Dear Parents

Cyclical Review

I am very pleased to report that the Cyclical Review process we undertook last Thursday went very well. As reported in last week’s newsletter we received an oral report at the end of the day that was very complimentary of current practices at Mt Carmel. I am grateful to all the parents, children and staff who gave up their time to contribute to the success of the day. In the coming weeks I expect to receive a formal written report which I look forward to sharing with the school community.

I have handed over the rest of the front page of today’s newsletter to John Bates & Emma Ponti who will be reporting on the "Courage to Care" program that our Yr. 7 students recently participated in.

Go the mighty Maroons tonight in Sydney. I hope all have a great week.

Regards

Peter Delaney

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

St. Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal

At this time every year, our community supports the Marsden/Crestmead Chapter of St. Vincent de Paul as they embark on their Annual Winter Appeal. It appears that with the rising cost of living the number of families who experience financial difficulty dramatically increases. To help ease the pain for these families I’m calling on our community to bring in donations of pre-loved blankets, non-perishable foods such as tinned soups etc., as well as chocolate drinks such as Milo. Please bring your donation to the school office or your child’s classroom. Our wonderful friends from St Vincent de Paul will collect our donations on Friday 21st June so we have just over 2 weeks to bring in lots of items. I trust that as a community we will support this important appeal and make a difference in the lives of so many this winter.

The Courage to Care program

Our year seven leaders recently had the opportunity to attend the Courage to Care Program which was hosted by Brisbane Catholic Education at the former Mt Maria Junior College at Mitchelton. This program provided our students with the opportunity to hear stories from survivors of the Holocaust, a tragic period in world history, as well as learn about people who had the courage to help Jewish people during this time. Through role-playing scenarios our students were able to identify the role of victims, bullies and bystanders. Our students learnt the importance of standing up for others, speaking-up against injustice and not being passive bystanders when something is not right.

Below are some excerpts from some of the students’ reflections on the Courage to Care program.

"We heard the story about Tom and his life. His story was amazing, his courageous life of scary moments, starvation and emotion. I loved every bit of it....... Incredible! " (Lizzy Aboud)

"Courage to care was a very powerful, intense and emotional exhibit. I was with Lily in her group and I felt so inspired just being with her. At the end of the day I was feeling three main things: inspired by Lily and the survivors and their strength to keep going, disgusted by the fact that people could be so cruel, curious as to whether or not I would have the strength to live. It gave me the faith and power I need to truly have the courage to care. " (Siobhan Lyons)

"Hearing Tom’s story made me feel so lucky to live in this time of peace. It made me feel guilty that we all live a wonderful life while he and many others have had a terrible time of it. It was a real eye-opening experience that I don’t think I will ever forget or get over." (Evie Lukin)

"There was a thing about bullying and I was really frustrated and I was really frustrated and sad because people are just making fun of people because they are different and unique. Unique is good because it would be a boring world without it. " (Lindsey Fletcher)

"I thought that courage to care was a great experience, hearing stories about great people that have been through what happened during World War Two and they survived. At the end of the day it has been a great experience for me learning about discrimination." (Nirowin Abeywickramasinge)
(Contd. From front page)

Please note that there will be no assembly next week due to the public holiday. A large number of students will receive Student of the Week awards on Monday 17th June.

ALL DONATED ITEMS FOR ST. VINCENT DE PAUL WINTER APPEAL DUE IN BY FRIDAY 21st JUNE

Sadly the Mighty Broncos had a very tough night in the office on Monday night. They'll bounce back next Monday night against the Raiders.

Have a great weekend everyone!

John Bates

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FROM OUR ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL ADMINISTRATION

TALENT QUESTS:

The Junior Talent Quest (Years 1,2,3) is on Thursday 20th June in the Hall at 2.00pm and the Senior Talent Quest (Years 4,5,6) is on Friday 21st June in the Hall at 2.00pm. Students from the Year 7 organising committee will be handing out audition forms this week and organising with teachers when they can come back to actually audition the students.

One act from each class (or a second for some classes if appropriate) will be chosen to perform in the last week of term on the Thursday or Friday. Hopefully around 10 acts will perform at each of these afternoon performances. Students can audition twice (eg: one solo act and one group act) but will only perform in one of their acts for the finals.

Hope to see many of you there to support the students and enjoy the entertainment.

PARENT PORTAL:

I will present the new Parent Portal at the next P&F Meeting on Tuesday 11th June. This portal will be a more secure environment for Mt Carmel parents to access information rather than the more public school web site. The idea is for the current school web site to become a public site for families not in the Mt Carmel Community who are after more information about our school. By the end of the year the school web site should contain only a minimum amount of information.

JUBILEE CONCERT:

This concert is being held on Wednesday 12th June starting at 7.00pm and hopefully finishing by 8.00pm or not much later. It is an opportunity for our musicians, who have been practising very hard all year, to perform for us and show us what they have learned. Hope to see many of you there on the night.

