Some time ago, a friend of mine punished his 3-year old daughter for wasting a roll of gold wrapping paper. Money was tight, and he became infuriated when the child tried to decorate a box to put under the tree.

Nevertheless, the little girl brought the gift to her father the next morning and said, “This is for you, Daddy.” He was embarrassed by his earlier overreaction, but his anger flared again when he found that the box was empty. He yelled at her, “Don’t you know when you give someone a present, there’s supposed to be something inside of it?”

The little girl looked up at him with tears in her eyes and said, “Oh, Daddy, it’s not empty. I blew kisses into the box. All for you, Daddy.”

The father was crushed. He put his arms around his little girl, and begged for forgiveness. My friend told me that he kept that old box by his bed for years. Whenever he was discouraged, he would take out an imaginary kiss and remember the love of the child who had put it there.

In a very real sense, each of us as parents has been given a gold container filled with unconditional love and kisses from our children. There is no more precious possession anyone could hold.
It’s nearly Father’s Day!

If you have any items you’re able to donate for the Father’s Day stall, we would greatly appreciate your help.

Please bring your donations to the school’s front office by tomorrow Tuesday, 30th August.

Let’s make this the best Father’s Day stall ever! Thank you.

P&F Committee

Market Day
Looking for stuffed toys and travel memorabilia!

Year 5 at Carmel Primary are busy planning for their annual fundraising Market Day.

This year the class have decided to have a multicultural theme.

They are looking for donated stuffed toys to give a new look and resell. They would also love to sell donated travel memorabilia. Those snow domes, spoons, postcards that seemed so great at the time, and now are gathering dust, could help the children to buy goats for families in Cambodia.

If you can help, please contact, Karyn Stanton at karynstanton@adventist.org.au.

Change of Contact Details
If at anytime you change your address, email or phone numbers please let the front office know. Thank you.

‘Flanno’ Friday

This Friday, 2nd September all our Dad’s and Grandad’s are invited to come in and enjoy a FREE McCarmel Burger if they wear a flannel shirt!!

To celebrate our Dad’s and Grandad’s, staff will be wearing their favourite flannel shirt and all students are encouraged to wear a flannel shirt over their uniform too.

We ask those planning to attend to RSVP with Narelle at Reception.

Lunch Orders

Just a reminder…the Mac & Cheese is no longer available on the menu until further notice.

Father’s Day Shop
THURSDAY, September 1

Our Father’s Day school gift shop is open this Thursday.

Please remember to send your child to school with a couple of dollars so that they can buy a special gift for their father. Gifts will be priced between $1 - $10.

*The Kindy students will have an opportunity on Wednesday to buy something for their dad.
Chapel

Our weekly Chapel and Assembly program is every FRIDAY morning from 8:50am to 9:30am.

This Friday (2nd September), the program will be co-ordinated by the Year 4H & 4T class. Speaker: Douw Venter

Next week (9th September - NAIDOC) Co-ordinated by: Year 5’s

All parents are welcome to attend.

Cross Country

On Friday, 23rd September, we will hold our annual Cross Country run. The students have all been training and we are looking forward to seeing them participate in this event.

To help with identifying the students, they are allowed to wear a t-shirt of the nominated colour for their year level. Please check the information below to see the colour allocated for your child/ren.

If it is not possible to wear the appropriate coloured t-shirt, students are to come in their regulation sport polo.

*Regulation sport shorts or track pants and enclosed footwear must be worn.

T-shirt colours

- Kindy 3 & 4yr old – Red
- PP – School polo
- Year 1 – White
- Year 2 – Red
- Year 3 – Green
- Year 4 – Yellow
- Year 5 – Blue
- Year 6 – Leavers polo

Special Photographs

Now Online

Following our recent school photography by Kapture, you can now view and order the Choir and School Captains photos taken on the day. When visiting www.kapture.com.au/event.asp you will need to enter our school code under the Sports & Event tab to access the gallery; Code: 66K25N

Save the date!

Junior Concert

The Junior Concert will be held at Carmel College Gymnasium on Wednesday, 21st September starting at 6:30pm.

The Kindy, Pre-Primary and Year 1 students will be performing a play called ‘Wise Gerald & Foolish Tide’ and the Years 2, 3 and 4 students will be performing a play

We encourage you to set aside this date to come along.

Invite the whole family!

School Improvement Survey

All Adventist Schools in Australia will be participating in the Insight School Survey - 2016, which will provide data from students, staff and parents about our school’s cultural behaviour, relationships and learning community which will assist us to focus our efforts for improvement by building on our successes to date.

