Dear Parents

Yr 4 Camp

I have been very fortunate this week to have the opportunity to accompany our Yr. 4 students on their first ever school camping experience. 82 very excited Yr. 4 students made their way to Luther Heights Youth Camp at Coolum. This was the first time we had used this venue and we were all very impressed by what the camp had to offer and are already looking at re-booking for our Yr. 4 students in 2014.

I would like to congratulate our Yr. 4 children for the manner in which they took part in the wide range of activities on offer. The children were brilliant and can be very proud of themselves. They took on a range of activities including flying fox (over 200m long across a valley), low ropes, nature study, beach walk and activities to name a few. On the first night they demonstrated their bush dancing prowess and had a great time.

I am most grateful to teachers Kate Lyons, Rosanna Masterson, Bridget Brady, John Bates and Kathryn Joss who generously gave of their time to accompany the children. Without the generosity and commitment of our teaching staff this opportunity would not have been possible.

2014 Vacation Care Survey

Last week, along with representatives of the P&F, I met with Centacare staff to discuss possibilities for our Outside School Hours Care service for 2014. We are interested in gaining feedback from our school community in regards to the possibility of Vacation Care operating at the school from 2014. The possibility of providing this service is totally dependent on sufficient demand. Attached to today’s newsletter is a survey which I would appreciate families completing to give us an idea of whether we have enough interest to support this initiative. The survey contains more detail in regards to this matter.

I encourage you to complete this survey and return to school as soon as possible.

For those looking for vacation care options for the 2013 Christmas holidays I believe St Thomas’ at Camp Hill would welcome enrolments from our school community for their proposed vacation care program.

Prep Orientation Friday 8 November + Parent Night Wed 6 November

Next Friday, 8 November, we will be welcoming our new Prep students for our Orientation morning. 2014 Prep parents will also be meeting with our Prep teachers for a parent meeting in the hall on Wednesday 6 November from 7pm. I would like to thank all who are currently working very hard to ensure the success of these events.

Best of luck with the cup on Tuesday. I’m thinking Fawkner might be worth looking at following its success in the Caulfield Cup.

Have a great week.

Regards

Peter Delaney
Principal
Our Lady of Mt Carmel Catholic Primary School
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Some very happy Year 4 campers at Coolum
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**ATTENTION PARENTS:**

**NEW LATE ARRIVAL PROCEDURE AT MT CARMEL**

All students who arrive late to school (ie: after 8.35am when the roll is marked) are to be signed in via the new “Student Kiosk” located in the office.

1. Simply scan the student’s barcode.
2. Select reason and the name of the person signing in.
3. Collect late slip from the front counter.
4. Hand late slip to the classroom teacher.
5. See example below.

**ALLE ATTENDANCE RECEIPTING**

**Missing Supplies!!**

If anyone has recently used or borrowed items belonging to The Mt Carmel Mothers Club from the storage room in the hall could you please have them washed and returned as soon as possible. Items missing include teapots, cups and linens. These are desperately needed for the upcoming Prep Orientation on Friday Nov 8th. Thank You!

**From the Assistant Principal Administration**

**BOOK PACKS 2014:**

Instructions and Year level Book lists were emailed to all families this week. You can go [online now](#) and order your children’s Book Packs for 2014. The link to SOS (School and Office Supplies) is on the instruction sheet but also on the school web site and the Parent Portal. The instructions on how to order and Year level Book Lists are also attached to this newsletter. We would like all family orders in no later than Friday 8th November. Apologies for the short notice but we have changed our supplier from last year and teachers went to great lengths to get the items on each list exactly right while cutting costs at the same time. As you will notice delivery of Book Packs to your desired address is free and you also have the option of delivery to school on Thursday 5th December and parents can pick up their Book Packs between 2.30pm - 3.30pm.

**PARENT PORTAL:**

The Parent Portal is your one stop shop for just about anything that happens at Mt Carmel School. If you have not attempted to access the Portal I would strongly recommend that you do so. Not only are there calendar events and Announcements, but forms and documents and online links to various Mt Carmel operations such as tuckshop, end of year concert and of course Book Packs. You can also notify the school of any student absentees and update your personal details. If you have forgotten / lost your access code please contact me and I will be more than happy to help you out. Your username is your email address that school fees are sent to.

**WHOOPING COUGH:**

One or two cases of students with Whooping Cough have been reported to the school. The students are away from school for the recommended amount of time. Please find attached to the newsletter a fact sheet from the Department of Health with information on this condition.

