



Newsletter



CARMEL
ADVENTIST COLLEGE

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Term 1... let's do this!

Message from Mrs Taylor...

Dear Parents and Carers

I started to write this brief editorial a few days before the 5-day tight lockdown in Perth. The message I wrote then seems entirely irrelevant now. One would think that with 2020 under our belts, we would be ready for almost anything, but, the sudden lockdown threw us all a curveball. Just how do you start a school year when you have had little or no opportunity to meet your new class?

Carmel staff spent quite some time on Zoom last week chatting about precisely what we would do if; remote learning continued, or, some restrictions remained, or,

we were back at school face-to-face. Without exception, every teacher's message was an overwhelming desire to have 'their kids' back at school. The only frustration for staff is wearing a mask because the face is such an essential part of communication. However, a mask is a small price to pay for the joy of being back at school.

I do not doubt that this year will provide our students with many opportunities to demonstrate our school's values: respect, perseverance, leadership, courage, consideration and kindness. I am proud to be Principal of a school where these values are upheld.

Welcome back to Mrs Habekost and Mrs Warchol to our teaching team. Mrs Habekost returns after extended maternity leave, and Mrs Warchol has joined with Mrs Walker to work with our Year 6 class this year. We are delighted to have you both back as part of our school family.

Calendar - Term 1

- Storytime in the Bush (TBC).....Feb 16
- Labour Day Public Holiday.....Mar 1
- Swimming Lessons (PP-Yr 6).....Mar 8-19
- Parent/Teacher Interviews.....Mar 24
- School Photo Day.....Mar 31
- Term 1 Concludes.....Mar 31
- Student Free Day & Staff PD.....Apr 1
- Easter Long Weekend.....Apr 2-5

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GENERAL

Post Lockdown School Guidelines

For this week, the protocols we are to adhere to at school are:

- wear a mask at all times;
- practice 1.5 metres between adults physical distancing, where practicable; and
- follow good hand and respiratory hygiene practices.

Front Office and Classroom Access

If parents are wanting to enter the front office or classrooms, you will need to sign in as part of the school's visitor register AND use the SafeWA app or sign the Mandatory contact register.

If you wish to avoid this process, please feel free to get the attention of our office staff through the window and we will meet you outside the office.

Medical Plans

If your child suffers from any medical condition that may require management at school, please ensure that your child's treatment plan, information and medication is up to date. This includes asthma, allergies resulting in anaphylaxis (EPI Pens), diabetes or any other condition requiring management at school.

Please remember to check the used by date on your child's medication.

On Registration Day you would have received an A4 envelope with a bright yellow label on the front with the following forms:

- **2021 Fee Statement**
- **2021 'Blue' Fee Payment Commitment Form**
- **Confidential Student Information Form**
- **Swimming Permission Slip**
- **NAPLAN Data Collection Form (Years 3 only)**
- **Photo Permission Form* (new students only)**

If you were unable to attend registration day the envelope would have been sent home with your child on the first day of school. If you have not yet returned your forms, we encourage you to do so by **THIS Friday, 12th February**.

Sickness



If your child has a fever, cough or cold symptoms, we recommend that they see a medical professional to ensure that they are well enough to return to school.

Please remember to inform us when your child is absent from school and the reason for absence (eg sick, family reasons, doctor, dental or specialist appointment), so that this can be noted on our attendance records.

This can be done by phoning the front office, emailing primary.admin@cac.wa.edu.au or using the SKOOLBAG app on the morning of your child's absence.

Sporting Schools - Term 1



Sporting Schools (after school sports) commences next Wednesday, 17 February and runs for 6 weeks (concluding March 24).

The sport options available this term are:

Netball (Pre Primary - Year 6 students)

Volleyball (Year 1 - 6 students)

Permission forms will be sent home this week. Please complete and return this form asap if you wish for your child/ren to participate in these after school activities.

Places are limited.

Please be at the school no later than 4:30pm to collect your child/ren and see the teacher on duty prior to taking your child home.



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Even at this early stage of the year, I want to thank our wonderful team. As in 2020, with every curveball thrown, the staff have taken this in their stride, collaborated and supported one another.

