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## A Word from the Principal

Last week one of our long standing Walkers bus drivers, Peter McDermott, passed away unexpectedly. For some of our students who had known Peter since Kindergarten this was heartbreaking news. He had driven them home the night before and for many their last memories of Peter will be saying goodbye as they hopped off the bus. In the sharing of the information with the students it became obvious very quickly what a much loved and respected man Peter was. The students shared stories of how he had made them laugh, given them nicknames (which also made them laugh), dropped them home. He was very highly thought of by the students and the positive impact that Peter had is not measurable. I am not sure if Peter was aware of this impact but it was evident to the adults in the room. Often we do not see the impact we have on others, we go about our daily business with our blinkers on.

Another staff member who has a very positive impact on our students is Mrs Robyn Bessell. Robyn has fulfilled the Director of Middle Years role for a number of years and this year was to

support our students through their transitions. However, Robyn will be taking leave for the remainder of the year to rest, rejuvenate and spend time with her family. The students in her classes will miss her sense of humour and her kindness, her passion for English and her gentle prodding. Mrs Liz Di Venuto, a much loved member of the Mount Carmel community, will cover Robyn's classes this term as we finalise the path forward. Mrs Lyndal Tewes (Deputy Principal) will work with the Year 7 and Year 10 students this term to ensure that they have a contact person and Mrs Alex Rodrick will teach Mrs Tewes' VET class for this to occur. I am aware of the generosity of staff to cover this for Robyn and the College.

Mrs Dianne Ranalli is also retiring from the College. Di has been the mainstay of our Uniform Shop for many years. She is often the first face of the College and I receive a number of emails at the beginning of each year highlighting how special she makes each student feel. Her gentleness and humour are always appreciated by the new students who may be feeling just a bit anxious. The College has been lucky to have Di as long as we have.

What is evident to me is that the Mount Carmel College community has a great many staff who positively impact the students' lives. They model respect and care, courtesy and kindness. They challenge gently and remove the barriers for the many students they come into contact with. For the community, these "losses" are a gentle reminder to be present. To notice those around us who quietly make a difference to our lives and be grateful for the interactions that we have with them. At the end of the lesson, at the end of the day the smiles and the thanks are heartfelt and build a positive community for our students.

### Thought of the Week

*Goodness is about character – integrity, honesty, kindness, moral courage, and the like. More than anything else, it is about how we treat people.* Dennis Prager

*Do everything in love ~ 1 Corinthians 16:14*

**Mrs Fiona Nolan**  
Principal



# From the Deputy Principal

## Wellbeing and Goal Setting Conferences

The Year 7–10 Clan Teacher Wellbeing and Goal Setting Conferences which were held on the evening on the Monday 18 February are designed for Clan teachers to meet with parents/carers and students to discuss their goals for 2019.

The process of setting goals allows students to choose where they want to go in school and what they want to achieve. By knowing what they want to achieve, they know what they have to concentrate on and improve. Goal setting gives students long-term vision and short-term motivation. Having sharp, clearly defined goals, which students can measure, will allow them to take pride in accomplishing those goals.

The establishment of an ongoing partnership early in the year between the College and parents/carers is at the forefront of our scheduling of such evenings. Secondary Subject Learning Conferences where bookings can be made with specific subject teachers is scheduled for 25 March and 2 April.

## Homework

The Homework Policy, indicates the amount of time students should be spending on homework for each subject, each night. Working in partnership with your daughter and her teachers is the key to obtaining the best educational outcomes. If students or parents/carers have any concerns about the amount of homework being set (too much or too little), please do not hesitate to make contact with the relevant subject teachers.

## Meningococcal ACWY - Year 10 Students

Year 10 Meningococcal immunisation will be held at the College in Term 2/3 with a date to be confirmed depending on numbers. Only those students who return their consent form by Wednesday 6 March will participate.

## Procedures for students in the City

As our duty of care for our students includes seeing them heading safely home, we strongly discourage students from venturing into the city at the end of the school day if possible.

