Dear Parents

Mt Carmel Fete

We could not have been blessed with better weather conditions for what proved to be another hugely successful weekend for the Mt Carmel Community. I would like to congratulate all who contributed to ensure the success of our annual school fete. Crowds seemed to be even bigger than the huge support experienced the previous year.

Many I’m sure will judge the success of the fete on how many $’s were raised for the school. It is still too early to be able to make such a forecast but I am sure the final amount will be significant and will benefit all of the children at Mt Carmel. But from my point of view the greatest mark of success should be measured in the contribution the event has made to the Mt Carmel community.

The fete would not have been possible without the many people who gave so generously of their time to help out. In particular I would like to thank our fete committee, lead tirelessly by fete convenor Tracy Laidlaw, who oversaw the entire event. Thank you to our committee, stall convenors, security team, performers, student volunteers and parent volunteers. The fete would not have been the success it was without your very generous contribution of time and effort. Again I would like to acknowledge the huge contributions of volunteers Anthony Paterson, Ian Rae and Ian Eberhardt who gave so generously of their time in the days leading up to the fete to coordinate the setting up and pulling down of the fete. Again they were ably assisted by countless volunteers.

I would also like to acknowledge past parent, Moira Stewart, who coordinated the plant stall. The plant stall managed to clear a profit of $1528.50. All of these funds are going directly to support the Little Kings Movement.

Finally I would like to thank the many generous sponsors who contributed such a wide range of items and services to our fete. Your support of our wonderful school is much appreciated. Thanks to all.

Staff Morning Tea – Thank you

On behalf of all of the staff at Mt Carmel I would like to thank the P&F for the generous morning tea provided for us on Wednesday. Gestures as such go a long way towards building staff morale who I am sure as a result felt a great amount of appreciation by our parents. We are blessed with a dedicated and talented staff who work very hard every day for the benefit of the students in their care. Yesterday’s morning tea was greatly appreciated by all. Thank you.

Principal Leave

In just over a week I will be commencing a 5 week period of leave. Two of these weeks are part of my Professional Renewal entitlements and I will be undertaking a tour of the Holy Lands visiting Egypt, Jordan & Israel. In the final 3 weeks I am taking some long service leave and my wife Leanne & I will be spending time in the Greek Islands, Italy and the U.S. I am very much looking forward to the break.

In my absence John Bates will be stepping up as Acting Principal. Tony Shaw, APA, will be on full time release to assist John with some of the administrative duties and Emma Ponti will be our Acting APRE while also continuing as Curriculum Support Teacher & Yr 7 teaching duties. Kathryn Joss will look after the 4C class on a fulltime basis, as will Peta Thompson in 5B. Carolyn Taylor will also take on some extra teaching hours in Yr 7.

I will be returning to Mt Carmel for the beginning of Term 4.

QCMF

Best wishes to all of our students who will participate in the Queensland Catholic Music Festival next week. Some of these students will be performing at assembly on Monday.

Ekka Wednesday

Please remember that next Wednesday is the holiday for the Brisbane Exhibition. This is the only day of holidays for Mt Carmel students next week.

Have a great week.

Peter Delaney

Principal
Our Lady of Mt Carmel Catholic Primary School
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**Resource Centre News**

**Book Week News**

Hopefully by now you have received an email detailing all the wonderful things I have planned for our school Book Week. By the end of this week you should also receive a note through your child giving a bit more detail for the Book Week Dress Up Day. If you have not received either, please feel free to email me at tmhalstead@bne.catholic.edu.au with your child’s year level, and I will send the information through.

**Library Shelvers Needed**

With so many parents pitching in to organise the Fete, we have had a decline in the number of ladies who have been able to come in and shelve library books for us, and there is now a bit of a backlog. If you can come in and assist (any afternoon), then just come and see us. We would greatly appreciate any help.

**Congratulations Ewan!**

I was able to give Ewan in Year 2 some great news recently. He was one of only 25 students in the country to receive a prize in the Scholastic Read More in May competition that was held in conjunction with our School Book Fair. Ewan received $250 worth of books (here he is choosing which one to read first) and our Resource Centre also received some money to spend on Library titles. Ewan will also receive his certificate on Assembly on Monday.

**From the Assistant Principal Administration**

**INVITATIONAL DISCO:**

On Friday 30th August Mt Carmel will host another Invitational Disco for students in Years 5, 6 & 7. A number of our local Catholic Schools will receive invitations to attend the disco. Tickets to attend will be delivered to the schools and any students wishing to attend need to bring their ticket along with $10 (includes entry fee, drink and chips). The disco will run from 7.00pm - 9.00pm and will be held in the School Hall.