I would like to extend a warm welcome to our new students and families. I trust that you will find yourself surrounded by a community who include you and care for you. I would like to encourage you to take every opportunity to become involved in both class and schoolwide activities. Your involvement not only builds networks with other parents and staff, but it sends a strong message to your son or daughter of just how much you value their education. To our continuing families, it is always good to see you at Registration Day and the beginning and end of the school day. Thank you for your continued support, prayers and good wishes for the year ahead.

Finally, I want to encourage you to let faith and hope shape you to be people who make a positive difference in the world by acting in love.

God bless

Janine Taylor
Principal



Swimming Lessons



Swimming Lessons commence on **Monday, 8 March** and will run for 2 weeks. During this time, we request that ALL students wear their Sport uniform to school every day. They need to bring their swimwear, towel, goggles and thongs in a waterproof bag to school in the morning. **PLEASE ENSURE THAT ALL ITEMS OF CLOTHING ARE CLEARLY LABELLED.**

LESSON TIMES

(NB. Bus return times are approx.)

PP, 1, 2 & 5 Bus leaves 12:10pm
Lesson 12:50pm
Arrive back to school ~ 2:00pm

Yr 3, 4 & 6 Bus leaves 12:55pm
Lesson 1:35pm
Arrive back to school ~ 2:45pm

Swimming lessons are held at the **Belmont Oasis Leisure Centre, Progress Way, Belmont**. Spectators are charged an entry fee at the pool.

If for any reason you need to collect your child from Belmont Oasis, please speak directly to your child's teacher **BEFORE-HAND** and confirm in writing. Any child not collected by a parent by the time the bus leaves, will be returned to the school on the bus. **NO** child will be left at the pool unattended.

Parents, please note that the 'grading system' from the Department of Education for Interm swimming can vary. Whilst your child/ren may have done swimming lessons either privately or during the school holidays, their swimming level is determined by the swimming instructors for the Department of Education.



SPORT AND LIBRARY DAYS



YEAR	SPORT	LIBRARY
3YO Kindy	~	Thursday
4YO Kindy	Friday	Wednesday
Pre-Primary	Wednesday	Tuesday
Year 1	Tuesday	Wednesday
Year 2	Tuesday	Thursday
Year 3	Friday	Thursday
Year 4	Wednesday	Thursday
Year 5	Wednesday	Tuesday
Year 6	Thursday	Tuesday

Each class has a set day once a week when they will participate in sporting games and have the opportunity to borrow books from the library.

On **sport day**, your child will need to come to school dressed in their sport uniform (shorts, polo shirt, hat and sneakers).

On **library day**, they will need to remember to bring their school library bag and any books that need to be returned.

Please take a note of the sport and library day for your child/ren.

School Fees for 2021

If you have not yet returned your 2021 Fee Commitment Form (the blue one attached to the back of your letter and fee statement) please return it **by THIS Friday, 12th February**.

For your convenience, you are invited to scan your completed form as a PDF and email directly to narelle.duncan@cac.wa.edu.au. If you have misplaced your form or would like to arrange a payment arrangement outside the advised options please feel free to contact the front office. Thank you to those families who have already returned their forms.

It is important to note that the Prompt Payment Discount is only made available when payments are made on or before the following dates:

Option A: One annual payment with a 5% discount on tuition fees (due 26 February)

Option B: 4 quarterly payments with a 2.5% discount on tuition fees:

Term 1 due 12 February

Term 2 due 30 April

Term 3 due 30 July

Term 4 due 22 October

CENTRELINK PAYMENT OPTIONS

Centrepay - the easy way to pay your bills and expenses. Centrepay is a voluntary bill-paying service, which is free for Centrelink customers. Use Centrepay to arrange regular deductions to your school fees from your Centrelink payment. You can start or change a deduction at any time. The quickest way to do it is through your Centrelink account online. This can also be set up here at school, so no more time wasted in Centrelink queue's.

IMPORTANT - DIRECT DEPOSIT PAYMENTS

If you are paying your fees via Direct Deposit, please make sure you place CAP/family code (eg. CAP/DUNCD) as your description/reference to ensure the payment is assigned correctly, especially if you have children enrolled at both the secondary and the primary campus. Thank-you.