Tony Shaw

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Our Year Seven leaders at “Courage to Care”
THE LEARNING CORNER

Over the past four weeks a number of children from Year 4 to 7 have been participating in extension challenges in the Learning Centre. The focus of the extension challenges have been on maths and science. The children have enthusiastically explored, constructed and investigated levers, gears, planes, linkages and cranks. Many of the children have enhanced their general understanding of electronics through building electricity circuits. Some of the Year 6 children participated in Robotics which involves construction and programming. The Year Four groups have also enjoyed rotational activities including problem solving and puzzles.

These extension challenges have been fun, interesting and creative. The children have worked effectively in teams and have all really challenged themselves.

"It was a fun, but challenging learning experience," Anna Shaju (Year 6).

"We’ve learnt different skills like programming and it’s fun," Caleb Hopton, Jordan Curd and Josh Woodard.

"In our group we managed to get two lights and one fan with switches to work on our circuit,” Gemma Schick, Eloise Rieck and Lucy Ware (Year 6).

Extension is offered to each class to enable the children who are recognised by their teacher as being capable of problem solving, thinking ‘outside the box’ and extending themselves to have a chance with like-minded children to explore these strengths.

Later in Term 3 Literacy Extension will be offered. Over the last two years the children in the Literacy Extension have explored Debating. Children in Year 4 and 5 in these groups will learn the skills, structure and techniques of debating and the children in the Year 6 and 7 debating groups will work in teams to construct and participate in debates. This Literacy Extension will conclude with a Debating Competition.

Kerry Kearns and Leanne Croft

Outside School Hours Care

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

Monday Queens Birthday Holiday.

Tuesday Felt sewing, Mismatch activity, Tissue paper flowers, Velcro paddle ball, Hit and catch, Juggle applause.

Wednesday Pipe cleaner craft, Moving to the music, Rainbow play ball games, Fitness dice, Cup catch, Scoop ball.

Thursday Skill sticks, Heads down thumbs up, Paper plane creations, Active after school sport, Skipping with a partner.

Friday Collage making, Freeze frame, Fabulous pirate hats, Jelly spike ball fun, Tiger feet, Foam ball activities.

Thank you to Chanel, Victoria, Alessandro and Gabriel for their contribution to the weekly program activities.

Grace Pitt, Coordinator

Our Lady of Mount Carmel OSHC

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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.

A big Thank You to all the parents for providing a delicious morning tea for the Mt Carmel staff today!!
Resource Centre News

PLEASE KEEP THESE GIRLS BUSY!!!

Meet our earn and learn “sticker girls”. Every lunchtime the beautiful Emma and Hana come in and happily stick all your Woolworth Earn and Learn stickers into booklets for us. In fact, Mrs Allan gets into trouble if she dares to do some herself!

The Earn and Learn program will be finishing this Sunday the 9th of June so please return your loose stickers, full booklets and half completed booklets to us now and next week so that we can tally up our points and claim our rewards. I am sure that our classes will be more than happy to choose some fun items with our reward points.

Conratulations to our first Premier’s Reading Challenge “Stars”

Congratulations to Matthew Sondergeld and Thomas Anderson for being the first two children to hand completed Premiers Reading Challenge sheets in to me. Matthew and Thomas will be given a named star to decorate so that I can start filling my Resource Centre sky with stars in time for our Term 3 Book Week in August.

Don’t forget, you can hand in your reading challenge sheet as soon as it is completed. It is best to hand these in directly to the Resource Centre. However you still have plenty of time to complete this challenge. I am sure that lots of children will be able to record some school holiday reading books as well.

Book Fair Photos

Just a quick note to let you know that I am still chasing a few last students to take their book fair photos and this should happen this week. Parents and children who purchased a book at the book fair should receive their book fair photo next week. Having the photo taken was purely optional and not all children decided to have one but I will print any that are taken.

OLMC Parish— First Eucharist Celebrations

Please note the dates for the practices –

- **Friday 7 June at 3.15pm** in the Church if your child is celebrating their First Eucharist at any of the masses on the weekend 8/9 June.
- **Friday 14 June at 3.15pm** in the Church if your child is celebrating their First Eucharist at any of the masses on the weekend 15/16 June.

On the weekend of their liturgy, I need the children in the Carmel Community Room no later than 15 minutes before their mass begins. The children will be processing into Church with either Fr Jerome or Fr Matthew so they need to be organised for this and then the Fathers will bless and pray over them before the liturgy begins.

Children DO NOT need to bring anything but themselves to the mass. If however they would like to bring the prayer book that was given to them that would be nice but is not required. There is no candle needed. There is also no cup of tea or coffee etc following these masses so if you are wondering about time I think it would be the length of a normal mass and maybe add 10 minutes.