For students who need to go into or through the city at the end of the day, or for students who have to wait in the city for more than half an hour to catch a connecting bus, a note from a parent/carer giving them permission to be in the city is required. These notes should be shown to either the Director of Primary Years or a Head of House before going into the city and students will be issued with a City Pass. A Pass can be issued for students who go into town every afternoon to wait for a bus, or for students who regularly go into town on one or two afternoons a week for purposes such as a dance class or to meet parents at their place of work. Passes can also be issued on a one-off basis if good reason is provided. Passes will only be issued with a signed request from a parent/carer, which should be brought to school before students go into the city.

If in the city in College uniform, students must ensure they are wearing it correctly, including boater and blazer.

**Mrs Lyndal Tewes**  
Deputy Principal





## From the Director of Primary

### Leadership

At Mount Carmel College, our Catholic heritage and tradition informs our model of leadership. Great emphasis is placed on the qualities of service and sacrifice. We look to Jesus Christ and the founders of the College, the Sisters of Charity, for inspiration as we work as leaders for the benefit of the entire community.

Most importantly, one does not have to hold a leadership position in order to be an effective and positive leader. During the past fortnight, all of the Year 5 and 6 students have written Leadership Statements where they have articulated their personal leadership skills and strengths.

We formally congratulate the following students who have been elected to positions of responsibility for Terms 1 and 2. The students are looking forward to working alongside the Year 10 College Captains and Student Leaders in the coming months. The Year 5 and 6 Leaders will be presented with their badges and certificates at next week's Kinder - Year 6 Assembly, Monday March 4 commencing at 10am in the Cahill Centre.

#### Primary Leaders

- Year 6 Leaders: Tammy Field, Matilda Kaye, Ella Maxwell and Asha Nicol
- Year 5 Leaders: Hannah Jager and Matilda Steele

#### House Captains

- Carmel: Eryn Kelly, Zoe Rhodes, Eryn Kelly, Lucia Devine and Zoe Wilkinson
- Lourdes: Eadie Davidson, Eloise Hodgman, Sofia Bowman-Shaw and Hannah Mahmoud
- Loreto: Rakaia Arahanga, Madison Hart, Anthea Kantar and Tiyana Ransom

The Restorative Practice Leaders will be selected in the coming fortnight.

### SEQTA Engage

At last week's Kinder to Year 6 Parent Information Evening, Class Teachers discussed our School Learning Management System, **SEQTA**, and in particular Engage, the parent portal. Parents have received details about how to access the portal including downloading the app. If you require any

assistance please contact Miss Hannah Legge in the College Office at:

[hannah.legge@mountcarmel.tas.edu.au](mailto:hannah.legge@mountcarmel.tas.edu.au)

**SEQTA** is a powerful learning tool as it allows teachers to continuously report directly to parents and students across the curriculum. Our continuous reporting structure endeavours to ensure that feedback to students and parents is goal orientated, tangible, actionable, specific, personalised, timely, ongoing and consistent.

For our Kindergarten parents, Storypark will be used to record and communicate learning as it happens via video, photographs, audio and observations. Details about Storypark will be communicated to parents in the coming weeks.

## Learning for Life



Mount Carmel College Kindergarten every Tuesday morning from 9.30am to 10.45am during school Term time.

On Tuesday, the College's Learning for Life program commenced for 2019 under the direction of Mrs Helen Crawford. The weekly sessions are filled with play based experiences, discovery, storytelling and singing. The program supports the role of parents as primary educators and therefore, is designed to offer parents practical support and insight into play based learning, to build connections between families with young children and to support each child to begin their individual learning journey.

Learning for Life is a free program that is open to children from birth to 5 years of age. Parents/carers are required to supervise their children at all times. To register for our Tuesday morning session that runs from 9:30am to 10:45am, please contact the College Office. or visit the College website:

[www.mountcarmel.tas.edu.au/early-years-learning-program/](http://www.mountcarmel.tas.edu.au/early-years-learning-program/)

## Primary Swimming Carnival

I would like to thank our HPE staff for the organisation of yesterday's carnival, resulting in, not only the smooth running of this event, but also enabling children of different ages and abilities to participate in such an enjoyable day of swimming fun and competition.

We also appreciate the invaluable assistance of parents, carers, friends, senior students and staff. Finally, the students must be acknowledged for their amazing performances on the day not only in the pool but from the sidelines. The House spirit was simply electric and it is such a joy to witness students encouraging one another across the year groups. Congratulations to Carmel House for winning the carnival, closely followed by Loreto and Lourdes.

