



## Carmel Adventist College Primary Newsletter

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### THE LADY AND THE PARROT

The story is told of a woman who bought a parrot to keep her company but she returned it the next day. "This bird doesn't talk," she told the owner.

"Does he have a mirror in his cage?" he asked. "Parrots love mirrors. They see their reflection and start a conversation."

The woman bought a mirror and left. The next day she returned; the bird still wasn't talking.

"How about a ladder? Parrots love ladders. The happy parrot is a talkative parrot," said the shop owner. The woman bought a ladder and left. But the next day, she was back.

"Does your parrot have a swing?" The shop owner tried. "No? Well, that's the problem. Once he starts swinging, he'll talk up a storm." The woman reluctantly pulled out her purse, bought a swing and left.

When she walked into the store the next day, her countenance had changed. "The parrot died," she said.

The pet store owner was shocked. "I'm so sorry. Tell me, did he ever say anything?" he asked.

"Yes, right before he died," the woman replied. "In a weak voice, he asked me, 'Don't they sell any food at that pet store?'"

Sometimes we forget what's really important in life. We get so caught up in things that are good while neglecting the things that are truly necessary. We've got to provide the family with a nice house and of course, we've got to have at least two cars. And to make everybody truly happy, we need the latest smart phone. But, if we're not careful, we'll make the mistake of thinking those (and many other such "things") are the things that bring us satisfaction and meaning.

<http://www.dailytenminutes.com/2013/08/story-woman-and-parrot.html>

### SKOOLBAG APP

Carmel Adventist College now has a FREE App that can be downloaded from the respective App stores. The App is able to be used for a whole variety of purposes, but especially for the purpose of instant communication between school and parents.

We encourage ALL parents to install the App on their phone. The calendar of school events and newsletters are all regularly updated on the app. When you need to know about issues (eg bus broken down or late, an update on what's happening can be sent out to all parents as soon as that information is available). Student absences can also be sent via the app (under eForms) and you can even sign the form on your phone!

An increasing amount of communication will come via the App so please download and install it as soon as you can. In your App store search SKOOLBAG and then scroll down to Carmel Adventist College (the app is for both the primary and high school).

### SING FESTIVAL

This year our choir has been invited to sing at the annual Sing Festival at Churchlands Senior High School. This event will take place on Tuesday, June 23. If you would like to attend this event and watch Carmel's choir perform then we would encourage you to follow the link below to purchase your ticket beforehand. If meeting us there, you will need to arrive by 11.20am.

If sessions do not sell out, there will be tickets available at the door on the day. All tickets are \$7. Try booking adds a \$0.30 surcharge per ticket.

Tickets can be purchased by following the link below:  
<http://www.trybooking.com/HWND>

### HYMNFEST

The Choir has also been invited to sing at this year's Hymnfest in St Georges Cathedral, Perth on Sunday June 28 between 4pm-7pm. This will be an extra special event as the choir will be singing with an orchestral accompaniment. If you have a child in choir you will not want to miss this fantastic event. Plan now to come along.

### EVENTS CALENDAR

African Beat Incursion - June 9  
World of Maths Incursion - June 17  
Sing Festival (Choir) - June 23  
Hymnfest (Choir) - June 28  
Mud Day - July 3  
End of Term 2 - July 3  
Term 3 Commences - 21 July



**SUBWAY**  
eat fresh.™

Please note that the Subway special lunch will be in Week 9 this term (June 19). Order forms will be sent home this week and

will need to be returned by Tuesday, June 16.

PLEASE NOTE THAT THERE HAS BEEN A PRICE INCREASE.

**SUBWAY ORDERS WILL NOW COST \$7.20**

### JUMPER LABELLING

Are you frustrated with your child regularly losing his or her school jumper. We might have the solution for you. Raelene Price has offered her services to embroider your child's name on the collar of the school jumper for only \$6. She can embroider the jumper on a Thursday morning while the uniform shop is open and the jumper will be returned to your child before recess!!! Just leave the jumper and \$6 at the office, with your child's name clearly written on a piece of paper and Raelene will take it from there.

