of the day is to remind our students that we all have the right to feel safe and that bullying is not acceptable. The children are encouraged to seek help whenever they may need it.

**Hot Shots**

Late last year Mt Carmel signed up to join the Hot Shots program that encourages children to be active by playing tennis. Already many of our students are involved in tennis lessons at school and at many surrounding tennis centres. The school has already benefitted from a generous donation of tennis equipment to further encourage involvement in this great game. I encourage all to consider signing their children up to the Hot Shots program. The school will further benefit from Mt Carmel children becoming involved. Specific details about this program can be found in our PE teacher, Luke Thomson’s contribution further into the newsletter.

**NAPLAN**

Naplan testing for our Yr. 3, 5 & 7 students is scheduled for Tuesday 14 May through to Thursday 16 May. All year levels involved have been quietly and conscientiously preparing to participate in this national testing program. I am confident that Mt Carmel students will again achieve to the best of their ability. Since the introduction of this testing program our students have achieved outstanding results and I see no reason why we would expect any different this year. I think it is very important to keep in mind that these tests are only an indication of student achievement in one point of time. The results of Naplan tests should be viewed in combination with the much wider and broader reporting processes presented by the school across the course of the whole school year. Over the coming weeks I encourage all parents of children involved in this year’s Naplan tests to keep a low key approach to preparing your children to participate.

**Early Arrivals**

We still have many students arriving at school well before 8.15 am when supervision commences in the shed and Prep Playground. At 7.45 am this morning there were at least 15 students, not participating in before school supervised activities, hanging around the shed. Can I please ask all parents who need to drop their children to school at this early time to contact Outside School Hours Care (3847 9585) to make appropriate arrangements to ensure the safety of the children. Thanks.

Have a great week

Regards

Peter Delaney

Principal
Our Lady of Mt Carmel Catholic Primary School
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FROM OUR ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL ADMINISTRATION

MT CARMEL SCHOOL DISCO:

On Friday 17th May Mt Carmel will hold its annual school disco night. It will be held in the school hall with the Junior Disco being 4.30pm-5.30pm and the Senior disco 6.00pm-8.30pm. The theme for the Junior Disco will be "Super Heroes" and for the Senior Disco "Black and White". There will be a gold coin entry fee and there will be chips and drinks for sale on the night. The Disco will be organised and run on the night by Year 7 students.

MT CARMEL SCHOOL TALENT QUESTS:

These will be held on the last two days of this term, Thursday 20th June (Years P-3) and Friday 21st June (Years 4-7). The Year 7 Team organising the Talent Quests will be going around to classes telling the students about this event and handing out forms to interested students. Auditions will then be held in Weeks 8&9 with the finals being in Week 10.

JUBILEE CONCERT:

This event was scheduled for Wednesday night 5th June but as this is State of Origin Game 1 the concert will be transferred to the following Wednesday night 12th June.

The Brisbane Lions were hardly convincing beating Melbourne on the weekend so I think they might struggle beating the defending premiers Sydney on their home ground this weekend.

Tony Shaw

News from the Assistant Principal

Religious Education

Upcoming Events in the Religious Life of our school

Year 3B Assembly: Next Monday 6th May

Our Year Three B class will lead The Mother's Prayer assembly next week. They will pay tribute our wonderful mums. All mums, grandmothers and aunts are welcome to attend this special assembly. Our year seven leaders have promoted Monday as the "Say No to Bullying Day" Your child can come to school dressed in orange. An anti-bullying message will be delivered during assembly.

Year Two Liturgy: Next Friday 10th May at 2pm in Church

Fr Jerome will lead the year two liturgy next Friday which will be dedicated to our mothers. I’m sure the year two mums are really looking forward to this lovely occasion.

My Carmel’s Project Compassion Donation

On Monday Mr Joseph Foley the Regional Engagement Director for Caritas gratefully accepted a cheque for $9,330 from our school. Having spoken to Joseph after our assembly, he stated that as a community we have raised over $25,000 for Caritas over the last three years. This is a magnificent effort and is satisfying to know that these funds have made a significant difference in the lives of the poor and needy in our world.

