FROM THE PRINCIPAL...

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

I couldn’t help but notice the beautiful fall colours throughout the valley. The community weekend theme of Thanksgiving could only remind me of all the great things that God has done, is doing, and will do for us.

We have so much to be thankful for and our problems are not as challenging as some areas of the world. Yes, we do have problems here, but we also have many ways of getting help, so we can only be thankful. Sometimes we are so caught up with the things that bother us that we can easily forget the amazing thing that is happening right now at our school. It is a true blessing to see so many students eagerly searching the scriptures for truth in their Bible studies. The Holy Spirit will guide them into truth so that we can focus on sharing the gospel with the entire world as we have been given the responsibility to do.

Please join our staff in united prayer in spirit and truth every Thursday at 3:45 pm (for 15 min) in our school chapel. Here we can pray for our student Bible studies, our school in specific ways and give thanks for our numerous blessings. All are welcome!

God bless you all!

MRS DAVINA PETERS
PRINCIPAL

SCHOOL NEWS...

NEW TEACHER

It is with regret we had to say good bye to Miss Tahlia van Oyen at the end of Term 1. We valued her contribution while at Carmel and wish her well in her new full time teaching role.

We are very blessed to be able to welcome Mrs Fatima Lever. Mrs Lever’s first association with Carmel was when she came here as a boarding student from Marble Bar when she was in Year 8! Since graduating, Mrs Lever completed a Bachelor of Arts in Education from Curtin University. Her family moved to Perth from Albany where she was previously teaching. We welcome them to Carmel.

MUFTI TOMORROW!

The Year 10’s are going to Cambodia this year and we appreciate your support. Tomorrow we will be holding a fun day on the front lawns. There will be activities and food for all tastes. We ask for your support by providing some money for your child to participate in the activities that they want to participate in. Thanks, and we hope to see you there!

P&F MEETING

Tomorrow evening our Parents and Friends meet up in the College dining room at 6.30pm. We are needing the positions of president, secretary and treasurer to be filled for 2014. This is an opportunity for any family to attend and have input into College life. Please consider these positions. This committee manages the P&F levy paid by all families and plays an important role in the school.

YEAR 11 TRIP - Letter 2

Today, students were given the second letter relating to the Year 11 trip in August. Please ensure that your child gives this to you, as there is important information regarding final trip payments and itinerary updates included.

BUY ‘THE WEST’ JULY 15!

Publication of the photos from our school formal taken by a photographer from The West Australian newspaper will be in print July 15. Ensure you grab your copy!!

2014 FORMAL PHOTOS

Last week, students that attended the formal were given a CD of images, order form, and envelope all for ordering any of the professional photos that were taken at our formal. Please take the time to have a look at these and complete the order form, returning it to school by May 16.

NAPLAN

Our Year 7 and Year 9 students will sit the NAPLAN tests next week from Tuesday 13 May to Thursday 15 May. We encourage students to eat and sleep well particularly leading up to and including this time.

SCHOOL PHOTOS

School photos will be on Monday, May 26. Full winter dress uniform is required. We appreciate your help in ensuring your child/ren have the correct uniform.

YR 10 PARENT NIGHT

We wish to remind all Year 10 students and their parents/caregivers that tomorrow night (May 7th) an information evening is being held beginning at 7pm. Topics to be discussed are changes to WACE for 2015, OLNA and preparing your student for Year 11. We look forward to planning together our Year 10 students’ educational journey here at the College.
YEAR 9 URBAN LEARNING

This term, the Year 9 students will be participating in Urban Learning Excursions to support student learning in English, History, Maths and Science. Each Excursion will focus on the question “How Has Perth Changed?” and will complement the research students are doing for their major assessment.

This Friday, 9 May, students will be discovering more about the history of Perth City in an Amazing Race style format. Students will work together in small groups to visit a range of historical sites and buildings. The excursion will also test students’ ability to read maps, follow instructions, interpret clues and use public transport.

Please ensure you sight, sign and return the Urban Excursion Agreement form by Wednesday, May 7.

CHAPLAINCY FUNDING

The Chaplaincy Program of Carmel Adventist College is available for all members of the school community/ staff, students and their families. The program is designed for student welfare and to build resiliency in students. Another important part of the program provides pastoral care and spiritual guidance while respecting other faiths and differing spiritual beliefs.

The Chaplaincy Program is jointly funded by the Australian Government Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations under the National School Chaplaincy and Student Welfare Program and the Western Australian Conference of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. As a College we would like to say Thank you to these to entities for their funds and support.

FUNDRAISERS...

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FROM THE CHAPLAIN...

This week in Chapel we have been learning and participating in the ‘Gratitude Effect’, based on studies that demonstrate that someone who genuinely says Thank You will be 2-19% more happy. The study continues to show that the ‘Gratitude Effect’ then continues on and the act of saying it then influences the person who receives it leaving them twice as likely to help another. Isn’t it incredible these two words can have such amazing impact? In light of these studies, I would like to take this moment to, “Thank you”, for being part of our College community. Thank you for your support and the wonderful young adults you raise up.

To all of you who are Mother/Mother-figures I would like to thank you for the unending amount of hours you pump in, the sleepless nights, the eternal pile of washing and the unconditional love that you show to all - thank you. In the days leading up to Sunday, please make sure you take just one moment to sit, relax and remember you are appreciated.

Another crucial member of our College Community whom you probably have not met yet is Ruby. Ruby is featured below and loved dearly by our wonderful Julie. Together, Julie and Ruby are our College’s personalised postal team and if you happen to see them, please take just one moment to say thank you for the joy they bring to our College community.

As usual this section leaves you with a challenge. As you may have guessed, the challenge is for you to spark the ‘Gratitude Effect’ in your life. Thank someone today, and just watch as the happiness flows. The impact your two genuine words will have is limitless.

MEMORIES FROM THE 2014 FORMAL

Belle & Beau of the Formal

Melanie Reyes & Henry Fui