FROM THE PRINCIPAL...

Our final term for the year has begun with a vengeance for most – and almost ended for others. While the students in Year 7 to 11 are working towards making the most of the final term, our Yr 12 students are in the process of winding up their secondary schooling forever. Some have been at Carmel for their entire primary and secondary education, others have joined us at Yr 7 as the first group to begin the Yr 7 journey. Others have come along during the high school years. Very soon, the big decisions of life will become very real. Exams over, school finished, and the bells have stopped ringing for the last time. The challenges start.

In the time of Joshua, the Israelites (who had been wandering in the wilderness for the previous forty years) conquered the land of Caanan, with the guidance of the Lord. As Joshua is getting very old and knows that he is about to die, he gathers the people together and admonishes them not forget what they have learned. In the book of Joshua chapter 24, the words of his last speech are contained, challenging the people to remain true to what they have learned during the trek from Egypt to Caanan. And it is all summarised and clear in his mind, and clearly enunciated with these words, “Choose you this day whom ye will serve....but as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.” (v15-16).

I would urge all our students, but especially our students leaving Carmel this year, to not forget the things they have learned at Carmel, and to always keep at the forefront of their thinking our Carmel motto – Greatness through Service. This truly is the best way to have a satisfying and enjoyable life.

In conclusion, I leave this quote with our Year 12’s. “May the Lord bless and protect you. May the Lord smile on you and be gracious to you. May the Lord show you His favour and give you His peace.” (Numbers 6:24-26 NLT)

Mr Ron Hiscox
PRINCIPAL

SCHOOL NEWS
Carmel Celebrates Final Chapel with Year 12’s

With the sun shining, our Year 12 prefects ran their final Chapel today outside on the front lawn of the College. A picture tells a thousand words so please enjoy the memories with us and ask your children what they enjoyed about Chapel today.
2015 Prefects
Today at Chapel, Mr Hiscox announced the College prefects for 2015. As is usual custom, the outgoing prefects, welcomed the new prefects and presented them with their badges. Congratulations to the following students:
Jean Alley
Nandi Bhebhe
Letitia Bottin
Chelsea Chapman
Jordan Derry
Gerald Ryder
Tong Tong
Chloe Watson

Year 6 & 7 Orientation Day
November 14 will be an exciting day here as we welcome to our campus, students who are in their final year of primary school.
This day is designed to familiarise the children with the daily running of our College and will include a College tour, attendance at classes and some hands on activities. The purpose is to help them to feel more prepared to begin high school.

Can you help? You sure can!

We do have flyers promoting the day which we need distributed. The personal approach works really well so if you have family, friends or work colleagues who have children currently in their final year of primary school, we encourage you to give them a flyer and invite them to register their child to attend the day.

Alternatively, if you dont have specific people to invite, we ask that you take the time to letterbox your area, take a bundle and place them in the foyer or information rack at your church or leave a stack at your workplace where appropriate.
We do thank you in advance for your help in promoting this event. Students do not have to be enrolled for 2015 to attend Orientation Day. Any student currently in Year 6 or 7 are welcome to register to attend. Please contact Di or Marcia for more information, flyers and bookings.

Bencubbin Adventist Church Scholarship
The Bencubbin Adventist Church Scholarship was established to assist students who are attending, or are planning to attend, Carmel Adventist College. The student is to:
- come from a home where their parents are considered financially challenged,
- have a demonstrated interest in spirituality and
- are an existing or prospective student at the College.
This annual scholarship is worth $1000 and is awarded to one student per year. If you wish to apply, please complete the attached application form and return it to College Reception by 31 October 2014.

Cross Country
I’m sure many of you are aware tomorrow it is the annual Cross Country. Lunch will be held during Period 4 and the Cross Country will begin at 12.50pm.
Today, those students who are riding the track, got to try it out. Photo courtesy of Mr Stafford

EFTPOS Payments
We were unable to process the regular monthly & fortnightly credit card payments today due to EFTPOS phone line not working. We are hoping the line will be fixed by tomorrow so payments can be processed. Sorry for any inconvenience caused.

