Dear Parents

Working Bee a great success

I would like to express my sincere thanks to all who made it along to our working bee on Sunday afternoon. A great deal was achieved with just about every garden in the school being cleaned out. The Prep area and behind E Block were 2 areas in particular that received a major overhaul. My guess is we had around 60 volunteers on the afternoon who all enjoyed a cold drink and sausage at the completion of work.

I would particularly like to thank Dom Murphy and John Bates for their coordination of the afternoon and also the P&F for their very generous support. At this stage plans are being put in place for 1 more working bee later in the year.

Say No To Bullying – Mt Carmel Day 6 May

Congratulations to our Yr. 7 leaders who coordinated our “Say no to Bullying” day on Monday. Mt Carmel was a sea of orange on Monday as the children all recognised the importance of this message.

NAPLAN

Best wishes to our Yr. 3, 5 & 7 students who will take part in Naplan testing next week. The test are scheduled from Tuesday 14 May through to Thursday 16 May. Students who are absent on a particular test day can sit the test on the ‘catch up day’ Friday 17 May. All year levels involved have been well prepared and I am confident that Mt Carmel students will again achieve to the best of their ability.

I believe the best way to help your children prepare for these tests is to adopt a very low key approach. Children who become anxious on the day often burn up a lot of energy thus making it difficult for them to achieve to their best. A quiet word of encouragement from home is, in my opinion, the best approach.

Year 3 & 5 students will sit for four papers over three test days.

- Tuesday 14 May: Two tests – Language conventions and Writing (Narrative)
- Wednesday 15 May: Reading
- Thursday 16 May: Numeracy (one non-calculator paper)

Year 7 students will sit for five papers over three test days.

- Tuesday 14 May: Two tests – Language conventions and Writing (Narrative)
- Wednesday 15 May: Reading
- Thursday 16 May: Numeracy (two papers, calculator and non-calculator)

P&F AGM

I encourage all to come along to the AGM for our P&F that will be held in the staffroom tonight from 7.30pm.

Happy Mother’s Day

I would like to wish all our wonderful mums all the best for a very happy Mother’s Day this Sunday. We were all very privileged to observe the Yr. 3B Mother’s Day prayer assembly on Monday afternoon that paid homage to all of our mums. Best wishes for a great day. I hope you are all spoilt by your family.

Have a great week

Regards

Peter Delaney
Principal
Our Lady of Mt Carmel Catholic Primary School
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From our Assistant Principal Administration

SCHOOL DISCO:

The annual School Disco will be held on Friday 17th May in the School hall. The junior Disco (Years P-2) will be from 4.30pm - 5.30pm and the dress theme is "SUPERHEROES". The Senior Disco (Years 4-7) will be held from 6.00pm - 8.30pm and the dress theme is "BLACK AND WHITE".

There will be a gold coin entry fee and students can bring extra money if they wish to purchase chips and / or a drink. The Year 7 students who have organised the disco will also run the disco. We are looking forward to an exciting and fun evening.

Lions v WC Eagles at the Gabba this Saturday afternoon. Not confident but fingers crossed.

Tony Shaw

WOOLWORTHS EARN AND LEARN

Please keep collecting stickers from Woolworths. Loose stickers or completed sticker booklets can be returned to the GREEN COLLECTION BOX in the school office or directly to the Resource Centre.

News from the Assistant Principal

Religious Education

Weekly Assemblies

It has been great to see so many parents joining us at our assemblies on a Monday afternoon. Our weekly assembly is a very important opportunity to gather to celebrate all that is wonderful about our school. During assembly it is pleasing to observe our younger children in particular, learning about the ritual of prayer, experiencing the importance of Stillness and Silence, celebrating the achievements of their peers and proudly joining in the national anthem even if they’re still learning the words. The presence of parents at assembly is so greatly appreciated.

Please note that next Monday’s assembly will be an “Italian Assembly” prepared by Loredana Brinis, our Italian teacher.

Sacramental preparation

A large number of students, mainly in year four, are busily preparing for the sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist. It’s great to see the sacramental preparation groups gathering each week. From all reports these gatherings are proving to be a wonderful experience for all involved. As a community could we please place these children in our thoughts and prayers.