**PARENT PORTAL:**

The Parent Portal seems to be up and running successfully. There have been a few issues with pass codes being accepted, etc, but I think just about all of those issues have been sorted out. The use of "Pick-a-time" for fete stall volunteering was done through the Parent Portal and once again there were issues with some pass codes but we seem to have been able to sort those out. For the rest of this year I will continue to add items to the Parent Portal (especially Announcements, Calendar Items and forms) and next year the School Web Site will be just a bare minimum public site for non-Mt Carmel parents who want to know a little bit about the school. The Parent Portal will be the go to place for all your information.

**SCHOOL PHOTOS:**

These are scheduled for Wednesday 28th and Thursday 29th August and will be taken in the School Hall. Once again we are using Advanced Photography. Envelopes have gone home for you to fill in your orders. Sibling Order Envelopes are available from the school office.

**YEAR 5 CAMP:**

I will be attending the Year 5 Camp at Midginbill Hill NSW from 21st - 23rd August with all the Year 5 teachers and students. We are looking forward to a fun time canoeing, orienteering and horse riding amongst other activities.

**SPRING CONCERT:**

Our Band / Strings / Choir Concert is scheduled for Wednesday 4th September from 7.00pm - 8.00pm. Our last concert finished at 7.50pm but there are a few more presentations this time around so the finish time may be closer to 8.00pm or perhaps even a bit later. It is a great opportunity for our music students to show us how much they have learnt and developed since the last concert.

Tony Shaw
News from the Assistant Principal Religious Education

Mt Carmel Fete

It would seem that our Fete becomes bigger and better every year. On Monday’s assembly I spoke to the children about how fortunate they are to have such hard-working parents who commit countless hours to improve their schooling environment. Our children will reap the benefits of the generous spirit of all involved in this incredible community event. I was awestruck on Sunday by the incredible dedication of so many to ensure that our day was so successful. If the success of the Fete was measured by the happy faces, laughter and comradery in the stalls, then it was absolutely outstanding. The general feel of the Fete was one of warmth, happiness and Christian hospitality helped along by beautiful weather and an excellent set-up. Well done to our Convenor, Tracey Laidlaw and her incredible band of helpers who worked hard for months to ensure its success.

Family Mass: Sunday 18 August at 5.30pm

As a way of celebrating the success of our Fete please come along to our Family Mass on Sunday 18th August. Gathering for mass will give us the opportunity to reflect on the many blessings of our community and to thank God for all that we have. Please return the Family Mass notes that have gone home to the eldest child in each family this week.

Mary MacKillop Feast Day: Thursday 8th August

5A led our prayer assembly on Monday afternoon to celebrate the Feast Day of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop. 5A reminded us of Mary’s dedication to ensuring that the poor had access to a Catholic Education. Mary is the one of our House Patron Saints and the Patron Saint of the Brisbane Arch-diocese. Mary’s willingness to serve the poor and marginalised despite being challenged by the hierarchy of the time was very inspiration and is a reminder of our call as Christians to consider those in our world that are less fortunate than we are. Thanks to year 5A for leading our prayer so beautifully.

Date Claimer: Jesus’ Day: Thursday 15th August- Prep to Yr2

I hope you all enjoy a well-deserved, restful weekend.

Go the Broncos!

John Bates

Student of the Week

Prep A Rocco Faranda
Prep A Sophie Fotea
Prep B Toby Hayles
Prep B Sam Leighton
Prep C Ruby Ware
Prep C Marcus Webber
1A Patrick McIlwain
1B Bentley Burke
1C Harry Innes
2A Anna Gunew
2B Hamish McCulloch
2C Sam Twaddell
3A Tom Preston
3B Zara Greer
3C Nevanmee Abeywickremasinghe
4A Hamish McAdam
4A Harry Ward
4B Ruby Bates
4C Aisling Hennessy
5A Georgia Spiller
5B Katie Atkinson
6A Annabelle Wall
6A Annie Bates
6B Lily Rae
7 Jess Liddy
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.

**LEARNING CENTRE CORNER**

**Villanova Music Festival 2013 for Senior Choir members**

Mt Carmel Senior Choir will perform at the Music Festival at Villanova on Thursday 15 August 2013. Parents will be responsible for their child's transport to Villanova and back home. The performance will be at the Goold Hall at 5.23pm and will finish at 5.43 pm.

The students will then be taken back to the audience at 6.05 where the results will be announced. All choir members need to arrive at Goold Hall at 4.45 pm dressed in their brown and white uniforms, brown socks and polished shoes. Parents are required to pay an entrance fee of $5.00 and will need to park in 8th Avenue (if possible) Please be early enough to get a parking spot and be seated in the audience in time for the performance.

All the choir members who have been selected to take part in the QCMF, will receive a copy of the Performance schedule and an important information brochure about the QCMF. Hope to see all parents there to support their children.

