



Carmel Adventist College Primary Newsletter

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THE TEACHER AND THE 'B' GRADE CLASS

Several years ago as she started the school year, a second-grade teacher, Frances Hurst, was told that she had the "middle" class of students. At that time, all the students were grouped in either "low," "middle" or "high." This grouping or grading bothered Ms Hurst quite a bit because she had never taught "ability grouping" before.

On her first day of class, the students told her they were the "middle group," and at that point Ms Hurst went into action. She closed the door, placed paper over the glass in the windows and told the students there had been a mistake and that they were actually the "high" group. From that point on, she treated them like they were the high group. Her expectations for them were high; their own expectations and confidence grew and at the end of the school year the SRA test (which is given to measure the achievement for each group) revealed that her group had tested one year ahead of the "high" group. Since this test was a class average, that meant that some of the students were testing much higher than the "high" group.

Someone once said that *if you treat a person as he is you make him worse than he was, but if you treat that person as the individual he's capable of becoming you make him the best person possible.* That's a marvellous philosophy because it's true. This was aptly proven by Ms Frances Hurst. Wouldn't it be wonderful if every parent, teacher, employer, etc., would treat everybody as if they were in the "high group"? Odds are dramatic that everything would be better. You can't influence everybody, but you can influence those you work and live with. Put them all in the high group - they'll climb higher and so will you. See you at the top!

<http://www.dailytenminutes.com/2015/10/story-teacher-and-b-grade-students.html>

TERM 3 EVENTS CALENDAR

Week of Worship - Nov 2-6
Orientation Day - Nov 13
Speech & Awards Night - Dec 8
Year 6 Day Out - Dec 9
Final Day of Term 4 - Dec 11

ORIENTATION DAY Kindy to Year 8 - NOV 13

Carmel Adventist College is holding an Orientation Day on Friday, November 13. This is a day where new students to the College are invited to attend either the primary or secondary campus.

Carmel Primary

The primary school has a specific half day program running for prospective Kindy and Pre-Primary students. Students in Years 1-6 are also invited to attend for the day and spend it with their appropriate class.

Carmel Secondary

At the high school, the day is designed for students beginning high school in 2016. The focus is to familiarise students with high school life to assist with a smooth transition to high school. Lunch will be provided for students and parents are invited to stay between 9.00 – 10.00am to meet with staff for an informal morning tea.

Bookings are essential. Please contact Carmel Primary on 9291 6399 or Carmel Secondary on 9293 5333.

BUSY BEE - Sunday Nov 8

We are ready to build the new Chook House! If you would be willing to give up a couple of hours to help, it would be very much appreciated. We also plan to clean up our beautiful old tractor as well. The Busy Bee will start at 2pm on Sunday, Nov 8.



AFTER SCHOOL SPORTS

Basketball Training will be run each Thursday down at the College Gymnasium. Between 3.30-4.30pm. If you would like your child to attend, please register their name at the school office.

Tuesday afternoon sporting sessions will continue on as usual here at the Primary School with Pr Tharren throughout this term between 3.30 - 4.15pm.





SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB

The latest Scholastic Book Club Catalogue was sent home last week. Feel free to order through the school or on-line (LOOP) but you are under no obligation to do so. As a school, we need to advise that there may be some items in the catalogues that are not suitable for some parents to order.

Orders must be placed by **Tuesday Nov 3** (wk 4).

UNIFORM SHOP

The **Primary School** uniform shop is open between 8.45-9.15am every Friday and on the following Mondays: November 2, November 16 and November 30.

SHOES MISSING

A pair of Nike sneakers (white and black with pink lines in size 12 or 13) were last seen on Market Day last term. They were in a plastic bag outside the year 3 classroom and may have easily been mistaken for market day items. If you have seen these shoes, please return to Reception. Thank-you.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU!

The students with a birthday in October are:

Tapiwanashe Chinhamo (1), Anesu Watadza (1), Jaime Mentiplay (3), Byron Beck (4), Cooper Weckert (6), Tristan Thomson (6), Kristen Williams (7), Bella Earp (10), Sophie Bacea-Anton (10), Tigran Mulder (12), David Price (15), Leela Adams (16), Leslie Alley (16), Lily Frigula (18), Munashe Mururi (19), Mirabel Yankey (20), Zali Smedley (20), Mia Stafford (23), Ellena Cox (25), Albie Rees (26), Eva Stanton (29), Panashe Chinhamo (29), Simba Mawire (29), Jena Johansson (30), Bethany Hughes (31), Kaelyn Neale (31).

