



Nursery and Pre-K Newsletter

Pre School Post

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Dear Parents

We have had a busy month in the Pre School. The highlight being our Greatest Purim Show. It was a wonderful show and so lovely to see so many parents and family members in attendance. A very big thank you to Morah Shoshana and all the Preschool staff for all the work that went into the preparation for a remarkable morning. This was followed by our Purim Dress Up Parade Day. The children all looked fabulous in their costumes and enjoyed showing them off to their friends.

It was also lovely to meet with parents at our scheduled parent teacher conferences and to be able to share with you how your individual child is progressing at school. Please remember that if you have any further questions in regards to your child's education or development our teachers are always available to arrange further meetings.

We are now busy preparing for Pesach and are looking forward to celebrating Seder night at home with our families.

Best Regards

Ms. Annabel Baillie

Date	Event	Notes
3 April	Strawberry Farm Trip <i>Parent/Helper requested to attend</i>	9:00am – 3:00pm. No EDP
5 April	Ching Ming Public Holiday	No School
17 April	Pesach Break Begins	Early Dismissal at 12:00pm
2 May	School Resumes	New Term of EDP Begins
7 May	Nursery M Fun Day	More details to follow
16 May	Nursery A Fun Day	More details to follow

Happy Birthday to:

Sebastian Kamnorit (NM) – 4 March
Sofia Dal Broi (PK S) – 15 March
Ari Schwartz (NA) – 17 March
David Ben Ezra (PK A) – 24 March
Daniel Brinker (NA) – 25 March
Chloe Levy (PK A) – 28 March
Shai Burstin (PK A) – 4 April



Carmel School encourages an inclusive attitude toward birthdays. We ask that the parties are Kosher and that the parties are not held on Shabbat or Jewish holy days. The Jewish Studies team will be delighted to offer any guidance to help make the above possible.

Pre-K Visit the Wan Chai Wet Market

As our current Unit of Inquiry is about 'where food comes from', we took a visit to the Wan Chai Wet Market to have a look at what they sell. The children all brought some money and a reusable shopping bag and walked around in small groups with a parent volunteer, to choose whatever fruits and vegetables they wanted to buy. They were all super excited about their little adventure. On our return to school we then looked at all the different fruits and vegetables that had been bought and discussed if they were a fruit or a vegetable. We then read a book all about fruits and vegetables and found out that anything with 'seeds' is actually classified as a FRUIT! The children were fascinated by this fact!



Nursery A Visit the Koshermart

As part of our Unit of Inquiry into the different places our food comes from Nursery A decided that they wanted to make some food of their own. They made a list of what they wanted to make which has been condensed down to butter, ice cream, pizza and pasta. The children then helped make a list of all the ingredients that we would need to buy before heading upstairs to the Koshermart to go shopping. They all enjoyed walking around the shop trying to find the different ingredients. Once found they were placed on the cashiers table. We re checked our list to ensure

we had everything we needed. Having paid each child placed an item into their (reusable) shopping bag and we headed back to class. Of course we had to buy a treat for ourselves and the children enjoyed eating some cookies once back in the classroom. We are now super excited to start cooking and baking!



Planting & Growing

We are really enjoying our current Unit of Inquiry in Nursery M! We have been especially excited to learn about where our fruit and vegetables come from. All of the children brought an empty glass jar so we could see for ourselves the planting and growing process by planting Black-eyed peas. We took the time to carefully plant our beans and watered them daily. We noticed that our seeds grew roots and watched our plants grow towards the sun. In Nursery M, we are now very appreciative of the time and effort it takes Farmers to plant and grow our favourite fruits and vegetables after seeing how long it took just for our seeds to sprout. Well done Nursery M!



Happy Apple/Sad Apple Experiment

In Pre-K S we have been focusing on our Learner Profile, particularly looking at 'caring'. We have been discussing how words and actions can make us feel really good inside or really bad inside. We took part in the apple experiment, where we cut an apple into quarters and made a 'happy apple' and a 'sad apple'. With the happy apple we said kind words to it, things that make us feel good. With the sad apple, we said unkind words to it, words that do not make us feel good.

