A Message from the President……

Dear Old Scholars,

I hope this newsletter finds you well. We have been very lucky to enjoy a beautiful summer and so far a very mild autumn. We have held a few events since the last newsletter and it has been lovely to catch up with many Old Scholars over the past year and we hope to see more of you attending our events over the ensuing months.

We recently held our first Association committee meeting for 2014 and were very pleased to welcome Mrs Susan Ryan, our new Principal. It was very generous of Susan to come to our meeting when she is just settling into her new position. We look forward to seeing Susan at future old scholar functions.

Events recently held:

AGM and Mass – 11th August 2013

Our Annual Mass and AGM for 2013 were held on Sunday 11th August. The day commenced at Holy Spirit Church celebrating Mass with the Parish of Sandy Bay which was then followed by morning tea and the AGM at the Mount Carmel College Art and Technology Building. Thank you to Father Michael Tate who celebrated Mass with us and to the Mount Carmel College choir who sang throughout the service. It really made it very special for us.

Back to Mount Carmel Afternoon

Laurie Wolfe kindly set aside an afternoon, last September for old scholars to attend a Back to Mount Carmel afternoon.

Those old scholars who went on a tour of the school were very surprised at the difference in the size of the school from the time when they attended. It was a fun afternoon and lovely to see old scholars reconnecting with each other after many years. Old scholars were asked to bring along photos to share. This photo was
bought along by Louise Whitehead and was taken on the verandah near the front door of Lauramont in 1958. It shows the third year (Grade 9) students. Are you in this photo or recognise anyone? If so, let us know!

Third Year students in 1958

This photo is of the Basketball Team coached by Sister Eileen (then known as Sister Gervaise) taken in about 1957 or 1958. Apparently this team did very well! Basketball is now known as Netball. In the very front is the late Catherine McNamara (nee Howell) who was Head Prefect in 1960. The late Mary Cerny (nee Adkins) is immediately behind her. Do you know any of the other students?

Puddleduck Vineyard

On Sunday the 25th November 2013 the Mount Carmel and St Joseph’s Old Scholars and Friends enjoyed a wonderful afternoon at Puddle Duck Vineyard in Richmond.

It has become a tradition for the Old Scholars to hold this yearly event. We decided to have a Christmas theme this year with all those who attended wearing the colours of the festive season.

We also chose this occasion to say a very sad but fond farewell to Principal Laurie Wolfe who completed her 10 year tenure as our Principal at the end of 2013. Laurie has been a wonderful support to the old scholars association for the last ten years. We will miss her very much. We would like to acknowledge Laurie’s wonderful contribution to the school and the Old Scholars Association.

Mrs Laurie Wolfe receiving flowers from the Old Scholar Association
**College Twilight Fair**
Like last year, the sky looked as if it was threatening a deluge. Unlike last year when the rain held off – no such luck this year! It poured. The rain did not dampen our spirits in the slightest! We held the fair indoors. We had a really good position in the school hall. As in previous years, we held a stall with some goodies designed to attract all ages. We had a photo board of current teachers and a photo board of past Mount Carmel students. Those entering the competition had to match the student’s photos with the photos of their teachers. It was very funny to watch current students trying to guess what their teachers looked like at their age! For the more mature we held a raffle hamper of cheeses, biscuits and other earthly delights.

**Forthcoming Events - Save the Date:**

**AGM and Mass – 17th August 2014**

Our Annual Mass and AGM for 2014 will be held on Sunday 17th August. The day will commence at Holy Spirit Church celebrating Mass with the Parish of Sandy Bay at 10 am followed by morning tea and the AGM at the Mount Carmel College Art and Technology Building. We hope to see you there.

**Puddleduck Vineyard**

Our end of Year function will be held at ‘Puddleduck Vineyard’ on Sunday the 22nd November at 2pm. Cost is $25.00 per head. This includes wine tastings, finger food and an extra glass or two of your favourite wine.

This promises to be a great afternoon, so please book by Monday the 11th of November by emailing Barbara Berkery on Barbara Berkery bm.berkery@bigpond.com or phone 0408 336 317.

**It is time to RENEW!**

It is time to renew your membership subscription. We traditionally ask Old Scholars to renew their membership at the AGM. This only captures a fifth of our membership, so this year we are asking you all to complete the form attached and return with your membership fee.

The money from subscription covers the cost of production of the newsletter, postage and being able to make small donations to the school to assist with current students attending special events.
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Obituary

It is with great sadness that we report on the untimely death of our past Committee member and old scholar Kate (Pitney) O’Driscoll. Kate passed away on 14th March 2014. As a student of Mount Carmel College she was very good at sport, particularly hockey.

Our thoughts and prayers are with Owen, Aisling, Neamh and the Pitney family.

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Mount Carmel & St Joseph’s Old Scholars’ Association Membership

I would like to join/renew (please circle whichever applicable) my membership of the Old Scholars’ Association, and receive newsletters. Please complete this section and forward it, with membership subscription, to: The Treasurer, Mount Carmel & St Joseph’s Old Scholars’ Association, c/- Mount Carmel College, PO Box 217, Sandy Bay 7006.

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