



Carmel Adventist College Primary Newsletter

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THE CREATION OF MOTHERS

When the Good Lord was creating mothers He was into His 6th day of "overtime" when the angel appeared and said, "You're doing a lot of fiddling around on this one." And the Lord said, "Have you read the specification on this order? She has to be completely washable but not plastic. Have 180 movable parts... all replaceable. Run on black coffee and leftovers. Have a lap the disappears when she stands up. A kiss that can cure anything from a broken leg to a disappointed love affair. And 6 pairs of hands."

The angel shook her head slowly and said, "6 pairs of hands... no way."

"It's not the hands that are causing me the problems," said the Lord, "It's the three pairs of eyes that Mothers have to have."

"That's in the standard model?" asked the angel.

The Lord nodded. "One pair that sees through closed doors when she asks 'What are you kids doing in there?' when she already knows. Another here in the back of her head that sees what she shouldn't but what she has to know, and of course the ones here in front so that she can look at a child when he goofs and say, 'I understand and I love you' without so much as uttering a word."

"Lord," said the angel touching his sleeve gently, "come to bed. Tomorrow..."

"I can't," said the Lord, "I'm so close to creating something very close to my heart. Already I have one that heals herself when she is sick . . . can feed a family of six on one pound of hamburger... and can get a 9 yr. old to stand under a shower."

The angel circled the model of a Mother very slowly. "It's too soft," she sighed.

"But tough!" said the Lord excitedly. "You cannot imagine what this Mother can do or endure."

"Can it think?"

"Not only think, but it can reason and compromise," said the Creator.

Finally, the angel bent over and ran a finger across the cheek. "There's a leak," she pronounced. "I told You You were trying to put too much into this model."

"It's not a leak," said the Lord. "It's a tear."

"What's it for?"

The Lord said, "The tear is her way of expressing her joy, her sorrow, her pain, her disappointment, her loneliness, her grief, and her pride."

The Angel was impressed. "You are a genius, Lord. You thought of everything, for MOTHERS are truly amazing."

http://www.indiaparenting.com/raising-children/253_1361/a-tribute-to-mothers-gods-best-creation.html

EVENTS CALENDAR

P&F Meeting - 7 May

NAPLAN Testing - 12-14 May

Carmel H.S. Open day - 29 May

WA Day Public Holiday - 1 June

Mud Day - July 3

End of Term 2 - July 3

Term 3 commences - 21 July

CHAPEL

Our Chapel program is held each Friday morning between 8.50 and 9.30am. This week the Pre-Primary class will be assisting and next week the Year 6 class will be helping out with the program. We welcome any parents and friends to come along and join us.

PARENTS AND FRIENDS COMMITTEE

The next P&F meeting will be held in the staff room on May 7 at 2pm.

NAPLAN

Naplan testing will commence next week, Tuesday-Friday.

MOTHER'S DAY STALL

The Mother's Day stall will be open THIS Friday, May 8. The kids really love coming into the little "shop" and purchasing a special gift for mum. Please remind your children to bring along their pocket money to make their purchases. Gifts will be priced between \$2 and \$10.



A HUGE thank you to those wonderful Mum's who have donated such an amazing array of gifts for the stall. Your support is VERY much appreciated.



SCHOOL WORKING BEE

To make the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program work, we need to do some significant development of the student vege garden area. We would love help with this project as it is something that will involve all students either now or in the future once the program is fully rolled out.

Date: May 24, 2pm—5pm

Main tasks: To build some vegetable beds in the area beyond the oval. If we get enough people on the ground to help out we will start work on a chicken yard/coop.

Need: Hand tools, shovels, drills, hammers, lots of strong helpers! etc.

PRIMARY UNIFORM SHOP

Please note that the uniform shop at the primary school will be open every Friday from 8.45am-9.15am. The shop will also be open on the following Thursday's between 8.45am-9:15am: May 7, May 21, June 4, June 18 and July 2.

Optional Winter Jacket

Orders can be placed through our uniform shop for the optional winter jacket. If you would like to order one, please speak to the uniform shop ladies. Cost is \$40.

INVESTIGATION

The Relationship between Motor Coordination and Mental Health.