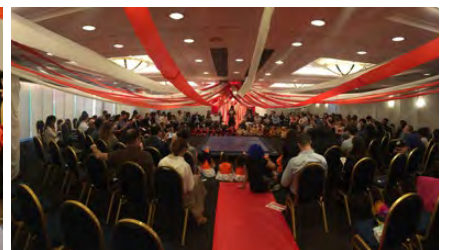
By the end of the experiment, we found that the sad apple had turned brown a lot faster than the happy apple; it was moldy and it had shrunk to be smaller than the happy apple. We compared this to how it makes us feel inside, how it makes our hearts feel. This was a fantastic experiment and a very good visual for the children to understand kind and unkind words and actions. Well done, Pre-K S!



Jewish Studies THE GREATEST PURIM SHOW!

We had the most FANTASTIC time celebrating Purim at the Pre-School! We worked hard practicing, and really enjoyed performing in The Greatest Purim Show! Each one of us had the chance to exhibit our talents as Lions, Beam Walkers, Strong People, Breakdancers, Clowns, Mime Artists, and Car Jumpers! It was a spectacular performance and we loved every second of it!





Mandarin News

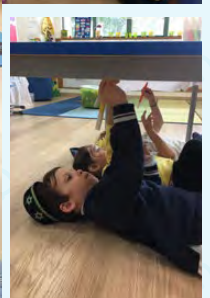
普通话新闻

In Mandarin we have been learning all about fruits. The children have learned the names and colours of fruits by reading stories, singing songs, playing games and tasting the different fruits. We have also discussed where the fruits come from and how they grow.



Pre School Extended Day Program

The children continue to very much enjoy our Extended Day Program (EDP). This program runs from 1pm - 3pm and the children/parents can pick from a wide variety of classes. A new term of EDP will begin after the Pesach Holidays. It is never too late to sign your child up for the extended day!



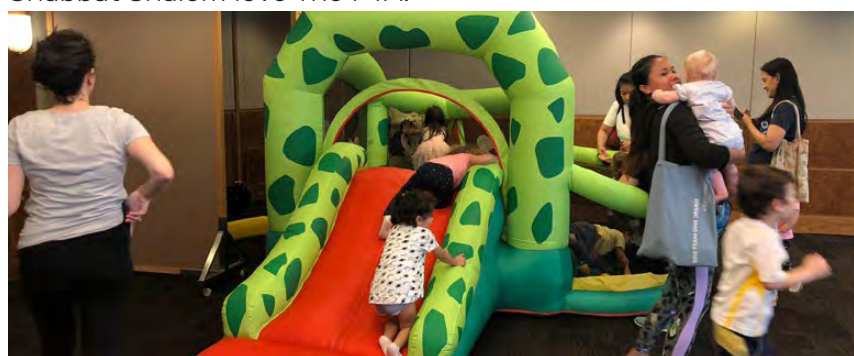


PTA News

Still warm from Purim festivities and activities, the Carmel School PTA held an "Afternoon Play Session" for the students of the JCC Campus. From 3.30-5.30pm the students enjoyed bouncy castle, bowling, arts and crafts, games, music, play cars, and lots of FUN and school unity. The committee led by Maya Alush Yas, Dina Webber, Aviva Weinberg and the PTA worked tirelessly and with great energy to cater to the 70 plus students that attended. Supported by the parents, domestic helpers and of course the JCC, the students had a fantastic (and loud!) time.

Thank you Maya, Dina, Aviva, Kate, Candy, Hagit, JCC PTA Class parents and the JCC!

Shabbat Shalom love The PTA.



