I MUST AT LEAST TRY

In June 1985, two British mountaineers Joe Simpson and Simon Yates made the first-ever climb of the West Face of the 21,000 foot snow-covered Siula Grande mountain in Peru. It was an exceptionally tough assault - but nothing compared to what was to come. Early in the descent, Simpson fell and smashed his right knee. Yates could have abandoned him but managed to find a way of lowering him down the mountain in a series of difficult drops blinded by snow and cold. Then Simpson fell into a crevasse and Yates eventually had no choice but to cut the rope, utterly convinced that his friend was now dead.

In his subsequent book on the climb entitled "Touching The Void", Joe Simpson wrote: "As I gazed at the distant moraines, I knew that I must at least try. I would probably die out there amid those boulders. The thought didn't alarm me. It seemed reasonable, matter-of-fact. That was how it was. I could aim for something. If I died, well, that wasn't so surprising, but I wouldn't have just waited for it to happen. The horror of dying no longer affected me as it had in the crevasse. I now had the chance to confront it and struggle against it. It wasn't a bleak dark terror any more, just fact, like my broken leg and frostbitten fingers, and I couldn't be afraid of things like that. My leg would hurt when I fell and when I couldn't get up I would die."

The survival of Yates himself was extraordinary. That Simpson somehow found a way of climbing out of the crevasse after 12 hours and then literally crawled and dragged himself six miles back to camp, going three days and nights without food or drink, losing three stone, and contracting ketoacidosis in the process, would be the stuff of heroic fiction if it was not so true.

Indeed, six operations and two years later, he was even back climbing. All because, against all the odds, he tried...

Source: “Touching The Void” by Joe Simpson

EVENTS CALENDAR

- August 26 - Combined Sports Day
- Sept 2 - P & F Meeting
- Sept 3 (Wed) - Junior Concert
- Sept 8-12 - W.O.W.
- Sept 25 - Market Day
- Sept 26 - Final Day of Term 3

COMBINED SCHOOLS SPORTS DAY

This year the Combined Schools Sports Day is on NEXT TUESDAY (August 26) at Gerry Archer Athletic Centre, Abernethy Road (cnr Leach Hwy), Cloverdale.

The uniform requirement for the combined schools sports day is WINTER SPORT UNIFORM (track pants) including HAT. All students need to arrive at the venue by 9am. Please read the attached sheet.

ANNUAL PARENT QUESTIONNAIRE

As part of Carmel Adventist College’s ongoing commitment to evaluate all areas of our school life, the leadership has engaged the services of a company to conduct a ‘Community Health Audit’ of the college. A vital part of the audit is the opinions of our parents. Over the next few days you will receive a questionnaire in the mail. Your opinions and comments are important to us, so we encourage you to complete the questionnaire and return it to the college by mail or via your youngest child’s class teacher. The greater the participation rate, the more helpful the Community Health Audit will be. Thank you for taking the time to complete the questionnaire.

JUNIOR CONCERT

Please note that the correct date for our Junior concert is WEDNESDAY, September 3, beginning at 7pm.

The students have been practising hard for this event. The Kindy, Pre Primary and Year 1 students will be performing a short play called “This King’s Bubbles”. The Years 2, 3 and 4 students will be performing a play by Max Lucado called “You Are Special”. We encourage you to mark your calendar and set aside the evening for this wonderful school highlight event.

UNIFORM SHOP

Our school is graded every year for sports day and we are excited to say that for the last 7 years straight we have received an ‘A’ grade. One of the criteria for grading is the presentation of our students. If you need to purchase any hats, jackets, polo shirts or track pants prior to sports day, the uniform shop will be open NEXT Monday morning (Aug 25) between 8.30am and 9am for any last minute items.
HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU!
The following people are celebrating their special day in August. Happy birthday to you all and may God bless you in the year ahead.
Caleb Hughes (1), Blake Shaw (1), Kieran Ellis (2), Teigan Venables (2), Nikayla McMillan (3), Jack Trotter (3), Taj Walker (4), Matthew Maher (4), Kristian Padula (9), Kerra-Jayne Shaw (10), Dempsey Aves (13), Caleb Harrison (13), Jonathan Harrison (17), Dante Rosales (17), Solomon Akai (21), Declan Taylor (21), Cherie Lowe (22), Holly Frigula (23), Dylan Caithness (23), Lisa Nxumalo (23), Jacob Frigula (25), Amberley Earp (26), Kate Shonga (28).

LIBRARY
BOOKFAIR - Bookfair concludes today. Thank you to everyone who has supported this fair.

SCHOLASTIC - Issue 6 catalogues are available from the Library or front office. If you would like to order anything from this catalogue, please return your order forms and money by Monday, Sept 8 (Week 8).

KOORONG - Orders need to be returned to the school by Monday, September 1st (Week 7). Catalogues are available from the Library. Thanks for your support.

ACTIVE AFTER SCHOOL SPORTS
This term we are happy to announce that AASS is being run 2 afternoons per week. On Monday the senior students (Yrs 3-6) are focusing on Soccer skills and on Tuesday the junior students are focusing on Floorball (Hockey) skills. If you would like to participate, just drop by the office and fill out a participation form. PLEASE NOTE THAT DUE TO OUR COMBINED SCHOOLS SPORTS DAY NEXT WEEK THERE WILL BE NO AASS NEXT TUESDAY.

WORKING BEE JOBS
If you are able to assist in any of the following areas, please let the office staff know.
- Planting olive trees- back of the block.
- Spreading some gravel for the path through the front garden.
- Removing some nails from some light pine timber - for students’ bush skills activities.
- Help with some concert props for the Year 2-4 group
- Whipper snipping – down near the fruit trees.