*Tony Shaw*
CONCERT UPDATE

ONLY 4 WEEKS TILL OUR SCHOOL MUSICAL - "THE MAGICAL CHRISTMAS JIGSAW"

THURSDAY 28TH NOVEMBER AT 6:30 P.M.
THE CHANDLER THEATRE, SLEEMAN SPORTS COMPLEX, CHANDLER

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

Student of the Week

Prep A Conor Sheehy
Prep A Conor Reilly
Prep B Finn Totterman
Prep B Nikita Tscockallos
Prep C Mia Makras
Prep C Parker Marshall
1A Isabella Nolan
1A Thomas de Brito
2A Darcy Augustin
2B Evelyn Blunt
2B Lachlan Southwood
2C Cameron Bukowski
3B Oliver Box
4A Stefania Tesolin
5A Sophie Mednis
5B Sallie Littleton
6B Julian Toscano
7 Jacob Faranda

Instrumental Music:
A Parent Information evening will be held on Monday 4th Nov at 7pm in the music/drama rooms. This evening is for any parents wishing their child to begin an instrument in 2014. All details of the music program at Mt Carmel will be discussed. Vacancies exist in lessons for the instruments offered: Strings, Woodwind, Brass, Percussion, Guitar and Keyboard/Piano.
See attached EOI or letters sent home in grades 1 and 2.
Music Teachers: Sharon and Tricia

Resource Centre News

Premiers Reading Challenge
Hopefully when you open next week’s newsletter, you will see the smiling faces of lots of Mt Carmel Children holding their long-awaited Premiers Reading Challenge certificates! These are due at the school any day now. As well as a photo in the newsletter, these children will be recognised with a special “stand and clap” at an upcoming assembly.

Lexile Invitations for Year 2 Students
So that I can be nice an organised for next year, I will be giving some information on the Lexile program to current Year 2 students. Lexile is a fun reading program that encourages children to read books at their reading level and earn points towards reading certificates. I will hand these notes out by Friday at the latest so if you have a child in Year 2 and would like to know more, please check in their homework folder.
P&F Update

Master planning update

Over the past year, a Master Planning Committee has been meeting to look at the strategic use of the school site, and considering issues such as how to accommodate future growth. We are fortunate to have a committee of skilled and enthusiastic parents involved in this exercise including Bretton Watson, an architect with experience in school development, and Nader Ibrahim, a landscape architect who has already assisted on some projects around Mt Carmel. Everyone is welcome to come and hear about the work to date, and the next steps planned. This presentation will be part of the November P&F Meeting to be held on Thursday 7 November at 7.30pm in the staffroom.

Uniform Shop

Opening hours for November will be Fridays 2.30-3pm and also Tuesday 12 November 8-9am.

New agenda items for P&F meetings

We encourage anyone with new items of business for P&F meetings to contact us in advance of the meeting. This is important to ensuring that any necessary preparation or extra information can be gathered, and also helps us alert the wider school community to the discussion by including it on the agenda for the meeting.

Kim Broadfoot, P&F President

Next P&F meeting: Thursday 7 November 2013 at 7.30pm

(please note change of date from 14 November due to a clash with the Parish sacramental program)

Tuckshop News

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
Fri 8 Nov Kim Broadfoot Simone Parry Kathryn Twaddell Laura McAdam Damian Craig Tracy O'Bryan
Wed 13 Nov Ornella Lazzarini Paula Roberts Janelle Tsockallos Christine MacDonald
Thu 14 Nov Jo Phillips Sharon McCulloch Sue Cummins Narelle Rieck Bec McPherson

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

DATE CLAIMER

Mother’s Club

Sat 29 March

Lunch

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.

SUNGLASSES ORDER FORM

I ................................................................................................................................. (parents/guardian) would like to purchase ........................................... pairs of Cancer Council sunglasses for my child/children. ...................................................... in Class ..........................................................
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I have enclosed: $...................................................... By CASH .
LEARNING CENTRE CORNER:

Mathematics is all around us. Things are measured or accurate due to mathematics. Mathematics has a prominent role to play in our daily life. Whenever we pick up the phone, manage the money, travel to some other place, in all these things mathematics is involved. If we are quick at mental maths, it will help with counting money, banking, discounts, adding time, sharing, medicine dosage, cooking etc.

Children often sum (mind the pun) mathematics up in a quick phrase like “Maths is easy” or “I’m not good at maths” or “I don’t understand” or “I won’t use this when I grow up, I’ll use a calculator”. The opinions children often form around mathematics are too narrow, misleading and often restrictive. Mathematics is broad, mastery comes through practice and understanding. Children often learn through relating their understanding, knowledge and skills to everyday life and experiences.