Carmel PTA Presents
Delicious Birthday Chocolate Cake



**Make ordering your child's birthday cake
for school easier!**
**We do all the work for you and celebrate
with your child at school.**

\$330 per cake (nut-free & pareve)

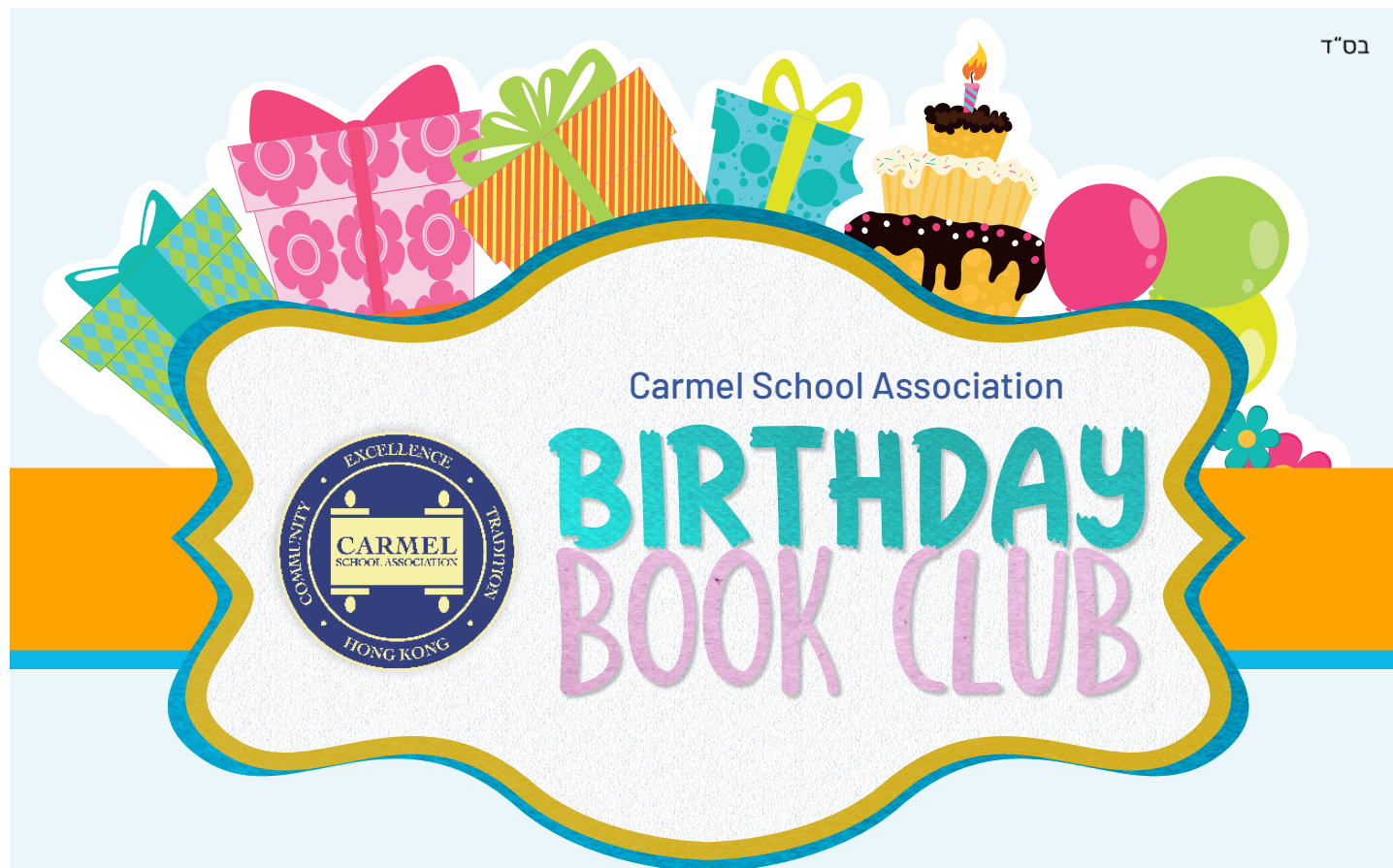
Child's Name: _____ **Class:** _____

Birthday: _____

Date you want cake to be served: _____

**Please submit payment to the office by cash or
cheque together with this form.**

Cheques made payable to 'Carmel School Association'



How does the Birthday Book Club work? Simple! For a donation of \$150, on their birthday, your child will get:

- To select a book from our Birthday Batch of new books
- A bookplate in the book
- A picture with the new book on the Birthday Board

Fill out the form below and return it to Ms. Annabel Baillie or your child's class teacher. If your child's birthday is between August and July, please complete the form and return it to us at the time of their birthday.

