

CARMEL NEWS



THE CRACKED POT

A water bearer in India had two large pots, each hung on each end of a pole which he carried across his neck. One of the pots had a crack in it, and while the other pot was perfect and always delivered a full portion of water at the end of the long walk from the stream to the master's house, the cracked pot arrived only half full.

For a full two years, this went on daily, with the bearer delivering only one and a half pots full of water in his master's house. Of course, the perfect pot was proud of its accomplishments, perfect to the end for which it was made. But the poor cracked pot was ashamed of its own imperfection and miserable that it was able to accomplish only half of what it had been made to do.

After two years of what it perceived to be a bitter failure, it spoke to the water bearer one day by the stream. "I am ashamed of myself, and I want to apologise to you". The bearer asked, "Why? What are you ashamed of?" The Pot replied, "For these past two years I am able to deliver only half of my load because this crack in my side causes water to leak out all the way back to your master's house. Because of my flaws, you don't get full value for your efforts".

The water bearer felt sorry for the old cracked pot, and in his compassion, he said, "As we return to the master's house, I want you to notice the beautiful flowers along the path." As they went up the hill, the old cracked pot took notice of the sun warming the beautiful wild flowers on the side of the path, and this cheered it somewhat. But at the end of the trail, it still felt bad because it had leaked out half its load, and so again it apologised to the bearer for its failure.

The bearer said to the pot, "Did you notice that there were flowers only on your side of your path, but not on the other pot's side? That's because I have always known about your flaw, and I took advantage of it. I planted flower seeds on your side of the path, and every day while we walk back from the stream, you've watered them.

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CALENDAR

TERM 3 STARTSTues 18th July

ANCHOR WEEK
Mon 24th July - Fri 28th July

PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS (YRS 7-10)

Tues 25th July, 4-8pm

PHOTO DAY (DATE CHANGE) Mon 31st July

P&F MEETING Tues 1st Aug, 5:30pm

TEAM SPORTS CARNIVALWed 23rd Aug

YR 11 TRIP

Thurs 23rd Aug - Thurs 31st Aug Evening departure

OPEN NIGHTWed 6th Sept

YR 8 CAMP Mon 18th Sept - Thurs 21st Sept

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The Cracked Pot, continued

For two years I have been able to pick these beautiful flowers to decorate my master's table. Without you being just the way you are, he would not have this beauty to grace his house."

Each of us has our own unique flaws. We're all cracked pots. In this world, nothing goes to waste. You may think like the cracked pot that you are inefficient or useless in certain areas of your life, but somehow these flaws can turn out to be a blessing in disguise.

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HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS

Monday 17th July OPEN 1-4:30pm

Tuesday 18th July-Start of Term 3Normal Office Hours Resume

REPORTS

Semester 1 reports have been mailed out. You should be receiving them soon. If you have not received a report by the end of Friday 21st of July, please contact the front office.

P&F

The Carmel P&F have been busy this year working on projects around the school with the latest being the purchase of our very wonderful commercial juicer.

Our committee this year consists of:

Scott Sice, President
Barb Henderson, Secretary
Tonia Taylor, Treasurer
Along with a fantastic team of hard
working parents and friends

We are always looking for new members, ideas and input with meetings generally held approximately every six weeks. Our next meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday**, **1st August at 5:30pm**. Please feel free to come along, have your say and get involved. Alternatively, emails can be sent to **barbarino@iinet.net.au**

Mrs Barb Henderson P&F Secretary

MONEY MEMOS...

PROMPT PAYMENT DUE

Option B payment for Term 3 due by Friday 28th July 2017 to be eligible for Prompt Payment Discount.

Payments received after this date will need to include an addition payment equivalent to ¼ of the 'Less discount on 2017 tuition fee' amount shown on your 2017 Fee Payment Options Sheet. Eg. If your 'Less discount on 2017 fee' amount is \$91, you would need to add \$22.75 to the payment amount indicated for each term's payment.

YEAR 7 PERFORMING ARTS EXCURSION CHARGE

If we do not have a record of receiving payment for your child to attend the excursion to see WASO, a charge of \$10 has been added to your fee account. It would be appreciated if payment could be made for this as soon as possible.

YEAR 10 CAMBODIA EXTRA PAYMENT 2

(\$225) is now overdue. If you have not paid this yet, please ensure that payment is made into your family school fee account. *No payments should be made directly to RAW Impact*. If payment is made by Bpay or bank deposit, it would be appreciated if an email could be sent to naomithomas@adventist.org.au so that your payment can be reconciled.

Mrs Naomi Thomas Financial Officer

WINTER JACKETS

The winter cold is making itself felt and we have the perfect antidote. Winter jackets are still available for the introductory price of \$65. They range in size from 8C to 3XL.