Music regards, Mrs Christa Cloete

**ENROLMENT IN THE SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM FOR 2013/14**

**OUR LADY OF MT CARMEL PARISH**

Last week all children in Grade 2 and 3 were given a letter outlining details of the next Sacramental program to prepare them to continue their Initiation into the Church through the Sacrament of Reconciliation in 2013 and Confirmation and Eucharist in 2014.

The preparation will commence in Term 4 at Our Lady of Mt Carmel Parish, Coorparoo. The enrolment form is due back at the Parish Office no later than Friday 23 August. (Late enrolments cannot be accepted.)

If you have a child in a grade higher than grade 3 who you would like to participate in this process, they are more than welcome to join the program.

For any questions at all regarding this program please contact me on 3397 1587 (Tues-Fri)

Kate McGuckin, Parish Secretary.

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**Students celebrating birthdays this week**

- Charli Kelley
- Alex McGahan
- Zoe McInerney
- Mia Bomford
- Dylan Fryga
- Siobhan Lyons
A million thanks to our entire community, who worked together so hard and cheerfully to make Sunday’s Fete such a huge success. On the day, and for months before, there are so many things big and small that need to be done, and we are so lucky at Mt Carmel to have so many talented and energetic people prepared to tackle the challenge. If you baked, sewed, organised, sorted, cleaned, hauled, sang, sold, planned, made, grilled, bought, entertained, donated, created, washed, packed, lugged, supervised, begged, counted, consumed, photographed, chopped, hammered, transported, imbibed, danced, laughed or got soaked......you helped make it the amazing day that it was!

The Fete Committee, who have given up big chunks of their lives for the past few weeks, and especially over the weekend, were the engine behind our efforts. Thank you so much Tracy Laidlaw, Michael Dann, Paula Atkinson, Ian Rae, Maria Becconsall, Tammy Spiller, Catherine Brosnan, Ian Eberhardt, Louise Weir, Nikki Reid, Christina Jones and Libby McGahan.

We have another 60+ families who deserve huge thanks for convening stalls - some seasoned veterans and others who put up their hands for the first time - and because of this extraordinary volunteer effort, the Mt Carmel Fete still has lovely authentic feel that is missing from so many other Fetes that rely on commercial providers to run stalls. Our staff, led by the tireless Peter Delaney, are wonderful Fete supporters, tolerant of much disruption, and an enormous help both behind the scenes (particularly Peter Allen and Gail and Britha in the office) and upfront (all those good sports prepared to get drenched). Thanks also to our incredibly generous sponsors, patient neighbours, and all the friends and family who came along to enjoy the day and support us.

Everyone is always dying to know the financial result, but this always takes a little while to finalise as expenses come in. Our new P&F Treasury team of Catherine Hennessy and Kellie Tesolin put in a massive effort to manage the cash over the weekend and are now working through final expenses and receipts (a reminder to Stall conveners to please get these in by Friday).

Thank you Mt Carmel!!!!

PIZZA PARTY WINNERS

The winner of the Tombola Pizza Party is 6A.

The winner of the Pizza Party for the largest donation to the Chance Cellars stall is class 1C.

Winners for the lob-a-choc pizza party were Prep A.

UNDER 8’s WEEK

The following items are urgently needed for Under Eight’s Week:

- wood offcuts,
- nails, screws,
- hammers & screw drivers.

Send to Prep B room
Thank you

Outside School Hours Care

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

**Monday**  Paper craft activities, Silent ball, Pin wheel fun, Hopscotch, Multi skill activities, Skipping with a partner.

**Tuesday**  Design your own lantern, Moving to the music, Mobile creations, Hand ball games, Martial art exercises.

**Wednesday**  Ekka Holiday.

**Thursday**  Pipe Cleaner art and craft, Thumb wrestling, Cylinder people, Javelin throwing, Hula Hoops, Red rover.

**Friday**  Abstract art, Heads down thumbs up, Create your own foamies picture, Ball skill activities, Bee net paddle ball games.

Grace Pitt, Coordinator
Our Lady of Mount Carmel OSHC

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INTERNET BANKING DETAILS:
BSB 064-786
Account# 310861800
Account name: OSH 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.
UNSW Science Competition Results 2013

Year 4
Charli Kelley  Credit
Luke Palmer  Credit
Matthew Ransom  Credit
Stefania Tesolin  Credit
Harry Ward  Credit
Sebastian Allan  Distinction
Amelia Dang  Distinction
Fergus Farrell  Distinction
James Panizza  Distinction

Year 5
Annabelle Allan  Credit
Caleb Hopton  Credit
Bronte Job  Distinction
Monique Piunti  Distinction
Imogen Wilson  Distinction
Jordan Curd  High Distinction

Year 7
Siobhan Lyons  Credit
Ruby-Leigh O’Brien  Credit
Evie Lukin  Distinction

Congratulations to all children who participated in the UNSW Science Competition.