From 25th of August to the 2nd of September, all staff, students from Years 3-6 and all parents, will be asked to complete a survey. Staff and students will complete the survey online at school. Parents will receive a letter today from their oldest enrolled child at Carmel Primary. This letter has a unique code which also allows you to access the survey online. The survey will take about 15-20 minutes to complete.

A survey consultant (Insight SRC) has been engaged to manage the data collection. The survey data will be kept strictly confidential and no individual will be identified to the school or the Adventist Schools Australia Office.

I would encourage your participation, as this will help our school to identify our strengths and areas in which we can focus our improvement.

About 2 years ago we did a paper based survey with Endeavour. The information from that report has been invaluable in helping the School Council and the staff target development at the primary school. In our last survey, Carmel Adventist College Primary had the highest response rate of any school surveyed by Endeavour. Such an excellent response rate ensures that we get a wide range of data from across the school which in turn gives great integrity to the data.

Important Note: The unique code is relevant to Carmel Primary only. A separate survey with a separate code will be conducted for the Secondary Campus. The reason for the separate survey is so that each school can target its individual focus areas.

Thank-you

Janine Taylor
School Fees
Fee statements (Option C - Monthly payments) were sent home with the oldest sibling last week.
It is important that you let the front office know if you are not receiving your statements. You should be receiving a fee statement at least once a month.
We encourage you to take the time to review your statement to ensure it’s correct and all payments have been received.
Just a reminder that your fees are required to be finalised by the end of November.
We appreciate all your commitments in ensuring your school fees are paid by the due dates.
If at anytime your financial circumstances change, please feel free to contact Narelle Duncan in the front office or Mrs Janine Taylor. Thank you.

Road Closures
(Sunday, 4th September)
The UCI Gran Fondo World Cycling Championships will be held on Sunday, 4th September. To ensure the safety of the 1500 participants and the community, the roads used by the riders will be closed.
Recommended alternate routes will be identified and there are managed crossing points and designated routes for local residents in areas throughout the course.
A detailed map of the course is shown below and shows the times affecting your local area.

From our Librarian...
It’s been a busy two weeks in the library. The scholastic book fair was a great success. We earned an impressive commission of $900 to spend on new books.
Thank you so much to the families of Carmel for supporting this event. It’s wonderful to see the kids so excited about new books in the library. I would especially like to thank the amazing Mums who volunteered their time to help out. It was really appreciated.
In the library last week, to celebrate Book Week, we made some Australian animal crafts, book marks and had a library treasure hunt! Some of the classes got the opportunity to go to the Kalamunda and Lesmurdie Libraries and meet some Australian authors. This was a great inspiration for our budding writers.
The week ended in a celebration of our favourite books with our Book Week Parade. We had such great participation this year and everyone looked fantastic! Check out the photos on pages 8 and 9!!

It’s been a great time for celebrating books, now let’s get reading!
**Carmel College Church News**

**Small Groups & Church Service**
Come along and join in any of the various age related programs or small groups between 9:30am-10:30am each Saturday. Followed by the church service at 11am. Everyone is welcome!

**Upcoming Events**
Friday Night Flix – September 2 @ 7:15pm.
Screening ‘Where Hope Grows’
Special Father’s Day Program – September 3

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**Landsdale Community Fete**
On Sunday, September 11th, Landsdale Christian School will be hosting a fete to raise money for the Landsdale Year 10 mission trip to Mauritius.

The Community Fete will run in the school grounds (77 Queensway Road, Landsdale) from 10am – 3pm.

Invite your friends, eat some yummy food, get your face painted, compete in some family races and throw soft objects at the teachers. For more information, visit facebook...
https://www.facebook.com/LandsdaleChristianSchool

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**INTERNATIONAL CHINA CONCERN**

**WALK THE WALL**

**Saturday, 10th September**

Come and join this wonderful community event as we walk, run or cycle 10km through beautiful Kalamunda, raising money for disabled and abandoned children in China.

Sign-Up, Raise Funds, Enjoy the day!
For more information go to…
www.walkthewall.org/kalamunda
Join a team or start your own!

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**CITY of GOSNELLS**

**Protective Behaviours**

Equip children with the language and principles of protective behaviours.

Help children identify unsafe situations and arm them with the tools to either seek appropriate help or protect themselves.

**Date:** Tuesday 6 September 2016

**Time:** 6.00pm – 8.30pm
Registration and refreshments from 5.30pm

**Venue:** Don Russell Performing Arts Centre
Murdoch Road
Thornlie

Presented by Protective Behaviours WA
This is a free event, bookings are essential.
For details visit www.gosnells.wa.gov.au or call 9397 3126.

