



CARMICHAEL

Chronicle

Term 1 Week 1, 28th January 2021

IMPORTANT

Dates

FEBRUARY

9th Parent Information

Evening

21st Commissioning Service

- Creekside Community
Church

24th-26th Year 6 and 7 Camp

MARCH

15th School Photos

24th Parent/Teacher

Interviews

26th Year 4 Camp

APRIL

1st Easter Service

Term 1 Finishes

Dates subject to change

Dear Families,

Welcome to 2021! What excitement as we commence a new school year!

So many unanswered questions for our little ones who will enter the classroom for the first time; attend Carmichael College for the first time, catch a bus for the first time, start Middle School for the first time ... so many firsts.

You may be rejoicing and dancing in the streets! Or perhaps you're sad to see them go back to school. Either way, most of us may have a little apprehension about that first day of school.

These are normal feelings to have. I remember when my first child headed off to school, even though I was a teacher I realised that now other significant adults (the teacher) would be speaking into her life and that "Mum, you just don't know."

What a step in their development. Rather than being apprehensive we need to take strength from the fact that our little ones (and big ones) are growing up, becoming independent and developing their character.

Families we are in this for the long haul, but we are in it together. Proverbs 22:6 says "Start children off on the way they should go, and even when they are old they will not turn from it."

We need to love our children and guide them, but not do for them what they can do for themselves. Yes, even down to carrying their own backpacks.

So enjoy this new year and remember, we are praying for you and with you on the journey.

Yours in Christ,

Margot Pinel

Principal



"Children are a gift from the Lord; they are a reward from him."

Psalm 127:3

TUCKSHOP



Tuckshop will be available from Week 2 (Monday 1st February) for students in Years 1 to 8. It will be supplied by the Creekside Café from Monday to Friday at both breaks. Orders must be placed by **8am** that day using the online [Flexischools](#) system. Students in Years 6 to 8 may also purchase food (with cash only until further notice; no cards please) over the counter from the new tuckshop counter at the back of the Creekside Café. Contrary to previous advice, pre-ordering on Flexi-schools **will still be available** for students in Years 6 to 8. Please note, tuckshop will be available to Prep students from **Semester 2**.

PARENT INFO EVENING



The Parent Information Evening is your opportunity to meet your child's teacher and to hear what they have planned for the year. It will be held on **Tuesday 9th February** in your child's classroom from 7pm until approx. 8pm. We ask that where possible, alternative arrangements be made for children during this information session. Children that DO attend the session will remain under the parent's supervision at all times. For families with more than one teacher to meet, we recommend that you decide which meeting you are going to attend and then email the other teacher/s to arrange an alternate plan.

TENNIS COACHING



Tennis coaching will recommence before school in the undercover sports courts on **Wednesday 10th February**. Lessons are open to all students from Prep to Year 8. To enroll, phone Ross from Ross' On Court Tennis on 0409 285 258.

SCHOOL BANKING



School banking will be recommencing next week on **Thursday 4th January**. Should you wish to participate, please ensure you open a compatible Commonwealth Bank account. Bank books are to be handed to the class teacher (or Admin) on Thursday mornings. The books will be returned on Thursday afternoon after being processed.

ALLERGIES/ANAPHYLAXIS



A food allergy is an immune system response to a normally harmless food protein that the body believes is harmful. When the individual eats food containing that protein, the immune system releases massive amounts of chemicals, triggering symptoms that can affect a person's breathing, gastrointestinal tract, skin, and/or heart. Anaphylaxis is the most severe form of allergic reaction and is potentially life-threatening. It must be treated as a medical emergency, requiring immediate treatment and urgent medical attention. Peanuts are the leading cause of severe allergic reactions, while egg is the most common allergen. Adrenaline is the first line treatment for severe allergic reactions and can be administered via auto-injector, called the EpiPen or Anapen. As the only way to manage a food allergy is avoidance, the College has implemented several strategies to help prevent a severe allergic reaction. We can never totally eliminate the risk of anaphylaxis but we can do all things that will help to lessen the risk. Therefore, **we have a no nuts and no egg policy at the College**. This means that **no nut products are to be brought to school**. This includes nut spreads such as peanut paste and nutella. Eggs and egg products are more complex. We ask that you refrain from sending egg-based products such as quiches, frittatas and egg sandwiches. There are many other alternatives for lunchboxes.