SCHOOL BANKING NEWS

The Commonwealth Bank have a new competition for this term. There are 2 components to the competition:

Student Prizes: Students will receive an entry into the competition by making at least one deposit at school during term 3. One student from school regions will win an iPad mini and 10 students from each area will win a Dollarmite Backpack.

School Prize: The school within certain categories in each region, with the highest percentage of active students, making at least 1 school banking deposit through Term 3 2013, will be awarded a Marquee.

Unfortunately there were no winners from this school in the term 2 competition. The winner of the major prize was a student from Hunter Christian School in NSW. Apologies for those who did not receive a silver dollarmite token this week. The tokens have been ordered but did not arrive this week. Notes have been included in all wallets so please retain them or send them back next week and we will replace it with the token.

School Banking Team

The Sweet Stall convenors, Zsuzsa, Natalie and Sarah, would like to thank all involved with the Sweet Stall for their generous contribution of sweets, time, energy and support. The many cumulative hours of stirring fudge and honeycomb on the stove, making coconut ice and rocky road, stringing lolly necklaces, serving on the stall and packing sweets all made for a wonderful fete day. Also a big thanks to those who donated ingredients, Year 7 classes for helping with lolly necklaces and Year 5/6 classes for the use of their classroom.
Thank you Mt Carmel!

Your contribution to our fete was incredibly valued and we extend an enormous thank you each and every one of you who made our fete such a fabulous event for the local community. We should all be very proud of being a part of one the most popular fetes in Brisbane. Our successful fete was the result of the collective efforts of our whole school community, as well as the support of a record number of sponsors. Thank you for your support, donations, efforts, energy, pride, time and expertise that made the 2013 fete the best yet!

The 2013 Mt Carmel Community Fete Committee

Fete Photos If you took some photos on fete day we would love to see them. Your photos will be used to update the fete website and marketing material. Please leave a copy of your photos at the office for Tracy Laidlaw. Also include your contact details so we can acknowledge you on the website.

Fete De-Brief Meeting Stall convenors, Committee and P&F Executive please take note the fete de-brief meeting will be held 7.30pm Thursday 22 August in the staffroom. Hope to see you then after a well deserved rest.

Sponsors We had a record number of fete sponsors this year. Remember we will continue to promote our valued fete sponsors on our website until April 2014. Please visit www.mtcarmelfete.com.au to see all of our fete sponsors.

Missing Banner One of our fete banners went missing from its location approximately one week ago. The banner was strung between two star pickets and positioned on the footpath on the corner of Chatsworth Road and Sirius Street Coorparoo. If you have any knowledge of its whereabouts we would love to get the banner back. Please contact Tracy Laidlaw 0409 274 880 if you can help or have any information.

Fete Feedback Feedback forms will be circulated in the coming days to all families. We would love your feedback so please take a moment to complete the survey and return to the office.

Art Union Winners Congratulations to our three lucky winners of the art union this year. First prize was won by an ex-parent of the school that now has grown children. While a parent of the school she was very involved and even a fete Convenor at one stage, so a deserving winner of the $6,000. If you are interested in chance and lucky numbers the winning tickets were:

1st - number 1121. (Freakishly, the first prize winning number last year was ticket number 1122. I am sure this ticket book will be hotly sought after next year!) Ticket was sold by Kelly Collins.

2nd - number 3971. Ticket was sold by the Job family

3rd- number 0003. Ticket sold by the Batch family from Prep (Another odd coincidence and from the very first book of tickets.) The winner of the highest ticket seller prize was Nikki Reid who sold 6 books of tickets to her work colleagues. Thanks Nikki! As Nikki wanted to share her highest ticket seller prize with her work colleagues who purchase all the tickets, Nikki will receive a $100 Coles voucher so everyone in her office can be treated to some lovely morning teas. Thanks again to everyone that purchased a ticket.
Tuckshop News

Fri 9 Aug Marcella Walker Michelle Milner Coleen Zenenos Hiromi Goto Kelly Rigby Louise Bukowski Jill Mee

Wed 14 Aug EKKA Holiday

Thu 15 Aug Danielle Ganim Jane Green HELP NEEDED

Fri 16 Aug Andrea Carter Zsuzsa Henderson Jenny Kemp HELP NEEDED

Wed 21 Aug Melissa Kerr Andrea Avraam Simone Vasiliou Maria Nicolaou Vanessa Pavlou Christalla Savva

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

REMINDER: NEXT P & F MEETING

Tue 13 August @ 7.30pm in the staffroom

African Drum Fun is coming to Mt Carmel in August. See attachment to this newsletter for more information