Rosies Day: Friday 24th May

Our year Seven Social Justice Committee have organised a "Rosies Day" to support the work of Rosies-Friends on the Street. Rosies is an organisation that works hard to support people who end up on the street, in youth detention centres or in prison.

"Rosies Day” has been organised to raise awareness of the issue of homelessness and the impact that it has on our world today.

On “Rosies Day” our students will be asked to wear Red, Black and White and bring a gold coin donation on the day. Additionally, the children will be asked to provide a gold coin donation if they wish to have their hair sprayed in the Rosie’s colours. This will take place before school and at first break in the shed. During regular pastoral care time a representative from Rosies will speak to our students from years 3-7 while our Prep - 2 students participate in a colouring competition which highlights the work of Rosies in a more simplistic manner.

I’d like to congratulate our year seven students for preparing this day.

Have a great weekend!

John Bates
Drama News

Please find following some important dates for drama presentations, that we would love you to come and watch:

**Friday 31 May**: Preps, 1 & 2 Creative Dance  Presentation in the Hall.
Year 2’s - 9:05a.m.
Year 1’s - 9:35a.m.
Preps - 10:05a.m.

**Thursday 13 June**: Year 4 Drama Eisteddfod. (Duo Presentations)
From 12:00p.m. in the Hall  (Schedule to be confirmed later)

**Thursday 20 June**: Year 3 Aboriginal Legend Plays in the Hall
3A 11:00a.m.
3B 11:30a.m.
3C 12:00p.m.
Year 5,6 and 7 will also be presenting their plays in the last 2 weeks of term during their drama lessons. Their audience will be the Preps - 2’s, but you are also invited to attend if you wish.

Please remind your children to start learning their parts for their performances.

Year 1 and 2’s are busy learning their poems for their performance in class. Thank you for your help in assisting them at home.

Kind Regards,

Bernadette Egan

Resource Centre News

**Premier’s Reading Challenge**
Thank you for all the parents who nominated their children for this challenge – I will now have lots of “stars” to decorate my Resource Centre for Book Week.

It is not too late – if you would like your child to take part, just email me their name and class to tmhalstead@bne.catholic.edu.au. If you need further information, please refer to the Resource Centre handout that was attached to last week’s newsletter.

**Book Fair Helpers – just a few more names please**
Thank you also to all the wonderful mums who have put their names down to help at my school Book Fair. I still need at least two helpers on Tuesday 21st May (3pm – 4pm) and Friday 24th May (3pm - 4pm). If you can help with either of these times, I would greatly appreciate it. Just email me at tmhalstead@bne.catholic.edu.au

The Book Fair is now so close – look out next week for a special poster in each classroom and some extra information in the School Newsletter.

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**Student of the Week**

Prep A  Abbey McAllister
Prep A  Ronan McMahon
Prep B  Toby Hayles
Prep B  Finn Totterman
Prep C  Lucinda Box
Prep C  George Hales
1A  James Waller
1A  Hugo Collins
1B  Keira Lam
2A  Ava Hopton
2B  Sam Bevan
3A  Mikael Ibrahim
3B  Holly Hill
3C  Chloe Johnson
4A  Luke Palmer
4B  Aiysha Matthews
5A  Meika Stafford
5A  Sofia Lindsay
5A  Georgia Gunew
5B  Caleb Hopton
5B  Jay Vickers
6B  Julian Toscano
7 Ruby May Carter
P&F Update

Working Bee thanks
The P&F Executive would like to add our thanks to the wonderful volunteers who transformed the school grounds over the weekend. We particularly appreciate Dominic Murphy, John Bates and John McCahon for leading the effort. Every family is busy on weekends so it was great to see so many prepared to give up their Sunday afternoons to lend a hand.

Grant application
The P&F is applying for grant funding to assist in the installation of a new PA system for the school. Competition for funding is intense but it helps to have a well considered and presented application - thank you Laura Palmer and Rodger Manning for puling this together.

