Dear Parents,

Welcome to the 2014 school year. We have made a great start to 2014 welcoming Prep students and a number of new children across the year levels. Credit needs to be given to the very professional staff at Mt Carmel whose diligence has ensured a positive kick off to the year.

Our enrolments in 2014 have reached 553 children. The children appear to have now settled well into their new classes and are ready for a big year at Mt Carmel.

I would like to invite you all to a number of events that are scheduled over the next week.

⇒ Our Opening School Year Liturgy will be held in the church on Friday, 7th February, commencing at 9am. All are welcome to attend. The Yr. 6 & 7 classes will be presented with their leadership badges during the mass.

⇒ Our Welcome Back BBQ, organised by the P&F, is taking on a new format this year and will be held on the oval this Sunday 9th February from 3pm – 5pm. A sausage sizzle is organised for the family along with a range of games and activities for the children that will be conducted by Life Be In It Fun Works. Families are asked to make a Gold Coin donation for the BBQ and it is BYO drinks for your family. This relaxed event is a great chance to catch up with old friends and meet some new ones. The response thus far has been very strong so I look forward to seeing many of you there on Sunday arvo.

⇒ Parent Teacher Night for Yrs 1-7 will be held on MONDAY 10th February commencing in the hall at 6.30pm. Please note that Prep are not involved. The evening will commence with a prayer and presentation to all parents in the hall followed by presentations in classrooms. It is expected that all will conclude by 8.30pm Please note that this information evening is intended for parents only.

⇒ P&F Meeting Tuesday 11 Feb from 7.30pm in the staffroom. All are encouraged to come along to P&F meetings which are held on the alternate second Tuesday & Thursday of each month in the staffroom. The P&F provides fantastic support to the school community in so many and varied manners. This is a great way all can get involved and meet new friends within the school community. I’m sure our P&F President, Kim Broadfoot, would love to welcome many new faces to next week’s meeting.

I would also like to draw your attention to the following:

⇒ Pick Up Zone & Junior Playground: A teacher is on duty each afternoon from 3pm to 3.20pm in the Norfolk St Pick Up Zone to help get children safely into cars and on their way home. At this week’s assembly Mt Carmel children were informed that they are not to be on the junior playground equipment, near the pick up zone, at these times. It has often been the case in the past that a child has to be called from the playground equipment, being totally unaware that their parent is at the front of the pick up line ready to collect them. This of course slows down the whole process. The close proximity of this playground to the pick up zone is the reason this request has become necessary. I have asked all teachers doing this duty to keep all “Mt Carmel uniformed” children off this equipment during this 20 minute period. It is still fine for pre-schoolers to use the equipment after school as long as they are supervised by their parent. It is also fine for Mt Carmel children to be playing on the oval, or elsewhere away from the pick up zone, after school as long as they are under the supervision of their parents. Children who are walking home are asked to proceed directly home after being dismissed from their classrooms.

⇒ Pick Up Zone & Name Cards: If your child is to be collected from the pick up zone can you please reply to today’s newsletter requesting laminated surname cards for display in your car’s front window. Many families now display these name cards and it makes the job of matching children with cars so much easier for the teacher on duty. If you don’t already have some of these name cards, or would like a new set, please reply to the emailed newsletter and a new set will be issued as soon as we can.

⇒ Authority and Consent Family Contact & Internet forms

Authority and Consent forms have been sent home with all children from Years 1-7. Prep and new families have completed these forms for 2014 as part of the enrolment process. These forms need to be completed annually and returned for each child to your child’s teacher as soon as possible.

⇒ Acceptable Use of Internet forms have also been sent home and need to be returned by all families from P-7

⇒ Family Contact Details and Emergency Contact Details: Please advise the school office in writing or email if your details have changed recently to ensure our records are kept up to date.

If you have any concerns about these forms do not hesitate to contact me. (Contd Pg 2)
⇒ **Peanuts + Allergies** – This year 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. In the interests of the safety of all of our children I ask you to consider alternatives to peanuts in your children’s lunches.

