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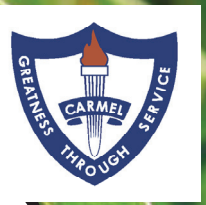
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## FROM THE PRINCIPAL...

Welcome to the 2015 academic year. I have to say that the start to the year has been fantastic. We have a fantastic group of students and we look to be well on track for a year of great teaching and learning. With that we would like to welcome 4 additional teachers this year. The school wishes to welcome Mrs Michelle Minett, Mrs Celia Nichols, Mr Phil Murray, and Mr Luke Waylor. We wish them all the best for their time here at Carmel Adventist College.

As usual it is a time of settling back into studies and routine and we ask that you do all that you can do to assist in this. Please provide time and a good space for your children to complete their homework and please also encourage them regularly. School sports are proving to be a success at this early stage. It is great to see so many students in activities. (I don't know who has more fun in the mountain biking, the students or me).

On a personal note, I wish to thank all those who have helped me to settle into Carmel Adventist College. My wife Melissa and I have been made to feel very welcome by the school and community, and we are looking forward to a long and prosperous time here.

Please feel free to come and speak with me to discuss your child's learning (and good fishing spots). Thank you for choosing Carmel Adventist College, may we all have a blessed year.

**Blessings,  
Nicholas Thomson  
Principal**



Mrs Michelle Minett



Mr Phil Murray



Ms Celia Nichols



Mr Luke Waylor

In the light of Valentines Day the staff had a moment of 'Biscuits with Boaz' today! Where the positive message of 'generosity' can be taken from the age old love story of Ruth and Boaz in the Bible. The positive message was then applied to our wonderful staff, and the opportunity was seized to encourage and demonstrate our appreciation for them!



## CHAPLAINS NEWS...

### BIBLE STUDIES

Exciting news, bible studies are beginning to start back at our College for 2015! This is a service provided by the chaplaincy program and funded solely by the Western Australian Conference of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, NOT the National School Chaplaincy Program. Your student's inclusion in our chaplaincy program is voluntary yet implied in your decision to enrol your student at our College. If you do not wish for your student to partake in these Bible studies or any other Chaplaincy service then please contact the College Chaplain Miranda at [mirandaleijser@adventist.org.au](mailto:mirandaleijser@adventist.org.au).

### CHAPLAINCY FUNDING

The Chaplaincy Program of Carmel Adventist College is available for all members of the school community/ staff, students and their families. The program is designed for student welfare and to build resiliency in students. Another important part of the program provides pastoral care and spiritual guidance while respecting other faiths and differing spiritual beliefs.

The Chaplaincy Program is jointly funded by the State Government under the National School Chaplaincy Program and the Western Australian Conference of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. And as a College we would like to say Thank you to these to entities for their funds and support.



## **WELCOME BACK BBQ**

### **Friday 13th Feb 6-8pm**

If you do plan on attending, please email or phone the College by tomorrow, February 12th, to ensure we can provide for every one.

## **YR 10 INFORMATION**

### **NIGHT - MON 16th FEB**

We wish to invite Year 10 students and their parents/caregivers to an information evening being held this Monday 16th of February beginning at 6:30pm. The evening is of vital importance as topics to be discussed include WACE, OLNA and how to ensure that your student is prepared for Year 11. Our Director of Studies, Mr Martin, will be facilitating this time. We look forward to together planning our Year 10 students' educational journey here at the College.

## **BUSH RANGERS**

Bush Rangers will be starting next Wednesday, 18th February. This is a Cadets WA program hosted by the Department of Parks and Wildlife, run from the end of school until 5:30pm on Wednesdays. It is open to all students, and is free of cost, thanks to the funding provided by Cadets WA. Information is available from Mrs Hughes or Mrs Lobbeiger if you would like more information about what is involved.

