



June 2023 Newsletter

Welcome to our June newsletter. As always we have a busy month ahead of us with many special celebrations.

Special Events

Friday 2nd June – First Friday Mass

Whole school attending Mass at 10am

Friday 2nd June – Primary 4 First Communion Party

Thursday 8th June – Sports Day

Monday 12th June – School Show Community Performance

Tuesday 13th June – School Show Evening Performance – 6pm

Wednesday 14th June – School Show Afternoon Performance – 2pm

Friday 16th June – Final House Prize

Wednesday 21st June – Blair Drummond Whole school Trip

Children to be in school at 8:15am, the bus will leave promptly at 8:30am.

Thursday 22nd June – Bump Up Time

The children will get a chance to work with their new class teacher and be in their new classroom.

Week Beginning 26th June – End of term reports to be issued

Tuesday 27th June – End of term Mass at 10am

Wednesday 28th June – Fun Day

Fun Day organised by Friends of Mount Carmel.

Thursday 29th June – Primary 7 Leavers Assembly – 2pm

Friday 30th June – Last day of term

School closes at 1pm today.

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Mount Carmel Staffing

Our most wonderful Mrs Mackenzie has made us aware of her intention to retire at the end of this school year. Mrs Mackenzie as many of you are aware has been with us at Mount Carmel for over 20 years. We will never be able to thank Mrs Mackenzie for all her years of dedication to this school and to all of our children past and present.

It is also with sadness that we will also say goodbye to Miss Maitland at the end of June. Miss Maitland has been an asset since joining our school as a probationer in August. We wish her well and know that she will continue to flourish as her career progresses.

We are delighted that Mrs Dunsmore will be returning to us on Monday 5th June. Mrs Dunsmore will return part time. Her working days will be Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. Mrs Mackinnon has been providing our maternity cover for Mrs Dunsmore and we are delighted that Mrs Mackinnon will continue with us until the end of June.

Transition – Primary 7

Tuesday 6th June – full day at St Joseph's

Wednesday 7th June – full day at St Joseph's

Thursday 15th June – full day at St Joseph's

Friday 23rd June – full day at St Joseph's

Further Transition News

Our new Primary 1 children have had many visits now to the school taking part in a range of activities with Mrs Duff including a 'Teddy Bears Picnic' on a beautiful sunny day. Our Primary 5 and Primary 6 children have also had a visit with St Josephs' staff and Primary 6 recently had a morning visit to St Josephs.

We will be in touch over the coming weeks once staffing has been confirmed centrally to make you all aware of the class structure and class teachers for next year. Our children will have a chance meet their new class teacher during 'Bump Up' time on Thursday 22nd June.

Primary 7 Leavers Assembly

As you are aware our Primary 7 Leavers Assembly will take place on Thursday 29th June at 2pm. Family of our Primary 7 children are invited to attend this special occasion.

Sacramental Preparation

Our boys and girls in Primary 4 celebrated their First Communion during the month of May. Thank you for all of your special prayers for them during this time.

Sports Day

As you will be aware from our blog and app sports day will take place on Thursday 8th June. Children should come to school dressed in sports clothes and preferably a coloured top which matches their house colour. Our children and staff will be outside for most of the day so please make sure they have plenty of water and are wearing sun lotion.

The classes will take part in a wide variety of activities for sports including potted sports, obstacle course, basketball and our most popular racing events. Parents/carers are invited to attend the racing events:

- Primary 1 9.10am-9.40am
- Primary 2 9.40am-10.10am
- Primary 3 10.10am-10.40am
- Primary 4 11.30am-12noon
- Primary 5 12noon -12.30pm
- Primary 6 1.30pm-2.10pm
- Primary 7 2.10pm-2.50pm
- ECC children 11.00am-11.30am

Summer Show – The Wizard of Oz

Our rehearsals for our Summer Show are going very well. Primary 6 and Primary 7 are working very hard on their performance and Primary 1-5 are keen to share their songs with you all too. Thank you for ordering your tickets and these should be with you soon. If you wish to make a donation for your ticket this will support the associated costs of the production as well as school funds.

Summer Trip

We are very excited to visit Blair Drummond Safari Park on Wednesday 21st June. On this day we ask that all children come to school at **8:15am**. This helps us to make the best of our day. It is our plan to return by 3:30pm. Once the buses return to school we will all return to class with the end of day bell at **3:30pm**. Children will be dismissed from their usual doors at this time, under no circumstances should children be collected as they are getting off the buses. If any of the buses are later than 3.30pm the children will still return to their class and be dismissed from their usual door. Thank you for your co-operation with this.

Breakfast Club

Please be aware that on the day of our trip to Blair Drummond Wednesday 21st June there will be no breakfast club due to our early start.

It is our intention to run Breakfast Club again next year. More information regarding this and how to apply for a place will be made available in the coming weeks.

May Raffle and June Raffle

Thank you for purchasing raffle tickets for our May Raffle this helped to raise £176 for school funds and will assist in paying for our final House Prize. Congratulations to Ntale who won this. We now have available on ParentPay our June raffle, this will close on Wednesday 14th June and will be drawn on Friday 16th June. We will then have our Super Summer Raffle available until Wednesday 28th June and drawn on the last day of term. More details to follow on the prizes for these.

We are incredibly grateful for your donations to this.

Mission to the Moon

We have continued to make excellent progress during this Mission. Continue to look on the blog and app for updates on our progress.

Cost of Living - School Uniform Exchange

We have a range of quality new and nearly new school clothing available at our School Uniform Exchange. Please feel free to come to the main foyer at any point to take items that you may require. This area has recently been refreshed and also includes free sanitary products for children and adults.

Cost of Living – Free School Toast

You will be aware that toast is now available from 8:45am in our school dinner hall for any child to access. Children can come in for this through the middle playground doors and then take the toast back into the playground.

Health Promoting School

A reminder that as a Health Promoting School we encourage children to drink water throughout the day. Please do not send children to school with juice in their class water bottle or fizzy juice for break/lunch times. Some children have also had energy drinks in school – again please do not send these with your child. These will be removed and given back to the child at the end of the day. Please also consider the snacks that you are providing. Children can now all access a piece of fruit daily in school so they do not require crisps and sweets for snacks. As stated earlier toast is also available for all children in the morning.

Collection of Children

A reminder that our school day finishes at 3pm. We receive a number of phone calls daily requesting to collect children earlier than this via the front door. We have limited clerical staff and this places a huge pressure on them to organise this, often with very short notice. This should be used on rare occasions if children are required to be collected early for an appointment. Thank you for your support with this matter.

Kind regards,

Mrs Fergusson

Head Teacher