



Future Families

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Mount Carmel College's twice yearly update for future enrolled families



Welcome to our community

Dear Future Families

Welcome to this edition of Future Families, one of our communications to keep in touch with you as a future student and family of the College.

Core values: Relationships and Belonging

Our mid-year Reception students have settled well on our Primary Campus. At the start of Term 3 we also welcomed a number of students at other year levels. One of the trademarks that Mount Carmel College is known for is the way we

embrace new students and make them feel welcome.

Short-term Exchange Students

This year we have welcomed short-term exchange student from Italy, Spain, France and Germany into Year 10 and 11 classes. Whilst our students studying Italian benefit enormously from having native-speaking Italian students to practise their spoken Italian, so many other students have loved the opportunity to learn more about life as a European student. Students have compared the length of the school day, and were surprised to learn that in some schools overseas, students are required to attend school every Saturday morning. Enhancing our knowledge of other cultures makes for a better world where we learn about, and appreciate, our differences.

Thinking of Others

In recent weeks students have been involved in a number of activities that benefit others less fortunate than ourselves. Funds raised on our feast day of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop, Walk a Mile in My Boots and the Vinnies Winter School Sleepout are donated to causes to assist the homeless and those struggling to provide food and clothing for their children. Mary MacKillop would be proud of our students' efforts to assist others.

A Whole Lot of Fun

Students have so many opportunities to get involved in fun activities. In the last week of Term 2 this year, our students performed the Musical Shrek Jr to packed audiences. Recently our sporty Year 10 and 11 students enjoyed the opportunity to travel as a group to Melbourne to compete in friendly games against Penola College, Broadmeadows. Last term students were involved in the Port Power Multicultural Cup competition. Cycling enthusiasts loved the chance early this term to participate in the Pedal Prix race around The Bend Motorsports track at Tailem Bend.

Our Primary Campus students have also been involved in many fun activities, from the learn to swim program for Reception to Year 4 students in Term 2, to the Book Week Parade in August.

Follow Us

If you have not done so already, I would encourage you to sign up on our website in the Newsletter section so that you receive our fortnightly Newsletter automatically via email. Our Facebook page is another excellent way to keep informed about our College community life. You can find us at www.facebook.com/mccadelaide

Best wishes

John Konopka, Principal

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Pedal Prix Training: Victoria Park



Year 6 Dream Houses

Year 6 Maths students made their dream house! They worked out the perimeter, area and budget for their house prior to making it.



Thriving People

"We are living, learning, and playing on Kaurua Land"



Students were engaged in an exciting one-day cultural program at Carclew House, North Adelaide. They were provided the opportunity to express themselves and deepen their understanding of their cultural heritage and identity. This program is funded by the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Education Team and offered to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students in Primary years. A memorable day was had by the students.



Year 10 Child Studies Class Visit Year 2s

The Year 10 Child Studies class visited the Year 2 class at the Primary Campus. This was a great opportunity to be able to consolidate learning around children and play. The Year 10 students planned and prepared for an after-lunch activity with the Year 2 class, focussing on developing fine motor skills, communication and having fun! It was wonderful to see positive interactions between the students.

Student Reflection:
On Wednesday 14 June, the Year 10 students visited our Primary Campus. We all made masks. Some were lions, unicorns and bears. Our buddies helped us with a bit of craft and we got to wear the masks after. We got to ask the Year 10s some questions about what high school is like. We found out that there is a lot of sports to play and fun subjects like Woodwork, Sewing and Cooking. We had so much fun.

Maddison, Tilly & River (Year 2NS)



Year 7 Growing with Gratitude



The Year 7s have been part of the 'Growing with gratitude' program, run by Ash Manuel, where they learn different skills in resilience, how to manage their emotions and also what is a positive mindset set and how it can impact their growth. The students were involved in a variety of games that stimulate positive mindset and mental health as well as a little chat about mood shifters and positive self-talk.