**Mrs Caroline Wilson-Haffenden**  
**Director of Primary**



# Identity and Mission

## Beginning of Year Mass

Friday last week we celebrated the beginning of the school year with Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral.

It has been a long time since Mount Carmel College has gathered at the centre of Catholic faith in Tasmania, and for many of our students, and even for a number of staff, it was their first visit there.

The Cathedral dates back to the 1860's and has served the people of Tasmania ever since, so it was an honour for our community to once again gather there. Fr. Brian was our celebrant, and implored us to be people who care for each other and who give life to those around us. It is hoped that it won't be such a long time before we gather there again to celebrate our faith.

## Lent

Next week sees the beginning of Lent, the time of penance, reflection and fasting for Catholics as we begin our preparations for the most important feast in the liturgical year. Easter. It begins on Ash Wednesday, and the school will be observing this day with liturgies for both Primary and Secondary students. All students are invited to receive the ashes, regardless of their faith background, and they will be

reminded that Lent is a great time to think about their lives, the good things they have and how they can become better people.

**It is traditional that no meat is eaten on this day, and, as such, there will be no meat products, hot or cold, available to order or purchase from the Canteen on Ash Wednesday, 6th March.**

Lent is also the time of the year when Project Compassion runs. This is the biggest fundraiser for Caritas, which is the Catholic aid organisation that builds communities here in Australia and around the world.

Families will have a Project Compassion box sent home in the hope that you will be able to make a donation to this worthy cause. The fundraising will kick off on Tuesday March 5th, which is traditionally Shrove Tuesday, or Pancake Tuesday. The Mission Sisters will be making and selling pancakes with a choice of toppings for \$1 each to raise money for Project Compassion. These will be sold from Cafe 1847 at recess to all students from Prep to Year 10. Please support this worthy cause. You can learn more about Caritas by visiting: [www.caritas.org.au](http://www.caritas.org.au)

**Mr Anthony Chapman**  
**Director of Identity and Mission (Secondary)**



## Sr Josephine Cannell rsc

### A look back in time

As you commence another school year with its pathways of hopes, dreams and excitement laid out in front of you, my mind recalls the historical events that have gone before.

St Joseph's School was already in Hobart before the first Sisters of Charity arrived in 1847. By 1922 when they had been in charge of both the Girls and Boys School in Harrington Street, Hobart, they needed a larger school. The large St Joseph's College was built in Molle Street, and opened in 1923. It was a beautiful building and, today as I have just celebrated my 101st birthday, I recall with gratitude and happy memories the years I spent there as a student.

In 1942 the Sisters took charge of Mount Carmel Infant School in View Street, Sandy Bay and when the classes moved into Primary they moved to your wonderful site on Sandy Bay Road. When the students were moving at the end of their Grade 6 year, questions were asked: Do we create a Year 7? Some thought it would be too close to St Joseph's College at Molle Street – a compromise was reached –the two schools were joined together! The classes from St Joseph's College were joined with the Primary classes and this created Mount Carmel College bringing you the gift of 110 years of history. Thus making your College a VERY SPECIAL COLLEGE!

**Sr Josephine Cannell rsc**





## O'Brien Resource Centre

Welcome back for 2019

We are delighted that all classes, Kindergarten to Year 10, have already visited the library. Primary classes resumed their weekly story time and borrowing sessions, and most excitingly, Years 7 to 10 English classes have borrowed a novel of their choice. We have enjoyed interacting with students who don't see themselves as readers, leaving the library with a 'possibility' in hand after chatting with library staff. With the belief that 'if everyone could just find the right book they would be on the pathway to lifelong reading', we are focusing on getting students enthusiastically engaged in the joy of reading this year. To achieve this, we aim to foster a school-wide reading culture that actively encourages, supports and models reading for pleasure.

### Book Reviews

Our first initiative for the year is the promotion of reading through 'staff picks', 'student picks' and 'parent picks'. We



would like students, staff and parents to read books from our collection and write a brief recommendation of the book to encourage

others to pick it up.

