Dear parents,

Zone Athletics Success

Due to the hard work of so many our Catholic Zone Athletics team enjoyed a very successful carnival last Friday at QE2 stadium. Our team won the Percentage Trophy, were second in Division 1 overall and won the Ball Games trophy. We certainly have some gifted athletes at our school but I strongly believe that our wonderful results come from hard work, commitment and the dedication of students and teachers. I’d like to acknowledge the efforts of Luke Thomson our P.E teacher for ensuring that the children were well prepared for the day, particularly our ball games teams who trained very hard. Mr Mark Murphy ensured that our sprinters were in prime form for the carnival. Our relay results were particularly impressive with some long standing records broken. Mr Cameron Anderson trained our shot putters and accompanied our athletes on the day. Thanks also to Mrs Bridget Brady for supervising our students in the stand and ensuring that they were on time for all events. Once again thanks to everyone involved in such a great day for Our Lady of Mt Carmel.

Congratulations Ellie Ryan

Ellie recently competed in the National Cross-Country Championships in Tasmania. Representing our great state, Ellie came fourth in her individual event and the Queensland team finished first in Australia. This is an incredible achievement and we’re all very proud of Ellie. Well done!

Welcome Ms Diplock

Ms Jenny Diplock will be teaching Health and Physical Education in Luke Thomson’s absence. Luke will re-join us in the third week of next term. As mentioned in last week’s newsletter, Luke has taken up an Acting A.P.R.E position at Holy Spirit Bray Park for a five week period.

Science Fair

Our school was filled with Nutty Professors on Monday as the children embraced this year’s Science Fair. The children were blown away by an action-packed and explosive CSIRO Science show and were inspired by three of our parents who shared insights into their lives as scientists. My thanks to Margaret Land, Michael Barry and Andrew Johnson for sharing their experiences in such a professional and entertaining manner. The Science Fair aims to promote Science and to inspire our students to consider a career in the field of Science in the future. Well done to Ms Emma Ponti for planning and implementing this event with the assistance of a number of staff members.

Spring Concert

I’d like to thank and congratulate all of the children involved in our Spring Concert last night. Each musical group performed admirably and it was great to observe the improvements in the skills of our students. Thanks to Mrs Tricia Reck, Mrs Sharon van der Hurk, Mrs Christa Cloete and Mrs Sarah Esbensen for leading our choirs and musical ensembles. As always Mr Tony Shaw compered the night in a very professional fashion.

Canberra Trip 2013

I will join Emma Ponti, Carolyn Taylor, our wonderful year seven leaders and the Yr.6/7 students and staff of St James, Coorparoo on our annual trip to Canberra. It will be an action-packed 5 days with a visit to Parliament House, The War Memorial, The A.I.S and the ‘Snow’ just to name a few highlights. I sincerely thank our year seven teachers for giving-up precious family time to provide this wonderful opportunity for our Year Seven students.

Before School Supervision

Just a reminder that when children arrive at school they must move to the shed immediately to ensure the safety of all students. Formal supervision of the children commences at 8.15am in the shed, so even if students arrive at school around the 8.15, they are expected to make an effort to head in the direction of the shed. We take our duty of care very seriously and it is difficult to maintain this if children are dispersed throughout the school after 8.15am. Your co-operation in regard to this safety rule is greatly appreciated.

Enjoy the rest of the week and have a great weekend!

John Bates
CALENDAR

Sun 8–Thur 12 Sep    Yr 7 Trip to Canberra
Mon 9 Sep          Assembly led by 6B—2.20pm Hall
Thu 12 Sep    P&F Meeting 7.30pm
Wed 18/Thu 19 Sep    Parent /Teacher Interviews
Fri 20 Sep     Last day Term 3

TERM FOUR

Tue 8 Oct      School resumes Term 4
Thu 10 Oct                P & F Meeting 7.30pm
Sat 26 Oct       End of Year Parent Function
Thu 7 Nov                 P & F Meeting 7.30pm
Thu 28 Nov     School Concert & Rehearsal at venue

From our Assistant Principal Administration

PTO:
Parent / Teacher Interviews are set for Wednesday 18th and Thursday 19th September. As from Monday 9th September parents will be able to open the PTO site via the Parent Portal and click on the "Obtain pin" link. You will then be asked to enter your email address and then submit and your 5 digit access code will be sent to you. Your username is then your surname.

