



Carmel Adventist College Primary Newsletter

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THE SMILING GAME

It's been said that a smile is the lighting system of the face, the cooling system of the head and the heating system of the heart. But a smile is also a powerful weapon against toxic attitudes of all kinds.

Lisa Gurnsey, of Portland, Oregon, wrote to me about a man whose smile quite literally changed her life: "I was having a horrible day -- hating my job, tired of the weather, tired of trying to keep up on bills and just completely stressed out. I stopped at the post office in the morning and as I was entering, an older business man commented to me that it was going to be a good day and life shouldn't be as bad as I make it look. I glared at him and simply said, 'I wish it was Friday.'

I felt better about my day when I left the post office...that man's smile and comment, although irritating at first, made me think. The second time I ran into the man I went out of my way to say 'Happy Friday' to him and to smile. I saw him a few more times and always he was cheery and 'made my day.'

I looked for him around Christmastime to give him a card and explain how his kind words and smile that very first day made me re-group my thinking and realise I didn't have it so bad. But I have not seen him at the post office since then. I look every morning...I go at different times to see if I can catch him. Maybe he retired, maybe he is ill. I think to myself, 'I wish I had thanked him for being a kind person.' I can honestly say this man changed my life. I will work to spread that same feeling to those I see in need of a smile." Speaker Josh Hinds makes this suggestion: "Play the smiling game in your daily life. See how many people you can get to smile back at you. Keep score and tally the results at the end of each day."

That sounds like a game we can all play. The rules are simple. There are lots of winners. And who knows...you may even "make" someone's day - even if that someone is you!

~ Steve Goodier ~ (www.skywriting.net/inspirational/messages/)

TERM 3 EVENTS CALENDAR

Speech & Awards Night - Dec 8

Year 6 Day Out - Dec 9

Final Day of Term 4 - Dec 11

PRE-PRIMARY GRADUATION PICNIC TEA

Join us on the grounds of the Primary School on Friday, Dec 4 for an enjoyable evening. Bring your own picnic tea and chairs/blanket to sit on. The evening will commence with the Pre-Primary Graduation and then you can enjoy a nativity walk through the bush with our Early Childhood Students followed by some Christmas Carols. The evening begins at 6pm. **(Parents of Kindy and PP students, please ensure that you arrive no later than 6pm).**



SPEECH AND AWARDS NIGHT & Yr 6 GRADUATION

Tuesday night (Dec 8) is our end of year program, held at Carmel College High School Gymnasium, beginning at 6.30pm. **All students from PP-Yr 6** are expected to be present and in full summer uniform. We will see awards presented across all grades, the Year 5 & 6 drama production of 'Joseph' and of course our Year 6 students' graduation. Year 5 & 6 students can be collected early from school on Tuesday (after 1.30pm) but will need to arrive back at the Gym by 6pm. School reports will also be available for collection after the program.

SCHOOL FEES

Just a reminder that all fees must be finalised by the end of the term. Failure to do so may result in the school withholding your child's end of year report. Should you ever have a question regarding your school fees, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Narelle Duncan on a Thursday or Friday or email: narelleduncan@adventist.org.au.

2016 BUS APPLICATION FORMS

If you intend on using the school bus system next year it is vital that you fill out a Bus Application Form for 2016. If you haven't filled one out yet, please do so and return it to the office ASAP. All forms **MUST be received by Nov 28** or else we can not guarantee your child a seat on the bus.



2016 STATIONERY LIST

You will find attached to your email PDF attachments for ordering your 2016 stationery items online through Office Max. This is by far the quickest and easiest way to do your 'stationery shopping' and be ready for school in 2016. Just open the PDF file that has the relevant grade for your child/ren and then follow the directions on the attached PDF's to order your items. (Please note that your access key to place your order is located on the top right pages of the PDF form).

If you order by Dec 1 then you will also qualify for FREE DELIVERY directly to your house.

Of course if you just want to buy the items yourself, then just print out the relevant stationery list PDF for your child/ren's grade.

SCHOOL BANKING

Thank you to everyone who has supported the School Banking program throughout this year. Please note that the last day for banking this year is NEXT Wednesday, Dec 2.



LIBRARY BOOKS

All outstanding library books now need to be returned to the Library. Ensure you return all of your items by NEXT Wednesday, Dec 2.

Please report all lost and damaged books to Mrs Fairfoul as soon as possible.