R.E Curriculum Implementation Team

Members of our R.E Implementation team will gather next Wednesday to continue planning for the implementation of the new R.E curriculum. As a staff we aim to be fully implementing the new curriculum in term one 2014. Thanks to Emma Ponti, Carmel Altmann and Cameron Anderson for assisting me to roll out this new curriculum.

Working Bee: This Sunday 1-4pm

Please join us for an afternoon of getting your hands dirty, making new friends and making a real difference in our school community. I really look forward to seeing a large number of helpers. Many thanks to Dominic Murphy for stepping up to co-ordinate this event.

Sports Spot

Well the mighty Brisbane Broncos are on a roll at the moment, but this Friday’s game against the Rabbitohs will be a real test of where they really sit in the competition. Hopefully the Rabbits are still bruised and battered after their very physical encounter with Manly last week. I think the Broncs can win in a close tussle at home.

The Reds had a gritty win against the Blues. It wasn’t champagne Rugby on display but a win is a win. Finally it was encouraging to see the Lions in the winning circle again. Let’s get another trifecta this round.

Have a great weekend everyone!

John Bates
Resource Centre News

The F.R.A popcorn party

The lucky ladies from 6A helped me to launch the F.R.A (Funky Read and Relax Area) with a private popcorn party. Congratulations to Lara Mah, runners up Emma Reid and Isobel McCulloch for earning this special prize for their class. The girls made sure that the area lived up to it's new name with a conga line, music and a limbo game!

Please read the special Resource Centre Attachment

I did not want to take up any more room in the newsletter, but PLEASE read my special Resource Centre handout which is attached to this week’s newsletter. It contains important information on how your child can become a reading star this year as part of our school Reading initiatives.

Monday 6th May will be

“Mt Carmel Ban Bully Day”

We encourage all to wear orange on this day to raise awareness of bullying.

A new logo is launched!

The Fete Committee has launched a new Mount Carmel Fete logo which features the bright and festive colours of our school’s sporting teams to depict the carnival atmosphere of this year’s event.

The logo uses the sporting house colours red, blue, green and yellow to represent the Brandsma, Ward, Francis and MacKillop houses respectively.

“The challenge this year was to create a dynamic logo that continued to build upon the success of the Mt Carmel Community Fete brand established in 2012,” said Fete Convenor Tracy Laidlaw.

“We were very fortunate to access the skills of a designer free of charge. They created for us a high impact design that instantly conveys the fun and frivolity of our fete. In fact, the font used by the designer is actually called: Year supply of fairy cakes!”

The new logo is being used to promote the 2013 fete.

MT CARMEL P&F NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
The P&F AGM is being held on:
THURSDAY 9 MAY at 7:30pm
in the STAFF ROOM
ALL WELCOME

Executive Positions to be filled at this meeting:
• Treasurer
• Assistant Treasurer
• Secretary
Fete Update:

- A few stall vacancies remain for Penalty Shootout, Jewellery & Chance Cellars Contact Tracy Laidlaw to assist. (0409274889 tracy.laidlaw@optusnet.com.au)
- We are currently seeking Sponsors in a range of categories. If you know of any interested businesses a full sponsorship proposal is online at the fete website www.mtcarmelfete.com.au or contact Michael Dann (cash donations- 0413877711 michael@allfixfasteners.com.au) & Paula Atkinson (goods/prize donations- 0435100574 patkinson@bne.catholic.edu.au).
- The stall convenor meeting will be held Tuesday 21 May, 7.30pm in the Staffroom.
- Exciting updates on the Fete will be posted on Facebook leading up to the event.
- The Marketing & Communications team would like to hear from anyone who has printing contacts who may be able to provide free printing of Fete promotional material as an ‘in-kind’ sponsor.