PLEASE KEEP OUR KIDS SAFE AND DON’T SEND NUTS OR PEANUT PASTE TO SCHOOL

⇒ **Administration of Medication to Students** Should your child be prescribed medication by a medical practitioner to be taken under supervision while at school the following guidelines need to be followed:

The parent must complete a Student Medication Request Form at the school office in order for it to be stored and administered. A daily record will be kept. The medication with pharmacist’s written instructions on the original container must be given to staff in the office. Administration of the medicine will be monitored by staff. Non-Prescribed medication (e.g. Panadol, Cough Medicine) can only be administered if they also come in the original container with written instructions. Students who are asthmatic may keep their medication with them and administer it as required. Parents are asked to inform the school if their child needs medication with them. Students must never share medication with each other—prescribed or non prescribed.

⇒ Please note that our **Yr 3-7 Swimming Carnival** date has had to be changed to **Thursday 6th March** at the Mt Gravatt Campus Aquatic Centre at Griffith University. The carnival was to be held on Friday 7th but it was recently discovered that this date clashed with World Day of Prayer an ecumenical day of celebration. Mt Carmel Parish are playing host to a number of visitors on this day which requires the involvement of many students from our school. I hope this date change does not cause any inconvenience.

Here’s to a great year at Mt Carmel in 2014. I look forward to working with all of you throughout the coming year. **If you ever have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact me at school and I will endeavour to do my best to provide help and support.** It is my hope that together we can provide a learning environment that provides fun, happiness and a sense of belonging for all members of our school community.

Have a great week!

Go the Aussies in Sochi!

**Peter Delaney**

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

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**Students celebrating birthdays from 1st January—9th February**

Sam Atkinson       Jemeka Brock
Noah Harrold       Edith Jamieson-Hay
Benjamin Preston   Olivia Soo
John Joyce         Harriet Crowe
Georgia Gunew       Rhys Mikkelsen
Meg Palmer         Joshua Antu
Bailey Cotelli     Clodagh leo
Isobelle Bevan     Sam Bevan
Cooper Gezorke     Lucy Hales
Thomas Naylor      Molly Murphy
Henry Down         James Grigson
Eloise Job         Claudia Job
Joanna Sondergeld  Elleigh Ings
Hamish McAdam      Lily Nicolaou
Anna Peck          Gemma Cummins
Mikael Ibrahim     Isabel Horton
Juliette Parer     Sam Twaddell
Kate Moraitis      Ellie Tesolin
Darcy Augustin     Jess Henley
Lauren Henley      Thomas Loch
Annabelle Thomson  James Watson
Aiyana Del Rae Maher
Holly Seymour      Violet Wilson
Mariangela Urbina  Imogen Wilson
Maria Georgiou     Lucinda Vitanza
Zara Greer         Ada Lukin
Brendan Oates      Noah Passaris
Ben Jones          Joshua Augustin
Henry Dyer         Madeleine Mar Fan
Joanna Esbensen    Claudia Thurecht
Cate Ward          Liam Farrell
Chloe Nasser       Oliver Box
Jack Moore         Zachery Vedelago
Alec Weir          Bella Andrews  Annie Bates

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School Fees have been sent home via email today.
Payment of fees is due by Friday 7th March. Thank you.
Welcome Back

We’re already in the groove as we begin a new school year. I hope you all had a great Christmas break and you are refreshed and ready for what will be another action-packed year. I hope that your child or children have settled in well to their new classroom routines. Our class teachers have been working over-time to ensure that the year starts as smoothly as possible.

Opening School Mass and Commissioning of School Leaders-Friday 7th February at 9.00am in the Church

Please join us to celebrate the commencement of our school year and to present leadership badges to our large group of school leaders. 2014 is a historic year as it is the last time that we will have Year Seven students at Our Lady of Mt Carmel. We therefore have a large contingent of school leaders this year with our Year Six boys and girls moving on to high school as well in 2014. Leadership responsibilities will be shared between both year levels this year. Our school mass will also provide us with the opportunity to welcome all new students and staff to our community and to ask our God to bless us all throughout 2014. My sincere thanks to Cameron Anderson for working hard to ensure that our students are well prepared for Friday’s mass.