If you have any problems ring the school office from Monday 9th September and you should be able to receive help over the phone.

SPRING CONCERT:
Our annual Spring Concert was held last night and again the standard was high quality. Our Junior "Piccolo" choir performed for the first time and our Senior Choir was outstanding as usual. Our bands and strings sections were also high quality performances and congratulations go to all our students who participated and also to our teachers Christa Cloete, Sharon van der Hurk and Tricia Reck.

However, there were a few disappointing aspects regarding the Concert last night. Everyone in the audience is asked to be silent and still while a performance is in progress but unfortunately there was movement from some children throughout some of the performances. Also a number of families left as soon as their child/ren had finished performing and there was a continuous stream of people leaving during the evening. In future I would ask that all families stay until all students have performed. We do start punctually at 7.00pm and try to finish as close as possible to 8.00pm so it is only one hour of sitting and listening.

Carlton wins by a point and Brisbane lose by a point. How ironic. Carlton fight on for season 2013 and Brisbane left to ponder what might have been. Ah well there's always next year.

Tony Shaw

News from the Assistant Principal - Religious Education

Assembly Monday 9th September
Our Year 6B class will lead us in Assembly Prayer on Monday 9th. Please join us in the Hall if you are free. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Mass
Our Year 3 classes will be attending 9am Parish Mass on Friday 6th. We continue to encourage strong community relationships with our Parish and parents are more than welcome to attend Mass and celebrate with the children.

Year 7 Canberra
I will be joining the Year 7 students, Mrs Taylor and Mr Bates as we travel with the children and teachers from St James Coorparoo to Canberra this Sunday.

We are all very excited and look forward to a fun filled and eventful time away on our Leadership camp. We will return very weary next Thursday evening.

REMININDER: Peanuts + Allergies
As you are aware we have a number of children at our school who suffer from a variety of allergies that pose potential life threatening circumstances.

One such allergy includes peanuts and nuts.

Please do not bring nuts (including coconut) to school.

Also please check the ingredients in muesli bars and cookies before you send them to school and consider other alternatives for your child’s lunch box.
Thinking of getting a tutor?

Maybe your child’s teacher notices him or her struggling in a particular subject area or falling behind their peers in terms of learning. Whatever the reason, parents often turn to tutoring services to give their children extra support to maximise their learning potential. A variety of tutoring services are available for students today – from one-on-one tutoring; small group sessions or online learning. It is important for you to consider which service best fits the needs of your child. Before you search for a tutor to support your child, you may like to think about the following:

1. Who will do the tutoring? If your child is going to benefit from educational tutoring, you need to ensure that the tutor is going to be someone that your child will relate to and feel comfortable with. If a child doesn’t develop a good rapport with their tutor, learning will be affected.

2. What are the tutor’s qualifications? If possible, it is a good idea to get a tutor that has some experience with Literacy and Numeracy at the primary level of schooling. This will help the tutor to be better equipped to target the specific difficulties that your child is experiencing.

3. Think about what you want the tutor to do? In order to achieve the best outcome from tutoring, it is beneficial to be specific in terms of your goals. For example – suggesting to a tutor that your child needs support in Maths is far too general. Instead, tell them the specific area that needs addressing – maybe the addition algorithm; telling the time; multiplication of decimals etc. By doing this, your child will see the sessions as beneficial and relevant to what they are struggling with at school.

4. Where will the sessions take place? Some children may prefer to be tutored in a familiar environment such as their own home but if this is the case, ensure that the area for tutoring is free from distractions and has the necessary equipment available. Also, be sure to pick a time when your child is not too tired, such as the beginning of the week.

