Dear Parents, Friends and Students

This week marks the middle of term. Students must be commended on their focus on learning and exemplary behaviour at school. All classes have settled well and it is great to see students develop those very important routines necessary for a successful start to school.

Some exciting news for our community is that Church Office has approved our school Master Plan which was completed during 2011. Stage 1 of this development includes the demolition of the Convent adjoining the school in Russell Street. We are currently working with Consultants from Catholic Education SA and Brown Falconer Architects to proceed with this stage of our development. This will involve complete demolition of the Convent as we prepare to build a contemporary multi functional learning space on this site. For those of you who wish to view our Master Plan please feel free to catch up with Nives or myself for a "walk through" of our plans. This is indeed an exciting time in the life of our school as we prepare for a changing and dynamic future. I will keep you informed as this process develops.

This Friday we celebrate World Day of Prayer. This has an interdenominational focus with this year's theme being “Let Justice Prevail”. During this period of Lent classes will continue to focus on the great influence prayer and action have in our personal lives and in the local and wider community. Through our prayer life students are invited to affirm their faith in Jesus and to share hopes and opportunities.

This year we have a number of vacancies to fill on our School Board. This is a creative and committed group of parents who oversee the management of the school through sub groups including Finance, Teaching and Learning and Religious Identity. If you are interested in nominating to be a part of this committee or to find out more about the workings of the School Board please catch up with me as soon as possible. The gifts and wisdom of our parents are vital in the development of the school’s vision and in planning for the future.

I take this opportunity to remind families that students are not permitted to play on play equipment before or after school. As teachers do not supervise these areas during these times, this poses a serious safety risk to students and younger siblings. I thank you for your support with this very important issue.

We wish our Years 3-5 classes well as they prepare for next week’s Swimming Programme at the Largs Bay Swim Centre. Our thanks also to the many parents who have volunteered to support students during this week.

With best wishes,
Grace Parletto

“Do all you can with the means at your disposal and calmly leave the rest to God”
Mary MacKillop 1891
Sacramental Program

Please keep in your prayers the following Candidates for the Sacraments of Confirmation and First Communion:

Emma Abela, Juan Calderer-Benitez, Liam Bonaguro, Kija Clavell, Jessica Hill, Lily Hill, Kristian Mika, Matthew Tiboldo, Saverio Trimboi, Savannah Howard and Gordon Coles

A reminder to parents of these candidates that we have a Parent Information Meeting next Wednesday 7 March at 6.30pm. We will meet in the School Hall (not the church as previously advertised).

Easter Raffle

The P&F is in the process of organising our annual Easter raffle and are asking for the kind donation of Easter items or goodies that can be used as prizes. If you would like to make a donation, please leave it with Sylvia in the front office. Raffle books have been sent home today with an information flier and need to be returned by Monday 2 April. Extra books will be available at the front office. This year, a prize per class plus some extra bonus prizes will be awarded.

Project Compassion

Our KLT/Librarian Nadia Santin has taken a lead role in the promotion of Project Compassion with classes this year. A display has been set up in the library and each week during their class Library borrowing time, teachers are invited to focus on a project compassion activity. There will be a different activity set up each week.

Project Compassion donation boxes can be left in the front office. All donations over $2 are tax deductable so please don’t forget to fill in your details on the box flap. My thanks for your continued support.

Toys and Equipment

To avoid loss or damage, we ask that students do not bring to school any toys or equipment (sport or electrical) from home. We thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Swimming Lessons

Swimming lessons begin next week with the Year 3/4 and 4/5 classes attending. To avoid disappointment, please ensure that your child has everything that they require each day, including asthma medication if this has been noted on the medical forms. Due to the number of students attending each day, we will be unable to phone home if items are forgotten and your child will be placed in a class at school for the duration of the lesson.

*Smiling is infectious, you catch it like the flu. When someone smiled at me today, I started smiling, too.* - Russel H. Conwell

God Bless

Nives Kresevic

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Positions Vacant

Desperately Seeking Volunteers!

Do you like being around children?