Unknown Deposits
The following deposits have been made into Carmel Adventist College accounts and we are unable to determine which family they belong to. If one of these payments belong to you please email Narelle at narelleduncan@adventist.org.au and attach a copy of the associated receipt. Thank you
A) Date: 12 February
Amount: $200
Into Account Number: 187823
B) Date: 8 October
Amount: $4567.26
Into Account Number: 187823
C) Date: 14 October
Amount: $1000
Into Account Number: 187823

School Fees & End of Year Reports
The end of the year is fast approaching. The financial viability of Carmel is largely dependent on fees being finalised by the conclusion of each school year. Management has determined that if fees are outstanding or a satisfactory payment arrangement has not been entered into, that end of year student reports and other College documentation may be held until accounts have been finalised. Should you wish to discuss your fees with either the Bursar or Principal you are welcome to contact the school on 9293 5333 as soon as possible. Please note that Narelle is only in the office on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Alternatively, email her at narelleduncan@adventist.org.au.
Cambodia Reflections
Part 1

Daniel’s Reflection
What I got from the Cambodia trip is how life can be so simple and be the greatest part of your life. The people in Cambodia were so happy when they had bare essentials and us Australians have more than enough and are generally unhappy.

Megan’s Reflection
I love Cambodia. When I first arrived, I didn’t realize how bad they have it over there and how differently they live to us. Cambodian people are the most kindest people and even though they don’t have much they are so generous. We had a really good trip and it’s taught me to be thankful for what I have.

Sarah’s Reflection
This was the second time going to Cambodia and serving others for me. I must say this trip was a lot more challenging for me compared to the MAD4CAMBODIA trip in 2012, especially because I wasn’t with my family this time and also because the work we did was a lot more intense and mind blowing. I was pushed outside of my comfort-zone and did things I never thought I would ever do. This trip made me feel like I had a purpose and a reason, and that I’m actually doing things for others and they will remember me for somebody that has actually made an impact on their life. I am also so grateful for this years trip as I have become so much closer and made new connections with so many of the students the teachers and staff on the trip.

Ryan’s Reflection
Going over to Cambodia was a fantastic experience. Being able to see things in a different perspective or worldview was definitely eye opening. Even though the current situation in Cambodia isn’t the greatest, most of the people over there make the best of it. I definitely recommend the students who receive the opportunity of going to Cambodia, to take it. It is quite the experience.

William’s Reflection
Going to Cambodia is the most memorable experience of my life thus far. Helping build the school for the village was rewarding and everyone went above and beyond. I ended up liking sleeping at the village and my experience with the children was so fun. My eyes have opened, and I now know how lucky I am and how fantastic my country is.

Justin’s Reflection
What I got from this trip is from the kids and that is, you don’t need money to have happiness.

David’s Reflection
The Year 10 Cambodian trip will stay with me for the rest of my life. I learned so much about friends and even my family when we received those letters from our parents. The trip as a whole was very eye opening and educational especially the day we went to the Killing Fields, S21 and the She Rescue. I feel as though I have made a better connection with my friends at Carmel. I was really glad with the effort I put in because the whole purpose of the trip for me was to get 100% out of it and get out of my comfort zone.
Adelle’s Reflection
Cambodia was an amazing place and going there was fun and exiting as well as eye opening and confronting. It was challenging and fun at the same time and it made me realize how lucky we are to have things like health services which are open to everyone and not just the people that can afford it. Over all I loved Cambodia and would definitely go back there and do it all again.

Tristan’s Reflection
I feel like even though we went over to Cambodia to serve others and benefit who we were working with, we also gained knowledge and learned a lot about life and morals ourselves. The trip all round, was worth every cent we fundraised and worth all the work we put in leading up to the trip. The lesson that I learnt from the trip was that if you can reach out to just one person or one kid, you are still making a difference, and you’re still achieving something. Even though myself going was a serious risk, I would definitely go again. The previous Year 10’s said that the trip was life changing and a lot of people just sort of took that as yeah whatever they’re just saying that, but until you actually experience it yourself, you will never really understand what it means.