FROM THE PRINCIPAL...

I remember very well my first day at high school. I had just had my 13th birthday, had been uprooted out of the family home in the country to come and live in urban life for the first time, to meet my Yr 8 classmates – twice as many in that year group as in my whole country school! Oh, to have had an orientation day to get adjusted to the situation.

Last Friday, Carmel welcomed more than 40 students to spend a day engaging in a sample of the type of activities that contribute to a high school education. Most didn’t seem to be encountering the stresses that I felt beginning my high schooling, in fact, they seemed to be really enjoying the experience!

The Carmel College journey is a great one. I never regretted having to leave home in order to participate in such an environment. Subsequently, it was gratifying to see my own children engage in Carmel life, and come through having a positive contribution to make to society, and having had memorable experiences with fellow students and staff. I was not teaching at Carmel Secondary when my children came through, and I can honestly say that I was impressed with the care and dedication that the staff put into my children’s education. Now, in the role of acting Principal, I can assure you that I am seeing the same thing from the staff at Carmel, and this is focused on your children.

There have been some hiccups along the way this year, but the amazing thing is that the core business of Carmel has not been disturbed, as our staff are dedicated to their ‘mission’, and this is not determined by who’s at the steering wheel! As parents, you can have confidence that Carmel will continue to fulfill its mission and purpose in the years to come.

You will notice an invitation to meet our new College principal (for 2015 onwards), Mr Nicholas Thomson, on Monday evening, 24th November. Please take this opportunity, if you possibly can, to come in to Carmel for at least a little while in the evening, to get introduced. I’m sure you will be glad you did.

Mr Ron Hiscox

PRINCIPAL

Year 12 Leavers

Exams are almost all done and dusted – just MDT to go. At 6:30am on Wednesday the 26th of November a large group of our Yr 12’s will be leaving Australia for another adventure – this time a 12 day ‘holiday’ spent mostly in a village just out of Kuching in Sarawak. As a group they will be spending time working in a local village approximately 35km from the outskirts of Kuching. They will be constructing a kitchen block at Segong Youth Camp situated at the top of a knoll in the tropical rainforest. On behalf of the staff and students at Carmel, we wish them a safe journey and a rewarding time as yet again they seek to fulfill the College’s motto – ‘Greatness Through Service’. The team returns to Perth at 5:35am on the 9th of December. Please keep them in your prayers while they are away.

Special thanks to all those who have been fundraising for the trip this year – especially Mrs Robinson and her helpers – providing lunches every Wednesday.

SCHOOL NEWS

Meet Our New Principal

We are very pleased to announce the appointment of Mr Nicholas Thomson to be our principal. He and his family will be moving to WA over the year end to prepare for his new role in 2015.

By way of introduction, the College will be hosting an evening, Monday, November 24, where you will be able to meet Mr Thomson. This event will take place in the Assembly Hall, 7pm-8.30pm. Please join with us in welcoming him to our school community.

Mr Nicholas Thomson

Can-A-Thon

Thank you to those families who have been supporting the Can-A-Thon. As it finishes this Friday, we do appreciate your support. Any items from previous weeks will be very welcome in these last few days

Week 2: Baked Beans/Spaghetti
Week 3: UHT Milk
Week 4: Tinned veg & fruit
Week 5: Pasta & Sauce
Week 6: Rice/Tuna

The year group bringing in the most cans will be the recipients of a free hot chip lunch! At present our Year 7’s are in the lead but staff are working hard to catch them up to try and win the hot chip lunch! This is an annual event where we donate to Manna Ministries. Thanks Pr Miranda for organising this again and keeping us motivated.
2015 Bus Forms
Please find attached the new Application For School Bus Travel for 2015. If you are planning to use the bus next year, please complete this paperwork and return it to Reception by Friday, November 28, 2014.

Career & Enterprise - Year 11
Year 11 C&E students are reminded that their “jobscape” apprenticeship or traineeship presentation will be held in Room 1 next Wednesday afternoon, November 26, in Periods 5 and 6. Everyone must attend and be prepared to showcase and discuss their chosen apprenticeship or traineeship. This is worth 25% of this semester’s grade.

Visiting Photographer
Next Tuesday, November 25, there will be a professional photographer visiting both the primary and secondary campus. She is visiting to take photos for our new website. Please ensure your child/ren come next Tuesday, in summer uniform, and neat and tidy.

School Fees
With only a four weeks left of school, please ensure you take the time to finalise your fees or communicate with Narelle Duncan. Thank you for seeing to this.

Basket Ball Court Upgrade
This year, approximately $20,000 of funds from the Parents and Friends have been contributed to the upgrade of the outside basketball courts. The changes have made this area so much more useable and the students have been enjoying new facilities. Thanks to Mr Smoker, Mr Taylor and Mr Bergmann for overseeing this project.

From the Chaplain
HELLO EVERYONE!!!
This week we had a very special chapel service with our very own Mr Rob Stanton sharing with some incredible unsung heroes, and truly empowered us to do what we can with where we are, and help improve this world as it’s the only one we have.
Also I would like to say a huge thanks to District 9 (Year 9 students) for leading out in praise and worship from a collection of songs they learnt from their Esperance Storm Co trip.

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Cross Country Results
Congratulations to the following students on their success in the Cross Country.

Bike Results
First: Tom Blatch & Sarah Tucknott
Second: Caleb Lever & Kadia Mustica
Third: Brayden Heath & Rosie Swabey

Running Results
Year 7
1st: Samuel Stockdale & Emily Gissing
2nd: Nathan Nkunkumuye & Emma Clack

Year 8
1st: Malachi Lowe & Emily Trotter
2nd: Tate McBroom Maisy Harris

Year 9
1st: Tonny Marume & Bronte Manton
2nd: Caleb Lever & Alexandra Davis

Year 10
1st: Justin Ngeny & Kadia Mustica
2nd: Sean Manton & Hannah Weiman

Year 11
1st: Nathan Peters & Caitlyn Fiegert
2nd: Justin Nyagawa & Katie Garner

Year 12
1st: Tom Blatch & Meggan Taylor
2nd: Rainer Jones & Caitlin Duncan
There was never a prouder moment for me as an Australian than watching the ANZAC Parade, knowing that I was at the place where my great great grandfather was shipped off to war 100 years ago and that I was a part of history. Hannah

The Service Trip to Albany and Esperance was definitely a trip that I will remember forever. My service activity was going to a Christian Primary School to take worship for them and to help in the class rooms. My team was so great and the kids there were so lovely. By far it was the best experience I’ve had! I would do it again in a heartbeat, I loved it and I’m so grateful for the teachers for organising it. Courtney (Esperance Christian Primary School team)

The Year 9 Service Camp was a really great way to connect with my peers on a higher level. The activities were really engaging and, for the most part, the whole time was really enjoyable. It was really great to see the difference we could make for others. Clarissa (Backyard Blitz Team)

The Camp was extremely fun and well organised. It taught me how Service To Others Really Matters. The trip was great fun and I brought back many memories. Luke (Esperance Christian Primary School team).

The Year 9 Camp was really fun. I learnt a lot of new things about others I wouldn’t usually hang out with. Natalie (Public School Service team).

The Service trip and being able to serve others was really good, especially helping others and knowing they appreciate it. I will remember the trip forever. Taylor (High Tea Service team).

The Service Trip inspired me to help out more in the community and really make a difference. Sophie (Backyard Blitz team).