CELEBRATION TEA

On Friday evening, Dec 11 we invite you to join us at Carmel College High School for a special informal evening together. Hamburgers will be provided for you to enjoy but you will need to bring your own drinks (no alcohol). The evening is specifically to celebrate our Year 6 and Year 12 class graduates in a more casual atmosphere and **ALL** families of the College community are very welcome to join us. Dinner will run from 5.30pm-8pm. Bring a comfy chair to sit on too!

PLEASE RSVP BY MONDAY, DEC 7 ON 9293 5333 OR 9291 6399



UNIFORM SHOP

The **Primary School** uniform shop is open between 8.45-9.15am every Friday and on Monday, Nov 30.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU!

The students with a birthday next week are:

Jett Beven (25), Oscar O'Rourke (25), Chelsea Lowe (26), Liam Sidney (30)

Students with a birthday in December are:

Simba Watadza (3), Isla Bishop (5), Alec Johnson (8), James Lowe (10), Mutsa Cheneka (11), Taylor Munt (12), Finlay Ainslie (14), Hunter Beven (17), Cale Newitt (19), Sharlea Martin (25), Delvin Bashoma (26) and Seth Shaw (27).

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

CARMEL COLLEGE HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION - SATURDAY, DEC 12

Sabbath Morning

The graduation Church Service featuring the Year 12 graduates will be held at 11am at Carmel College Church. All are welcome to attend the Bible Study groups beforehand for children and adults from 9.30-10.30am. After the service there will be a basket lunch - please bring a plate to share.

Sabbath Evening

The year 12 Graduation and College Speech Night will be held in the gymnasium. The program will start at 7pm. All high school students are expected to attend and be in full summer school uniform.

CHAPLAIN'S NEWS

In 1674, an Anglican priest wrote a simple song of praise for his students at England's Winchester College. Although the understated lyrics expressed praise to God for his wonderful blessings, he was careful to warn the boys to only sing the hymn in the privacy of their dorm rooms during their personal devotions.

Why all the secrecy? At that time the church believed hymns should only include words directly from the Bible. Using your own lyrics was like adding words to scripture itself! But what beautiful and simple words they were! Fortunately this hymn, which is today referred to as the Doxology, was soon taken from the shadows and saw its popularity quickly spread. Do you catch the irony here? This hymn, first used in secret, quickly became the most frequently sung piece of music used in public worship!

As America celebrates Thanksgiving Day on Nov 26, I encourage you to pause for a few moments and think of what you have in your life to be thankful for and meditate on the joyful words of praise in this hymn:

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.

Praise Him, all creatures here below.

Praise Him, above ye Heavenly Host.

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!



STAFF CHANGES FOR 2016

You may have heard a few whispers lately that there are some staff changes at Carmel Adventist College Primary for 2016. Sadly it is true that some of our staff have been asked to take up new positions elsewhere, whilst some have chosen to take a new career pathway in 2016. We have also made a few minor changes to the roles of existing staff to give staff new opportunities and challenges in 2016.

GOING

French Teacher

Gervais Cangy has been with us for several years now and has become a much loved staff member. Pastor Cangy will be returning to full-time ministry in 2016 which means he will not be able to continue teaching French for us.

Year 6 – Mrs Alycia Coulson

Mrs Coulson has been given opportunity to follow a long held dream of studying medicine next year. We are very happy for her to have this wonderful opportunity. On the other hand we are greatly saddened by this news as students and staff will miss her. Whilst Mrs Coulson has been with us just one year, she has made a big impact on us all. We wish her well.

Office Staff

Mrs Laurene Chapman will be taking time out from office administration next year. She has given us five years of amazing service and I know that I will miss hearing her cheerful laugh as she cheers up both students and staff as they walk past, not to mention her efficiency and creativity.

Chaplain – Pr Tharren Hutchinson

Just a few short days ago Pastor Tharren was asked to consider a position in Wagga, New South Wales. He decided just days ago that he would accept the challenge. In the two years Tharren has been with us, he has firmly entrenched himself in our hearts.

The Conference Administration team have started the search for a replacement Chaplain but we know that it will be no mean task to find someone who comes close to Tharren.

Library – Mrs Pam Fairfoul

I believe that Mrs Fairfoul has been at Carmel Primary longer than any other staff member in the school's history. Mrs Fairfoul technically retired last year but still volunteered 3 days a week to the school working in the library this year. This incredible gift of her time and talents has been greatly appreciated by the whole school community. She is ready to retire properly now and will take some time to support her own children with their families and young grandchildren.