## **YEAR 12 MALAYSIA INFORMATION NIGHT**

### **-MONDAY 23rd FEBRUARY**

The College wishes to invite all Year 12 students and their parents to our Malaysia information night at 6:30pm. This meeting is a starting point, where the Malaysia staffing team can give details about the service and tourist aspects of the trip which will occur in November/December. Please send your RSVP to darrenmartin@adventist.org.au The Malaysia team staff look forward to seeing you.

## **SWIMMING CARNIVAL**

### **-TUESDAY 3rd MARCH**

The swimming carnival will be held on Tuesday, 3rd March, at Kalamunda Water Park. Parents are welcome to come along and cheer the students on.

## **YEAR 10 CAMBODIA INFORMATION NIGHT**

### **-THURSDAY 5th MARCH**

All parents and Year 10 students are invited to our Cambodia information night at 6.30pm. Mr Troy Roberts from RAW Impact will be here to present detailed information and answer questions.

## **BUDDY HOMEWORK**

### **CLASSES**

#### **WEDNESDAY 3:30pm – 4:30pm**

#### **What is a buddy homework class?**

1. Working with a buddy that you organise, to help you with one or more of your weaker subjects.
2. A group of friends who want to work on an assignment that requires group participation.
3. You have an external tutor that you have organised and you need a place to conduct these sessions.
4. You have organised tutoring from one of your teachers but your session is only half an hour and you can't be picked up until 4:30 and would like to study for the last half an hour.
5. Wanting to study at school and need access to the computers either as an individual or as a group.

#### **What are the rules of the buddy homework class?**

1. No disruptions to other people in different booths as there should be no reason to talk to others. (Asking someone a quick question is allowed, but having a conversation with others means you are not there as a buddy, but as a group and this needed to be organised at the beginning the session.)
2. Do not be too loud within your own group. (If this is the case, you will not be able to return, as others will need a quiet working environment. However if you know you are going to be loud and there needs to be robust discussion, we can organise another classroom for this to happen in.)
3. Any laptops used during the session will need to be returned and plugged in to ensure that they are charged for the next day. (Students can also use their own laptops or iPads but will need a letter from parents approving this prior to the session. If students fail to plug in their computers, they won't be able to use them during the next session.)
4. If students are doing the wrong thing then they will not be able to return, and if their behaviour is particularly distracting to other students, then parents will be called to pick them up as we are trying to create an environment of students working towards excellence.

#### **How do you book a booth in a buddy homework class?**

These classes will need to be booked with Ms Lever by email and your group (if over 4, will need to organise with teacher to limit disruptions to other students) will be allocated a booth in room 1 for the session. This may be a one off class, or you may wish to book in for the whole term. As we only have 7 booths in room 1, (and a group of desks in the middle for groups) places are limited and booths will be allocated to

the first 7 booked. If there is a need we may offer another afternoon depending on the demand. Any questions, please feel free to email Ms Lever : fatimalever@adventist.org.au

## **ATTENTION**

It has come to our attention via concerned residents that, since school returned for 2015, the speed at which some drivers are travelling could cause an accident. Remember that a residential road is 50 km/ph and during school times it is 40 km/ph. Let's keep our street safe for all concerned. Thankyou for your co-operation in this matter.

## **2015 PERMISSION FORMS**

Parents, all permission forms that were sent out December 2014 need to be returned no later than Friday, 13th February, as this information is vital to your child's well being while in our care. If you need a new form, you should contact front reception and a new one will be issued.

## **YEAR 7 AND 9 PARENTS**

All parents who have a child in year 7 or 9 need to hand their data collection form that was sent in December 2014 by Friday 13th February. If a new form is needed, please contact front reception and a new one will be issued.

## **FEE STATEMENTS**

Fee statements were posted out last week. If you have not yet received your fees please contact the school to confirm we have your correct address on file. Enclosed with your fees was a Blue 2015 Fee Payment Commitment Form. Please return your form by THIS Friday, 13th February. Thank you to those parents who have already returned them. The form needs to be return regardless of what option you have chosen and how you plan on paying your fees. Failure to return the form will automatically require full payment on your account by the 24th February. My days at the school remain unchanged, Tuesdays and Wednesdays, should you have any questions please feel free to either call me or email me at narelleduncan@adventist.org.au.