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

CHAPLAIN'S NEWS



Nothing grabs our imagination like an inspirational story. You know what I mean...that, never give up; you can do it; it was the most surprising thing. What if we could see that in our everyday jobs? Would it make a difference? It is hard to believe how far each year has progressed, achieved and how much fun they have had doing it. I guarantee though if you ask, 'How was your day today?' most of them will say, 'It was OK, its just school!' I also realise that many students still look at school as a struggle but sometimes it takes someone special in their lives to share with them how good school really is! When was the last time you were stuck on a really difficult problem, then the bell goes and you can just leave it? Then you get out your wonderful recess snack/meal and then just play for a while? Your feet in cool sand, to play some soccer, to sit in the shade and just read a book without a care in the world. Would you like to swap? Inspirational things happen on a daily basis here at Carmel. I am so proud of our children as they help each other, achieve great results, jokes told and laughter shared. Sure we get a few hiccups but school really is an amazing place. It grabs my imagination at what Carmel students might become in the future with the possibilities that are offered through Education here at Carmel.

Let Christmas Begin

The Perth Adventist Orchestra (PAO) and Perth Adventist Choir (PAC) are presenting a Christmas concert, a free community event for you. Invite your family and friends for an evening of celebration and song. For more info call Jasmin on 0420 932 174.

WHEN: Sunday November 15th, 2015

TIME: 7:00 pm

WHERE: Kalamunda Performing Art Centre, 48 Canning Rd, Kalamunda WA 6076.

COST: Free will offering (PAO & PAC Development).



Relationships Australia. 1300 364 277
WESTERN AUSTRALIA www.relationshipswa.org.au

Making Stepfamilies Work – Wednesday 28th October x 6 weeks at 22 Southport Street, West Leederville.

Couples with children from previous relationships may need strategies. Strategies on communication, agreement on discipline – who spells out the rules and what the rules are – and on handling competing demands. It is just as important for couples to ensure that in a busy week there is time just for each other. For further information and to enroll please phone 6164 0200.

Virtues Parenting Program – Wednesday 28th October x 6 weeks at 22 Southport Street, West Leederville.

What is the Virtues Program? This six-week course is for parents, teachers and anyone else with responsibility for children. Language shapes character. The Family Virtues Guide contains fifty-two of the universal virtues which help parents bring out the best in their children and in themselves. It creates a climate of caring and character. Picture a community in which everyone, from parents to police has the will and skill to teach respect, foster kindness and model virtues such as caring, compassion, courage, forgiveness, friendliness, honesty, love, self-discipline, thankfulness and truthfulness – just to name a few. For further information and to enroll please phone 6164 0200.

Mums Raising Boys – up to the age of 12 –Wednesday 4th November at Lotteries House, Joondalup.

However well-prepared mothers are logically, the emotional response to having a boy is often still, 'Wow! This is unknown territory.' It is true that for many mothers, the idea of raising a son carries its own set of worries. As the primary female role model in a boy's life, mothers play an important role in the development of their son's identity including their ability to be nurturing. This in turn affects how they relate to others, particularly to girls and women. For further information and to enrol please phone 6164 0200.

SUMMER CAMP 2016
CAMP LOGUE BROOK

TEENS
12-17TH JANUARY

JUNIORS
19-24TH JANUARY

WATER COMBO // WAKEBOARDING
ROCK CLIMBING // HORSE RIDING
MOUNTAIN BIKING // ARTS & CRAFTS
PR THARREN HUTCHINSON

SEE THE WORLD FROM THE INSIDE OUT!

Get your Summer Camp Application form @ wayouth-adventist-org-au.adventistconnect.org/summer-camps

Community Notices

CARMEL COLLEGE CHURCH NEWS

Small Groups

Come along and join in any of the various age related programs or small groups between 9.30am–10.30am each Saturday.

Church Service

Each Saturday morning at 11am. This week (Oct 31) Carmel Primary School will be taking the church service. So please come along and support our students.

THINKING OF PIANO LESSONS FOR 2016?

Sandra Lowe has places during school hours available for piano lessons. For more information please call her on 0447 006 209 or email her: sandralowe7@gmail.com