Look, there on the mountains, the feet of one who brings good news, who proclaims peace! Nahum 1:15

World news bombards us from the Internet, television, radio, and mobile devices. The majority seems to describe what’s wrong—crime, terrorism, war, and economic problems. Yet there are times when good news invades the darkest hours of sadness and despair—stories of unselfish acts, a medical breakthrough, or steps toward peace in war-scarred places.

The words of two men recorded in the Old Testament of the Bible brought great hope to people weary of conflict.

Lord, we praise you for the good news of Jesus’s birth and for His powerful presence in our lives today.

While describing God’s coming judgment on a ruthless and powerful nation, Nahum said, “Look, there on the mountains, the feet of one who brings good news, who proclaims peace!” (Nah. 1:15). That news brought hope to all those oppressed by cruelty.

A similar phrase occurs in the book of Isaiah: “How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of those who bring good news, who proclaim peace, who bring good tidings, who proclaim salvation” ( Isa. 52:7).

Nahum and Isaiah’s prophetic words of hope found their ultimate fulfillment at the first Christmas when the angel told the shepherds, “Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord” (Luke 2:10–11).

The most important headline in our lives every day is the very best news ever spoken—Christ the Savior is born!

The birth of Jesus is the best news the world has ever received!

FROM OUR DAILY BREAD
**Interschool Athletics Carnival.**

Our children did a super job at the recent interschool swimming competition. They always give of their best and are a delight to take on community occasions such as this. We were again the winner of the handicapped shield - and actually not too many points away from winning the shield outright!

Well done to all the children who participated no matter where you placed in your race. You did CCS proud.

We would like to celebrate with the following children who won medals on the day.

Year 3 Champion girl                   Aria Matthews  
Year 4 Runner up Champion girl       Krisanya Hatch  
Year 4 Runner up Champion boy    Tommy Chaplin  
Year 5 Champion girl                         Clare Johnson  
Year 5 Runner up Champion girl       Claire Schmidt  
Year 6 Champion boy                    Seth West  
Year 6 Runner up Champion boy       Bailey Rudge  

I would also like to sincerely thank Lucy and staff from St Marys for organizing such a great carnival!

**Carols by Candlelight**

Christmas is coming fast and one of my favourite times of the year is singing Christmas Carols and celebrating the birth of our Lord and saviour, Jesus Christ.

Students from CCS recently performed 3 songs at Carols by Candlelight at the Carnarvon Yacht Club. Two of the songs gave us a sneak preview of our Awards Night coming up later that week. They also sang a beautiful rendition of Away in a Manger. Well done children and to Vanessa Schaefer for organizing the carols performance for the children. Outstanding job! And thank you to all the parents who brought their children along on the night.

**Awards Night**

I’m sure there were very few of the CCS community who did not get to experience the wonderful 2016 end of year event. It was an outstanding night and I sincerely thank every single person who contributed to the great teamwork in evidence on the night. Alice Yang was the pivotal leader of the production and we just loved seeing it all come together so beautifully. Well done Alice!

Our children were exemplary and carried out their roles on the night with such enthusiasm. It is an absolute privilege to be able to witness them all – little through to tall – come together in one voice for the night.

**End of year**

I would like to sincerely wish all our CCS families and community a merry and blessed Christmas. Please take time to read once again the amazing story of the birth of Jesus to the children on the day. The real ‘reason for the season’.

I, and the rest of the CCS staff, look forward to seeing everyone’s happy faces when we next meet again in 2017 (term 1 2017 will commence on Wednesday 1st of February). Remember to buckle up when you hit the road and drive safely!

**Thanks**

Judy Shaw and the children would like to very gratefully and sincerely, thank the small band of committed ‘book coverers’. You have covered an amazing amount of readers this year and we would not be able to get them on the shelves as quickly as we do if not for your hard work. So thankyou to each and every one of you!
School Chaplain

I am delighted to announce that we have been successful in getting another grant to employ a school chaplain over the next two years.