'Parent Pick' and 'Student Pick' cards are available from the library to jot down your recommendation on. Completed cards will be attached to the shelf alongside the book reviewed. As an incentive, all students, parents and staff who write a recommendation will gain an entry into our Book Voucher Raffle, to be drawn at the end of each term.



If you would like to submit a 'parent pick' please drop into the library to borrow a book and pick up a card for your recommendation. We also hope that you will encourage your children to also participate in recommending to others a book they love!

I recently read an article in the New York Times, **Books Can Take You Places Donald Trump Doesn't Want You To Go**, that particularly resonated with me as a reader. I have included an excerpt here that you may like to share with your child/children when encouraging them to read.

*Whenever I was encouraged by my elders to pick up a book, I was often told, "Read so as to know the world." And it is true; books have invited me into different countries, states of mind, social conditions and historical epochs; they have offered me a place at the most unusual gatherings. I have had access to private rooms, overheard exquisite conversations and been able to observe subtle changes in*

*another person's inner life. Books have shown me horror and beauty. All this is true.*

*But the most magical moments in reading occur not when I encounter something unknown but when I happen upon myself, when I read a sentence that perfectly describes something I have known or felt all along. I am reminded then that I am really no different from anyone else.*

*Perhaps that secret motive behind every library: to stumble upon ourselves in the lives and lands and tongues of others. And the more foreign the setting, the more poignant the event seems. For a strange thing occurs then: a distance widens and then it is crossed. (Maillard, 2017)*

The full article is available at <https://www.nytimes.com/2017/03/16/opinion/sunday/books-can-take-you-places-donald-trump-doesnt-want-you-to-go.html>

**Ms Melinda Levy**  
**Librarian**



# Music Scholarships

## Year 7 Music Scholarship Recipients

For the fifth year, the Mount Carmel College Parents and Friends Association have offered three music lesson tuition scholarships for aspiring musicians entering Year 7.

The three recipients this year are Aimee Stacey, Charlotte Bindoff and Emma Kirrane. These students will receive subsidised tuition on their instrument for a year. Aimee will take piano lessons with Ms Rosemary Cordy, broadening her already significant musical activity as flautist and double bassist. Charlotte will begin vocal lessons with Ms Hannah May Bartle. Emma has been learning to play the cello and will take lessons with Ms Sophie Radke this year through this scholarship opportunity. These students will be involved in Co-Curricular Music Ensembles such as the College Orchestra and the Middle Years Voices throughout the year.

Congratulations to Aimee, Charlotte and Emma.



# Uniform Shop News

## Winter Uniform Fittings

Those students new to the College and those in Year 1 will need to make an appointment at the Uniform Shop for their winter uniform fitting in the next few weeks.

This invitation is also extended to existing students who may have outgrown their winter uniform since last year.

## Outstanding Items

Please contact the Uniform Shop on 6216 7925 or via

email: [uniform.shop@mountcarmel.tas.edu.au](mailto:uniform.shop@mountcarmel.tas.edu.au) if your child still has any outstanding uniform items which have been ordered and paid for. We are still waiting on Size 6 Children's House tops and once they arrive, these items will be delivered to the College Office for collection. Apologies for this unexpected delay.

## Gold Polo Shirts - Sale Price

Year 10 students may wish to purchase an original style gold polo for the purpose of having friends' signatures on them as a keepsake. There are

limited quantities and sizes available, which will be sold out way below cost at \$15.

## Sale Items

- Sports Briefs : all sizes reduced to \$5 per pair
- Polar Fleece Headbands : only \$2
- Mount Carmel old style Bathers : \$35 per pair (still acceptable throughout 2019)
- Summer Dresses (old style - acceptable and on-going) : limited sizes at cost price. Size 14L - \$70 and Sizes 26-30 - \$73.

## Returning Uniform Items

Parents, please be mindful that the Uniform Shop cannot refund for "Change of Mind" purchases. We are happy to exchange sizes or faulty goods. Your excess uniform items can be sold on our closed Facebook group. Search *Trading Page (Mount Carmel College, Trading Page)* and click on Join.

**Mrs Dianne Rannalli**  
Uniform Shop Coordinator





## Sport News

### School Sport

Thank you to all the students and parents that have signed up to play, coach, manage, umpire, car pool and support sport this term.