5. How many students will be tutored at a time? While some students thrive in small groups, others do better with one-on-one instruction. Be sure your choice can provide a setting that works for your child’s particular learning style. If you’ve chosen group tutoring, find out what is the maximum number of students per class.

6. How can you reinforce your child’s learning? Tutoring isn’t a magic wand and often times it will be beneficial if the tutor informs the parent of what they did during the session and follow-up learning is done before the next visit.

Tutoring can be a costly and time-consuming option and being informed will help you achieve the best outcomes for your child. If you are looking for tutoring options, the Learning Centre has put together a list of educational tutoring services that may be worth considering. If you are interested, feel free to call by and collect one.

Leanne Croft and Kerry Kearns
**Resource Centre News**

**Book week wrap up**
It was a wonderful book week in every way. Next week there will be a series of collage pictures of the many activities for you to enjoy but this week, I wanted to share some of the highlights:

**BOOK WEEK AUTHOR VISITS**
Visiting authors Narelle Oliver, Matt Porter and Brian Falkner all fully engaged the students with talks on how they write. All had elements of fun as well, with a collage activity (Narelle), a game show (Matt) and a hilarious brain scan (Brian). My favourite quote from the day came from Brian, who said the the best way to improve your writing skills is to read plenty of books!

I know that Brian spent last weekend busily signing all the post-visit book orders, so I am expecting those to arrive any day to distribute to student eagerly awaiting their books.

**DRESS UP DAY**
I was a bit worried that holding the dress up day on a Monday would mean that no-one would remember but I was amazed at the range of characters with many of the costumes created from items around the home. The children all looked wonderful.

**LUNCHTIME ACTIVITIES and COMPETITIONS**
Every day I had a full crowd of students having fun with a scavenger hunt, word searches, story writing and a special completion based on the story "The Coat". There were so many wonderful entries so I handed Mr Bates the very tough job of choosing some winners. The full list of Book Week competition winners are as follows:

- **Coat Competition**
  Year 1 - Bentley (1B)
  Year 2 - Joshua A. (2B)
  Year 3 - Mariangela (3A)
  Year 4 - Zara (4A)
  Year 5 - Georgia S (5A)
  Year 6 - Hannah J (6B)
  Year 7 - Caitie

Best lunchtime story entries - Sophie I (7), Nate (1C)
Lunchtime activities lucky draw - Olivia (4C), Aisling (4C)
Picture book vote lucky draw - Caitlin (3A) Scavenger Hunt top 3 - Lydia, Jess L. And Ellie (all Year 7)

All students have received their prizes and the winning coat entries are on display in the library.

**PASTORAL CARE ACTIVITY**
We concluded Book Week with a pastoral care activity revolving around the winning Picture Book of the Year, The Coat. The Coat is a beautiful story about a coat abandoned on a scarecrow that is claimed by a down and out man with no confidence. The coat allows the man to grow in confidence and skills by believing in himself. This was a lovely message to discuss with a pastoral focus and some students the tried some story wiring based on the coat theme. I will be typing up and publishing these stories in a library book, which will also feature the prize winning stories of Sophie and Nate.

**THE GREAT BOOK SWAP**
Last Friday over seventy students who donated books got to take home a book from the swap collection. It was lovely seeing the joy on their faces as they walked out, and I know that many of them probably spent the weekend enjoying their latest book. These students helped me to raise $165 for the Indigenous Literacy Foundation which was a fantastic result.

Thank you to everyone for helping to make Book Week 2013 such a huge success.

**KIDS CONNECT**
I also had the privilege of attending a facilitating at the Kids Connect Technology Event last week. While it is always worthwhile to come away with some new technology ideas, I am always happy to see that the technology projects we undertake with classes here at Mt Carmel give students exposure to many of the technology skills that are covered at Kids Connect.

After a week of book and technology fun, it is going to be hard to get back to "normal"!