## **Fee Due Dates**

Annual and Term 1 payments are due 24th February. Your first monthly or fortnightly payment is due next week 15th February.

## **MULCH FOR SALE**

\$30 for a 6x4 trailer load of tree prunings mulch. All proceeds go towards the Year 10 trip to Cambodia. Currently pickup only. Call Shannon on 0413530363

## **BIG BUILD - DEC 2014**

### **Students reflections:**

"My mission trip to Thailand will be the most unforgettable trip I've ever had and I'm looking forward to another trip at the end of this year. There was things I enjoyed and other things I wasn't a fan of. There were really hard jobs and I'm really glad that we managed to finish them. The jobs that we did while at The Big Build was firstly to build two toilets for the teacher's and a road/path, because in the rainy season the whole place would be muddy and everything including their clothes would be in a mess.

After all the hard work was done it was time for the fun things to happen. The whole crew went to Tiger Kingdom, elephant riding and river rafting. These were the best thing that i enjoyed. I also saw elephants dancing. Market were also great, with heaps of cheap things. It was a sad to say goodbye, since I had made some really great friends. However I made a promise to see them somewhere in the future."

### **Tong Tong - Year 12 Prefect**



"Going to Thailand has been the greatest experience in all of my teenage years so far. I'm thankful that God supported me with funds to go and do his work. It has been an eye opening journey seeing people living in poverty and also seeing children without parents. I have learnt to be grateful that I live in a wealthy country as well as have a great education. I would go back to Thailand in a heart beat."

### **Gerald Ryder - Year 12 Prefect**



## **RELATIONSHIP AUST. PARENTING COURSES**

### **Parent Child Connection**

Thursday 12th March x 4 weeks at 22 Southport Street, West Leederville. 6.30-9pm \$50 per person/ \$75 per couple. Raising children should be one of life's greatest experiences, but as any parent knows, it is not an easy task. People with children under ten are invited to this four-week course to learn new skills, feel better about their parenting and gain confidence. For further information please phone 9489 6322.

### **Understanding Stepfamily Relationships**

13th, 14th, and 15th March - being held at 22 Southport Street, West Leederville. \$75 per person/ \$120 per couple. Stepfamilies and blended families operate in a different way to intact biological families. The dynamics of a stepfamily are more complex and there is a need for special understanding and management from both biological and stepparents working together for a healthy stepfamily growth to happen. For further information please phone 9489 6322

### **Dads Raising Teenage Girls**

Thursday, 19th March, 6:30-9pm - \$25. The father-daughter relationship is particularly important during the teenage years to help girls navigate this difficult time. Find out how you can build a more rewarding relationship with your teenage daughter. For further information please phone 9489 6322



## **Rock and Water Programme**

Saturday 21st March held at West Leederville Primary School 8.30-12.30 \$50 per pair. Physical exercises are constantly linked with mental and social skills. The Rock and Water program leads from simple self-defence, boundary and communication exercises to a strong notion of self-confidence. The program offers a framework of exercises and ideas to assist boys and girls to become aware of the purpose and motivation in their life. Topics include: intuition, body language, mental strength, empathic feeling, positive feeling, positive thinking and positive visualising. For further information please phone 9489 6322.

## **Kids and Today's Technology**

Wednesday 11th, and 18th March, at Fremantle; and 23rd and 30th March at West Leederville. \$35 per person/\$50 per couple. Technology is now being used by very young children and most teenagers are proficient users of many aspects of technology. Your knowledge of what's out there, how it's being used, and how you manage it in your home, will have a direct impact on your kids' learning and safety. For further information please phone 9489 6322.

## **Fathering after Separation**

Thursday 26th March 6.30-9pm \$25. It's important for fathers to distinguish between their parenting role and the relationship break-up. This seminar is held in a male-only environment, suggesting ways in which fathers can keep in touch with children, even if hindered by formal access arrangements. For further information please phone 9489 6322.