Sink for the shed
A new sink has been installed in the Shed, which will enable us to better provide for proper hand-washing facilities for the Fete food stalls, and also allows Peter Allan better access to water for cleaning the shed. Thanks to Tracy Laidlaw for arranging the quotes and installation.

P&F AGM
The P&F AGM is on tonight, 9 May, in the staffroom at 7.30pm.
Kim Broadfoot
P&F President

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Outside School Hours Care

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

**Monday**  Crimpling art and craft, Freeze frame, Paper craft fun, Jumping ball activities, Tiger feet, Scoop ball.

**Tuesday**  Felt sewing, Knot me, Building and construction, Stencils, Mini air flow tennis bats, Skipping games, Rainbow play balls.

**Wednesday**  Design different characters, Lip sync, Weaving activity, Basket ball points, High stepper, Up down all around.

**Thursday**  Create your own picture frame, Four corners, Pressed flower cards, Heads down thumbs up, Outdoor games.

**Friday**  Dot 2 dot activity, Simon says, Create pirate hats, Hand ball activities, Multi sport games, Active after school activities.

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**INTERNET BANKING DETAILS:**
BSB 064-786  Account# 310861800
Account name: OSHC Mt.Carmel Parish
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.

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The Friends of Zumalai of Mt Carmel Parish
are holding a fundraising Cake Stall at the 8.30am mass on Sunday 12th May (Mother's Day).
We are looking for helpers to donate any type of baking items or willing customers to purchase the home made goodies.

If you are able to help with baking,
please deliver your packaged goodies to the church before the 8.30am mass (someone will be at the church from 7.30am)

We will also be doing the "gold coin" collection with the map of Zumalai at all of the masses over the Mother's Day weekend.

Funds raised will be used to furnish the proposed new boarding house in Zumalai, Timor Leste.

Thank you once again for your support.

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Students celebrating Birthdays this week

Elizabeth Aboud  Nicholas Green  Isabelle Ehler  Aiysha Matthews
Luke Palmer  Jeremy Laverty  Siobhan Leo
Angus McPherson  Alexandra Dearness  Audrey Davidson
Mt Carmel Calendar News

Hurry…. Only 4 months to sponsor remain …..

Following the success of the Mount Carmel Cookbook in 2012, a committee has been formed to put together a Calendar for 2014. We are giving families of Mt Carmel, first option to ‘Sponsor a month’, have your business logo and contact featured in our Mount Carmel Calendar for 2014.

The Calendar will feature, not only many very important school/parish dates/events but also various candid photos of Mount Carmel children, together with many other school events such as The Fete, school concert etc. – not only practical but a lovely idea for gifts and or a terrific momento of our school community.

If you would like to be a part of the inaugural Mount Carmel School Calendar or for further details, please contact….

Rebecca McPherson 0402 128 029 becmcpherson@bigpond.com

Calling all parent photographers………..

Would you like a chance to have your photo featured in the 2014 Calendar ??? If you have taken group photos of some school events this year and would like to see them included in the calendar, please send them to becmcpherson@bigpond.com or jennykemp@surgidat.com .
Jumping Pupils Day

This year we are having Jumping Pupils Day.

Date: 14 June, 2013

We will be having morning sessions where we will skip to practise for the Jumping Pupils Day.

When: At 8:00 to 8:20 on Tuesday and Friday.

Where: In the shed.

Why: To raise money for Vision Australia.

This year the Year 7 Recreation group have decided that they would like our annual skipping program to support Vision Australia. Skipping practice is starting in the mornings so come along and join in the fun.

Can you help with morning skipping practise sessions?

Parent volunteers are needed to help out at the morning skipping practise sessions over this term in the lead up Jumping Pupils Day on 14th June.

When? Tuesday or Friday mornings 8.00 -8.20am

Starting Tuesday May 7th

Where? The Shed

Who to contact if you can help? Carolyn Taylor via email at pcoorparoomtc@bne.catholic.edu.au or in the Year 7 room.

ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS ARE NOW AVAILABLE AT THE SCHOOL OFFICE

If you would like to order one please complete 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: ___________________________