Fee Statements will be sent home monthly with the oldest sibling in the family. Please take the time to look through them to check all payments made by yourself are listed. If at any time you are experiencing financial difficulty and unable to meet your scheduled payment, I encourage you either contact either Mrs Janine Taylor or myself on 9291 6399 or alternatively email narelle.duncan@cac.wa.edu.au.

Thank you in advance for your commitment to paying your child/ren's school fees.

Kind regards,

Mrs Narelle Duncan
School Registrar/Bus Coordinator

Uniform Shop Opening Hours

Carmel Primary (Sports Uniform)

The uniform shop at the Primary school is open:

Tuesday | 8:45am - 9:15am

Wednesday | 3pm - 3:30pm

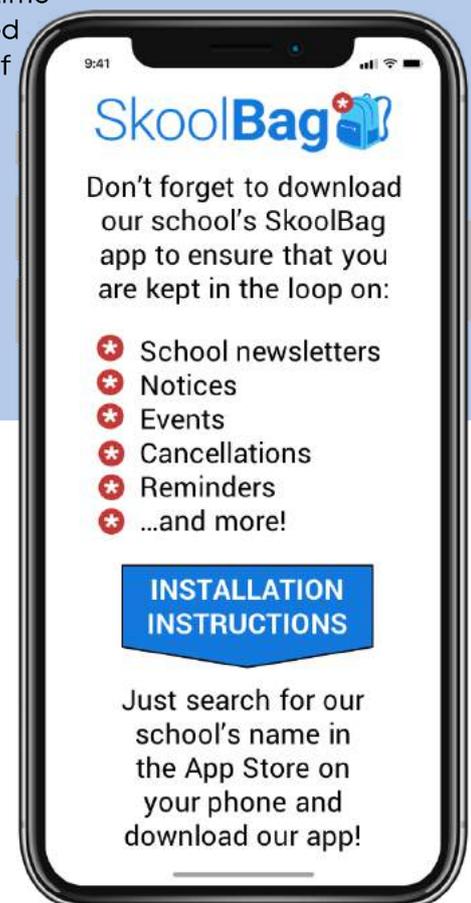
Carmel Secondary (Formal Uniform)

The uniform shop is open:

Tuesday | 8:30am - 9:00am

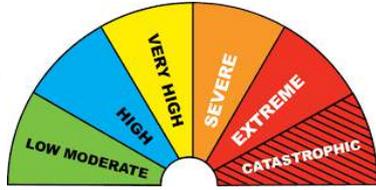
Wednesday | 8:30am - 9:00am

Thursday | 8:30am - 9:00am



Fire Season

It's summer, so here is a reminder of our fire safety procedures.



Any day classed as being a CATASTROPHIC FIRE DAY in the Perth Hills will result in school being cancelled for the day.

All schools in the Hills are on a special alert system and will be notified if such a day is forecast. This alert is normally done by 1pm of the day preceding and allows us time to notify parents.

ABC radio (720AM) announces all fire warnings and regularly keeps up to date. Therefore on extreme weather days, the school office will have the radio playing in the background to simply stay in touch with any current fire warnings.

If ever the school needs to be evacuated off site for events such as a bushfire, our destination is Advent Park Campground, Kalamunda Road, MAIDA VALE. Advent Park has a kitchen, toilets, shade, water and shelter available. This is also the location of off campus evacuation for the High School Campus.

If you at any stage hear of schools in this area being evacuated, please do not rush to school to collect students as you may create traffic issues that would prolong evacuation.

School Banking rewards now available!

This year there is a selection of rewards available from previous years to make sure you don't miss out on the ones you wanted!

For every deposit made at school, students will receive a Dollarmites token. Once students have individually reached 10 tokens they can redeem them for a School Banking reward item.

Thank you for supporting the School Banking program and remember, **School Banking day is every Tuesday.**



BABY NEWS!

Mrs Blagden has been blessed with a grandchild this week.
Congratulations!



First Day in Year 1



CHAPLAIN'S CORNER



What's going on in your world right now? What brings you joy at this very moment in your life? What causes you to be sad or grieving? It can be a bit of a maze trying to figure out our own emotions at times, especially when we can't see each others faces because of the masks.