Assembly- Monday 10th February

Our year seven class will lead next Monday’s assembly with a focus on St. Francis, one of our House Patrons. Our plan is to increase our students’ awareness of the significance of each of our House patrons by focussing on a different one each week. Each class will focus on some facts about the patron that lead to an understanding of the type of person that he or she was and their contribution to our society. Please join us at this special gathering time each week.

Lost and Found

We recently discovered an air-compressor hose which must’ve been left behind after a working-bee last year. It is in my office if anyone would like to claim it. Also I am currently on the look-out for our school candle which was last seen in the school hall a couple of weeks ago. If anyone knows of its whereabouts please let me know.

I look forward to catching up at the P&F B.B.Q on Sunday afternoon.

Have a great weekend!

John Bates (Acting A.P.A)

Student of the Week

1A Emma McDermott
1A Ella McDermott
1A Olivia Soo
1B Phillip Feros
1C Isaac Nasser
1C Donnell Jobi
2A Charlie Kerr
2B Patrick Hayles
2C Henry Mee
3A Zoe Mc Inerney
3B Jessie Kempnich
3C Darcy Augustin
4A Emma Palmer
4B John Joyce
4C Jack Carson
5A Jack Godwin
5B Ellie Baker
6A Joshua Woodard
6A Attica Paterson
6B Hannah Page
7 Jasmine Kozionas

Limited vacancies exist in the beginning of the week group at Harty Street Community Kindergarten. Families still searching for an outstanding pre-prep education for their child are encouraged to contact the centre today on 3397 6434 or info@hartyst.org.au to secure a position.
P&F Update

Welcome back to Mt Carmel for 2014 and a very warm welcome to the newest members of our school community. It has been such a pleasure to return to school and see two of the P&F’s long-discussed projects coming to fruition.

Our Community Garden should quite literally be producing fruit down the track, but in the meantime the area has been transformed and our herbs and flowers are growing happily. A detailed update is provided elsewhere in the newsletter but I wanted to especially thank Greg Poole for his huge contribution to building this garden over several weeks in a very hot January, and all members of the Garden Committee for their energy and passion in getting this project off the ground.

Air conditioning will soon be operational in all classrooms, so when the February heat finally catches up with us, our staff and students will work in comfort no matter how humid and unpleasant it gets outside. This has been a huge project for us and reflects the dedication and generosity of the entire community to our recent Fetes and the P&F fund raising levy.

Christmas thank-you

It seems so long ago but I would be remiss in forgetting to thank Bridget Murphy-Ward and all the parents who provided such a fabulous Christmas lunch for our staff in the last week of school, and also Rachel Tiernan from Superstars who put together a lovely evening of Christmas carols in the school hall (thanks also to the good natured Santa!).

Welcome BBQ

We are very excited about Sunday’s welcome BBQ on the Oval from 3-5pm. The P&F has arranged for games to be organised by Life Be In It, and will be putting on a sausage sizzle (gold coin donation). This will not be a full BBQ dinner as in prior years - we are keeping it simple this year! We do ask that you RSVP so we can make sure we have enough sausages and the games organisers are not overwhelmed (however if you do forget, or change your plans please don’t feel that you can’t come because you didn’t send back your form!).

It will be on rain or shine – BBQ will be in the Shed and games in the Shed and Hall. If you have offered to help, please just turn up. Please be considerate of our neighbours and ensure that you do not block driveways when parking (numbers are looking good so be prepared to walk a little way).

BYO drinks, chairs, blankets, and come and enjoy a lovely afternoon with your families. Any food you bring along should be nut free.