I will use your pew decorations again to allocate a pew for each family so please let your guests know. Any queries please feel free to contact me on 3397 1587 or email mtcarmel@bne.catholic.net.au

Kate McGuckin, Parish Secretary

Student of the Week

- Prep A Bridget Hale
- Prep A Ewan McCosker
- Prep B Jack Parry
- Prep B Ben Taylor
- Prep C Joseph Becconsall
- Prep C Marcus Webber
- 1A Alec Weir
- 1A Mollie Parer
- 1B Sophie Branch
- 1C Christian Jones
- 3A Annika Andrews
- 3A James Horton
- 3B Zac Newton
- 4B Charli Kelley
- 4C Christiana Pappas
- 5A Genevieve Green
- 5B Maddison White
- 5B Hattie Crowe
- 6B Maria Georgiou
- 7 Jessica Quinn

Due to the public holiday next Monday, these awards will be presented at Assembly on Monday 17th June.
**Jumping Pupils Day**

This year we are having Jumping Pupils Day. **Why:** To raise money for Vision Australia.

**Date:** Friday 14 June, 2013  **Keep this day free.**

For a gold coin donation you can come dressed in purple and green.

Participate in a whole school “Jump Off” at 8:15am

**Buy green and purple cookies for 50cents.**

Be part of the whole school skipping rotations between 11- 1pm

Make up a skipping routine to perform to the school after lunch. **Keep jumping.**

Come to skipping practice for the Jumping Pupils Day.

**When:** At 8:00 to 8:20 on Tuesday and Friday.  **Where:** In the shed.

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**Students celebrating Birthdays this week**

Keira Lam  Amelia Dang  Ronan McMahon  Rosie Leeson

Bridget Hale  Sam Rigby  Addison Yared

Zara Ibrahim  Tessa Barry  Sophie Cummins

Kate Peck  Caitlin Phillips  Joseph Sheen  Will Godwin

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**Brisbane, Sunshine Coast and surrounds**

ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS ARE STILL AVAILABLE AT THE SCHOOL OFFICE for $65.00

For orders, please complete order form and return to the office.

Name : ________________________________________________________________

Eldest child and CLASS: ________________________________________________

Number of books required: @$65.00 each _______________

Payment method: CASH / CHEQUE /CREDIT CARD (cheques payable to Mt Carmel School)

**CREDIT CARD DETAILS :**

Card No: ____________________________ Expiry Date _____ / _____

Name of Cardholder: ____________________________

Amount: $__________________________

Cardholder Signature: ____________________________
P&F Update

Walk to School day

Thanks to Simone Homes for working with Tony Shaw to organise Walk Safely to School Day on 24 May, and for all parent leaders of walking groups. It was a lovely autumn morning and great to see so many groups coming happily along the streets from all directions. The drop off zone was deserted!

Car parking reminder

Early in my working life I lived next door to a school and could never understand why other people in the street complained. Then one week I was sick and home during the day – yes, the street was choked with traffic, the bells were loud, and kids loitered on my front footpath, shouting and disturbing my rest!

We do need to be particularly considerate when it comes to parking near driveways. Access to driveways should not be blocked – ever. Even if it looks like someone is not home, or not likely to move their caravan in the rain, or your car is only a few inches over and you’ll only be a few minutes, please just don’t do it. It will make for far more harmonious relationships if we are not aggravating people on a regular basis.

Lost property

Wandering the school in search of a lost jumper this week I was staggered how many places they end up and how many were not named (the brand new one belonging to one my children included…). Just a reminder to grab a marker and name these as prominently as you can, as the change of seasons mean that they are inevitably taken off during the day.

Next P&F meeting

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 11 June at 7.30pm in the staffroom. Note that dates for all meetings this year are now on school calendar, accessible through the website.

Kim Broadfoot

San Sisto College

San Sisto College
Woman of Integrity, Shaping the Future
The college cordially invites
All Past Students
to join us on
Sunday 11 August 2013
10.00 am – 12.00 pm
for
Our Annual Reunion
at which
will be celebrating their 10th, 20th, 30th and 40th year reunions

There will be morning tea, a gathering ritual, an address by the Principal and a tour of the college

Please join us at
San Sisto College
97 Mayfield Road
Carina 4152

RSVP by Monday 5 August to the college 3900 9800
Please advise any dietary requirements

“Nugget”

“...the finished project and a big Thank You from me for all the donations of coffee pods!!”

Nat O’Gorman
Handmade Stall

The Handmade Stall is seeking out any Handmade Items that might be suitable to sell at the fete.

Anything knitted, crocheted or sewn are popular items, together with Handtowels (with loops), covered coat hangers and dress up outfits.

We are also searching for any Handmade items that would appeal to children to purchase on the day.

Please contact Melissa Liddy if you can help.

mjliddy@optusnet.com.au
This winter, Mt Carmel is reaching out to people in need by supporting the St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal.
You can help by donating:
- Non-perishable foods
- Tinned soups
- Milo
- Pre loved blankets
- Tinned foods

The Donations will be presented to St Vincent de Paul on the 21st of June so bring in your donations by then.
Hopefully these donations will help to cheer up the people who go cold and hungry during the winter months.

Evie Lukin on behalf of the Year Seven Social Justice Committee