FOUR BURNING CANDLES

In a room there were four candles burning. The ambiance was so soft you could hear them talking.

The first one said, “I am PEACE, however nobody can keep me lit. I believe I will soon go out.” Its flame then rapidly diminished and then went out completely.

The second one said, “I am FAITH. I am no longer indispensable, so it does not make any sense that I stay lit any longer.” When it finished talking a breeze softly blew by, putting it out.

Sadly, the third candle spoke. “I am LOVE. I don’t have the strength to stay lit. People push me aside. They don’t understand my importance. They even forget to love those who are nearest to them.” No sooner had these words been spoken when its warm glow faded out.

Suddenly a child entered the room and saw that three of the candles were not burning. “Why aren’t you burning? You are all supposed to stay alight.” Saying this the child began to cry. Upon hearing the child cry, the fourth candle said, “Don’t be upset, while I am still burning we can re-light the other candles because I am HOPE.”

With shining eyes, the child took the candle of HOPE and lit the other three candles. We should never let the flame of HOPE go out from our lives. With HOPE burning brightly, we can easily maintain FAITH, PEACE and LOVE.

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(http://academictips.org/blogs/four-burning-candles/)

WHAT DO YOU WANT ON OUR WEBSITE?
Carmel Primary is currently revising our school website. Please take a few short minutes out of your busy schedule to fill out our brief survey about what you would like to see on our website. This survey is anonymous and will take less than 5 minutes to fill out.

https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/RKZ89F7

LATE AUTHORISATION
When your children arrive late to school it is required that a PARENT sign them in at the office. Children are not authorised to sign themselves in.

UNIFORMS ADJUSTED
Need a hem sewn up, button put on, or garment altered?
For all your sewing needs contact May on 92919451 or 0419 939 887.

MOTHER’S DAY STALL THANKYOU
Thank you to everyone one who donated items for our Mother’s Day stall last Friday. We had a wonderful assortment of gifts. We raised a whopping $1056.50 from the gift purchases. Thank you VERY much for your support.

ACTIVE AFTER SCHOOL SPORTS
The after-school sports program will recommence TODAY. Unfortunately this term we are only able to offer AASS once per week for all students, on Wednesdays.

CARMEL SECONDARY OPEN DAY
The college is holding an Open Day on Thursday, May 22 from 9.30 – 11am. You are invited to visit the College to view the ‘Year 7 Transition to High School’ program in action and hear from Brad Flynn, the coordinator of a new experiential learning program which complements the academic program for Year 9 students. Please phone 9293 5333 or email carmelcollege@adventist.org.au to register your place.

CHAPEL
Our weekly Chapel program is held every Friday morning from 8.50am to 9.30am. This week Miss Till’s class will be assisting with the program and next week (May 23) Mrs K Stanton’s class will be helping out. All are welcome.

CARMEL CHURCH PLAYGROUP
The upcoming playgroup dates for Term 2 are May 15, 29, June 12 and 26.
I was reading a ministry article from Jason Hatley, when I noticed the surprising statistics that 33% of College graduates and 42% of University graduates never completely read another book again! Sounds incredible! (By the way, the fact that you’re reading this to the end means that you’re above average — way to go!). I don’t know if it’s our “entertainment over enlightenment” culture, or just that we figure we have it worked out enough in life, we just seem to grow less teachable. Not the best trait; and certainly not a good trait for parents, we must remain teachable!

So, whether you have done a PhD or have a degree from the School of Hard knocks; maybe you’re up-to-date on all the latest technologies or are still using Windows 95, you and I are never knowledgeable enough to stop learning. As Coach John Wooden said, “It’s what you learn after you know it all that counts.”

I want to share with you just one way that we can remain teachable (and therefore useful in the long run). Here it is...see every failure as an opportunity for learning. There’s a word for the never-ending succession of challenges that you face. It’s called LIFE! And not succeeding will surely be part of it. There is no such thing as failure; it’s just an opportunity to learn!

Poet Archibald MacLeish remarked, “There’s only one thing more painful than learning from experience, and that is not learning from experience.”

So what painful experience have you gone through? Have you learned and determined not to make that mistake again? The trick is to ASK. All too often we try just to ignore or just cover it up.

Ask Why: Ask yourself, “Why did this happen” and keep on asking “why” until you get to the root of the problem. Many failures are the result of deeper systematic issues and not just a one-time mistake.

Ask How: How can I take what I’ve learned and move forward, armed with the new information that you didn’t have yesterday.

As author and speaker Tom Hopkins says, “I never see failure as failure, but only as the game I must play to win.” Enjoy your highs and your lows as we learn together.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU!
We would like to wish the following students many happy returns for their special day in May.
Damon Sice (10), Amelia Wallis (10), Benjamin Padula (14), Claire Gissing (16), Nathanial Smith (17), Kai Leitis (18), Qhubeka Ndlovu (22), Likhwa Tshabangu (22), Miranda Laity (25), Evelyn Bacea-Anton (26), Trevor Nyagwaya (26), Sarah Cameron (26).

Making Stepfamilies Work
20th May x 6 weeks at West Leederville.
There are crucial differences between biological relationships and step relationships. Expectations and misunderstandings are responsible for much of the distress that members of a stepfamily can experience. Stepfamily couples who attend this 6 session course gain understanding, knowledge and skills to help them work together in the building of a healthy and nurturing step-family. For further information please phone 9489 6322.

The Chaplaincy Program of Carmel Adventist Primary School 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. This is funded by the Australian Government Department of Education: National School Chaplaincy and Student Welfare Program

Another important part of the program provides pastoral care and spiritual guidance while respecting other faiths and differing spiritual beliefs. This is funded by the Western Australian Conference of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

Our Chaplain, Pr. Tharren Hutchinson is available at the school every Monday - Friday from during school terms, unless advised otherwise. If you would like to meet with Tharren during these hours or another time that suits, please do not hesitate to contact reception on 9291 6399 or directly 0407 006 751.

Inclusion in the Chaplaincy Program is voluntary yet implied in your decision to enroll your child at Carmel Adventist Primary School. If you wish for your child or family to not be included in any or all of the services that our program provides, please contact the Principal on 08 9291 6399.