Our school has been invited to participate in an upcoming research project at Curtin University. In brief, the aims of this project are to investigate how a child's motor coordination has impacts on their psychological and social health outcomes also. This project is specifically for Years 3 - 6. The majority of the assessments will be carried out at school in school time, however there is a short questionnaire that parents are requested to fill out. All personal results of each child in this study will be kept private and strictly confidential. This project will provide invaluable contributions to how we understand child motor development and mental health. Participation is completely voluntary. Should you choose not to participate you can do so, free from prejudice.

CARMEL PLAY GROUP

This term Carmel Playgroup will run each Thursday fortnight at Carmel Church from 9am-11am. It is a time for the kids to play and the parents to chat. Bring a piece of fruit to share for morning tea. Contact Shani Green (0409 881 906) or Rochelle Mulder (0423 126 324) if you would like more information.

This terms dates are:

May 14, May 28, June 11 and June 25.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU!

The students with a birthday in May are:

Marcus Henderson (9), Damon Sice (10), Caleb Gordon (11), Ethan Mpofu (16), Claire Gissing (16), Kai Leitis (18), Qhubeka Ndlovu (22), Evelyn Maceca-Anton (26), Trevor Nyagwaya (26) and Grace Laffrey (28).

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

CHAPLAIN'S NEWS

March to a Beat – (Part 2)

March to the beat of your own drum. It might sound a little cliché but it is quite simple. The very best of people are able to empower others, along their own journey. I don't mean this in the sense that you should do as you please without consideration of others. The world has had its great teachers, men of giant intellect and extensive research, men whose utterances have stimulated thought and opened to view vast fields of knowledge and understanding. True education has always meant more than the perusal of a certain course of study. Think about what we currently do. Was it just learned from a textbook? And how do we apply our knowledge?

In my ageing and finite wisdom I have found that those who can march to the beat of their own drum, tend to be happier and find fulfillment in their accomplishments. Living well, living honestly and living with all your heart. These types of people are world changers. I carry their words and actions in my heart because they taught and continue to teach me to be better.

Fundamentally we want the same things. ... to be happy ... to be loved ... to be ourselves ... to be comfortable in our skins.

In order to have this life I believe you need to live it! We need to share the beat of our heart and help others to find theirs. To give much and more than we take.

I have put some thoughts from the book Education, p17. Written by Ellen G. White, who was recognised as the prophetic thought leader of Adventist education.

"Every human being, created in the image of God, is endowed with a power akin to that of the Creator. It is the work of true education, to train the youth to be thinkers, and not mere reflectors of other men's thought. *Instead of confining their study to that which men have said or written, let students be directed to the sources of truth, to the vast fields opened for research in nature and revelation. They will become men and women who are masters and not slaves of circumstances, people who possess breadth of mind, clearness of thought, and the courage of their convictions.* The young people in whom this power is developed will bear responsibilities, who can be leaders in enterprise, and who will influence character."

Kindergarten and Pre-Primary Excursion Caversham Wildlife Park

On Monday 4th May the Kindergarten and Pre-Primary class went to Caversham Wildlife Park for an Excursion. This Term the Pre-Primary class is studying and investigating Red Kangaroos.

Our excursion gave the students the opportunity to see large groups of Red Kangaroos face to face. The students were able to walk among the kangaroos, feeding and patting them.



The students were able to see many other Australia animals and birds during our visit, such as koalas, dingos, parrots and emus.

We were very fortunate to have some parents from both classes join us for our excursion.

We had a wonderful day and were all very tired by the time we returned to school.



Happy Mothers Day

From the Year 3 Class

This week in year 3 we have been thinking about all the amazing things our mums do for us and why they are special. Here are some examples from the year 3 students.

I love my mum beyond heaven and back. She is a good master chef and she is a great hair dresser.

My mum is the best because she makes me laugh and when I am sad my mum helps me. She does the dishes and loves me. She takes me to the movies and she helps me clean my room.

My mum is very nice because she takes me to the movies and Adventure World. She helps me learn. I love her lots!

My mum loves me to pluto and back, and back 100 times. She makes dinner most nights and tucks me in my bed. She makes me laugh and snuggles me when I am sad. You are beyond amazing. I love you mum to pluto and back, 100 times!

When ever I am sad her smile cheers me up and makes me cheerful again. She's special because she's the only mum I could ever want in the whole wide world. She says good night when I'm scared and cooks for me every day. She also takes me for ice cream some times.

