



Nursery and Pre-K Newsletter

Pre School Post

21 September 2018 | 12 Tishrei, 5779
Candle lighting: 6:03pm | Shabbat ends: 6:53pm



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Dear Parents,

Welcome to the 2018-2019 school year and an especially warm welcome to all our new families.

It has been an exciting start to the school year, especially with all the High Holidays and typhoon days. All the children have settled into their class routines very well. After 2 weeks of adjustment both Nursery and Pre K have now begun their first inquiry within the Transdisciplinary Theme of How we Express Ourselves.

It was wonderful to see so many parents at our Back to School Night on Thursday 6th September and we hope that you found it an interesting and informative evening.

Over the past few weeks we have celebrated Rosh Hashana, Yom Kippur and Sukkot in school we are very grateful to Ori and Alisa Harel who visited and blew the shofar for us, as well as showed us Arbat Haminim.

Best Regards,

Annabel Baillie

DATE	EVENT	REMINDER
Monday, 24 Sept - Wednesday, 3 Oct	Sukkot Holidays	No School
Thursday, 4 Oct	School Resumes	
Wednesday, 17 Oct	Public Holiday	No School
Monday, 22 Oct	Sight Test	



Thank you to
Isabelle Fingrut



Isabelle Fingrut (NM) 21st Sept
Mia Niddam (PK A) 29th Sept
Ilai Illovic (NM) 10th Oct
Jade Osofsky (PK S) 11th Oct
Réut Lebovitz (NA) 19th Oct

JEWISH STUDIES

"Learning about Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur & Sukkot"

We have had a really exciting start to Jewish Studies this year in the Pre-School. We have had a lot of fun exploring and inquiring as we learned all about Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur and Sukkot. We really enjoyed making and posting our own Shana Tova cards, we had fun tasting and feeling different kinds of honey, we had a special Rosh Hashanah celebration, and even had a chance to listen to the Shofar. It has been a very exciting few weeks!



Children playing with honey..



PRE K - S

“Introducing - How We Express Ourselves”

Over the past 3 weeks, the children have been exploring ‘How We Express Ourselves’, our first Unit of Inquiry this year. The children have been particularly focusing on emotions and how we express ourselves in different ways. Throughout the past few weeks, we have read some great stories which have prompted some very interesting conversations about moods, emotions; and we have shared some very interesting personal stories.

The children have made some fantastic “Mood Monsters”, which has been a wonderful way for them to express themselves creatively! The children have described their monsters with great detail, and spoken about the character of their monsters, as well as their appearance. Come in and take a look!

On top of this, we have introduced ‘The Bucket Filler’ concept into our class. This has been a really effective way for the children to learn about being kind to others and how it makes each other feel. This concept has been taken from the story ‘Have You Filled a Bucket Today?’ If you’re interested in the story and don’t have a copy, there is a YouTube clip that reads the story.

Finally we have introduced a feelings chart. When the kids arrive at school, they are to do self registration, and then find their name and identify their feeling for the day. This tool is a great way for the children connect with their feelings and try to put an emotion together with how they feel. It has shown some very interesting feelings and reasoning why they feel the way they do!!

Books to take a look at:

- Glad Monster, Sad Monster
- Have You Filled a Bucket Today
- The Giving Tree



PRE K - S



"We played group games, heard different stories, made crafts, created funny face, and dressed up!..."



NURSERY A

“Settling into school”

The children in Nursery A have now really settled into the new school environment. They have been busy learning all the class routines and expectations. We spent the first few weeks of term learning all about school and have now begun our first unit of inquiry about how we express ourselves.

Our central idea for this unit is “Emotions are expressed in different ways”. The children have really enjoyed exploring different emotions and how we can express them verbally and non verbally. We have read many books which focus on our different emotions and the children have had fun playing with the Kimochi feelings toys. After the Sukkot holidays we will inquire further into how our emotions, and the way in which we express them, can affect others.



NURSERY A



EDP- MUSIC & GAMES

Music and Games has been really fun over the last few weeks! We have worked on expressing ourselves through dance and playing instruments. The children explored some of the different instruments such as the maracas, tambourines and xylophones, where they used these instruments to follow a beat and create their own songs.

The children have become fast friends through the group games we've played such as the 'Honeybee Tree' and the 'Monkeying around balancing game', whilst working on their body space awareness. Our favourite songs have been 'We are the Dinosaurs' 'Be happy and Jump' and 'Stand up, Sit down' Looking forward to lots more fun after the holidays!



Playing games....



Playing instruments....

MANDARIN

Makes learning fun.....

In Mandarin, in using visual and auditory stimulation through fastcards, songs, rhymes, games, role play and practice, the children gradually learn simple expressions, greetings and theme based vocabulary and then simple sentence structure.



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'



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CARMEL SCHOOL'S BIRTHDAY BOOK CLUB

How does the Birthday Book Club work? It's simple! If it is your child's birthday, fill out the form at the bottom of this page and return it to Annabel Baillie or your child's class teacher. If your child's birthday is between August and 30 June please complete the form and return it to us at the time of your child's birthday.

Your donation of \$150 covers the cost of the book. Your child will receive the following when his or her birthday arrives:

- Your child will get to select a book from our Birthday Batch of new books,
- A bookplate will be placed in the book
- Your child will have his or her picture taken with the new book and the picture will be placed on the Birthday Board
- Your child will receive a birthday/thank you card

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

Carmel School Birthday Book Club

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

Child's Name _____ Birthday _____

Donated By _____

Teacher's Name _____ Class _____

Number of Books x \$150 = _____ Amount Enclosed (cash or cheques made out to "Carmel School Association Limited".)

Thank you!!



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AUGUST

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

August 2018

(Eul 2) 13	Professional Development for new staff
(Eul 3-5) 14-16	Professional Development for all staff
(Eul 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)
(Eul 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
	Grades 7, 8, 9, 10 & 12 First Day of School - at SKW
(Eul 9) 20	Ganeynu & Tzutzik Orientation - at JCC 8:45am arrival 10:00am Pupils dismissed
(Eul 10) 21	Ganeynu & Tzutzik 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	Succot – No School

October 2018

(Tishrei 22) 1	National Day (Public Holiday) – No School
(Tishrei 23-24) 2-3	Succot 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 II 28) 4	Professional Development Day – Early dismissal at 12pm
(Adar II 29) 5	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 8) 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