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IMMUNISATION



Year 7 students have been given [information](#) and [consent forms](#) from Qld Health in regard to the Moreton Bay Regional Council [immunisation program](#) being held at Carmichael College for Human Papillomavirus (HPV) and Diphtheria-Tetanus-Pertussis (Whooping Cough). Return of the consent form indicating either your consent or refusal to immunisation is required by **Tuesday 9th February 2021**. Only students with a completed and signed consent form will be vaccinated on April 29th. Please note, under amendments to the *Public Health Act 2005*, principals are required to disclose student and parent information for all Year 7 students to approved school health providers, unless the Principal, at their discretion, deems disclosure is not in the best interest of the student. Examples of reason for non-disclosure include custody, child protection and police considerations.

STUDENT MEDICAL FORMS



Just a reminder for parents to please return your child/ren's completed [Student Medical Form/s](#). This allows us to ensure that we have your child's most recent medical details/emergency contacts on file. Families need not return forms if there are no changes to be made to existing records.

FRUIT BREAK



Each morning at approx. 9.30am primary classes have a "brain break" snack. Parents are asked to provide their child/ren with a piece of **FRESH FRUIT OR VEGETABLE ONLY** in a separate container clearly marked with the child's name. No yoghurt, cheese or other snacks please.

ABSENCES



If your child is not attending school for whatever reason, please advise Admin via phone (07 5431 1201) or email admin@carmichael.qld.edu.au so the roll can be marked accordingly. Parents of children with unexplained absences will be contacted via txt message requesting confirmation of the absence. Should your child be absent for **more than two days** due to illness, please obtain a Doctor's Certificate for our records.

DROP & GO SURNAMES



'Surname signs' are being handed out to students this week. These help staff rostered on to the Drop & Go lanes in the afternoons to quickly identify vehicles. Please place them in a visible position on the passenger-side sun visor. If you require extra surname signs for other family members doing pick ups, please let Admin know by emailing admin@carmichael.qld.edu.au.

PLAYGROUND REMINDER



Just a reminder that students and children are **NOT** to use the playgrounds before school please.

CREEKSIDE CAFÉ NEWS



After a break over the Christmas holidays the Creekside Café is now back to its regular opening hours. Pop in and visit Jemma and her friendly staff from 8am until 2pm Monday to Friday. Please note that the kitchen will close at 1:30pm each day however coffee and cakes are available right up until 2pm.

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CHAPEL



We are excited to announce that parents are once again able to join us for our Friday Chapels! We ask you to remember social distancing protocols and not to invite extended family members at this time please (no aunts, uncles, grandparents etc please). Years 6 to 8 Chapel will commence tomorrow at 8:30am and will be held in the Creekside Community Church Auditorium. Prep to Year 5 Chapel will commence at 9:30am and will be held in the undercover sports area. We hope to see you there!

YOUTH



Creekside Youth sends a special 'welcome back' to all our middle schoolers, especially to any new families! We're looking forward to getting to know you throughout 2021.

Creekside Youth exists because we are passionate about supporting our young people and providing them with a positive environment to hang with friends, explore faith and have a heap of fun. We are a ministry of Creekside Community Church.

We run fortnightly on a Friday during school term from 7-9pm and are open for young people from all walks of life, in grade 7-12. Please fill out a [registration form](#) online or grab a copy from Admin if you'd like to join.

We kick off in the next few weeks, so keep a look out for upcoming details!

P.S Don't worry Year 6, we haven't forgotten about you! In Term 4 you will have the opportunity to come and try out Creekside Youth for yourself. In the meantime, we hope to hang out at Chapel from time to time and will see you there!

AROUND THE CAMPUS...



Our new preppies are settling in really well!



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