Raelene has found from personal experience that this has solved her lost jumpers issues. She has even found that since she's done this embroidery that the jumpers always seem to come back, even if another student has taken it home by mistake.



Raelene Price (M. 0408 937 121)

Cost - \$6

Various colours to choose from.

### MOTHER'S DAY STALL THANKYOU!

Thank you to everyone who donated items, wrapped gifts and/or helped sell items for the Mother's day stall. Once again it was a giant success and we raised over \$800!!!

### PARENTS & FRIENDS MEETING

The next P&F meeting will be on Thursday, June 11 at 2pm in the staff room.

### CARMEL PLAY GROUP

Playgroup runs 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. Remaining dates this term are: June 11 and June 25.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU!

The students with a birthday in June are:

Toka Toga (3), Jade Eaton (4), Grace van Moorsel (6), Joshua Sewell (6), Charlotte Trotter (8), Taniela Taufu (8), Lily O'Meara Smith (17), Anopaishe Sharu (18), Sophia Thomson (18), Tatiana Omondi (21), Ana Stockdale (23), Alannah Jones (23), Levi Shipard (24), Ella Pearson (26), Brisco Bulliff (29), Nokutenda Marufu (30) and Tiffany Omondi (30)

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

## CHAPLAIN'S NEWS

### WA DAY

On Monday, "WA Day" I found myself in the midst of the city looking for a suit for my son's wedding. The city centre was a mass of bright orange balloons being waved around by children. I thought to myself "does anyone know what WA Day really means or even care?" The old 'Foundation Day' has been revamped but is a day off worth it?

As I noticed all the rides, entertainment and excitement of children playing in the water feature in the city mall, it began to make sense to me. There were families everywhere and from everywhere, enjoying the day, taking pictures, eating and laughing. I figured we have a lot to treasure living in Western Australia and what could be more important than family? We work, we learn, we play, we endure.

I don't love the idea of having another holiday just for the sake of a holiday, but I do love the idea of spending quality time together as a family. Often special 'bonus' times like this holiday are the rare moments when you can get out of home and do that.

Ps - My girls looked at some shoes, my wife tried on some new perfume and I did not get my suit. Still a good day though!

*Pr Tharren Hutchinson*

### PRIMARY UNIFORM SHOP

Please note that the uniform shop at the primary school will NOT be open this Friday. It will however, be open this Thursday (June 4) between 8.45am- 9:15am.

### PARENTING COURSES

Please find attached a flyer of the upcoming Parenting Courses hosted by 'Relationships Australia' in the near future.



**The impact of persistent absences**

Regular attendance is a learned behaviour. Children learn from an early age that punctuality and 'showing up' are expectations that people have of us in various social circumstances. When children engage in activities outside of school - such as sport, employment or even going to the movies - arriving on time is regarded as essential.

Attendance patterns are established in the early years of school. Disparities in attendance rates are carried into and become wider in secondary school. These patterns are evident in the early years of schooling and are established or set by Year 3.

Many parents hold the belief that children will not be adversely affected by missing school. Parents would benefit from understanding what normal attendance looks like, and to hear the consistent message that every day that their child misses school will have consequences for their learning and achievement.

**Being half an hour late to school each day from Year 1 to Year 10 is approximately equivalent to missing one year of schooling.**

**The following highlights non-attendance over time. The cumulative effect of persistent non-attendance over the period of compulsory schooling.**

| Days absent         | Total days | Number of terms | Number of years missed |
|---------------------|------------|-----------------|------------------------|
| 1 day / week        | 451        | 9               | 2yrs 1 term            |
| 3 days / week       | 1353       | 27              | 6yrs 3 terms           |
| Ave 5 days per term | 220        | 5.5             | 1yr 1.5 terms          |
| Ave 10 days         | 440        | 11              | 2yrs 3                 |

**EXCITING UPCOMING INCURSIONS!**

**World of Maths Roadshow - June 17**

As part of this semester's work, we have the 'World of Maths Roadshow' visiting our school. This is an ideal opportunity for ALL students to see how maths is applied to some real life situations.

Our students will gain insight into problem solving, working in teams and also various maths principles which are part of their curriculum this term.