Class coordinators

Every year we look for one or two people prepared to act as class coordinators. Most of you would be familiar with this role by now, or may have come across something similar at kindy or other schools. Class coordinators are volunteers who:

♦ provide a point of liaison between parents in a class, and a link with the P&F
♦ help build parent support for classroom or school activities, including the Fete
♦ foster a sense of belonging for parents and children through social gatherings

Our coordinators are a really important part of growing a strong and involved school community. Please consider putting up your hand to take on one of these jobs, especially if you have not done it before. Teachers will be looking for volunteers at the Parent Information Night on Monday, or if you are really keen, please just send us an email.

First P&F Meeting for 2014

Finally, it would be wonderful to see lots of faces (especially new ones, though I am quite fond of all the ‘old’ ones) at our first P&F meeting next Tuesday, 11 February at 7.30pm in the staffroom. The staffroom is located in the admin building on Norfolk Street at the front of the school.

Kim Broadfoot - P&F President
pandfmtcarmel@gmail.com

Tuckshop Roster

Fri 7 Feb  Michelle Rukavina Nicole Nasser Andrea Ibrahim Susan Blunt Misha Del-Rae
Wed 12 Feb  Marita Fox Margaret Vitanza Melanie Bingham Andy Donnelly
Thu 13 Feb  Sharon McCulloch Sue Cummins Narelle Rieck Bec McPherson
Fri 14 Feb  Simone Holmes Alicia Maunsell Amy Benner Jenny Kemp Zsuzsa Henderson Kellie Tesolin

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

Possibly the best part of my role is that I get to see your children every year – each year they come in taller, excited about reading more complex books and ready to take on more sophisticated technology work. Mrs Allan and I are looking forward to another wonderful year of helping your children on their learning journey.

As usual I have lots of things planned for this year and I will promote these in the newsletter, once we get through the first few weeks of getting used to new classrooms and new routines.

Prep – Year 3 Library Bags

By now all the classes have been up to the Resource Centre for their first visit. Please note that if you have a child in Prep, Year 1, Year 2 or Year 3, they do need a (preferably waterproof) library bag in order to borrow. To help children get used to changed library days, we have been handing out plastic bags to students without bags this week. However from next Monday, children will need to come in with their own bags. The borrowing days for these year levels are Year 2 (Monday), Prep and 1C (Tuesday), 1A and 1B (Wednesday) and Year 3 (Thursday). I usually suggest to the children that they pack it in their bag the night before so that they don’t have to worry about remembering it in the morning.

Book Covering and Book Shelving helpers

We would love any help that parents can give us with covering library books (this is a take home job) and returning library books to shelves. If you can assist with either of these jobs, please email me on tmhalstead@bne.catholic.edu.au and I will send through some more information on what is involved.

I am so excited about my eager band of special Year 5 lunchtime helpers who will be helping me this term with shelving and other library jobs. I was pleasantly surprised with the number of students who were willing to give up one lunch hour a week for the term.

Many hands make light work is certainly a phrase that applies to our busy, bustling Resource Centre.

No Computer Club Term One

I have decided to not hold Computer Club this term as I try to get some other Resource Centre projects organised. Interested students in Years 5, 6 and 7 will be offered a computer club opportunity in Term Two, Year 3–4 students in Term Three and Year 1–2 students in Term Four. I will put a note in the newsletter for each club closer to the time. Priority is given to students who have not yet had a chance to participate in Computer Club.

Year 1A, 1B, 1C COMBINED PARENT INFORMATION NIGHT

All Year One parents are advised that 1A, 1B and 1C Parent Information Night will be held in the School Hall next Monday.

Tuckshop News

Valentine’s Day Friday 14th February

HEART LOLLIPOP FOR SALE FROM TUCKSHOP @ 20c each

Outside School Hours Care

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

Monday Foamies art and craft, Heads down thumbs up, Colour creations, Hula hoops, Multi sport activities, Toss and catch.

Tuesday Design your own creation, Clapping clues, Decorative headbands, Skipping activity with the group, Ball games.