COMING CHANGES

French Teacher

Pr Cangy has given us a couple of names to follow up for possible replacements and so Mr Nick Thomson and I have been busy interviewing candidates and should be ready to give details of the French teacher for next year very soon.

Year 6

Mrs Keating will be taking over the Year 6 class next year. She is very excited about working with the Year 6 students to prepare them for High School and to make their final year of Primary School one to remember. Those who have had their son or daughter in her class in Year 3 will know the quality program that she runs and I am sure will be glad to know they will get another opportunity in a couple of years time to benefit from her hard work, enthusiasm and creativity.

Office Staff

Mrs Narelle Duncan will be taking over most of the extra hours previously done by Mrs Chapman with Mrs Jo Pearson joining her to do just one day per fortnight on communication work for us (i.e. Newsletters, web updates etc). Both of these wonderful ladies are well known to the school community and the good news is that we will get to see them more often next year.



STAFF CHANGES FOR 2016cont

Year 3

With Mrs Keating teaching Year 6 next year, our Year 3 class will have a change of teacher. Miss Hannah Jaeger has been appointed to Carmel Primary for 2016 and is very excited to take up the position in Year 3. We have had a wonderful opportunity to watch Hannah develop and grow as a new teacher this year as she completed her final long prac-session with Mrs Karyn Stanton. Upon reflection, this is an almost identical scenario to how we appointed Mrs Candice Keating 4 years ago. Having completed her long practicum at our school we knew this was someone we wanted on staff. We welcome Miss Jaeger. There is nothing quite so exciting as taking up your first full time teaching position and I am sure that you will make her feel welcome to our team in 2016.

Two Year 4 classes

Next year we plan to have two straight Year 4 classes rather than a Year 3, a Year 3 & 4 and a Year 4. This means just a minor adjustment of role for Miss Till. I have been excited to hear Miss Till and Mr Hughes talk about their plans for the year. They will do some team teaching for some subject areas to make best use of their particular skills and talents. They also plan to do some activities together so that the class stays unified as Year 4 students.

Please note: If you have a particular wish for your student to be in one class or the other could you please contact Mrs Taylor directly before the end of term. If you do not have a preference, we will simply share out the students in the best way we can.

Library

Mrs Holly Gunter will be fulfilling one of her long held dreams to work in a school library next year. She will have an amazing teacher and mentor in Mrs Fairfoul who will be helping her learn the ropes over the next couple of months. We have found Mrs Gunter to be a very creative, well organised and efficient staff member and know that she will bring her own special touch to this position. She will add this role to her part-time Education Assistant work.

For more exciting news about what is happening at Carmel Adventist College Primary in 2016 make sure you come along to the Speech Night on Tuesday night.

Community Notices

THE ROAD TO BETHLEHEM 2015

Experience the true story of Christmas as you never have before. Step back in time and be immersed in all the excitement and drama of the very first Christmas. Suitable for all ages. Book online for this FREE community event. Running Monday Dec 14 - Wednesday Dec 16 at Livingston SDA Church. Gates open at 6.30pm.

Book online at: <http://www.trybooking.com/Booking/BookingEventSummary.aspx?eid=110402>



CHEAP WEET-BIX

The Sanitarium factory (located opposite Carmel Church) is selling 1.2kg packets of *seconds* WEET-BIX for only \$3.50. Nationally, Sanitarium is working together to raise \$40,000 to build a school in Vanuatu to help after the devastating effects of cyclone Pam earlier this year. ALL money collected from the sale of these WEET-BIX will be donated to the project. Drop into the factory pick up a bargain and support a good cause!



CARMEL SDA CHURCH NEWS

Come along and join in any of the various age related programs or small groups between 9.30-10.30am each Saturday morning. The Main service begins at 11am.

CHRISTMAS CHURCH SERVICE

You are invited to celebrate Christmas at Carmel College SDA Church! Come along for breakfast feast on December 19 at 9am. This will be followed by a special Christmas service at 10.30am

CHRISTMAS PARTY!

On Sunday (Dec 20) you are welcome to join in the annual Christmas Party beginning at 6pm. Bring along a savoury dish to share for the 'Basket Dinner'. Dinner will be followed by dessert (provided by Carmel Church), carols and a visit from Santa. There will also be a bouncy castle for the kiddies.

Nb. Bring along a \$10 present to put under the tree for your child. Gifts must be wrapped and clearly labelled.