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Welcome back for Term 2!

The Joy of Learning

In 2012 some colleagues and I had the amazing opportunity to visit Northern England and Scotland on study tour to experience Nature Based Learning.

We spent time in the forest, we watched children interact with the natural environment and learn to problem solve and think critically from the age of 3, and we engaged with leaders in the field from Britain and Scandinavia.

But best of all, we had fun because we got to do what the kids were doing. We cooked food on an open fire in drizzling rain and enjoyed the warmth of the fire,

Events Calendar

Mother's Day Stall	May 8 & 9
NAPLAN Testing	May 9 – 11
Year 6 Camp	May 10- 12
Mother's Day Afternoon Tea	May 12
Week of Worship	May 15 - 19
Gosnells SDA Church Program	May 27
WA Day Public Holiday	June 5
Hymnfest	June 10
Parent/Teacher Interviews	June 28
End of Term 2	June 30

we hiked up huge hills to get to remote forest play areas, and we toured some amazing learning facilities, observing happy kids engaged in learning through their natural environment.

In short, we had a chance to experience the joy of learning.

If you have a look at the photos included, you will clearly see the joy of learning reflected in the face of your principal. Mrs Taylor, along with a group of other colleagues, was learning how to light a fire using a flint.

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GENERAL

Absent/Late Students

We take your child's duty of care seriously and, as such, we need to be informed whenever a child is absent from school.

This can be done by phoning the front office between 8:30-9:00am, by emailing

<u>admin@carmelcollegeprimary.wa.edu.au</u> or using the SKOOLBAG app on the morning of your child's absence.

If your child is late to school for any reason, you MUST sign the late register book in the office BEFORE they can go to class.

Thank-you for taking a note of this.

NAPLAN

NAPLAN testing will take place next week. This testing gives us valuable information, data and feedback. We have learned to 'normalise' the testing by having them experience testing situations throughout the year.

Treat the days like any other. NAPLAN results don't predict the future – but it does give us more information about teaching and learning.

Mother's Day Stall

We will be operating a Mother's Day stall Monday, May 8 and Tuesday, May 9 to give students an opportunity to purchase a present for their mums.

Monday, May 8

3YO & 4YO Kindy's and Pre-Primary's

Tuesday, May 9

Years 1 - 6

Items for sale will range from \$1 - \$10 to suit all budgets.

Thank-you!

School Fees

Option B (Term-by-Term) - To receive your 2.5% discount, please ensure your fees are paid on or before this Friday, 5th May.

Fee statements for Option C (monthly) and Option D (fortnightly) will be sent home with the eldest sibling this week. I encourage you to review your statement to ensure all your payments are showing.

Please do not hesitate to contact me in the office or on email at narelleduncan@adventist.org.au or Janine Taylor should you ever have any concerns about your fees.

Thank you Narelle Duncan



New School Banking rewards now available!

Exciting new Term 2 rewards with a Future Savers theme are now available, while stocks last!

For every deposit made at school students will receive a silver Dollarmites token. Once students have individually collected 10 tokens they can redeem them for exclusive School Banking reward items in recognition of their regular savings habits.

Thank you for supporting the School Banking program and

remember....

School Banking day has now changed to every **Wednesday**.



3D Chalk Set

Tablet Case

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We were in the forest in Scotland; we were freezing cold and I can tell you from experience that using a flint to produce a fire is not at all easy. We wanted that little fire to work so we could warm our hands up a little. Persistence to keep trying and determination not to fail – this is what I recall from that day. Then there was the joy of success and a little bit of warmth for those cold (turning a little bit blue, actually!) hands. You can see it clearly on Mrs Taylor's face.







As a teacher, there's nothing quite like the buzz you get when a child under your care is learning and having fun all at the same time.

As a frequent guest at Carmel Adventist College Primary, I get to see the students at work both inside and out. I'm amazed at the interactive learning spaces and at how the students and teachers use them. I hear the excited chatter amongst the students when they are telling each other about what they have discovered, or are helping each other and working together to meet challenges.

A little bit of Scotland has come to Carmel, but with gumtrees, allowing the joy of learning through nature.

Rhonda Belson

Director of Education Adventist Christian Schools (WA)

SPORT

Sporting Schools (after school sport)

After school sports will be starting Tuesday, May 9th for all students in Pre-Primary - Year 6.

A permission form with the sport options will be sent home with your child/ren this week.

Combined Sports Day

The annual Combined Sports Day at Gerry Archer Reserve in Belmont was a fantastic day and was well attended by each of the schools families and friends.

It was a day that buzzed with anticipation, determination and sportsmanship.

Well done and congratulations to each and every participant.

See page 4 of the newsletter to view the 2017 Combined Sports Day medalists.

Medals will be presented to the students this coming Friday, May 5 during the Chapel program.







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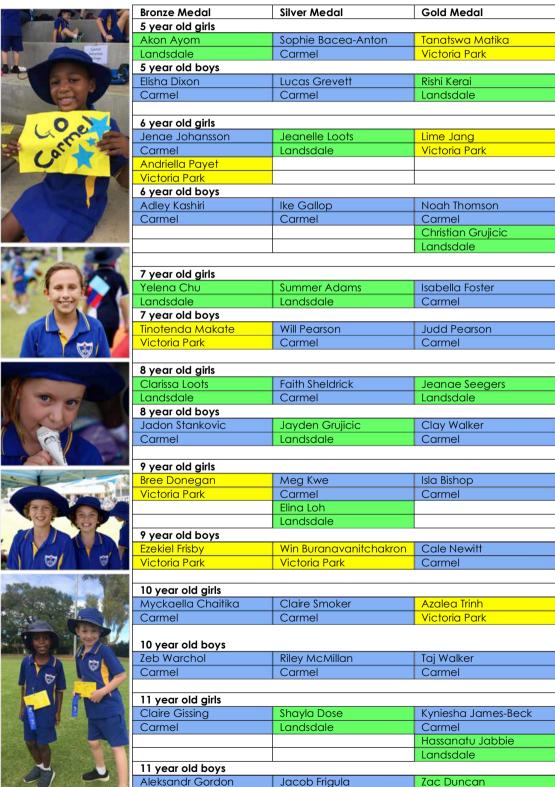




Combined Schools Sports Day Medal Recipients



Congratulations!













