



# NEWSLETTER



*Welcome* to a new school year at  
Carmel Adventist College Primary!

The information contained will be useful for you and your  
child/ren as we plan for the new school year.

## IMPORTANT DATES FOR TERM 1

January 31 (Tuesday)	Term 1 Commences (PP - Yr 6)
February 1 (Wednesday)	Term 1 Commences (Kindy)
Feb 13 - 24 (Mon-Fri)	Swimming Lessons (PP-Yr 6)
March 6 (Monday)	Labour Day Public Holiday
March 14 - 16 (Tues - Thurs)	Naplan Testing (Yrs 3 & 5)
March 17 (Friday)	Naplan Catch-up Tests (Yr 3 & 5)
March 24 (Friday)	Science/Slime Messy Day
April 5 (Wednesday)	Parent Teacher Interviews
April 6 (Thursday)	Term 1 Concludes
April 7 - 10 (Fri - Mon)	Easter (Adventist Easter Camp, Maida Vale)



## SCHOOL FEES

Your annual 2023 school fee account will be sent home this week.

Please complete the blue 2023 Fee Payment Commitment form and return it to the school **no later** than Friday February 10, to confirm your selected fee payment option.

If you need to discuss your fees, please contact the school by phone or email.

## SCHOOL OFFICE

Open from 8:30am - 4:00pm

Address: 18 First Ave, Bickley WA 6076

Phone: (08) 9291 6399

Email: [primary.admin@cac.wa.edu.au](mailto:primary.admin@cac.wa.edu.au)

Website: [www.carmelcollege.wa.edu.au](http://www.carmelcollege.wa.edu.au)

## SWIMMING LESSONS

If your child/ren has participated in swimming lessons over the holidays, could you please bring in a copy of their certificate for our records BEFORE school swimming lessons commence.

Swimming lessons will commence in week 3 of this term (Feb 13) and will run daily for all students in PP - Yr 6 for two weeks. Students are to come to school dressed in their sport uniform each day and bring their bathers, towel and goggles (if required) in a water-proof bag. Girls - Please note that if a bikini top is worn then a rashi is required to be worn over the top.

Please be aware that the 'grading system' used by the Department of Education for Intern swimming can differ from private providers/instructors or such. Whilst your child/ren may have done swimming lessons either privately or during the school holidays, their swimming level is determined by the swimming instructors for the Department of Education.

# ABSENTEE AND SIGNING IN & OUT REQUIREMENTS

## Absent

At Carmel we take your child's duty of care seriously and, as such, we need to be informed whenever a child is absent from school and the reason for absence (eg sick, family reasons, doctor, dental or specialist appointment), so that this can be noted on our attendance records. This can be done by phoning between 8:30-9:00am or emailing [primary.admin@cac.wa.edu.au](mailto:primary.admin@cac.wa.edu.au)

## Late

We really do appreciate your efforts to have the children on time for the start of school. If your child is late to school for any reason, please ensure they come to the front office to be signed in BEFORE they go to their classroom. The first bell is at 8:45am. Attendance Rolls are marked at 8:50am.

## Visitors

Any one who comes to the school (other than to pick up or drop off their child/ren) MUST sign in at the office and wear a green 'visitor' sticker with their name on it. This is to clearly mark who is registered person within our school grounds. While this may seem to be a bit of a pain, we do it in the interest of keeping your children safe from undesirables.

## BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL SUPERVISION & PICKUP

The safety of your children is of paramount importance to us and because of this we have policies and routines in place to ensure that students arrive and leave the school grounds safely each day.

### EARLY ARRIVAL

Please note that all of the school staff have a worship time together each morning between 8.15-8.30am. If your child arrives at school early they are required to sit on the verandah outside the year 1 classroom until 8.30am. Please note that during this time the office is also unattended.

### PICKUP

The Kindy and Pre-Primary classes are dismissed at the 3:10pm bell. The final bell for the day is at 3:15pm. For Years 1-6, classwork is finished and students dismissed at this time. If parents have not arrived by this time, students from Year 1-6 are to make their way to the front of the school (near the library) and sit on the wall where teachers are on duty to supervise until parents arrive.

### WALKING/RIDING

If students are riding their bike or walking home, students are to collect their bike, walk to the drink fountain outside the staffroom and wait for a teacher to assist with crossing the road.

### BUSES

If students are catching the bus home, they are to make their way to the front of the school (near the front office) and line up in the respective bus line where teachers are on duty to supervise.

### IMPORTANT - Change of plans for afternoon transport/pick-up

Please ensure that any change of plans to afternoon transport details are made directly to the class teacher or through the office by a parent or a guardian (not a student). This includes students using the free shuttle service down to the Secondary. Changes to plans can be through a written note, a phone call or an email by a parent or guardian.