**PREMIERS READING CHALLENGE**
I have more stars to hang every week and these stars will remain hanging until the students receive their certificates in Term 4. If your child has is undertaking this challenge and has not yet handed their form in, all forms are due back now.

ALL orders for Professor Bunsen (Science) must be placed by Friday 6th.
Please download the order form from last week's newsletter or ask for one in the Office.
Sport News

Last Friday saw 72 Mt Carmel athletes make the trek out to QEII for the annual Zone 2 athletics championships. Last year we managed to win the ball games trophy and come second overall, and we were hoping to at least maintain our position and if possible attempt to close the gap to last years winners from Regents Park who finished over 60points to the better last year.

We got a flying start winning over half of the 800m races which were the events that started the carnival. The 100m were next and again we maintained our strong performances throughout these events to stay in touch with the lead. While this was happening the ball games team continued our recent domination of the events winning two of the four age groups and coming second in the other two.

Various students also participated in long jump and shot put throughout the afternoon with numerous Mt Carmel students collecting wins in these events as well. The day finished with the 200m races and we were coming home with a wet sail, again winning and placing in the majority of these events.

There were numerous records broken throughout the day by both individuals and by the relay teams and once these are confirmed they will be published in the newsletter. The whole team performed brilliantly throughout the day and cheered each other on getting more enjoyment out of others success than their own.

At the presentation we were again crowned the ball games champions and were named in second place overall to Regents Park, this time however the gap had been narrowed to only 23 points, and second in the percentage trophy as well. While the afternoon concluded for us there, I have today (Monday) received an email stating that there was a miscalculation and we were also the winners of the percentage trophy. A great effort by the team and one that beyond all expectations was a marked improvement on last years success.

Well done to all students involved and a big thankyou to Mr Anderson and Mr Murphy for their continued support with the coaching of various groups of students throughout the term.

Luke Thomson

LOURDES HILL COLLEGE

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

College Open Day Friday 11th October 3.30pm-7.00pm

Applications for Year 7, 2017 (current Year 3 students) are open.

If your daughter is currently in Year 3 and you wish to submit an enrolment for her, please contact the College on 3399 8888 to request an Enrolment Pack or alternatively download from our website: www.lhc.qld.edu.au

For all enrolment enquiries, please contact
Mrs Maria Krause, Enrolments Registrar on 3399 0434
86 Hawthorne Road, Hawthorne, QLD 4171

Tuckshop News

Fri 6 Sep Maree Nucifora Nikki Reid Brianna Wall Kate Farrell Sarah Prestridge Danielle Jamieson-Hay Tania Andrews
Wed 11 Sep Raelene Garvey Rachael Houston Alicia Maunsell
Thu 12 Sep Jo Phillips Sharon McCulloch Sue Cummins Narelle Rieck Bec McPherson
Fri 13 Sep Megan Barry Simone Holmes Alicia Maunsell Kylie Kelly Michelle Park Amy Webber
Wed 18 Sep Bridget Murphy-Ward Helen Palmer Michelle Greer Julianne Burke Victoria Lenton

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

On Tuesday September 10th year 3 - 6 students will attend an Italian musical performance in the hall **Vacanze Romane** (Roman Holidays). The performance is a follow-up to past performances the children have seen.

**Vacanze Romane**

Claudia is back for her third and final adventure!

This year, Claudia is heading to Rome! But instead of using a spell to get there, she has won herself a return flight on a new game show, “Who wants to win a trip to Italy”. As a bonus, they have included one day motorino hire...and Claudia can’t wait to drive around and discover the sights.

From the Trevi fountain to the Pantheon, flooding Piazza Navona for an amazing Naval battle, putting herself in Michaelangelo’s shoes at the Sistine Chapel and finally getting a chance to visit the Stadio Olimpico, home of her favourite soccer team, A.S. Roma, Claudia’s third and final adventure is just as fun and interactive as her last two.