LEARNING CENTRE CORNER:

They used to be called “tables”. Today, they are often referred to as “number facts”. The terminology may have changed but what remains the same is that children have been learning number facts for well over a hundred years. Many of us have vivid memories of flashcards, timed drills or learning tables off by heart. But is it really necessary? Some people believe that with modern technology such as calculators and computers, that committing maths facts to memory is just old school. However, many educators today would argue that learning number facts really does have value to our learners today. Maths facts are important because they form the building blocks for higher-level Maths concepts. If a child has mastered their number facts they are better equipped to handle more complex maths concepts. When a child has to spend a lot of time doing the basic facts, they are more likely to become confused with the process of higher level concepts and get lost in the calculations.

Learning number facts is best achieved with support from both the school and the home. You can use a variety of methods that work best with your child such as rote learning, flashcards, CD songs of tables and worksheets available free at many maths internet sites. Maths facts need to be practised regularly for them to be transferred to a child’s long term memory. By supporting your child in their learning of maths facts, you will be contributing to their long term success in maths.

LEANNE CROFT AND KERRY KEARNS
**P&F Update**

**P&F AGM**

Everyone is invited to attend the P&F Annual General Meeting on **Thursday 9 May** at 7.30pm. If you are curious about what the P&F does at Mt Carmel, it is a great opportunity to come along and hear the annual reports, which summarise our activities since the past AGM, including our financial position. We are also looking for some new members of the P&F Executive, so if you are keen to get involved in this way, please don’t hesitate to get in touch so that we can talk about what the different Executive roles entail (**pandf@mtcarmel@gmail.com**).

Some parents have asked why we have our AGM in May, instead of at the end of the year. This change to the Constitution was made a few years ago, as it was felt that May is far less busy than November, and also because it provides a better opportunity for a smooth transition of the Executive.

Kim Broadfoot
P&F President

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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** Create a mosaics, Person to person, Stained glass pictures, Ultimate Frisbee fun, Skipping with a partner.

**Tuesday** Match stick collage, Heads down thumbs up, Paper craft fun, Dinosaur feet, Volley ball, Red hot letter.

**Wednesday** Plate decorations, Chinese whispers, Fitness dice games, Mobiles, Basket ball, Tiger feet, Catch ball.

**Thursday** Pipe cleaner craft, Thumb wrestling, Cylinder people, Javelin throwing, Scoop ball, Outdoor games, Red rover.

**Friday** Crimpling art and craft, Music games, Target toss, Festive crowns, Bat tapping, Hula hoops, Mini air flow tennis.

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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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**Calling all Mount Carmel family businesses…….**

Following the success of the Mount Carmel Cookbook in 2012, a committee has been formed to put together a Calendar for 2014.

We are giving you first option to ‘Sponsor a month’, have your business logo and contact featured in our Mount Carmel Calendar for 2014.

The Calendar will feature, not only many very important school/parish dates/events but also various candid photos of Mount Carmel children by year level, together with many other school events such as The Fete, school concert etc – not only practical but a lovely idea for gifts and or a terrific momento of our school community.

In order to have the Calendar printed and ready for sale for the Fete this year, we need details to be finalised this term.

So Hurry…. 10 months to sponsor remain …..Those businesses that get in first – have their choice of selected month to sponsor.

If you would like to be a part of the inaugural Mount Carmel School Calendar or for further details, please contact:

Jenny Kemp 0418 873 024 **jennykemp@surgidat.com**

Rebecca Murphy 0402 322 689 **rebeccakmurphy@me.com**

Rebecca McPherson 0402 128 029 **becjmcperson@bigpond.com**

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**Students celebrating Birthdays this week**

Patrick Read    Brodie Young
Anna Shaju    Jack Carson    Max Carson
Harper Tunney    Patrick Holmes
QC CUP

The Queensland Catholic Schools Netball Cup has been moved from Downey Park for this year and quite fortuitously found a temporary home at Wembley Park for the year. One downside of this is that they are unable to accommodate as many teams and as a result the 9 years age group has been dropped for this year. Girls who are keen have expressed an interest to me and staff and I am in the process of selecting teams for the day (20th May). Thank you to those parents who have volunteered to help on the day and I will be forwarding any information as soon as teams are selected.

