



CARMEL NEWS

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Frank O'Connor, the famous Irish writer, used to tell an interesting story about when he was a boy. When he and his friends used to roam the countryside looking for an orchard where they might find apples, they sometimes ran across one surrounded by a very high wall. If they thought the wall was too high to climb they would throw their caps over it. They then had no other choice but to follow. They were committed. Somehow or other they had to climb that wall, and they did.

On the day before he died, John Kennedy, then told this story to a group of space

scientists. That was when sending a man to the moon was still, to most people, only a wild dream.

Kennedy was one of the dreamers who thought it could be done. So he said to the scientists, 'We have to throw our caps over this wall and we will climb. We shall then explore the wonders of the other side.'

What's your wall? Go on, throw your cap over...

Blessings,

Mr Nicholas Thomson
Principal

CALENDAR

ANCHOR WEEK
MONDAY 21ST -23RD MARCH

PUPIL FREE DAY
THURSDAY 24TH MARCH

EASTER LONG WEEKEND
THURSDAY 24TH-28TH MARCH

PUPIL FREE DAY
TUESDAY 29TH MARCH

OPEN DAY
FRIDAY 1ST APRIL

YEAR 9 EXPEDITION
SATURDAY 2ND - 7TH APRIL

YEAR 11 & 12 FORMAL
THURSDAY 7TH APRIL

LAST DAY OF TERM
FRIDAY 8TH APRIL

STUDENTS FIRST DAY OF TERM
WEDNESDAY 27TH APRIL

NATIONAL ASSESSMENT PROGRAM LITERACY AND NUMERACY 2016

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is an annual national assessment of all students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. They will be assessed in language conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation), writing, reading and numeracy. The test results provide a snapshot of a student's achievement in comparison to all students of the same year level across the country.

Some students and parents may feel a lot of pressure surrounding the NAPLAN tests. However, the content of the NAPLAN is formed by the Australian Curriculum, which is covered in classes. Therefore, the best way you can help your child prepare for NAPLAN is to reassure your child that NAPLAN tests are just one part of their school program, and to urge them to simply do the best they can on the day.

The NAPLAN provides a number of benefits to students, parents and teachers such as:

1. The results assist teachers to better identify students who require additional support or enrichment.
2. Students and parents can use individual results to discuss achievement with teachers.
3. The tests allow the progress of each student to be monitored over time.
4. The results support schools to identify strengths and weaknesses in teaching programs.
4. Students who achieve Band 8 or higher in their Year 9 NAPLAN are acknowledged as having demonstrated proficiency in literacy and numeracy and DO NOT have to sit OLNA assessments in Year 10-12.

All students are encouraged to participate in NAPLAN. Students with disability or who have a temporary injury will be provided with assistance during the tests. Formal exemptions may be granted for students with disability, or who have recently arrived in Australia and are from a non-English-speaking background. Parents also have the right to withdraw their child from the tests. If you wish to withdraw your child from the tests, you must sign a parent or carer consent form.

PRAYER WARRIOR

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

- Success for Open Day
- ANCHOR week, lives are changed.
- Everyone's safety over the Easter.
- Staff and Students

PRAY

Please contact your school principal for more information.

At Carmel Secondary, Year 7 and 9 students will participate in the testing on the mornings of Tuesday 10 May, Wednesday 11 May and Thursday 12 May 2016. If your child is absent, the school will organise another time between 10 – 13 May for individual students to complete missed tests. Your child's NAPLAN report will be issued through the school in mid-August. The report will be accompanied by an information brochure. All students' individual results are strictly confidential.

You can get more information on the NAPLAN testing process by accessing the NAPLAN (nap.edu.au) or School Curriculum and Standards Authority website (scsa.wa.edu.au/internet/Years_K10/NAPLAN) or by contacting the school. Sample questions can be accessed at nap.edu.au/naplan/the-tests.html on the national NAPLAN website.

Mr Brad Flynn
Director of Studies

ANCHOR Week is BACK

Featuring guest speaker Pr Paolo Esposito from the United States, though originally Argentina.

Monday, March 21, to Wednesday, March 23, in Carmel Church.

Miranda Leijser
Chaplain

Skoolbag App

The Carmel Adventist College Skoolbag app is available via the relevant app stores for Apple, Android and Windows devices.

This app is very useful for disseminating information via instant messaging, for sending reminders, newsletters etc. The app is free to download, and you can set which year level information you receive.

Yr 10 Cambodia Fundraising

Sausage Sizzle

There will be a sausage sizzle on Sunday, 27th March, outside of Kalamunda Bunnings. If you're passing through, please drop in for a sausage.

Pizza and Drinks

School lunches may be purchased on Tuesday, the 22nd of March. Students please come along and enjoy pizza and drinks.

\$2.50 Per Slice

\$1.50 Per Can

\$6.00 2 Slices, and a Can

Coordinated by Hayley Shaw!

Smart Rider

Please be aware Carmel is no longer be issuing Smart Rider Cars. You now need to go onto the website www.idcards.monitorwa.com.au to input your detail. You will need a credit card to make payment.

Students cards will be delivered to the school and given to the child/children.

Skill Development Program

Academic Task Force has worked with school and family for 30 years and knows the local education scene well. They are a WA Family run and owned company and are one of the longest established and most experienced education providers in Western Australia.

Their team of highly qualified, experienced teachers help students by building their confidence and improving their school achievements.

The Academic Task Force is offering a number of different Skill Development programs for student in years 7, 8, 9 and 10 during the school holiday.

The programs on offer are NAPLAN preparation, Advanced Maths and Intermediate English, Foundation Maths and English, Essay Writing, Learning Skills. If you would like more information please come to reception and collect a form.

Acoustic & Electric Guitar Lessons

Acoustic and Electric Guitar lessons are available during school hours every Monday, at a fixed time suiting the students timetable. All students are welcome at any skill level. Please contact Bernard McDonagh on 0405 767 388 or berniemusic@yahoo.com.

Secondary Assistance Scheme

Applications for Secondary Assistance Scheme are available from reception. Applications close April 8th 2016.



