



# CARMEL NEWS



## MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Take time as this week starts to give thanks for the blessings in your life.

We petition often for help in our time of need, let's ensure though that we give thanks and give thanks often.

Thank Him today before the rush arrives!

**Mr Nicholas Thomson**  
*Principal*



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## CALENDAR

**YEAR 11 AVONDALE TRIP**  
Thurs-Fri 1st-9th September

**YEAR 9 RITE JOURNEY CHALLENGE**  
Tues-Fri 6th-9th September

**YEAR 12 TRIAL EXAMS**  
Thursday-Friday  
15th-23rd September

**YEAR 10 SERVICE TRIP**  
Sunday-Friday  
18th-30th September

**LAST DAY OF TERM 3**  
Friday, 23rd September

**P & F Meeting**  
Wednesday, 14th September

CALENDAR

# PRAYER WARRIOR

PRAY

## PLEASE PRAY FOR:

- Year 12 Students in their final term before exams
- Students taking the second round of OLN tests next week
- Year 10 Students as they are preparing for their service trip

## Director of Studies

### POSITIVE 2016 NAPLAN RESULTS

We have just received the Year 7 and Year 9 students' NAPLAN results for 2016. While the results are posted home, with recent changes to Australia Post, it may take a week or so for them to arrive.

Overall, it was great to see that after two years at Carmel, 76% of the Year 9 students increased their scores GREATER than the national average in Reading, Writing and Spelling. 60% of the Year 9 students increased their scores GREATER than the national average in Numeracy, Grammar and Punctuation. This is something that our school community can be proud of.

By the end of Year 12, students need to demonstrate a minimum standard of literacy and numeracy to achieve their Western Australian Certificate of Education (WACE). Because of their strong NAPLAN results, a number of Year 9 students have ALREADY achieved these standards in Numeracy (15 students), Reading (15 students) and Writing (10 students).

Congratulations to the students, teachers and parents that have worked hard together to achieve these excellent results.

### NAPLAN ONLINE TESTING SUCCESS

Thank you to Mr Hiscox for his efforts in facilitating the NAPLAN Online Platform Trial and Readiness Test (PTRT). So far the testing has been going really well and it is great that our students and school have the opportunity to experience this new-style testing first-hand before it becomes compulsory.

### ONLINE LITERACY AND NUMERACY (OLNA) NEXT WEEK

The second round of testing in 2016 will occur next week at the following times:

Numeracy - Mon 29 Aug, Period 1-2  
 Reading - Tue 30 Aug, Period 5-6  
 Writing - Wed 31 Aug, Period 3-4

Students that need to sit the OLN have been given a letter with a summary of the literacy and numeracy components achieved and what they will need to sit in Round 2.

There is a practice website for students to familiarise themselves with the test at: <http://assess.scsa.wa.edu.au> ( Username: 1037 and Password: prac14 )

**Mr Brad Flynn**  
 Director of Studies

## Sports Carnival

Our Team Sports Carnival was held at Ray Owen Sports Centre on the 23rd of August. All students were on their best behaviour and participated with excellent enthusiasm and great sportsmanship. We still have our European Handball to play as part of the carnival so results will not be finalised until early next Term. At this stage each house still has a chance to win the final carnival of the year!

**Mr Adam Di Rosso**  
 Head of PE/Sport



## NAIDOC

*NAIDOC Week celebrates the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.*

Last week, our Indigenous and Islander students did a wonderful job in sharing their culture and history with the school.



The day started with the Acknowledgment of Country, a dream time story, and an ice-breaker that was full of laughter. It was great to hear from former Indigenous student, Jean, telling us all about her university life. In the afternoon, the school cafeteria was used for activities such as didgeridoo playing, painting crafts and weaving. There was also the opportunity to try some native toppings on ice cream!

I would like to say a great big thank you to all the students who participated on the day. You did a wonderful job!

I would also like to thank Dana Garlett, Jean Alley, Rod Duffin, Ms Lever, Mark (our school chef) for baking an amazing cake, and a special thank you to Alleyene for putting together the amazing video for chapel.

***Lo Anne Jenke***  
***Indigenous Liaison Officer***

## Governor's Prayer Breakfast

On Friday, August 12 our Carmel College Captains - Dorcas Fui and David Perrella along with our principal, Mr Nicholas Thomson, and Chaplain Miranda Leijser, had the amazing opportunity to attend the annual Governor's Prayer Breakfast.

Our College Captain, David, noted "the Governor's Prayer Breakfast was an inspiring experience. It has encouraged me to further honour my leadership role here at Carmel Adventist College"

The Governor's Prayer Breakfast is an opportunity for all people across our state to join together over a delicious meal, and pray for Western Australia, displaying unity across the denominations.

At this event we had the privilege to meet Her Excellency the Honourable Kerry Sanderson, governor of Western Australia! We were inspired by keynote speaker and Australia's most well known economist, Mr Ian Harper.

David shared what he took away from Mr Harper's message, "that there are many jobs out there that may not appear to be working for the Lord. However, your work can be for the Lord if you approach your job with a good attitude and an open mind. No matter your job, your relationship with Christ will shine through. Your good work will set a good example of what Christianity is about".



An exciting moment meeting with Her Excellency the Honourable Governor.

## ***Carmel College Talent Night***

Saturday night, the 22nd October 2016, we are planning a

### **‘Carmel College Talent Night’**

Mark this event in your calendar and start thinking about an amazing talent you have and would like to share. If you have a friend with a talent, invite them too. Watch this space for more information.

Please contact Mrs Smoker to book your talent or ask any questions.

Email [carlysmoker@adventist.org.au](mailto:carlysmoker@adventist.org.au)

## ***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 sharing information via instant messaging, sending reminders, newsletters, etc. from the school to you, and you are able to send change of details and absentee information back. The app is free to download either from [skoolbag.com.au/forparents](http://skoolbag.com.au/forparents) or by searching “Skoolbag Carmel Adventist College” in the app store.



## ***Trivia Night 2016***

This will be a fun-filled night in which brains, entertainment and creativity are rewarded.

Where: Carmel Adventist College Secondary Assembly Hall

When: Saturday, August 27

Time: 6:45pm for a 7pm start

Cost: \$10 per person (8 people per table)

There will be hot & cold drinks for sale, along with plenty of yummy snack food, brought to you from the delectable cuisine of Mrs Robinson and her students. All funds raised will go towards the Year 12 Malaysia Service Trip in November. Bring the

younger kids along too, as there will also be a Gold Coin Kid’s Movie Night for them, which will include free nibbles. You’ve got to be in it, to win it. Lots of prizes, lots of fun. See you there.

If you would like to:

- donate a prize which would then advertise your business
- book a place or book a whole table
- any other queries,

please contact Mr Phil Murray  
[[philmurray@adventist.org.au](mailto:philmurray@adventist.org.au)].

## ***Young Creatives Month***

*A whole month of creative events, activities and programs for young people.*

Creativity is the use of imagination and original ideas to create something. This month the Shire of Kalamunda aims to encourage and show our local young people how they can use their imagination and original ideas to be creative in their own way.

This September we will be hosting a whole month of creative activities especially for young people. From Beatboxing to Dance to Skate Clinics - There is something for everyone!

<http://www.kalamunda.wa.gov.au/Services/Youth-Childrens-Services/Youth/Activities/Young-Creatives-Month/Events>