CHAPEL
Our weekly chapel program is held every Friday morning from 8.50am—9.30am. This week the Year 3 class will be taking the preliminaries. Next week (August 29) the Year 2 class will be assisting. All are welcome to attend.

CARMEL CHURCH PLAYGROUP—TERM 3
A playgroup is held every fortnight at Carmel Adventist College Church for those who are interested. The up-coming dates for playgroup this term are: August 28, September 11 and 25. We would love to have you join us. Please remember to bring along some fruit snacks and your kid’s bike or ride on car.

SCHOOL PHOTOS
Our annual school photos were taken on Monday, August 18. The school cannot accept order envelopes after photo day. If you forgot to return yours on the photo day you may still place a late order ONLINE ONLY with no penalties until this Friday (August 22). Go to: www.kapture.com.au and use the online code: VJ2YQP to place your order.

All About Anger – Working with Parents and Teenagers
Thursday 21st August 6.30-9pm. Cost is $35.00
This interactive workshop has been designed to support families where anger is an issue. Anger is explained in a way that challenges our labelling of “an ANGRY person” and instead helps us to understand that many of us have simply learnt to react to the emotion of anger in unhelpful ways. For further information please phone 9489 6322.

Parent-Child Connection Monday 25th August x 4 weeks. Cost is $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.
BOOK WEEK
Learning takes place every waking moment or the day in one form or another. “Book Week” has come as another great opportunity to develop the interests and imaginations of our young people. Reading helps fuel our imagination and understanding in many areas. We should all make or setting some time aside in our busy lives just to read; with its many benefits. Everyone should have a favourite book I know I certainly do. It doesn’t matter if it is a repair manual or even a subscription of any kind.

Recently I flew to Sydney and it was interesting to me to notice that even with movies and TV shows on offer the amount of people that had brought along something to read. At the time I was reading a book by John Maxwell about the importance of a TEAM, which was also a part of the title. I learnt that individuals that want to learn/grow have more to offer in any team, especially a family team.

While reading is and self learning is often done in isolation, the wider application of learning can be seen both in the present and well into the future.

It was wonderful to see our young people choose a character to represent from a book. The range was quite varied though there were some of the usual favourites like a range of princesses and superheros. Others included characters from: Saddle Club, The Famous Five, The Bible, Dr Zuess and a number from a range of Ronald Dahl’s books.

Albert Einstein once said “Imagination is more important than knowledge”. I suppose because imagination fuels the thirst for knowledge.
COMBINED SCHOOLS SPORTS DAY PROCEEDURES
Tuesday, August 26 - GERRY ARCHER ATHLETIC CENTRE
Abernethy Road (cnr Leach Hwy), Cloverdale.

IMPORTANT MESSAGES - Please read these details carefully.

Because we want to ensure the safety of all students in our care, we ask that you follow the procedures set out on these pages.

BEFORE THE EVENTS START
For parents transporting their children directly to the field, please note the following:

- Students need to be at the track by 9:00am.

Please report to Mrs Blagden upon arrival at Gerry Archer Athletic Centre to collect your card. Mrs Blagden will show you which area to put your bag in and also where to line up for the opening announcements.

**Students are asked not to play on the tracks and with the sporting equipment before the official start of events.

Please note: Students need to be supervised by their parents prior to the commencement of the program. Carmel will only have two or three staff members at the grounds and they will be busy setting up for the various events. The rest of the staff will be travelling to the field, on the buses, with the students.

STUDENTS TRAVELLING BY SCHOOL BUS TO THE FIELD WILL NEED TO BE AT SCHOOL ON TIME. THE BUSES CANNOT WAIT FOR STUDENTS ARRIVING LATE. BUSES ARE LEAVING AT 8:50am SHARP!

LUNCH TIME
ALL Carmel students need to stay with the Carmel School group for lunch. Pre-ordered lunches will be handed out there. Parents and friends are welcome to join us for lunch. (We collect cards, count points and prepare for afternoon events during the short lunch break and so require all students to be available).

**ALL STUDENTS NEED TO HAND THEIR RIBBONS/CARDS TO THE CARMEL TEACHERS AS SOON AS THEY HAVE FINISHED THE MORNING EVENTS. (The cards/ribbons will be returned to the students back at school the following week)

END OF DAY TRANSPORT PROCEDURES – ALL STUDENTS

If you need to take your child from the Sports Field BEFORE the conclusion of the program, please ensure that you have your child/ren’s name checked off prior to leaving. MR HUGHES is the designated staff member to see.

- All Carmel Students are required to stay in the assigned Carmel area until checked off the attendance list.
- Teachers signing off students will be wearing their High Visibility Vests.
- All students belonging to one family need to be signed off together. Please be grouped together before coming to be checked off.

STUDENTS TRAVELLING HOME BY CAR:
These students need to be signed off by: Mrs Mackenzie and Mrs D Stanton

STUDENTS TRAVELLING HOME BY SCHOOL BUS:
These students need to be signed off by: Mrs Blagden and Mrs Webb

If you indicated one thing on the transportation form sent in and then change plans on the day, please contact Mr Hughes during the lunch break to let him know so that our lists can be modified.
GERRY ARCHER ATHLETIC CENTRE
Abernethy Road (cnr Leach Hwy), Cloverdale.

The red arrow indicates the entrance off Abernethy Road into the sporting ground.

All students need to arrive by 9am.