FROM THE PRINCIPAL...

I have personally enjoyed getting to know our school community more and look forward to getting to know school families more as time progresses. It is nice to see parents and caregivers join us for school events such as our recent Swimming Carnival. What a relaxed, informal setting to have a nice chat!

Parents have been friendly and pleasant to speak with since the start of the year. As a school, we encourage open dialogue as this improves learning for students. Just to be sure that everyone is aware of our formal process of communication.

1. Please speak with or email your child’s teacher first regarding your child.
2. If your query involves a discipline issue please contact our Deputy Principal – Mr Minett.
3. If you have proceeded with the first two processes and your query remains unresolved then you may request to contact the Principal.

We are happy to be in touch with you. Please contact the office to schedule an appointment if you need one.

Isaiah 1:18 encourages us to communicate with “Come now, and let us reason together.” May we continue to work together to educate our students for now and eternity!

God bless you.

MRS DAVINA PETERS
PRINCIPAL

YEAR 10 CALENDAR CHANGES

Due to some clashes, there have been some changes regarding dates for Year 10 in Term Two. Please note the following:

- Year 10 Examinations will now occur in Week 7 of Term 2 on Monday 9th and Tuesday 10th of June.
- Year 10 Career Testing Days will now occur in Week 7 of Term 2 on Wednesday 11th and Thursday 12th of June.
- Year 10 Work Experience will now occur in Week 10 of Term 2 from Monday 30th of June to Friday 4th of July.

NEW STUDENT ID CARDS

Unfortunately due to computer issues, ID cards have been delayed. We are working on resolving the issue asap. Sorry for the inconvenience.

IMPORTANT - MEDICAL & PERMISSION FORMS

We still have a few students who have not returned their forms. It is extremely important that this occurs to ensure the smooth running of the school. If you have misplaced them please contact Reception immediately and we will organise for more to be sent to you. These forms were posted out at the end of last year with the booklist and 2014 Yearly Calendar.

FEE PAYMENT COMMITMENT FORMS

If you have not yet returned the Commitment Form, please do so by this Friday, 28th February. Thank you to those families who have. If you have finalised your fees for the year via Bpay or Direct Deposit and haven’t returned your form, please email Narelle Duncan at narelleduncan@adventist.org.au.
11 YEAR TRIP
Last week, students were given a letter regarding this year’s trip. Please ensure that you have seen this and completed the permission form, which needs to be returned to school. The specifics of the trip are still being finalised, but we will be heading to Avondale College after sightseeing in Sydney, driving down to Canberra, and then enjoying the snow at Thredbo. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs Foster or Mr Stanton.

2014 ACRO SQUAD
Acro squad will not be running this term due to our senior students having a substantial workload, and losing more than half of our squad. This decision will be re-evaluated in Term 2, but at this point in time, the Acro Squad will be on hold. Thank you for your support of the Squad over the last 5 years, we have really enjoyed working with your kids!

THE TALE OF 2 ROADS
A note to explain the roadworks happening on the driveway out to First Avenue. As the most widely used entry point to the College campus it is important that this road is able to carry traffic in both directions at all times. Achieving this is the primary goal of the current works. It is quite an involved undertaking as it includes re-laying the water main from the gateway down to the bottom of the hill, building a retaining wall between the two carriageways, drainage works to accommodate runoff, curbing all road edges, overlaying the existing roadway with asphalt, and sealing the new areas to provide two lanes between First Avenue and the College. This project is likely to take some time to complete, and we ask for your patience as we proceed.

Because of the work already done on the pipeline, some edges of the road are a little unstable, so we ask that you observe the existing one-way times until the road is completed. One way times are 8-9.15am and 3-4pm.

Thanks for your cooperation.
Norrie Taylor (Estate Manager)

BOOKS FOR SALE
A WACE Study Guide
2AB Human Biology
2AB Physics
Near new $25 - See Reception

STURT WINS SWIMMING CARNIVAL
Sturt have won the swimming carnival this year with the closest margins in memory! With all the scores added up and only absentee deductions made, Sturt trailed O’Connor by just 1 point. Then with one less absentee on the day, Sturt turned that result around and won the carnival by 1 point. The final scores were:
1st Place - STURT 344 points
2nd Place - O’CONNOR 343 points
3rd Place - FOREST 247 points
So this serves as a reminder that carnival days need to be attended by all, and just 1 student having a day off can cost the house a victory!

A NOTE FROM THE WINNING HOUSE CAPTAINS...
On February 20, students arrived at Kalamunda Water Park for the 2014 Swimming Carnival. It was a beautiful day and students had lots of fun at the new venue. Although there was frantic activity finding participants for the races, the effort put into each swim was great. So much energy was seen between participants and those cheering for their house! It was a chance for each house to prove their skills, and it was obvious that it would be a tight competition. But of course, the strongest team took the winning place (even if it was by one point)! So we congratulate all Sturt members. A big thank you goes to Mr Stanton for organising the event, staff, house captains and students for their contribution in making it a memorable carnival.
Melanie Reyes and Jason Cockrel

2014 SECONDARY ASSISTANCE SCHEME
The WA Dept of Education provides an allowance to assist eligible families with secondary schooling costs. Parents or guardians must hold one of the following cards to be eligible.
- Centrelink Family Health Card
- Centrelink Pensioner Concession Card
- Veterans’ Affairs Pensioner Concession Card (Blue card)
Forms are available from Reception and must be completed by April 11.

MUSIC LESSONS
For your convenience we have listed teachers available for music this year.
- Guitar Lessons - Bernard McDonagh
  0405 767 338
- Violin & Cello lessons - Julie Harrison
  0409 887 766
- Piano & Flute lessons - Sue Cox
  9374 0937
Whilst we provide the facilities for these lessons, they are operated privately. Fees are set by individual teachers and payable directly to them. For all enquiries, please phone the appropriate teacher.

FUNDRAISERS...
REDUCE YOUR POWER BILLS & RAISE MONEY FOR CAMBODIA
Over the months of February and March, Solargain will donate $20 for any Solar Panel (PV) system sold. Simply call Solargain on 1300 739 355 (speak to Jimmy) to obtain a quote. For any quote that turns into a sale, Solargain will donate $20 per system. You must tell them Rachael Heath referred you to ensure the sale results in a donation. As a bonus, if Rachael receives the most referrals nationally over Feb and March, an additional $1000 will be donated. For more information on solar power, visit www.solargain.com.au

IGA SANDERSON RD LESMURDIE
If you shop at IGA, Sanderson Road, please remember to drop your receipts in the ballot box marked Carmel College Secondary at the front of the store. IGA owners Karen & Stephen Gurney will return one percent of all purchases back to Carmel College.

PARENTING COURSES RELATIONSHIPS AUSTRALIA
Courses held in March are listed below.
- Kids and Today’s Technology
- Parent-Child Connection
- Mum’s Raising Boys (0-12)
Check www.wa.relationships.com.au for more information or phone 9489 6322