



## Carmel Adventist College Primary Newsletter

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### WHAT CHRISTMAS IS ALL ABOUT

Sometimes it takes the wisdom of a 2 year old to remind us of what Christmas and life are all about. It was the day after Christmas 19 years ago. I was a struggling substitute teacher who had barely earned enough to pay the rent and electric bills for our tiny apartment that month. The only gifts my wife and I could afford for our children were a few stuffed animals.

I put my kids to bed that night and wearily walked back into the living room. I was sad about not being able to give them a better Christmas. Suddenly, I heard a giggle. I walked back into their bedroom and my foot stepped on one of those stuffed animals. A second giggle came from within the big cardboard box that held their toys. I peeked over the top of it. My 2 year old daughter had dragged her 5 year old brother into the box to hide from Daddy. I gently stepped over the toys they had emptied out to make room for themselves, leaned down and tickled my little girl. She squealed with delight and wrapped her arms around my neck. I smiled and gave her a big kiss on the cheek. I hugged her and her brother then put them back to bed. Gazing down at them I realized that Love was the only Christmas gift we needed.

Looking back on that time reminds me of what Christmas is all about. It isn't about how expensive the gifts we give and receive are. It is rather about the birth of another special child some two thousand years ago. This child would grow up to teach us all how to love each other. He would give us all so much joy. He would show us all how to face the trials of this life with faith and hope while preparing our souls for the greater life to come.

May we all embrace the wisdom of this special child. May we all fill this Christmas with hugs, kisses, laughter, and joy. And may we all spend all of our days here on Earth sharing God's greatest gift: Love!

~ Joseph J. Mazzella ~

### FINAL DAY OF SCHOOL 2016 - FRIDAY

Our final Chapel for the year will be held on Friday at 2pm in the undercover area of the Primary School. As usual, parents are very welcome to join with us.

During this special program we will be celebrating the achievements of our graduates and will also be announcing the House Captains for 2016.

### REGISTRATION DAY

The school will be open on Monday, Jan 25, between 10am and 2pm for you to come in and collect your child/ren's books (for covering), visit your child/ren's new teacher and check out their new classroom.

The uniform shop will also be open both at the High School and Primary School for all your uniform requirements.

### SCHOOL HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS

Please note that the school office will be closed from Thursday, Dec 17 until Monday, Jan 18.

### TERM 4 EVENTS CALENDAR

Year 6 Day Out - Dec 9

Water Slide Fun Day - Dec 10

Final Day of Term 4 - Dec 11

Registration Day - Jan 25

First Day of Term 1, 2016 - Feb 1

### 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.

### LIBRARY THANK-YOU

Mrs Fairfoul would like to thank everyone for their support of the Library activities over this past year through Book Club Orders, Book Fair and ensuring books are returned on time. Your support has been wonderful!



### 2016 STATIONERY LIST

Remember, for carefree online school shopping, place your 2016 stationery orders through Officemax. Just open the PDF attached to the last Newsletter that has the relevant grade for your child/ren and then follow the directions to order your items. (Please note that your access key is located on the top right pages of the PDF form). Of course if you just want to buy the items yourself, then just print off the stationery lists as required.

### SCHOOL 2016 CALENDAR

The P&F Committee have created a beautiful calendar for 2016 featuring many photos of the children in our school plus important events already marked on the dates. These lovely calendars will only cost \$12. If you would like to order one, please phone Shani Green on 0409 881 906. Calendars can be picked up before the end of December, or on Registration day (Jan 25).

## CARMEL SDA CHURCH NEWS

### CHRISTMAS CHURCH SERVICE

You are invited to celebrate Christmas at Carmel College SDA Church! Come along for a breakfast feast on December 19 at 8.30am. This will be followed at 10am by a very special music filled Christmas Service focused on 'Rediscovering the Nativity Story'. Please join us!

### 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'. Dessert will be provided by Carmel Church, There will be a bouncy castle for the kids, carols to sing together and a visit from Santa.

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

Safe 'no-flame' candles will also be available to purchase on the night for \$2.50 each (limited stock).

### FUN FINAL THURSDAY

We have the giant waterslides back again this year. The students really enjoy this fun day and we had just enough left in our excursion budgets to cover the costs of this event and so there is no need to send in money.

Each class will have rostered time to ensure that everyone gets a fair go.

**Students need to wear their SPORT UNIFORM.**

#### Bring:

- ◆ Lunch
- ◆ Hat
- ◆ Bathers and Towel
- ◆ They may also want to bring along a dry set of clothes



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU!

The 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.

### BASKETBALL

If you have a school Basketball uniform still at home, PLEASE ensure that it is returned to the school by Friday.

### BASKETBALL @ RAY OWEN

The Kalamunda & Districts Basketball Assoc invites children to come and play in the under 12s or under 14s girls teams this season. The season starts mid February and finishes at the end of June, breaking for school holidays. Games are on Monday nights. For more information, phone Chris Saligari on 0439 936 536.

## CHAPLAIN'S NEWS

*"Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make your paths straight" Proverbs 3:5*

With 2016 rapidly approaching, I find myself torn between somewhat dreamy reflections of my past two years at Carmel Primary and expectant contemplations regarding the year that is to come. I've heard a number of people express immeasurable gratitude over many events in 2015 and others who express uncertainty about the year that is just around the corner. I'm happy to be starting a new year and chapter in life, but I'm not in some zealous hurry to jump across the line into 2016. I guess 2015 just hasn't been so bad that I'm in a mad dash to leave it all behind. In fact, when I look back I can see that 2015 was actually a blessed year, one that contained more good than bad, greater love than pain and increased hope and trust in God. I'm okay that it's coming to a close, but I guess I'm thankful for what it brought.

As our Year 6 graduates leave us to go to High School next year, I hope that they too will be able to look back at their time spent here and see that it was a time that contained more good than bad, greater love than pain and increased hope and trust in God. We hope that they too, will be grateful for the blessings of their Primary School education here at Carmel. And as they begin a new chapter in their life next year, we pray that they will hold dear the lessons learnt in Primary School, especially that God is always with them and His blessings are abundant. Merry Christmas everyone.

- Tharren Hutchinson

# The Road to Bethlehem - 2015



A free interactive drama presented by the Livingston Seventh-day Adventist Church telling the biblical story of Christmas. Walk the Road to Bethlehem and experience the sights and sounds of Bethlehem.

Suitable for all ages.

**Monday Dec 14 - Wednesday Dec 16**  
**7pm - 9.30pm**  
**(Gates open 6.30pm)**

Livingston SDA Church  
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# THE NATIVITY STORY

CARMEL CHURCH - SATURDAY, DEC 19

Come along for a celebration breakfast of pancakes, eggs, baked beans, sausages, plus the usuals of toast, cereals, fruit, etc.

**BREAKFAST BEGINS AT 8.30am**

Then join us for a trip back in time, 2000 years ago, to witness the miraculous events of that very special night so many years ago.

Be blessed by the true spirit of Christmas this year.

**CHRISTMAS SERVICE 10am – 11.30am**