New songs, new dances and even a motorino to travel around on, come along and join Claudia on her amazing discovery of Italy’s gorgeous capital city.

It should be another fun and entertaining performance for the children.

Signora Loredana (Italian Teacher)

**P&F Update**

**Flexischools Update**

There have been two recent changes to Flexischools that might assist parents with Tuckshop orders.

First, the system now includes an allergy alert function. If you have a child with an allergy you are able to choose to have the allergy printed on labels for the orders.

Also, there is now a new, free mobile website to replace the paid iphone/ipad app. The mobile website runs directly from the phone browser, does not need to be downloaded via the App store, and in a few steps, an icon is added to the phone to behave like an App. For more information, go to www.flexischools.com.au

**Second-hand uniform shop**

Next term our uniform shop will trial opening on selected Tuesday mornings from 8-9am, in addition to the regular Friday afternoon session 2.30-3pm. The first Tuesday morning will be on **15 October** at 8am. The idea is to offer a time that might be better suited to working parents, or for those parents who might wish to bring their children with them to try items. Thank you to Gregoria Makras who has offered to assist at this time.

Also, we are trying to build up stock of smaller sizes as we approach the end of the year. If your child has had a growth spurt and you no longer need these items, please drop them into the white laundry hamper in the office. This will mean we have stock on offer for new Prep parents to purchase on Prep Orientation day next term, and checked shirts suitable for students entering Year 1.

**September P&F meeting**

All are welcome at next week’s P&F meeting – Thursday 12th September at 7.30pm. We’ll be talking about funding priorities after completion of the air conditioning program, there will be an update on the school garden project, and more discussion about after-hours care. We love to see new faces and hear new ideas. If you ever have something you would like to raise but are unable to attend a meeting, please feel free to email us on pandfmtcarmel@gmail.com or contact any member of the Executive directly.

Kim Broadfoot
P&F President
pandfmtcarmel@gmail.com
Science Fair Monday 2\textsuperscript{nd} September

On Monday the 2\textsuperscript{nd} of September Mt Carmel celebrated Science Week by hosting a Science Fair. Each class went to the hall and watched a Science Show by CSIRO. Children were wowed by the sounds and sights of many tricky experiments.

In the afternoon we were privileged to have three Mt Carmel parents speak with us about their role as Scientists in the community.

We began with Mr Michael Barry (father of Eliza and Tessa) who taught us all about the wonderful cuttlefish who very cleverly camouflage themselves and the plight to save them from extinction.

Following on from Mr Barry was Mrs Margaret Land (mother of Bridget) who encouraged us all to sit up straight and avoid visiting her to get physiotherapy. She taught us all of the different ways that she helps many people in our community.

She even encouraged poor ‘old’ Mr Anderson up onto the stage and went through his rehabilitation process. He is feeling in top shape today.

We finished off with Mr Andrew Johnson (father of Hannah, Chloe and Georgie) who spoke to us about the wonderful job that he does at CSIRO. The children were amazed to find out that many of the everyday items that we use were invented by the clever scientists at CSIRO.

Mr Johnson had some eager participants from the audience to assist him on stage.

A HUGE thank you to these three, wonderful parents who were able to volunteer some of their valuable time to join us at Assembly. We greatly appreciate the support of the parents within our Mt Carmel community. The children were mesmerised and thoroughly enjoyed their afternoon.

Miss Ponti
RSVP: by Monday 21st October 2013 by completing the attached form below or paying with credit card via Flexischools.

Name of People Attending: _______________________________________________________

Oldest child and grade: _________________________________________________________

Dietary requirements: _________________________________________________________

Payment method:               Cash/Cheque               Flexischools                      EFT

DIRECT TRANSFER – Please include a copy of direct transfer payment slip

BSB No:              064-786
Account No:       215060100
Account Name:   Cavendish Road – Mt Carmel P&F
Surname:  _________________________________

(please leave your surname as a reference and complete details below)
A heartfelt thanks from Handmade!