After school sport is now up and running. Year 7 soccer kicked off last week, as well as the JSSATIS tennis, with 2 teams representing Mount Carmel in the Year 5/6 mixed roster.

The SSATIS Cricket roster is also underway with the Navy team securing a win against Collegiate, and the Gold team enjoying a good game against Dominic. This week we will have 6 teams running out in the JSSATIS soccer roster, with a great number of students also helping with coaching and refereeing.

In team sport, your team mates are relying on you. If a commitment has been made to a team, there is an expectation to attend all trainings and games. Please keep Team Managers, Coaches and myself informed if anything changes and your child can no longer participate or will miss games. This is the key to making sure we always have enough players for games.

It is fantastic to see so many teams representing the College. Good luck to everyone participating!

### Primary Swimming Carnival

Well done also to the students that participated in the Swimming Carnival at the Clarence Aquatic Centre on Wednesday. Thank you especially to all the parents that assisted on the day. Carmel were the winners on the day, in a close contest from Loreto and Lourdes. Congratulations to Lily Bannister who broke the Grade 4 50m Freestyle record.

Swimming Champions and the inter-school swimming team will be announced at the Primary Assembly on Monday 4 March.

### Cricket Representation

The U15 State Cricket team has been battling it out in Canberra this week, represented by five Mount Carmel students, Maddison Brooks, Emma Roberts, Melodie Armstrong, Taylor Brooks and Hannah Powe. The highlight of the carnival was the team's win against WA in the round



matches. Particular congratulations to Melodie Armstrong and Maddison Brooks who have both been named in the U15 Australia Squad following their outstanding performance at the Championships.

### Netball Presentation

Congratulations to Year 7 students Jess Owens, Natasha Furjanic and Bronte Johnston who have been selected for the 2019 U13 STiNgAs, which is a netball

development program. They were presented with their jackets this week.

### Contact Information

If parents or carers need to contact me regarding anything related to School Sport, or have any photos, special achievement items or club notices they would like published, please email me at [sport@mountcarmel.tas.edu.au](mailto:sport@mountcarmel.tas.edu.au), or contact me on 6216 7926.

**Ms Nikki Stuart**  
**Sports Administration Officer**







## Upcoming Dates

### March

Monday 4: Kinder to Year 6 Assembly hosted by Year 6, Cahill Centre - 10.00am

Tuesday 5: Learning for Life - 9.30am - 10.45am

Wednesday 6: Ash Wednesday

Friday 8 March: Family School Photos, Cahill Centre - 8.00am - 8.40am  
Kinder School Photographs

Monday 11: Eight Hour Day Public Holiday

Tuesday 12: Year 6 - 10 Assembly  
Learning for Life - 9.30am - 10.45am

Wednesday 13: SSATIS Swimming Carnival, Hobart Aquatic Centre





## Other News

### Outside School Hours Care in the Kindergarten

In order to comply with our licensing requirements for OSHC being held in the Kindergarten we can no longer allow the Kindergarten entrance from Nelson Road to be used as a thoroughfare. The entrance from Nelson Road can only be used by Kindergarten families and families using OSHC .

Students catching buses on Nelson Road will be required to use the College entrance on Sandy Bay Road.

Thank you for your understanding.

### Open Day - Saturday 16 March

Mount Carmel is hosting their annual Open Day on Saturday 16 March from 11.00am to 1.00pm. This is an important event on the College calendar when prospective parents and students have the opportunity to look around our campus, join a student-led tour and talk to current students and teachers inside and outside the classroom.

We are looking for parents and carers to assist on the day in two roles:

- as a Parent Ambassador who will be there as a friendly face to have a chat to prospective parents and answer any questions they might have of life as a Mount Carmel family.
- assist with the cooking and serving of the BBQ for our visitors. You will need to arrive at the College around 10.00am to prepare the barbeques for cooking.

If you are able to volunteer your time at Open Day, please contact Caroline Jager, Director of Development and Community Relations via email: [caroline.jager@mountcarmel.tas.edu.au](mailto:caroline.jager@mountcarmel.tas.edu.au) or on 6216 7924.

All volunteers will need to have a current and valid Working With Vulnerable People (WWVP) card and a copy of this card must be sighted by and registered with the College.



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