**Please note that in the absence of permission from you, we have no choice but to follow the regular routine for your children.**



## SPORT AND LIBRARY DAYS



YEAR	SPORT	LIBRARY
3YO Kindy	Wednesday	Friday
4YO Kindy	Wednesday	Friday
Pre-Primary	Friday	Tuesday
Year 1	Friday	Tuesday
Year 2	Tuesday	Wednesday
Year 3	Thursday	Tuesday
Year 4	Monday	Wednesday
Year 5	Friday	Wednesday
Year 6	Monday	Friday

Each class has a set day once a week when they will participate in sporting games and have the opportunity to borrow books from the library.

On **sport day**, your child will need to come to school dressed in their sport uniform (shorts, polo shirt, hat and sneakers).

On **library day**, they will need to remember to bring their school library bag and any books that need to be returned.

Please take a note of the days sport and library falls on for your child/ren.

## Storytime in the Bush

Storytime in the Bush is an interactive nature based story retell aimed specifically at 2 - 4 year olds. Our creative early childhood teachers share a story with the children, complete a craft activity and then enjoy morning tea together. Following the story, the children have time to explore the amazing outdoor play area, which they love!

We invite families to join us in our early childhood area for an interactive and enjoyable morning from 9:30am to 11:00am four times each term on a Thursday (commencing 2nd March 2023). Bookings essential on 9291 6399 or email [primary.admin@cac.wa.edu.au](mailto:primary.admin@cac.wa.edu.au). \$10 family/session or \$5 child/session. A parent or guardian must accompany children.

## PARKING

The area in front of the main entry to the school is the bus drop-off point for buses each morning. There is also a longer section required for buses here each afternoon as well. If you are dropping-off or collecting your child by car, please park by the second entrance in front of the library or in the car park across the road. Thanks for your help in making our school a safe place.

## CHAPEL

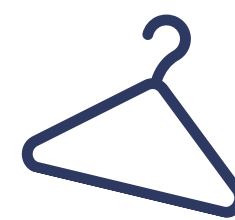
Please note that we have our weekly Chapel and Assembly program every FRIDAY morning from 8:50am to 9:30am in our Multipurpose Room (located next to Library). All parents are welcome to attend.

### Upcoming Chapel Programs

DATE	PRELIMS	SPEAKER	TOPIC
Feb 3	Teachers	Pr Amy	Paralytic on the Roof
Feb 10	Year 6	Princess	Jairus' Daughter
Feb 17	Year 5	Pr Steve Goods	TBC
Feb 24	Year 4	Pr Amy	Walking on Water

## Uniform Shop

Pre-Loved School Uniforms If you have pre-loved school uniforms that you no longer need or have outgrown OR if you are wanting to purchase pre-loved uniforms, check out our Facebook page... 'Carmel Adventist College Primary & Secondary - Buy, Sell or Swap'. This page is for both Primary and Secondary Uniforms. Simply click the 'JOIN GROUP' button and Admin will get you off and running.



### OPENING HOURS

Primary Campus  
Monday | 8.30-9.15am  
Friday | 8.30-9.15am

Secondary Campus  
Tuesday | 8.30-9.30am  
Thursday | 8.30-9.30am

You can now do it online. Click the link below <https://carmel-adventist-college.square.site/>

## PRIVATE MUSIC TUTORS

If you are interested in your child/ren taking music lessons here at the school, please see information below.

Available School Hours	
Piano - Shana Eaton	0408 761 282
Piano - Rocco DeBellis	0400 218 850
Guitar - Bernard McDonagh	0405 767 338
Violin & Cello - Julie Harrison	0409 887 766

Whilst we provide the facilities for these lessons, they are operated privately. Fees are set by individual teachers and are payable directly to them. For all enquiries and availability, please phone the appropriate teacher.



## IMPORTANT FORMS

If you attended Registration Day you would have received an A4 envelope with a bright yellow label on the front with the following forms:

- Confidential Student Information checklist
- Swimming Enrolment form
- NAPLAN Data Collection Form (one per family)
- Photo Permission Form\* (new students only)

\*Photo consent remains in place for the duration of your child/ren's enrolment or until such time as you advise the school otherwise, in writing.

Front office would really appreciate the above forms be completed and handed back ASAP. Thank-you to those families who have already returned their envelope. If you were unable to attend Registration Day the envelope along with your child/ren's books will be sent home with them today.

### Medical Plans

Please ensure you have provided an up-to-date Medical Plan (Asthma Action Plan, Anaphylaxis Action Plan etc) for your child. Medical Plan's should be reviewed regularly by your child's medical practitioner and the school notified of any changes. An Asthma Action Plan can also include information for the school if your child requires asthma medications prior to sport or at any other time during school hours.

## NEWSLETTER DISTRIBUTION

The fortnightly newsletter is emailed and on the website. If you would like to receive your Newsletter in paper format, please notify the front office. If you do not receive the newsletter via email, please contact the front office to verify your email address.



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## NAPLAN TESTING

We encourage all students to take part in the NAPLAN testing. If you would like to seek an exemption/withdrawal for your child from this year's testing, please speak with Mrs Taylor or your child's classroom teacher BEFORE Friday, Feb 10.



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