Ways in which teachers, parents and carers can broaden a child’s experience with mathematics is to help make the child more aware of when and how they use math. Think out loud, make estimates, check them, correct mistakes, and try more than one way to solve a problem. When a child is able to relate their mathematical learning to real-life experiences skills their ability to think mathematical broadens.

Here are a few math activities that could assist in helping children relate mathematics to everyday life. More activities will be listed in next week’s newsletter. Activities can be modified or extended depending on age and exposure a child has had to the level of maths required for activity.

Estimation Activities
1. Ask your child to guess the number of items in your home. Make a list. Then count them together. Examples may include pillows, windows, doors, chairs, and shoes. Then compare estimates with an actual count. Make comparisons between items to help young children understand the concepts of “more” or “less” and put them into categories.
2. Ask your child to determine how much time he/she will have to wait until his/her favourite TV program comes on.
3. Have your child estimate how many minutes or hours he/she spends watching TV, playing, at school, sleeping each day or week.

Travelling Activities
1. Discuss directions (north, south, east, and west) to give your child a sense of coordinates
2. Have competitions when travelling. Have child count red cars or see who can find the largest number formed by the numbers on a license plate.
3. Have child estimate, then time how long before a street light changes.
4. Point out and discuss speed limits and distances between towns. Have child practice reading the numbers on the odometer.

Dear Mount Carmel Families,

My family and I have been overwhelmed by the generosity of the families of Queensland and indeed Mount Carmel. The Semi trailer left fully packed on Sunday night, and the goods have now been delivered, ready for distribution to those families in need. Thankyou to everyone who donated items. Special thanks go to Maria Nicoleau and Family, and the team at IGA Carina. Maria delivered much needed boxes, along with a large amount of donations. Thank you also to Melissa Liddy and family, who personally dropped off loads of toiletries to our collection point. A Very BIG Thank you to everyone who has donated toiletries at the school, I will package these up and forward via Australia post straight to our distribution point. These items are in great need and will be very much appreciated by the victims of these terrible fires. Once again you can check out our facebook page 'Queenslanders rebuilding the Blue Mountains' for photos and updates. Thanks again, Pauline Amourous.
LAFFEYS MT GRAVATT TENNIS CENTRE PHONE: 3343 5766 - FREE SIGN ON DAY JUNIOR FIXTURES 1ST SEASON 2014

DATE: SUNDAY 10th NOVEMBER 2013    WHERE: LAFFS MT GRAVATT TENNIS CENTRE    WHEN: 2PM TO 3.30PM

JUNIOR FIXTURES PROGRAMMES FOR 2014 ARE AS FOLLOWS:

BEGINNER/INTERMEDIATE - TUESDAY 4pm – 6pm
BEGINNER/INTERMEDIATE - THURSDAY 4pm – 6pm
BEGINNER/INTERMEDIATE - SUNDAY AFTERNOON 4pm – 7pm
INTERMEDIATE/ADVANCED FRIDAY AFTERNOON 4pm – 7.30pm

ALL PARTICIPANTS PLAY IN WEEKLY MATCHES AT LAFFS MT GRAVATT TENNIS CENTRE COMPRISING BOTH SINGLES AND DOUBLES WITH ALL PROGRAMMES FULLY SUPERVISED.

EITHER TELEPHONE THE OFFICE TO REGISTER FOR THE SIGN ON DAY OR COMPLETE AND RETURN THIS FORM BY:

SATURDAY 9th NOVEMBER

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COMPLIMENTARY TEA AND COFFEE FOR PARENTS.

OLMC PARISH NEWS

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION
OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMELO
COORPAROO

For all those parents who have enrolled their children in the Sacramental Program here at OLMC
I hope that your preparation for the sacrament of Reconciliation is well underway and that you are enjoy this time together.

Just a reminder that the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be held on the 12, 13 or 14 November so please ensure your child is ready to fully participate.

Any queries please contact me in the Parish Office.
Kate McGuckin
Ph: 3397 1587 (Tues-Fri)
mtcarmel@bne.catholic.net.au

Congratulations to Siobhan Lyons (Yr 7) who won the “12 years Queensland Primary B Premiership” in Irish dancing held on the weekend. This the second year in a row that Siobhan has won!

STUDENTS CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Jonathan Eadie
Sebastian Wilson
Hamish McCulloch
Scarlett Zenonos
Jacob McInerney

Happy Birthday!