THE FALCON AND THE BRANCH

Once there was a king who received a gift of two magnificent peregrine falcons. He gave the precious birds to his head falconer to be trained.

Months passed and one day the head falconer informed the king that though one of the falcons was flying majestically, soaring high in the sky, the other bird had not moved from its branch since the day it had arrived. The king summoned healers and sorcerers from all the land to tend to the falcon, but no one could make the bird fly. He presented the task to the member of his court, but the next day, the king saw through the palace window that the bird had still not moved from its perch.

Having tried everything else, the king thought to himself, “Maybe I need someone more familiar with the countryside to understand the nature of this problem.” So he cried out to his court, “Go and get a farmer.”

In the morning, the king was thrilled to see the falcon soaring high above the palace gardens. He said to his court, “Bring me the doer of this miracle.” The court quickly located the farmer, who came and stood before the king. The king asked him, “How did you make the falcon fly?” With his head bowed, the farmer said to the king, “It was very easy, your highness. I simply cut the branch where the bird was sitting.”

We are all made to fly — to realize our incredible potential as human beings. But at times we sit on our branches, clinging to the things that are familiar to us. The possibilities are endless, but for most of us, they remain undiscovered. We conform to the familiar, the comfortable and the mundane. So for the most part, our lives are mediocre instead of exciting, thrilling and fulfilling. Let us learn to destroy the branch of fear we cling to and free ourselves to the glory of flight!

http://academictips.org/blogs/the-falcon-and-the-branch/

EVENTS CALENDAR

April 8 - Parent/Teacher Interviews
April 11 - End Term 1
April 17-21 - Easter
April 29 - Term 2 Commences

PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS

The Parent/Teacher interview night is NEXT Tuesday, April 8. This is an opportunity for you to briefly sit down with the teacher/s of your child/ren and have a chat about their report and progress this year. We strongly encourage all parents to make the effort to attend.

This year we have trialled an online interview booking program. So far, we have received nothing but positive response from this system and we thank you for your feedback. You can still logon and make your booking up until Monday afternoon but we encourage you to do it as soon as possible to secure your preferred times.

Click on: Parent Access.
Type the school name: Carmel College Primary
Follow the prompts to make your booking.
Green places indicate available timeslots.
If you make a mistake, or just change your mind with your chosen time, just click on your previous booking (which should cancel it) and then make your new booking. Please note, the system will only allow you to make 1 booking.

HOT CROSS BUNS FUNDRAISER

Yum, yum! It’s Hot Cross Bun time again! Attached to this newsletter is the order form that you will need to purchase your selection of Hot Cross buns. There are 5 delicious flavours to choose from. The buns come in a 6 pack of the traditional size or a 12 pack of the mini size. ALL packs cost just $6.60.

REMEMBER that ALL orders need to be returned to the school by NEXT Tuesday, April 8. So please collect your orders and money.

Buns will be delivered on the last day of Term 1, Friday - April 11.

NEWSLETTERS

To check out any past issues of our Newsletter go to our website: carmelprimary.adventist.edu.au and click on the 'Newsletters' tab.
ACTIVE AFTER SCHOOL SPORTS
The Tuesday Group (Juniors) has now finished for the term. Monday will see the final session for the Senior group. Active After School Sports will be back in Term 2. We would love to see some new faces come along and join us in this wonderful program.

BUSY BEE THANKYOU
We would sincerely like to thank Shaun Bishop, Jono & Shani Green, Michael Maiki and Matthew Hamill for their hard work last Sunday in clearing the front lawn bed ready for our new plants. We really appreciate your time and efforts in assisting us with this job.

MORE WORKING BEE JOBS
FRUIT TREES - The holes have been dug for our fruit trees and now they just need to be planted in the area beyond the oval which has been allocated as a garden patch. If you would be willing to help with this job, please give the office a call, or email.

UNIFORM SHOP
Next week is the last chance before next term to get ready for the winter uniform. The Primary School Uniform Shop is open Tuesday mornings between 8.30am and 9am. They have second-hand girl’s skirts and pinafores, and trousers and ties for the boys. We also have the full range of new sport uniform requirements (trackies and jackets, plus limited amounts of the optional winter weather jackets). The High School Uniform shop is open every Monday and Tuesday from 9am until 4pm for your new ‘formal’ uniform requirements.

MOTHER’S DAY STALL
It is getting closer to that time of the year where we get to show our appreciation to the wonderful Mothers and Nannas in our lives. We will be operating a Mother’s Day stall on Friday, May 9 to give the children an opportunity to purchase a present for their mum. We would really appreciate any small donations you may provide to make this stall a success. Please bring any donations to the office anytime after April 28. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Shannon Shaw on 0409 750 632 or find her after school.
Suggested gift ideas include (but are not limited to) ornaments (indoor & outdoor), candles, ceramics, nic-nac items, chocolate, coffee mugs etc.
Thank you for your ongoing support.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU!
We would like to wish the following students many happy returns for their special day this month.
Vimbai Maposa (9), Alicia Jones (10), Realeboha Selepe (10), Sophie Hutchinson (12), Anita Pourasady (14), Alexander Sullivan (15), Damien Green (15), Tiana Green (17); Owen Hughes (18), Jemimah Maiki (23), Isheu Shonga (24), Indianna Hale (24), Emily Green (25), Riley McMillan (28), Tayla McCutcheon (28), Bailey Gunter (29) and Jaimee Plucknett (29).