Can you spare 2x35 mins a week to help a child learn to read?

Have you thought of joining our very successful Rocket Reading programme?

(Training is provided)

* Get to know others in the school
* Make a difference to a child
* Increase your own skills
* Be able to help your own child with Literacy

We’d love you to join us.

Grandparents welcome!

You’ll be amazed at the difference you can make!

If you would like to find out more about Rocket Reading please contact Nadia Santin or leave your name at the front office.

A training session will be held on Tuesday 6th March at 9am in the Library.

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Mount Carmel College

Open night and Multicultural Celebration

Wednesday 23rd March 2012

4pm-7pm 33 Newcastle St Rosewater

Join us for an open tour of our school and celebrate the cultural diversity of our community with:

- Italian, Japanese, Indian and Vietnamese food
- Bollywood dancing and Sari demonstration
- Pasta making demonstration
- Italian performers
- African handicrafts
- Aussie BBQ and lamingtons with proceeds donated to Caritas Project Compassion
- Interactive Educational displays
- and much more including plans for new classrooms and Trade Training Centre

For further enquiries please contact the college on:
Ph 8447 0500
Email mcc@mcc.catholic.edu.au
www.mcc.catholic.edu.au
Enrolment enquiries to registrar Mrs Bev Benecke on
Congratulations to the following students who competed in this week’s Port Districts SAPSASA Swimming Carnival: Tom Quarry U12, Britney Dolheguy, U12 Dale Pearce U11, Danielle Smith-Sparrow U11, Emma Koznedelev U11 and Lily Hill U11.

Our students joined a number of others from both public and independent schools. This competition forms part of the selection process for representation at state SAPSASA swimming. All students can be proud of their commitment efforts and outstanding achievements across a number of events.

Special congratulations to Danielle Smith-Sparrow and Dale Pearce who both qualified to compete at the State SAPSASA Swimming Carnival on March 23.

Thank you also to the many parents who attended and supported the students on the day.

ST. JOSEPH’S OLD SCHOLARS ANNUAL REUNION MASS/AFTERNOON TEA.
SUNDAY 25TH MARCH, 2012,

Father Tom Gleeson will celebrate MASS at 2.00P.M. in the ST. JOSEPH’S CONVENT CHAPEL, KENSINGTON (enter from Portrush Road or Phillips Street). Devonshire Afternoon Tea ($5) will follow in BETHANY (adjacent to the Chapel).

An invitation is extended to ALL St. Joseph’s Old Scholars (male and female) who have had - or maybe continue to have - connections to ANY Josephite Schools and/or Colleges and the Sisters. Please bring photos.

Enquiries: Josie Van Pelt (8295.3667)

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**Joke of the Week**

What does an angry kangaroo do?

Get hopping mad!

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**Uniform news**

We have received our supply of Communication Folders, Rugby tops both short and long sleeved and shorts.

**Uniform Shop Hours**

Monday, Wednesday, Friday
8.30am — 9.30am
Wednesday
3.00pm 4.00pm

**Canteen Roster**

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Thank you Pat

THANK YOU FOR MAKING OUR SCHOOL “ALLERGY AWARE”

Please note that Our Lady of Mt Carmel is an “ALLERGY AWARE” school. Foods containing nuts or nut products must not be brought onto school grounds. This includes Peanut Butter, Nutella etc.

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**Weekly Mass Times**

2-4 March, 2012

**Friday 2 March**

Port Adelaide 12.00 noon Mass

**Saturday 3 March**

Port Adelaide (Vigil) 6.00 pm

**Sunday 4 March**

Pennington 9.00am Mass
Albert Park 10.30am Mass

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**School assembly**

**Week 5**

**Friday 2nd March**

Whole School
Organisers – R/1W, 2/3TS & 3/4VC
**Project Compassion 2012**

*“If you want peace work for justice”*

*Pope Paul VI*

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**Justice means:**
- Being fair
- Equality

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**End poverty. Promote justice. Uphold dignity**

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In Religion we have been studying what justice means.

How is justice happening in our school community?

**Year 6/7FL**

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