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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Looking back and looking forward is often a bitter sweet experience. We see the exciting promises of what lies ahead but we also, from time to time, see lessons to be learnt from the past.

So it is, as we speedily travel into the 2016 academic year. We are very excited about future directions for the school and the plans that are well in the making for our students and staff.

It is fantastic to see the boarding numbers are at an all time (modern history) high. This is thanks to the tireless effort of so many people pulling together to make boarding an attractive proposition.

We are also very happy with the progress of teaching and learning in conjunction with our friends at the Association of Independent Schools (WA). All these initiatives give us cause for celebration.

However, there is also some sadness in the fact that we will be saying goodbye to some of our staff. Mr John Minett and his wife Michelle, have accepted positions on the east coast at another of our Adventist schools in Kempsey, while Mr Darren Martin has accepted a position at Heritage College in Melbourne. Along with this, Mrs Celia Nichols will be returning to her former school, and our French teacher, Monsieur Gervais Cangy, will return to full time ministry in 2016. We thank them for their contribution here at Carmel and wish them all God's blessings as they pursue new adventures and challenges. It is important to note, that while the school and wider community will miss them, it is business as usual at Carmel Adventist College. There will be a change of guard, but please rest assured, that I will be staying on as Principal of the college and that together, the staff and I, will be ensuring the college stays on course and continues to grow from strength to strength.

## CALENDAR

**MALAYSIA TRIP - YR 12'S**  
19TH NOVEMBER - 2ND DEC

**YEAR 9 PARENT NIGHT**  
MONDAY 23RD NOV 6-7PM

**YEAR 8 IMMUNISATIONS**  
WEDNESDAY 2ND DECEMBER

**GRADUATION WEEKEND**  
BBQ TEA: 11TH DEC 5-8PM  
CHURCH: 12TH DEC 11 AM  
GRADUATION AND CLOSING  
EXERCISES: 12TH DEC 7PM

I understand there are a number of stories about Carmel being circulated that have no basis in truth. If you hear anything that you are uncertain about, I encourage you to come and talk with me.

Please continue to pray for our school and community as together we build minds and hearts for eternity.

Blessings,

**Mr Nicholas Thomson**

**Principal**

### **CARMEL BULLS BASKETBALL TEAMS 2015**

Congratulations to both girls teams for getting into the semi-finals in only their second season this year. Carmel Bulls 1 finished their season on top of the ladder and won their game last night by 13 points, the end score was; 34 to 21. Carmel Bulls 2 finished third on the ladder and won their game last night by 5 points, the end score was; 27 to 22.

We are very proud of both our boys and girls basketball teams who have had great seasons this year and look forward to recruiting new players soon to start a new season first week back next year.

I would personally like to extend my congratulations for the outstanding effort all the girls put in during their games last night. There were a few injuries which occurred due to the intense competition. Nyesha got clotheslined in the last 3 minutes of the game, and Princess fell hard on her knee, but still got back out there between ice packs. All team members are rearing to do it all again next week! We are hoping that Carmel Bulls 2 will be victorious in their game next week which will mean both teams will face off in the Grand Finals on the 30th of November. That will be an exciting game if we get to play each other, side by side, towards a similar, but much sought after individual team trophy. We wish both teams all the best in their race towards the trophy. We are asking that you include our two girls teams in your prayers, asking for no serious injuries before Grand Finals so we can put the best teams forward on the night.

A BIG thank you for all those parents and fellow students who have given up their time to support all three of the Carmel Bulls teams this year. Also special thanks to the following people:

- \* Pr Tharren and Shannon Shaw who have supported the teams throughout the year with training.
- \* Karen and Peter Major for transporting the players to and from the games each week.
- \* Janine Beck for also transporting the players to and from the games and for her endless support each week across all teams by just turning up to watch and give support.

And lastly, a huge thank you to those players who turn up each and every week. We couldn't have done it without you!

Ms Lever and Mr Flynn

### **EXAMS, WORKLINK & DEREGISTRATION**

Please note the following dates.

Year 11 Exams: 23rd November - 1st December

Year 11 Worklink: 23rd November - 3rd December

Year 10 Exams: 26th November - 1st December

Year 9 Presentations: 26th, 27th, 30th Nov & 1st December

Year 10 & 11 Deregistration & final day - 1st December

Year 7 - 9 Deregistration & final day - 4th December

Deregistration is a process where each student must return all hired text books, library books, locker keys, tidy out lockers, and have all absences accounted for. This is an important process as reports will not be released until the deregistration process is completed.

### **LAST WACE EXAM TODAY**

This morning we held our last WACE exam for 2015.

Congratulations to all our Year 12's who are now able to relax! Please continue to keep our Year 12's in your prayers as they head off to Malaysia. Those travelling, will need to be at the airport tomorrow at 3.30am and will be arriving back Wednesday, 2nd December, at 5.35am. Mr Martin, Mr Murray, Mr Waylor and Pr Miranda will be the staff on the trip. Have a great time and we look forward to hearing your stories and seeing your photos when you get home.

### **SCHOOL FEES**

The school year end is fast approaching. Fee statements were posted last week. If you have not yet received your statement, please contact the school so we can check that we have your current address details on file. All fees must be finalised by **Monday, 30th November**. Failure to do so may result in the school withholding your child's end of year report.

Should you ever have a question regarding your school fees, please do not hesitate to contact the Bursar, Narelle Duncan, on a Tuesday or Wednesday, or email [narelleduncan@adventist.org.au](mailto:narelleduncan@adventist.org.au). Thank you.

### **WEET-BIX FUNDRAISER**

The Sanitarium factory is still selling the 1.2kg Weet-bix for only \$3.50. Nationally, Sanitarium is working together to raise \$40,000 to build two classrooms in Vanuatu. Drop into the office shop to pick up this bargain and support a good cause!







### FUN FRIDAY - 13TH

Last Friday was a busy day here at the College. We welcomed 32 new Year 6 students, from 7 different primary schools, to our campus to participate in Orientation Day. The students had a wonderful day participating in cooking, science, woodwork and English Olympics.

This year, the sports department decided to run things a little differently. Mr Di Rosso and his team of Year 11 PE Studies students organised multiple 'Minute To Win It' challenges to get the Year 6 students' competitive spirits engaged. Students rotated through all the challenges with the winners of each challenge being rewarded with a Rebel Sports gift voucher. Each new student also had the opportunity to sit down and have a chat with Mr Di Rosso about their interest in sport and what they can look forward to here at the College in 2016.

We were also very pleased to have our Year 9 students arrive safely back from their Esperance trip. Their successful trip will be featured in the next Newsletter.