It is with great sadness, we will farewell Claire Pringle, who is returning to Victoria in 2017. Claire and Rob, who are expecting their second child, will be re-uniting with family back in Victoria. Claire has done an outstanding job as the CCS inaugural Chaplain. On behalf of the entire CCS community we would like to thank Claire for her beautiful presence, her listening ear and kind words of encouragement over the past two years. You will be sorely missed by all!

One door closes and another door opens. From our midst, Mrs Mary Ward, has volunteered to take over Claire’s chaplaincy position in the school. We are in the fabulous position of being able to have a handover to ensure there is a seamless transition between Mary and Claire.

Goodbyes

As mentioned at the Awards Night there are several other CCS staff moving on at the end of this year.

Maxine Khan has worn a number of hats over her time with us and will be sorely missed by all. She is a tireless and committed worker at whatever task is asked of her. This year she even successfully carried out a teaching of ITC throughout the school and the children just loved it. We pray that the Lord will bless her and her wonderful family as they move back to Queensland. I know I speak for all staff, children and CCS families when I say thank you to Maxine for her many, many contributions to life at CCS. God bless!

Sarah Quartermaine took on her role in the front office seamlessly and has worked tirelessly the entire time. I know that the whole of the CCS community has benefited from her professional and efficient ways at some stage over the past couple of years. Sarah has the enviable gift of always smiling and being able to complete a task before it is even asked of her. We will really miss her on many levels throughout the school and we do hope that she will at some stage return to us! May God Bless her as she begins her globetrotting and continues with her studies!

Zoe Dawson Zoe has only been in the CCS cleaning role for this year but has been a fantastic addition to the CCS team. We thank her sincerely and wish her God’s richest blessings as she and her family move to Perth for the next chapter of their life.

Educational Staffing for 2017 [may still be subject to slight changes]

Kindy – TBA
Pre-Primary - Vanessa Schaefer [ & Julie Hanson – Fridays]
Year One – Alice Yang
Year Two – Jessica Barton
Year Three - Ruth Chan
Year Four – Marina Munalula
Year Five & Six – Debbie Fee & James Shaw
Art specialty teacher – Julie Hanson
Sport Specialty teacher – Jaime Trott
Deputy Principal – Vanessa Schaefer
Senior Teacher & Ed support – Judy Shaw
Chaplain and Bible teacher & Ed support – Mary Ward

I would like to personally thank all those families who assisted me in the consultative phase of class distributions this past month. Your input has been invaluable. It is a tricky decision when class numbers are not evenly distributed, but sadly a part of life that must be dealt with as best we can for the children’s benefit. So thankyou to each and every one who took the time to contribute.
Asthma Aware

Waste Wise — Milk and Juice Carton Recycling

Before recycling, cartons should be rinsed and flattened and then placed flattened inside another open carton. This way you should be able to insert at least six one-litre cartons inside an open one. Cartons that are collected from kerbside recycling collection services in WA are taken to a Material Recovery Facility (MRF) where they are sorted and separated from other recyclables. The cartons are baled and taken to a processing plant in New South Wales. A special machine peels the plastic and foil coating off the cartons, or the plastic and foil are removed in a hydropulper, which is like a giant blender. Sometimes de-waxing is needed. Then water is added to the cartons in the pulping process to separate the paper fibres, and to remove adhesives and dyes. Virgin paper fibres can be added to make the recycled paper stronger. Check with your local council for details of carton recycling in your own area.

Anaphylaxis Aware - Why is it important to know about anaphylaxis?

Avoidance of known allergens is crucial in the management of anaphylaxis. Schools and child care services need to work with parents/guardians and children to minimise a child’s exposure to known allergens and reduce stigma, bullying and teasing that may result for some children. Knowledge of severe allergies will assist staff and students to better understand how to help children who are at risk of anaphylaxis.


SDERA—Kids and Medicines

Aspirin can be used to relieve minor pain, muscle and joint pain, and reduce fever and inflammation. Aspirin can cause stomach irritation, nausea and also bleeding of the intestinal tract, so take with or after food and not for longer than three days. Aspirin may make asthma worse. Aspirin should not be used while you are pregnant; taking medicines to reduce blood clotting; before dental work; or if you have stomach pains.


