

# Carmel Adventist College Primary Newsletter



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## ***Opportunities Are Seeds...***

We all have choices in life. Sometimes we talk about the fact that if a door opens easily, then that means that it's meant to be.

I've come to realise that often the doors that are heavily fortified, or need sacrifice or hard work to go through, are the ones we're meant to pursue. Sometimes easy doesn't mean right.

I get presented with all sorts of great opportunities. I also get presented with opportunities that may seem insignificant or unimportant.

Sometimes, it's the most humble opportunities that bring the greatest joy, benefit, effect or legacy in our lives. Sometimes, opportunities are seeds.

Recently, I've had some opportunities:

First, an opportunity to help a young neighbour in Year 12 who is struggling with his work. I'm in the middle of editing one book and writing two others. I really don't have the time to spend helping another student—I have two others I mentor. I chose to spend a few hours helping him with his essay-writing skills.

The other night, I was concentrating on finishing my '100 Day Creative Challenge' when my husband asked me to edit a letter for him. I was annoyed at being taken away from my work to edit this letter. Annoyance was replaced by compassion as I realised there were far more important things at stake than my precious desire to finish a personal challenge.

## Events Calendar

Hymnfest – June 18

End of Term 2 – July 1

Term 3 Commences – July 19



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# INFO

## Hymnfest Choir

Thank-you parents for returning the permission slips in order for your child/ren to take part in Hymnfest this year.

Just a reminder about the rehearsals scheduled for this week:

### Thursday, June 16 (6:30pm – 8pm)

Dress: Warm, casual  
Rehearsal with Perth Adventist Orchestra and Choir  
Victoria Park Adventist Church  
Cnr Geddes St and Hordern St  
Victoria Park

### Saturday, June 18 (4:30pm – 7:30pm)

Full winter school uniform  
Lunch box tea (small bag/backpack please)  
Kennedy Baptist College Auditorium  
Murdoch

Thank you in advance for your commitment to this event.

We look forward to seeing you all on Saturday evening.

## School Banking Rewards Update

The flying snake tails have now run out of stock and are no longer available for order. Please choose other items that are available.



There is a quantity of firewood for sale through the Secondary Campus.

There are two types of wood available:

### Jarrah

- 1 Trailer (6' by 4') \$160 (please supply own trailer)
- 2 Ute \$240 (free local delivery)

### Blackbutt or Redgum

- 1 Trailer (6' by 4') \$100 (please supply own trailer)
- 2 Ute \$150 (free local delivery)

To place an order please email Phil Murray at [philmurray@adventist.org.au](mailto:philmurray@adventist.org.au), or ring the High School Office on 9293 5333.

If you require delivery beyond the local school area, please be aware that there will be a service fee for this. If you have your own trailer, then we can assist in loading it after school. For those who would like bags of firewood, this can also be negotiated through the High School Office or email Phil Murray.

Please make your cash payment to the High School Office.

**All proceeds will be supporting the Year 12 Malaysia project.**

Thank you for your support.



The letter appealed to our Prime Minister's compassion. Some refugees in detention, who are part of our church community, had been prevented from attending church. Because of a recent High Court ruling, they were also in danger of being taken back to Nauru without forewarning.

After I finished editing, my husband said, 'I think we should go and visit them.' I agreed.

A couple of weeks ago, I saw a Facebook post from Jessica, a woman I met in Seattle a couple of years ago. She runs a non-profit organisation that provides shoes for homeless people. She was doing a 90 Day challenge to raise enough money to buy 200 000 pairs of shoes for people who are homeless. In less than a month, they have reached over that figure.

I chose to donate a small amount. The shoes are provided to people who aren't my immediate neighbours, but I've seen the homeless on US streets. I don't know them personally, but, I did meet Jessica, and engaged with her passion to help others less fortunate. I chose to give a small amount, not just to provide shoes, but to encourage her passion.

Who knows where these choices will lead. They aren't the most glittering of opportunities. They aren't glamorous or exciting. But they are ones that sow seeds.

When it comes down to it, opportunities are choices. The choices we make, the opportunities we take, sow seeds. You see, sometimes opportunities seem insignificant, paltry in the face of the insurmountable. But, it's in the small where big things begin.

**Elaine Fraser – Kin women**



## Tutoring Service

From time to time we have requests from parents wishing to obtain extra learning support for their child/ren.

Mrs Jodee Walker is offering her tutoring services. Please contact Jodee on 9397 9859 or mobile 0401 034 787 for more information.