*Rebecca Footner
PE Coordinator*





Year 1s Learn about Ladybugs



In the Year 1 classrooms, students have been learning about insects. Each week, in Literacy, the students have been investigating a new insect and learning about its body, habitat, diet and finding out some interesting facts. We have just learnt about the Ladybug. Here are some facts we thought were very interesting... do you agree?

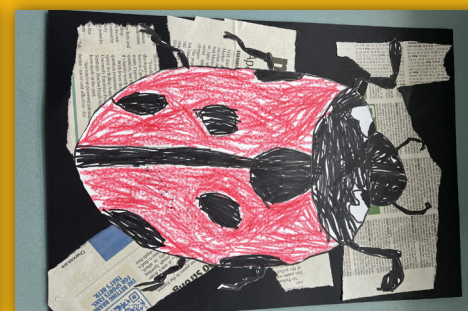
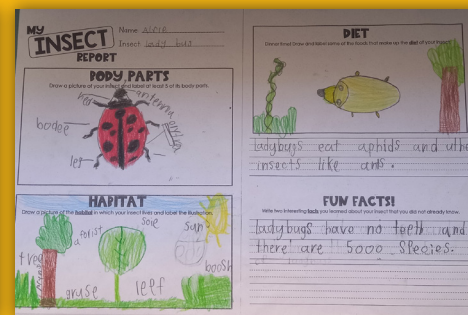
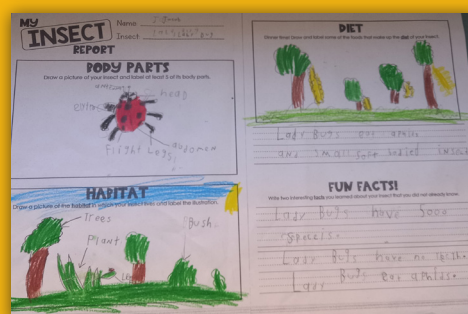
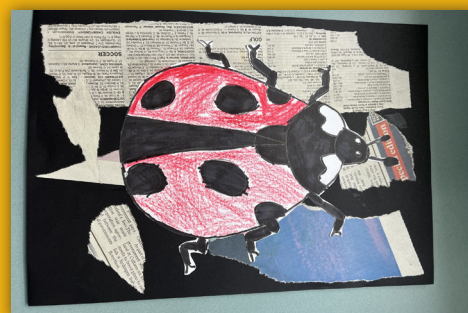
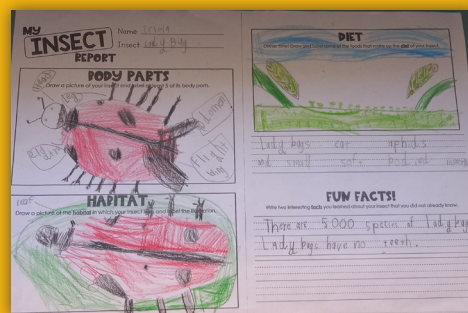
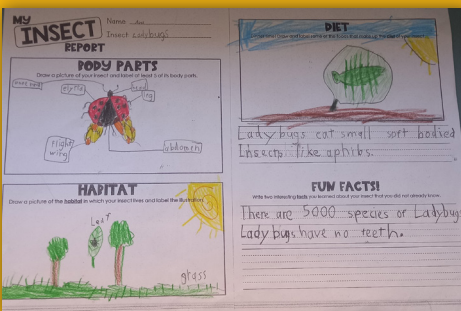
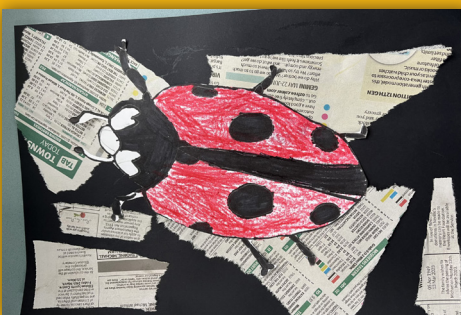
- In some cultures, ladybugs are considered good luck
- When in danger, the ladybug releases a smelly, foul-tasting liquid from their knees!
- There are 5,000 different species of ladybugs in the world
- A ladybug's markings tell predators, "Eat something else", I taste terrible!"