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**Gosnells Local Council**

**February School Holiday Program**

**Children’s Day Care Centre & Social Services**

- **Wednesday, 29th February @ 1pm**
  - **Carnaby Park, Gosnells**
  - **Carnaby Park, Gosnells**

- **Friday, 3rd March @ 11am**
  - **Carnaby Park, Gosnells**

**Contact:** 9721 8777

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**“Carnaby Rocking Horse”**

**Saturday, 10th September @ 11am & 2pm**

**Carnaby Park, Gosnells**

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**“Carnaby School Yard Games”**

**Saturday, 10th September @ 11am & 2pm**

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**“Carnaby Bush Adventure”**

**Saturday, 10th September @ 11am & 2pm**

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**“Carnaby Scavenger Hunt”**

**Saturday, 10th September @ 11am & 2pm**

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**“Carnaby Fun Run”**

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**“Carnaby Big Top Show”**

**Saturday, 10th September @ 11am & 2pm**

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**“Carnaby Musical Parade”**

**Saturday, 10th September @ 11am & 2pm**

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**“Carnaby Art & Craft Workshops”**

**Saturday, 10th September @ 11am & 2pm**

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**“Carnaby Fun Fair”**

**Saturday, 10th September @ 11am & 2pm**

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**“Carnaby Talent Show”**

**Saturday, 10th September @ 11am & 2pm**

**Carnaby Park, Gosnells**

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From our Chaplain…

**Decide On The Ending Of Your Story First**

What a wonderful day we had last Friday! As part of Book Week, school uniforms were left at home and a huge variety of book characters arrived at school! Holding our annual parade in the library, surrounded by books, it was fantastic to watch our students confidently introduce themselves and announce who their character was. Everyone, from our Year 6’s, who just enjoyed their last Book Week Parade, right down to our tiny 3 year-old Kindy students, who experienced their first!

You must check out the photos, our students (and staff) all looked fantastic! We thought 2016 marked the highest participation of the number of students involved and we want to acknowledge and ‘thank you’, parents & grandparents, for your efforts. It was noticed and very much appreciated judging by the smiles on our students faces!

Friday afternoon, the Year 3 and 4 students visited Lesmurdie library to listen to author, Davina Bell. What a wonderful experience for our students as Davina shared many great tips for writing stories. Her biggest tip was to decide on the ending of the story first and then write the story.

As I sat and listened, my mind wandered to each student sitting in front of me. In each precious life, a different story is being written and we have the privilege of being part of their story. Thinking about each special ‘story’, I am thankful, that as Christians, we know the ending of our own stories and we can share this with others. (1 Thessalonian 4:15-18) We have His promises and can hold onto the hope that in a world which seems out of control, the end of the story has already been written and Jesus has it in His hands.

God bless,
Mrs Nicola Warchol

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**HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU!**

Happy Birthday to the following students who celebrate a birthday in September!

- 3rd – Cal (Kindy)
- 4th – Kaitlyn (Yr 1)
- 7th – Andres (Yr 4)
- 11th – Nick (Yr 4)
- 12th – Hailey (PP) and Edna (Yr 2)
- 20th – Sam (Yr 6)
- 22nd – Claire (Yr 4)
- 27th – Grace M (Yr 4) and Michael (Yr 6)
- 28th – Artina (Yr 4)

We pray that God will bless you in the year ahead.

**BABY NEWS….**

Congratulations to the Bacea-Anton family on the safe arrival of their baby girl, Elyse (she was 3.77kg).

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**Greatness through Service**

Congratulations to Taj Walker who recently won the “Wippets” category of the Western Australian Gravity Enduro (by 14 seconds!!) held at the Goat Farm on 21st August.

A BIG thank-you to the Year 6’s, parents and staff who brought in cupcakes for the Cupcake & Mufti Day Fundraiser. The Year 6’s raised $875.35 for the Year 5 Market Day! Check out the photos on page 7!
Creative Play Session

Wattle Grove Nature Playspace
Lenihan Corner, Wattle Grove

7th September 2016

3:30pm to 5:30pm
Free after-school event for ages 5+ with:

- Free healthy snacks
- Arts and crafts activities
- 'Loose Parts Play' sessions with Nature Play Solutions

Contact Youth Services:
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The Influence

SHIRE OF KALAMUNDA

AS PART OF YOUNG CREATIVES MONTH

shire of Kalamunda
SKATE PARK FILM WORKSHOPS

Free workshop teaching participants how to film action, stunts and tricks FOR SKATE PARK REGULARS AND BUDDING FILM MAKERS

High Wycombe Skate Park
Cnr Newburn & Sorensen Rd, High Wycombe
3:30pm - 5:30pm
Thursday 15 & 22 September 2016

BYO Phones, GoPros & Cameras (some supplied)

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