CHAPLAIN’S NEWS
THE ULTIMATE SELFIE – (one minute into the soul)
Looking for great conversation with you children, consider this:
Now more that ever we have the ability to grab a snapshot of what we look like. We call them ‘selfies’. Ask your child if they would like to take one ‘Selfie’ (a picture of themselves) and that they can only take one.
As a parent take notice how they change their facial expression or flick their hair or position their head or even the angle of the camera ALL to take that one picture.
Now ask them to analyse the picture that they took. What do they like about it? What don’t they like? Take notice if they are anxious to take another one or if they even care to look at it, at all? Take the time to listen to the answers that they offer. If the answers are too brief then ask why, how come, what do you mean? Your children will share their ideas, their honesty and their feelings with you.
For parents prepared to go to the next level, ask them “If you could change anything, would you?” The reality is, most of us would look at that ‘selfie’ (a picture of themselves) and that they can only take one. As a parent take notice how they change their facial expression or flick their hair or position their head or even the angle of the camera ALL to take that one picture.
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For parents prepared to go to the next level, ask them “If you could change anything, would you?” The reality is, most of us would look at that ‘selfie’ and immediately compare it to the worldly image of beauty. We all want to change something at some point in time. We are still attempting to cover ourselves with fig leaves. So as you talk to your children about self-esteem, body image and real character remember this: real people are created in the image of God – not in a movie or glossy magazine.
So Dig out some ‘old photos’ of yourself. Sit down with your children and laugh together. If we all carry the same DNA and not one of us looks alike, can you even begin to imagine what God looks like? I am sure that God does not see our freckles, crooked teeth, dimples and fluffy eyebrows as a bad thing. I guarantee you He isn’t sitting around saying, ‘I wish I made that feller over there with a smaller mouth.’ I bet He’s laughing and saying, “That Boy has my smile” and “That Girl has my eyes.”
Every year thousands of Australians are sponsored to shave, colour or wax their hair to help people with blood cancer. World’s Greatest Shave raises about half the money the Leukaemia Foundation needs to fund its important work – providing practical and emotional support to people with blood cancer, as well as investing millions in research. Your support for this biggest source of income has never been more important.

This year, one of our own students, Owen Dowley has decided to ‘do the shave’. He is supporting his mate Hudson by raising money for blood cancer. Hudson lost his grandfather last year to blood cancer.

If you would like to help Owen meet his fundraising goal of $500 please go to the link below and make a donation.


MUFTI DAY
The final day of Term 1 (April 11) will be a Mufti day. All students not in uniform will need to pay a gold coin for the privilege of wearing free dress. All monies raised will be donated to the World’s Greatest Shave fundraiser through Owen Dowley. Owen will be getting his head shaved at school next week in front of the students, so keep your ear to the ground for future details.

CHAPEL
Please note that we have our weekly Chapel and Assembly program every Friday morning from 8.50am to 9.30am. This week the Year 1 class will be assisting with the program. All parents are welcome to attend.

HARMONY NIGHT THANKYOU
We would like to extend a huge thankyou to the school community for your attendance of our Harmony Day Picnic Tea. It was a wonderful evening, very well supported and we hope you had a lovely time. Thank you once again!

Dads Raising Teenage Girls
Thursday 3rd April at 6.30pm-9pm.
22 Southport Street, West Leederville.
The father-daughter relationship is particularly important during the teenage years to help girls navigate this difficult time. Find out how you can build a more rewarding relationship with your teenage daughter. For further information please phone 9489 6322.

Dads Raising Teenage Boys
Wednesday 9th April at 6.30pm-9pm.
22 Southport Street, West Leederville.
Raising teenage boys can be challenging but there can also be exceptional times of fun and closeness. The Dads Raising Teenage Boys workshop is designed to assist fathers and father figures navigate their way through the teen years so as to help build positive relationships and strong positive young men for the future. For further information please phone 9489 6322.

PERTH HILLS ADVENTURERS
Perth Hills Adventurers are seeking your help. They are running a stall on Easter Sunday to raise money for their club and more uniforms. They are looking for ‘garage sale’ items to sell. They are also willing to sell food items, like drinks or baked goods. Baked items would need to be brought on the day.

If you are able to help out in any way please contact Steph Adams on 0418 844 640 or 6394 2680 or Joanne Pearson on 0403 003 546.

SHIRE OF KALAMUNDA LIBRARIES EVENTS
Scitech is coming to the local Kalamunda Shire Libraries in the April school holidays. If you would like to know more about these events (which library on what days etc) please call into the office for a flyer. Please note that bookings are essential for these events, so grab a flyer today!
Help Support Carmel Primary by buying Fresh Hot Cross Buns
For every pack sold, $2 goes towards Fruit Trees for the Vege Patch.

Kalamunda Patisserie

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TOTALS

Types of Hot Cross Buns
- Raspberry & Choc (*new*)
- Mocha (*new*)
- Fruit (full or mini)
- Chocolate
- Fruitless (full or mini)

All packs $6.60
Full size packs contain 6 buns.
Mini packs contain 12 buns.

ORDERS and MONIES must be in by the end of school on **Tuesday, April 8** for delivery on **Friday, April 11**.

Freshly baked at the Kalamunda Brumby’s Store