Well we all know that the Mt Carmel Fete is a community effort and nowhere is that more evident than in the Handmade Stall.

We have had members of the community and extended families working away for months in order to provide a diverse selection of homemade creations for the fete. We had a range of beautiful bags sewn by Ann Barry (Attica and Maxim's grandma) which were snapped up early in the day along with meticulously sewn pencil cases by Alison Dias-Lavery. You had to be there early to pick up beautiful tutus by Rachael Pidcock and the gorgeous aprons sewn by Sue Mulligan and Amanda Kendall were as popular as ever.

We were spoilt with a selection of knitted goods like scarves by Lila Carson and Rosaria Tornabene and hats by Robyn Chant which went to appreciative homes despite the warm weather. All of Glynne's knitted teddy bears went home in small loving arms. Earrings made by Megan Barry and Ada Lukin were as popular as they were colourful. So too were Megan's lavender sachets. Hair accessories in school colours bring people back year after year and thanks to Julianne Burke and Michelle Nolan, Melissa Craig and Tara Morris we had our most extensive collection to date.

There are amazingly generous people in the parish like Margaret Moore and Natalie Guardala who made everything from covered hangers to Christmas boxes. Emma Wallor and her mother were also very generous with their skills providing us with coat hangers, handtowels and appliqued t-shirts. Our lovely range of gift tags were also generated by a great team of year 1 mums. There are, of course, always a few that we fail to mention in our thank you, so to those people – please know we are forever grateful for your time and talent.

We would also like to thank those who made anonymous donations and thank the lady who donated a beautiful quilt for our auction this year. The $300 gift card and beauty products from Aesthetica also made our raffle more popular and we really appreciate this support.

Without the generosity of the many cash donations by year 1 and 2 parents we would not have been able to afford quite so many trips to Spotlight! A special thank you to Tracey Brock, Kim Broadfoot and Ruth Campbell. Many thanks also to those who were generous with fabric and ribbon.

Finally, we would have been lost without help setting up and selling on the day and would like to thank Tracey Davidson, Martina Nagle, Candice Collins, Catherin Parer, Kylie Southwood, Ruth Campbell, Danielle Jamieson and Bridget Manning.

Our heartfelt thanks again,

Melissa and Aideen

SCHOOL BANKING NEWS

It has been another busy term with lots of regular bankers sending in their deposits each week. Well done! There is still a delay in the arrival of Pat the Dog moneyboxes so hopefully this reward will arrive soon.

Help our School win a Marquee!

Four Brisbane South Area Schools will win a CommBank Marquee & One Brisbane South Student will win an iPad mini in the Term 3 School Banking competition.

For our School to WIN the marquee we need all of our School Bankers to make at least one deposit before the end of Term 3. If your child and their siblings haven't made a deposit this term, please do so (even if it's one dollar). We have a great chance in winning so please help us out.

Any questions please come and see us in the hall every Tuesday morning.

School Banking Team

FRIENDS OF ZUMALAI PLANT STALL, CAFE & RAFFLE

The Friends of Zumalai will be holding a Spring Sale of plants and holding a café on the lawn for coffee/tea and cake beside the church on Sunday 15th September following the 8.30am mass.

Raffle tickets are also available over the weekends of 7th and 8th September and 14th and 15th September. All the details are below. Please support the great work of the Friends of Zumalai – East Timor.

Tickets are $2 each or 3 for $5 and will be available at all masses on the weekends of 7th and 8th September and 14th and 15th September.

Drawn after the 5.30pm mass on Sunday 15th September 2013

Thank you for your support

1st Cricket bat – signed by Ricky Ponting, Adam Gilchrist and David Boon
2nd Gift voucher from Aesthetica valued at $300.00 donated by Karen Jack
3rd The Complete Matthew Hayden Cookbook and an 18 piece stainless steel BBQ tool set
4th Matthew Hayden ‘Standing My Ground’ – an autographed copy by Matthew Hayden
5th Orchid plant – donated by Flowerama at Greenslopes Mall