A better question: Think of the next person you are going to see. What's going on in their world right now? What brings them joy or sadness? Think of your family, work colleagues, neighbours, the person who made your coffee this morning (that could have been you). The more we focus on others, the less time we spend worrying about ourselves.

Ephesians 4:29 "When you talk, do not say harmful things, but say what people need, words that will help others become stronger. Then what you say will do good to those who listen to you." Whatever is going on for you right now, never give up and if necessary, use words!

Miranda and I are excited about the possibilities this year holds. If there is anything that your chaplain team can do for your family please be in touch, we would love to hear from you.

Chaplain Locations Term 1

	Pr Andrew		Pr Miranda	
	AM 8.15am-12.30pm	PM 12.30pm - 3.30pm	AM 8.15am-12.30pm	PM 12.30pm - 3.30pm
MONDAY			CAC Chapel	CAC
TUESDAY	CACP Story Time	CACP		
WEDNESDAY			CACP	CAC
THURSDAY	CAC	CAC		
FRIDAY	CACP Chapel	CAC	CAC	CACP

Chapel

We have our weekly Chapel program on FRIDAY morning from 8:50am to 9:30am.

This **Friday (February 12)**, **Chapel will be via Zoom**. The program will be coordinated by our school staff.

We kindly ask parents to NOT attend this week. The Zoom meeting link will be emailed to you on Thursday.

Next week (February 19)
Coordinating: Year 4 class

We hope you can Zoom in!

CHURCH AND COMMUNITY NEWS

Carmel SDA Church

Come along and join in any of the various age-related programs or small groups between 9:30am-10:30am (**commencing again from 20 February**) followed by the church service at 11am. Everyone is welcome!

HILARY'S BEACH SOCIAL

CARMEL CHURCH

ADDRESS:
CHILDREN'S
BEACH
PLAYGROUND
HILARYS
BOAT
HARBOUR

FREE, ALL AGE RESTAURANTS
AVAILABLE FOR DINNER OR BYO
DINNER

13
02
21

4PM
SAT

Thrive & Grow

AN EXHIBITION | HOSTED BY THE WA SDA
CONFERENCE | 6-13 MARCH 2021

Growing Together is vital part of the WA Conference and we would like to extend an invitation for THRIVE & GROW- an exhibition.

We are inviting artwork submissions that explore the theme 'THRIVE & GROW'.

Artists may wish to review the following prompts as part of their design development:

- 1 Corinthians 12:27, Ephesians 4:15-16
- Thriving Churches, Growing Together
- Jesus-Centred Community, Empowered Disciple Makers, Empathy, Warm Intergenerational Relationships, Best Neighbours

Entries close March 1

LINK TO FB EVENT:

<https://www.facebook.com/events/1070774026742152EOI>:

<https://events.adventist.org.au/event/info/7009>

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

...to the students who celebrated a birthday already this year and students who have an upcoming birthday!

Carter (Yr 2)

Jason (Yr 2)

Eden B (Yr 2)

Ethan (Kindy)

Will (Yr 6)

Jasper (Yr 5)

Jake (Yr 4)

Amelia (Yr 3)

Aelan (Yr 2)

Kristy (Yr 3)

Declan (Yr 6)

Vanessa (Yr 1)

Evan (Yr 6)

Judd (Yr 6)

Elizabeth (Yr 6)

Malachi (Yr 4)

Loriana (PP)

Jason (Yr 5)

Taina (Yr 2)

Have a wonderful day and we pray that God will bless you in the year ahead!

Pre-Loved School Uniforms

Go to our 'Carmel Adventist College Primary & Secondary – Buy, Sell or Swap'. This page is for both Primary and Secondary Uniforms. Simply click the 'JOIN GROUP' button and Admin will get you off and running.



Like us on Facebook for regular information, updates and photos.

Search for Carmel Adventist College Primary.

School Term Dates 2021

Term 1	Monday, Feb 1 – Wednesday, March 31
Term 2	Tuesday, April 20 – Friday, July 2
Term 3	Tuesday, July 20 – Friday, September 24
Term 4	Tuesday, Oct 12 – Friday, December 10



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