## Carmel Church News

Come along to Carmel Church each week on Saturday mornings. There are various age related programs or small groups between 9:30-10:30am. The main worship service begins at 11am. All welcome.



## July School Holidays

There are a number of July School Holiday activities happening within the Kalamunda shire...

**'Get creative with Lego & Crafts'** at the Libraries. Go to [www.kalamunda.wa.gov.au/libraries](http://www.kalamunda.wa.gov.au/libraries) for more information.

**'Timber Day'** at the Kalamunda History Village. Go to [www.kalamundahistoricalsociety.com](http://www.kalamundahistoricalsociety.com) for more info.

**'Warm up for winter 2016'** - Nearer to Nature Community at the Perth Hills Discovery Centre (Go to [www.nearertonature.dpaw.wa.gov.au](http://www.nearertonature.dpaw.wa.gov.au) for further information)

**So you don't miss out...get in quick and make your booking!**



The female octopus lays 50 thousand eggs or more at a time. She does not eat while she cares for her eggs, so she usually dies soon after the eggs hatch.

Wild turkeys can fly, but turkeys raised for food are too heavy to fly.

The heart of giraffe is 2 feet long and can weigh as much as 25 pounds.

# From our Chaplain... *What are We Growing?*

When Pr Robert visited us for Chapel recently, he shared a memorable story about Ping and the seed that didn't grow.

An Emperor was looking for someone he could trust to take over his Kingdom. So after calling a group of young men to his palace, he gave each of them a seed to take home and grow. They were to return with their grown plant and the Emperor would then choose who would take over his throne.

Well Ping's seed didn't grow. He didn't want to return with his empty pot, but encouraged by his Mum, he did and he was honest with the Emperor.

What happened? I'm going to let you ask your child/ren! Remind them of the story and they will be able to tell you the ending I guarantee it!

At Carmel we value honesty, integrity, truthfulness, honor, reliability, uprightness and trustworthiness and we want to support you in teaching these characteristics to your children too.

Last week we sent home a small bag of sunflower seeds with each student. We would love you to retell this story at home.

Plant those seeds (you may want to wait till spring) and when those sunflowers boom, retell the story again and again.

We encourage you to use this story and the sunflowers to keep talking with your child/ren about the importance of honesty, integrity and truthfulness.

*Whoever walks with integrity walks securely, but whoever takes crooked paths will be found out. Proverbs 10:9*

God Bless,

Mrs Nicola Warchol  
Chaplain



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU!

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

**Toka Toga (3<sup>rd</sup>), Sophia Gauci (4<sup>th</sup>), Jade Eaton (4<sup>th</sup>), Grace van Moorsel (6<sup>th</sup>), Joshua Sewell (6<sup>th</sup>), Charlotte Trotter (8<sup>th</sup>), Lily O'Meara Smith (17<sup>th</sup>), Sophia Thomson (18<sup>th</sup>), Tatiana Omondi (21<sup>st</sup>), Anna Stockdale (23<sup>rd</sup>), Alannah Jones (23<sup>rd</sup>), Levi Shipard (24<sup>th</sup>), Ella Pearson (26<sup>th</sup>), Shanah Chipindu (28<sup>th</sup>), Brisco Bulliff (29<sup>th</sup>) and Tiffany Omondi (30<sup>th</sup>).**

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



## Chapel

Our weekly Chapel and Assembly program is every **FRIDAY** morning from 8:50am to 9:30am.

This **Friday (17<sup>th</sup> June)**, the program will be co-ordinated by the Year 6 class.  
Speaker: Year 6 Camp

**Next week (24<sup>th</sup> June)...**

Co-ordinated by: Year 2 class  
Speaker: Rob Adams

**All parents are welcome to attend.**



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“A word of praise is  
a 'verbal trophy' for a child.”  
Author Unknown

Year 3 – Enjoying Baby Chicks for a Day



# Year 2

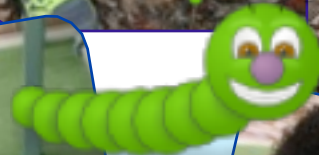
We have been having so much fun in our class. Check out all the things that we have been up to!!!



West Oz Wildlife visited our class. We got to touch a koala, hold a snake, pat a dingo and touch a bobtail goanna.



We spent a couple of afternoons in the bush and had a wow of a time!! It was especially exciting to find witchety grubs and learn all about how to eat them from Malcolm!!



We have been growing spinach, beetroots, onions and carrots in our veggie patch.



Tinkering with Mrs Warchol. We get to explore lots of different gadgets and see how they work!!