Club sports

I am constantly reminded of the commitment that our students have to sport when I hear about success that is achieved through sports clubs. Recently Ruby-May Carter, Andie Nicolaou and Isabella Job were selected in the MDNA rep netball teams to contest the state carnival. I have also had numerous students telling me of success achieved at Touch football with recent grand finals being played. It is great to hear of each and every success as well as the high level of commitment by our students to sport outside of school.

Cross country

This week we have a group of students attending the district cross country trials at Villa park. We had 4 runners selected in the district team last year and with a little luck (and a few runs up the hill) we can equal or better this again this year. Next week we have 60 runners attending the St Anthony’s XC at Alexandra Hills. Letters were sent out this week and we wish all runners well in their races.

Hot Shots Tennis

Hot Shots is making a push into schools and to get us started they have donated some tennis gear to Mt Carmel. In an effort to get more equipment (enough for a class) students can get online and sign up. Every student who does this will receive a shirt and a two dollar donation for their school to spend on more equipment. If we could get as many students as possible to do this it would be another experience that we could offer the students at Mt Carmel through their PE lessons, as well as possibly running tournaments during lunchtimes. To sign up;

- Go to google and type in 'hot shots tennis'
- Click the 'start playing' tab
- Click ‘claim your free stuff’
- Fill in details (feel free to enter your contact info)

It is a great promotion that offers a lot so it would be great if we could all get behind it.

Coles Equipment

The Coles equipment arrived in my absence and I have included a photo with a jubilant Lauren Spiller celebrating it’s arrival. Thank you to every family who contributed to the program, it is well worth our while and it allows us to offer more diverse activities.

Cross Country update

The Lytton trials were held this morning and all 27 runners performed extremely well. Many improved on their positions from last years carnival and we increased our number of selected runners in the Lytton team from 4 last year to 7 this year. Congratulations to Siobhan Lyons, Jordan Curd, Emily Galpin, Ellie Ryan, Monique Piunti, Olivia Spillaine and Ada Lukin. Special mention must go to Ellie Ryan who won her race. We wish these runners well at the upcoming Met East trials.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Ellie Ryan and Hannah Johnson who were recently selected in the Met East Netball team. This is a great achievement as they have been selected from over 70 schools. They will head to the state trials in the near future, and we wish them well.
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.

I…………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………...

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

I…………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………...

I have enclosed: $............................................. By CASH.

Jumping Pupils Day

This year we are having Jumping Pupils Day.

Date: 14 June, 2013

We will be having morning sessions where we will skip to practise for the Jumping Pupils Day.

When: At 8:00 to 8:20 on Tuesday and Friday.

Where: In the shed.

Why: To raise money for Vision Australia.

This year the Year 7 Recreation group have decided that they would like our annual skipping program to support Vision Australia.

Skipping practice is starting in the mornings so come along and join in the fun

Can you help with morning skipping practise sessions?

Parent volunteers are needed to help out at the morning skipping practise sessions over this term in the lead up Jumping Pupils Day on 14th June.

When? Tuesday or Friday mornings 8.00 -8.20am

Starting Tuesday May 7th

Where? The Shed

Who to contact if you can help? Carolyn Taylor

via email at  pcoorparoomtc@bne.catholic.edu.au

or in the Year 7 room.

Tuckshop News:

ROSTER

Fri 3 May    Marcella Walker Michelle Milner Coleen Zenenos Hiromi Goto Kelly Rigby Louise Bukowski Jill Mee

Wed 8 May   Raelene Garvey Kelly Mason Kate Solofa

Thu 9 May   Jennifer Cochrane Sharni Cotter Kelly Joyce

Fri 10 May  Marita Fox Margaret Vitanza Melanie Bingham Martina Noyle Therese Oates Christine Poole

Wed 15 May  Bridget Murphy-Ward Helen Palmer Michelle Greer Julianne Burke Victoria Lenton

Thu 16 May  Jo Phillips Sharon McCulloch Sue Cummins Narelle Rieck Bec McPherson

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