Would you like to honour a teacher, student or another family by donating a book for another special occasion? Contact Ms. Annabel Baillie for more information.

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Carmel School Association Birthday Book Club

Yes, I would like to donate a book to the Carmel School Library in honour of my child's birthday

Child's Name _____ Birthday _____

Donated By _____

Teacher's Name _____ Class _____

I enclose (Number of books x \$150) = _____
(Cash or cheque made out to "Carmel School Association Limited")



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	No School
	School Resumes
	Early Dismissal
	Staff PD – no school for students

August 2018

(Thu 2) 13	Professional Development for new staff
(Thu 3-5) 14-16	Professional Development for all staff
(Thu 5) 16	Grade 6 & New Student Induction - at SKW 11:30am - 1:30pm (includes sandwich lunch)
	Grade 11 Induction - at SKW 10:30am - 2:30pm (includes formal lunch) with faculty
(Thu 6) 17	Pre-K & Nursery Orientation & First Day - at JCC 8:45am arrival 9:15am Morning Tea 11:45am End of Day Kindergarten First Day - at BRC 7:45am arrival 8:30am Parent Meeting 12:00pm End of Day
	Grades 1-3 First Day - at BRC 7:45am arrival 12:00pm End of Day
	Grades 4 & 5 First Day - at BRC 7:45am arrival 12:00pm End of Day
(Thu 9) 20	Grades 7, 8, 9, 10 & 12 First Day of School - at SKW Ganeynu & Tzitzik Orientation - at JCC 8:45am arrival 10:00am Pupils dismissed
(Thu 10) 21	Ganeynu & Tzitzik First Day of School - at JCC

September 2018

(Tishrei 1-2) 10-11	Rosh Hashanah I & II – No School
(Tishrei 9) 18	Erev Yom Kippur – Early dismissal at 11am
(Tishrei 10) 19	Yom Kippur – No School
(Tishrei 15-21) 24-30	Sukkot – No School

October 2018

(Tishrei 22) 1	National Day (Public Holiday) – No School
(Tishrei 23-24) 2-3	Sukkot Holiday
(Tishrei 8) 17	Chung Yeung Festival (Public Holiday) – No School

November 2018

December 2018

(Tevet 11) 19	Winter Break – Early dismissal at 12pm
(Tevet 12-23) 20 – 31	Winter break – No School

January 2019

(Tevet 24-25) 1-2	Winter break – No School
(Tevet 26) 3	School Resumes

February 2019

(Shevat 29 – Adar 6) 4-8	Chinese New Year Break – No School
(Adar 6) 11	Professional Development for all staff – all staff on campus
	No School
(Adar 7) 12	School Resumes

March 2019

(Adar 14) 21	Purim – Early dismissal at 11am
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April 2019

(Adar 11) 29	Ching Ming (Public Holiday) – No School
(Nissan 12) 17	Pesach break – Early dismissal at 12pm
(Nissan 13-25) 18-30	Pesach break – No School

May 2019

(Nissan 26) 1	Labour Day (Public Holiday) – No School
(Nissan 27) 2	School Resumes
(Iyar 6) 13	Buddha's Birthday (Public Holiday) – No School

June 2019

(Sivan 4) 7	Dragon Boat Festival (Public Holiday) – No School
(Sivan 7) 10	Shavuot II – No School
(Sivan 18) 21	Last day of School – Early dismissal at 12pm