SunSmart Aware—Family history

Sun exposure is the cause of most skin cancer. Less than 5% of all melanomas can be explained by an inherited gene. Risk factors for family skin cancer include:

- a personal history of melanoma at an early age; the average age to be diagnosed with melanoma is 33 years
- a personal history of more than one melanoma
- many moles on your skin; more than 10 on the arms and 200 on the body
- many unusual moles
- a blood relative diagnosed with melanoma at an early age
- a blood relative diagnosed with more than one melanoma
- a blood relative diagnosed with melanoma of the eye.


WATER SAVING TIP #132

Wash your pets outdoors, in an area of your lawn that needs water.

http://wateruseitwisely.com/100-ways-to-conserve/
YEAR 3-4

We come to the end of another amazing and incredibly busy school year, and what a year it has been! I am proud and full of joy for the privilege our Lord Jesus Christ has afforded me to serve such wonderful students as we have here at Carnarvon Christian School. It is amazing how much has been achieved by the children. I must admit it is difficult to identify the highlights as they are so many.

Teaching the year 3-4 class has been an enjoyable task. The children have worked incredibly hard over the last year and have had a fantastic time. They enjoyed learning new things every day, getting involved in community activities, numerous sporting events and much more. We must recognize our students for their perseverance, hard work and effort displayed throughout the year.

The children also enjoyed having other teachers offer them speciality subjects such as; Mrs Trott (PE teacher), Miss Maxine Khan (Technology Guru), Mrs Pringle (school chaplain and music/drama teacher), Pastor Tomkins (Bible), Mrs Ward (support teacher), Mrs Schaefer (Bahasa Indonesia) and Mr Shaw (teacher of all things!). It was such a joy to have the support of these teachers and I wish to take the opportunity to say, THANK YOU for your support. The children have learnt a lot from you all.

I have witnessed children’s academic, physical, emotional and social growth, all praise to God for shining His light upon our and their little feet! Jesus Christ was the centre of it all!

I am proud of all the children. I wish you all a Merry Christmas and Blessed New Year. Keep safe and may God be with you always!

Blessings,

Mrs Munalula
Year 1: Last but not least...

Writing samples:

**The Mighty Fire Truck by Sky Forbes**

A fire truck went zooming down the street!

First, it went to the park to find the fire.

Next, it looked for the fire and it saw it.

Then, he found out there was a fire in the tree.

Last, he put out the angry fire in the tree because it was burning.

It was a watery fire truck.

**Visitor in the Garden by Joy Chan**

I saw a rabbit hopping in my garden!

First, it dug up some carrots in the garden.

Next, it rested in the flower patch.

Then, it went to the pond and played with the ducks.

Last, it went home.

The rabbit was fluffy.

2016 is coming to an end. I would like to thank all the kids and Parents for a wonderful year. I have enjoyed having all of them in my class and I will miss them sincerely.

Have a great and safe holiday! Merry Christmas!

Miss Alice Yang

LORD, thank you for a new day.
Please go before me and clear the way.
Thank you for protecting me.
Thank you for guiding me.
Thank you for loving me.
In Jesus name, Amen.
As the end of the year is nearly here I can reflect and say that my first year here at Carnarvon Christian School has been a memorable one. I have loved teaching the Year 2’s and watching and helping them to learn and grow as the year went on. We have achieved many things as a whole class and as individuals. At the beginning of the year we watched 8 baby chickens hatch in our incubator and grow into friendly chickens that are now laying their own eggs in our chook pen.

We have learnt all about the Olympic games and at the end of term 3 we enjoyed our excursion to the One Mile Jetty as part of our History program.

This term we have learnt all about recycling and looking after our environment and the Water Cycle. I wish the children every happiness and success as they get ready to go into year 3 in 2017 and hope that you all have a very blessed and wonderful Christmas with your family and friends.

Blessings

Mrs Hanson

Year 2