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Parents' and Friends Committee

Our Parents and Friends Committee is a vital part of our school and we are hoping to involve more people in this group to help promote our school and the strong connection we embrace with our parents.



The School Council recently appointed two very capable people to head up the Parents and Friends Association for 2017. Mrs Sam McCutcheon and Mrs Shani Green have agreed to take on this role as co-leaders. Sam comes valuable experience, having headed a P&F committee previously and Shani who helped out in this area at Carmel Primary previously, but then had to put it aside because of work demands, but who had many excellent ideas. There is so much potential for this group, we really look forward to having as many involved as possible to make it the best it can possibly be.

The School Council recognise that the role is complex and changing and hope that this year we can make a transition to a more sustainable model of P & F. With your help, we can do this.

The aim is to have a larger group involved. Ideally, we would like one or two, (or more), parent representatives from each class. This way we ensure representation from a broad spectrum of the school community. You would be required to keep in touch with the class teacher regularly about events happening in the classroom and be able to share with other parents about the routines we have within this class. If we had a couple of parents from each class, then we hope that at least one would be available for meetings, or perhaps they could share the load.

With a larger committee, we are hoping to have some sub groups to take on particular roles such as:

Special events - this includes things like parent information sessions, morning or afternoon teas. Mothers' Day and Fathers' Day stalls

Fundraising – various ventures (approximately 1 per term) to raise fund for special projects such as our Nature Playground area.

Grounds and Infrastructure - helping coordinate working bees and other special projects to make our grounds and facilities more attractive and suitable for our children.

Please talk to your class teacher or one of the Admin staff members if you are interested in participating in any way. Your contribution would be most welcome.

Watch the Newsletter and Facebook for details of the first meeting. It is coming up very soon.

Janine





Chapel

Please join us for our weekly Chapel program every **FRIDAY** morning from 8:50am to 9:30am in the Year 6 classroom at the end of the Library.

Refreshments will be available before and after the program.

This **Friday (5th May)**, the program will be coordinated by the Year 4 class. The speaker is Mr Rick Pekan from Bible Society.

The Combined Sports Day medals will be presented to students during this chapel program.

Next week **(12th May)...** Coordinated – Year 2 class Speaker – Pr Lomani

COMMUNITYNEWS

After School Arts News

After School Arts enrolment is on Thursday, May 4 from 4-5pm at Jorgenson Park in Kalamunda.

Vacancies exist in all classes of Pottery, Painting and drawing and Hooked on Hessian. Classes commence Thursday, May 11 from 4-6pm for 8 weeks.

Please phone Norma 9293 4486 with bookings and enquiries. Ages from 6yrs

Upcoming 'City of Gosnells' Parent Workshops.

Bookings are essential.

May 3 – Positive Parenting Program City of Gosnells web link - Triple P Nurturing Strong Happy Children

May 16 – Cyber Safety

City of Gosnells web link - Cyber Safety Parent

May 17 – Dads do it differently

City of Gosnells web link - Dads do it Differently Parent

Workshop

Kalamunda Running Club

(coached by Let's Run Perth)

Let us teach your kids the correct running posture and technique for the upcoming cross country.

LIMITED SPOTS!

Every Tue, May 9 - June 20, 4 - 4.45pm, Kostera Oval, Kalamunda.

Early-bird fee:

\$70/child (if paid by

Late registration fee: \$8o/child (if

Register now:



https://goo.gl/forms/K1MkzLgBgBevUm5p2 or email: info@letsrunperth.com or call 0402784225





CHURCH NEWS

Kids Church

The Cave Quest team from the Upper Primary Shed at Easter Camp will be presenting a wonderful music-filled program for kids (and adults) at Carmel College SDA Church this Saturday, May 6th.

Come along and join in any of the various age related programs or small groups between 9:30am-10:30am. Followed by the Cave Quest program at 11am.

Everyone is welcome!

We hope to there!



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

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

Marcus (Yr 6), Caleb (Yr 5), Deakon (Yr 6), Ethan (Yr 5), Claire (Yr 6), Kai (Yr 4), Millie (Yr 5), Alayna (Yr 2), Evelyn (Yr 4) and Grace L. (Yr 6).

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



Like us on Facebook for regular information updates.

Search for Carmel Adventist College Primary.

SCHOOL TERM DATES 2017

Term 2 Wednesday, April 26 – Friday, June 30

Tuesday, July 18 – Friday, September 22 Term 3

Tuesday, October 10 – Friday, December 8 Term 4







A CELEBRATION OF
BIBLE SOCIETY AUSTRALIA'S BICENTENARY

10th of JUNE 6.00PM-8.00PM

Mount Pleasant Baptist Church 497 Marmion St, Booragoon WA





Featuring Perth Adventist Orchestra and Perth Adventist Choir

Raising funds to support the distribution of God's word throughout Australia

Secure your tickets now at **hymnfestperth.eventbrite.com.au** or call Rick on **0447 973 273** for more info

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