



CARMICHAEL

Chronicle

Term 1 Week 3, 11th February 2021

IMPORTANT Dates

FEBRUARY

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,

It has been encouraging to wander around the school this week and see the power of consistency and routines within the primary and secondary areas. Even though students sometimes find rules and boundaries difficult, it also brings comfort and security to our little, and not so little, ones. We want to say a big "Thank You" to all our families and staff for helping create this safe space for our students. From the drop offs and pickups, to school lunches, uniforms, homework and so on, all of these daily elements help create and build a routine and our school community. Just a few short weeks ago, school was "new" and sometimes a little scary for some. But as time goes on and as we partner together, school becomes a place where relationships and learning go hand-in-hand. And one of the first ways we do that was with our Parent Information Night. Thank you to those parents who were able to come along on Tuesday night. It was exciting and encouraging to welcome our families on site and to share what's coming up this term and year. We are cautiously optimistic that we will again be able to provide more opportunities for families to be involved in the life of our school.

So well done everybody and keep up the good work!

Yours in Christ,

Rosanna Hemara
Head of Lower Years



"In every moment when you are parenting, you are being parented. In every moment when you are called to give grace, you are being given grace. In every moment when you are rescuing and protecting your children, you are being rescued and protected. In every moment when you feel alone, you are anything but alone because He goes wherever you go." by author Paul David Tripp in book "Parenting: 14 Gospel Principles That Can Radically Change Your Family"

"Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank him for all He has done." Philippians 4:6

STUDENT LEADERSHIP



Last week student leadership packs were handed out to interested students in Years 5 to 8. We would like to thank and congratulate the students as the response was overwhelming and the standard of applications very high. As a result, class teachers will short-list the applications and students will be notified this week as to their progress. Short-listed students will be expected to present a 2-minute speech in front of their peers next week. This year it has been decided to elect a representative from each class in Years 5 to 8 to represent the school. Out of those reps one male and one female student (irrespective of grade) will be awarded the title of School Captain. The Class Reps and School Captains will form a Student Council which meet regularly. Elected students will be announced at an upcoming chapel (date to be advised).

DROP & GO REMINDERS



A big thank you to all our families who are using the Drop & Go. With everyone's co-operation, this process continues to run smoother each day! A few reminders:

- Please stay in your vehicle at all times
- Please place the 'surname cards' that have been given out on your passenger side sun-visor to help staff quickly identify your vehicle. Should you require more of these, please contact Admin
- Please think about others behind you and drive your car as far forward in either pickup lane as you can - please do not just stop wherever your child is standing
- Please follow any directions given by carpark staff

SCHOOL BANKING



A reminder that school banking runs each **Thursday** at Carmichael College. Contact Admin for more information.

PARKING



Staff do not use the parent carpark at the front of the school, so we kindly ask that parents not use the staff carpark at the back of the church. This includes parents who use the staff carpark to watch tennis lessons on a Wednesday morning, and those who park for school pickup in the afternoons. If you are a staff parent and you park in that carpark, please avoid leaving between 2:55pm and 3:10pm to help ease Drop & Go congestion. We thank you for your understanding and co-operation.

POINTS OF CONTACT



Parents, your first point of contact to discuss your child's schooling is their classroom teacher. Please ensure teachers are kept up to date with any information that may pertain to your child's education. We ask however, that you make an appointment with the teacher first so the discussion can happen at a convenient time. Appointments can be made by emailing the teacher (please allow up to 48 hours for teachers to respond). Should you feel, after meeting with the teacher, that the issue has not been resolved satisfactorily, you may make an appointment to speak with the Heads of Department (Rosanna Hemara for Early Primary Years—Prep to Year 2, Chris O'Loughlan for Upper Primary Years—Years 3 to 5, and Joe Lewczuk for Middle School—Years 6 to 8) about the matter.

FAREWELLS



We are sad (but excited for her) to announce that Mrs D'Annunzio (Middle School teacher) left last week on maternity leave! We're also very sad to say goodbye to Mrs Gynther who has worked hard in our library since last year. We send our love and best wishes with both of these special ladies.

*He has shown you, O mortal, what is good. And what does the LORD require of you?
To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God. - Micah 6:8*

CHILD PROTECTION



Carmichael College recognises that protecting students from harm, and the risk of harm, is fundamental to maximising their personal and academic potential. For this reason, the welfare and best interests of the children within our College will always be a primary consideration.

We expect our students to show respect to our staff and volunteers and to comply with safe practices, and we expect all employees to ensure that their behaviour towards, and relationships with, students reflect proper standards of care for students and are not unlawful. The College will respond diligently to a report of suspected or actual harm, or risk of harm to a student.

What does the College mean by harm?

Recent Queensland legislation defines harm as "any detrimental effect of a significant nature on the child's physical, psychological or emotional wellbeing". It is immaterial how the harm is caused. Harm can be caused by:

- Physical, psychological or emotional abuse or neglect;
- Sexual abuse or exploitation; or
- Domestic or family violence.

How does the College protect students from harm?

The College has a comprehensive Child Protection Policy, which covers the actions to be taken if a member of staff or a parent from the College becomes aware or reasonably suspects that harm has been done to a student of the College by a member of staff, people outside the College or by other students.

What should you do if you become aware or reasonably suspect that harm has been caused to a student of the College?

You should report your concerns to the Principal or to any other College staff member.

OTHER IMPORTANT POINTS

- Students in Years 4 to 8 who are interested in learning the violin or cello should ask Mrs Miguel for a Sign Up Form.
- It's great to have so much bush around the College but it also has the occasional drawback... it's snake hatching time. Please talk to your child/ren about snake safety. Remind them to tell a teacher if they see a snake on campus and they are to stay right away from them.
- Click [here](#) to read an information sheet about parent address information the College must provide to the Australian Government shortly.
- Click [here](#) for the over-the-counter Middle School tuckshop menu.
- Maggie Dent is a well-known author and speaker who works with families and children. She is running a series of webinars based on her successful book, 'From Boys to Men'. For anyone raising sons or working with boys, click [here](#) for more information about these.
- Caboolture Rugby Union is inviting all players from ages U4-U12 to come and join the Caboolture Snakes. Caboolture Rugby Union is a family orientated club and the growth club of the Moreton Bay area. Click [here](#) for more information.

UPDATED CALENDAR

Here is a copy of our updated [2021 calendar](#).



CREEKSIDE CAFÉ NEWS



Pop in to the Café soon for a tasty snack or try one of their exciting new juices. They're open Mondays to Fridays from 8am to 2pm.

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