The students compiled their findings and wrote their own insect report (pictured). They are extremely proud of their work.

Year 1 students have also completed an art piece about ladybugs, specifically looking at their interesting and distinct markings.

The year 1 classrooms are buzzing with excitement as we learn all about the weird and wonderful world of bugs.

Christina De'Angelis & Theoni Tsimiklis, Year 1 Teachers



Past Student Shooting for the Stars!



Congratulations to Casey Isles, from the class of 2020, who is currently ranked 1st in Australia for Archery. Casey is an athlete at SASI and he has signed a sponsorship deal with FIVVICS - South Korean Archery equip company.

Well done and good luck in the hunt for gold!

Oliphant Science Competition



Well done to all students involved in the Oliphant Science Competition at Wayville Showground. We had 11 group entries in 4 separate categories. These categories included Models and Invention, Apps and Robotics, Science Writing and Photography and were split into year levels ranging from 7-11. In total we had 4 of these entries placed in the top 3 and 2 were placed in the top 4. It was also great to involve our International students in this experience.

This was an outstanding result and certainly shows that Science is alive at Mount Carmel!

Reception

The Reception students have been engaged in an inquiry unit called 'The Deep Blue'. This is an important part of our studies as it integrates Biological Sciences, Technologies, English, and Humanities and Social Sciences (HASS). To link with this inquiry, our students visited the Marine Discovery Centre where they listened and learned from Marine Biologist experts. Our students went for a scavenger beach walk, took a 'Virtual Reality' swim in the ocean, learned about human impact on our waterways, seas, and oceans, investigated Aboriginal tools and artefacts, and met some very friendly sea creatures! We had such a rich day of learning and appreciated our parent volunteers joining us as well.

Michaela Gauci (Rec G), Daina Peric (Rec P) & Elisa Razzano (Rec R)



Developing a Passion for Sport

Thank you, and congratulation to all our students who participated in Semester 1 Basketball and Netball.

Students who were involved developed their skills and passion for sport whilst also having fun.

We appreciate all the coaches, team managers and families who aided in achieving the possibilities for teams to participate in what they love.



NAIDOC Week - Primary Campus



Year 3 Community Experiences



The Year 3 students have had a busy and exciting start to the 2023 school year! A key focus has been on understanding the concept of a 'Growth Mindset'. This was important for students as they navigated the challenges of the NAPLAN assessment, and the preparation leading up to this. As teachers we were immensely proud of their effort, commitment to their learning and their resilience to bounce back when things were tricky. Students across the cohort continue to shine and thrive as they take on challenges, try their best and understand that mistakes are a part of the learning process.

As part of our 'Back to the Future' HASS investigation the Year 3 community visited the Port Adelaide Football Club. Throughout our HASS learning, students have developed their understanding about the significance of place, person and community. Students collaborated to identify our community, the connections we have in our school community, and our broader communities.

Prior to attending the excursion students developed specific questions they could ask the volunteers of the Museum and players, to help them research about the significance of the local community place. During the visit students participated in an SANFL Auskick Clinic on Alberton Oval, toured the newly established PAFC Museum, and had a Q&A session with 2 AFLW players.

Students thoroughly enjoyed the experience and the opportunity to be researchers in real time! We are looking forward to more experiences as students journey through the school year.

Ashleigh Behrendt, Anastasia Capurro, Corrina Du & Franco Canil, Year 3 Teachers



Year 9 Pinball Machines

Year 9 students made Pinball Machines as part of their Design, Technology and Engineering class.



Reap what you Sow!

Students enjoyed planting and growing fresh produce at our Primary Campus.



Shrek Jr. The Musical



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