Wednesday Fringing cutting and pasting craft, Censored seven, Flower chain, Javelin throwing, Hit and catch fun activities.

Thursday Abstract art, Silent ball games, Mobile creations, Juggle applause, Rainbow mini play balls, Velcro paddle ball.

Friday Fantastic shaped fuse beads board, Simon says, Paper plane competition, Ultimate Frisbee flyer fun, Hand ball games.

Grace Pitt Coordinator

Our Lady of Mount Carmel OSHC

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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

PARENTS NOTE:
Please come and see Grace personally about casual bookings. Permanent bookings are charged on being ABSENT or in ATTENDANCE.
OUR LADY OF MT CARMEL CHURCH
IS HOSTING
WORLD DAY OF PRAYER - EGYPT

All are welcome to the World Day of Prayer on Friday 7 March at 10am. The theme is “Streams in the Desert”. World day of prayer is a worldwide movement of Christian women of all traditions who come together to observe a common day of prayer on the first Friday of March each year to which all people are welcome. More than three million people in over 170 countries join in a service on this day.

Mt Carmel Parish is hosting this event for all the parishes in the area and ALL are welcome to attend.

As we are hosting this event we would like people to volunteer to bring a plate of sandwiches or slice/cake to be enjoyed following the service. Help is also needed to set up for the morning tea, serve and clean up.

If you are able to assist in any way this would be gratefully appreciated. Please email Kate McGuckin at mtcarmel@bne.catholic.net.au or call on 3397 1587 (Tues – Fri).

It would be wonderful if as many as possible of you could join us for such an important liturgy. As Mt Carmel is the host of this event we would like good numbers in attendance and our hospitality to shine.

Fr Paul Sireh O.Carm

Dear chess parents,

Welcome to 2014, in Chinese calendar year it is the year of the horse so I hope our children will race themselves into playing chess at Mt Carmel. Chess is a great game for the young brain.

Chess is an activity which uses both sides of the brain and studies conducted worldwide have shown that engaging in regular chess lessons results in improved mathematical, spatial and lateral-thinking skills. Studies have also shown that Chess improves reading skills by up to 25%.

Chess at Mt Carmel is open to all students from Prep to Year 7 and Term 1 lessons commence on Tuesday 4th February and continue for 9 weeks. Cost for Chess lessons for term 1 will be $81 which must be paid by week 2 of lessons. Cash, Cheque or BSB payments are accepted. All classes will be held in the hall and will commence at 7.30am.

Mrs Connie Pizzato who has been teaching chess for over 20 years will conduct classes which experienced assistant chess. Mrs Pizzato may be contacted on 0409 794 745 if you have any queries about the program. If you would like to be included in the chess parents news related to chess, please let Connie or Thuy (thuy.do@dete.qld.gov.au) know.

If paying by direct debit account details are:
BSB: 484 799 ACC: 0008 73071
Name: Connie Pizzato
Please put your child’s name & Mt Carmel + term 1 in the reference for records.

Regards, Thuy (Theo’s mum 5A)

LOURDES HILL COLLEGE

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Applications for Year 7, 2017 (current Year 4 students) Close on Friday the 7th February 2014.

If your daughter is currently in Year 4 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

Instrumental Music

Thinking of learning an instrument in 2014? Enrolments are now being taken for all areas of the program.

Mt Carmel school offers group and private lessons in strings, guitar, keyboard, woodwind, brass and percussion.

African Drumming is also offered in a group session.

See attached flyer.

Lessons start week 2 so for more details E: sharon@mobilemusicindustries.com.au
Mt Carmel Mothers Club
Welcome Back Morning Tea

Welcome to the 2014 school year! The Mothers Club would like to invite all mums to stop by and enjoy a cuppa with new and old friends on the rear veranda of the hall following drop off on Friday 14th February.

Please drop in and say Hi!

If anyone is able to either bring along or drop off a plate of food to share on the morning we would greatly appreciate it!