It is a highly engaging session which will show children of all grades that Maths can be fun!

**African Beats - June 9**

ALL our students will be immersed in the rich musical traditions of Africa with authentic African performers direct from Ghana (West Africa). Salaka will bring literally hundreds of drums to our school and every student will learn and play an African rhythm, as well as a song and a traditional dance.



**WINTER UNIFORM POLICIES**

**HATS:** There are two different styles of hats. Please note that the blue with gold trim hat is for Kindy, Pre Kindy and Pre Primary students only. The plain blue hat is for Years 1-6.

This differentiation makes it easier to spot our younger students quickly and easily when they are together.

**Recently there have been a number of non-uniform items popping up with the onset of cooler weather. Please note the following:**

- Ties are required for boys during term 2 and 3
- Black polishable school shoes are compulsory for *both* boys and girls
- Tights AND socks worn together are not acceptable. Wear one or the other.
- Sports jackets are not acceptable on non-sport days. The knitted/logo jumper is the only option.
- Optional winter jackets (school logo ones) are for travelling to and from school, not for class wear.
- Earrings need to be small and very discreet. Clear, blue or white are the only acceptable colours.
- Shirts are worn tucked in during terms 2 & 3 regardless of logo.
- Nail polish is not to be worn unless it is clear only.
- Hats are to be worn at all play times throughout the year when the UV rating is above 3.
- Ankle socks are exactly that – the very low cut/sports ones are not acceptable.
- Hair for girls and boys that is shoulder length or longer needs to be tied back.
- Various tops worn under uniform are not acceptable if they extend beyond the uniform (i.e. long sleeve tops under dresses or short sleeve shirts are not okay).

If students are not in the correct school uniform, they must have a note of explanation from a parent. A uniform pass will be granted for either two days (for minor items such as hats, socks and ties) or a maximum of 5 days (for larger things like jumpers and shoes).

If students are not in the correct school uniform and don't have a note of explanation, they will be restricted to only playing on the verandah.



Life in Year Two is certainly busy at the moment. We are currently travelling around the world, dropping in on every continent and visiting as many countries as we can!! We look at the animals, culture, food and environment at each stopover and we are learning so many fascinating things. Please feel free to drop into our classroom and have a look at some of the wonderful things that we have done.

*Mrs Hort & the Year 2 Crew*

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How many ladybirds can you spot? (It's how many countries we have visited so far...)  
Write your answer in the box...



**FRIDAY, JUNE 19**

*(Orders accepted NO LATER THAN Tuesday, June 16)*

**Subway Forrestfield** Phone: 9359 4276 Fax: 9453 6268

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Year: \_\_\_\_\_

**VEGIE DELIGHT ROLL only** COST \$7.20 (Paid: Yes No )

*Please indicate your preferences below by circling what you would like included in your roll.*

**Bread:** White Wheat **Cheese:** Yes No **Salads:** Lettuce Tomato Cucumber Carrot

**Sauce:** Yes No Type\_\_\_\_\_

**Drinks:** Water Juice box

**1 COOKIE INCLUDED**



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## PARENTING COURSES

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### WEST LEEDERVILLE

|                            |                         |                            |
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| Fathering after Separation | Thursday 4 June         | <a href="#">click here</a> |
| Parent Child Connection    | Monday 8 June x 4 weeks | <a href="#">click here</a> |
| Kids and Todays Technology | Wednesday 17 & 24 June  | <a href="#">click here</a> |
| Parent Teen                | Saturday 27 June        | <a href="#">click here</a> |
| Understanding Stepfamilies | 26, 27 & 28 June        | <a href="#">click here</a> |

### FREMANTLE

|                           |                   |                            |
|---------------------------|-------------------|----------------------------|
| Mum Raising Boys          | Wednesday 10 June | <a href="#">click here</a> |
| Dads Raising Teenage Boys | Wednesday 24 June | <a href="#">click here</a> |

### GOSNELLS

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| Dads Raising Girls | Tuesday 30 June | <a href="#">click here</a> |
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Places are limited so please book now on 9489 6322