



Nursery and Pre-K Newsletter

Pre School Post

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Dear Parents,

Thank you for attending our Parent Teacher Conferences, we hope that you found them useful and informative.

We have had a very exciting start to our new Unit of Inquiry **Sharing the Planet**. The children are really showing a good understanding of how they can take responsibility and help to keep the ocean clean and enable the sea life to flourish.

We have also been busy preparing for Chanukah. The children have been practicing for our Chanukah Performance to be held on 7 December and are so excited to perform for all the parents.

With cooler weather arriving we would like to remind all parents to please provide jumpers and jackets for outside play and to clearly label all items of clothing. We would also like to remind parents to please not send children to school if they are sick. A child who is sick will not be able to perform well at school and is likely to spread the illness to other children and staff. Any child with a fever above 37.2°C or who has been vomiting, is not permitted to be at school. All children must be fever, vomiting and diarrhoea free for 24 hours before returning to school.

Best regards,

Ms. Annabel Baillie

Date	Event	Notes
6 December	Chanukah Celebration – Parents Invited	9:00am Garden Room, JCC
19 December	End of Term	Early dismissal at 12:00pm
21 December – 3 January	Winter break	School resumes on 3 January
10 January	Pre-School Sponsored Walk – Parents Invited	Happy Valley Racecourse



Happy Birthday to:

Golan Amos (Nursery A) 8 December
 Sophia Florsheim (Pre K A) 11 December
 Noga Sonia Ostashinsky (Nursery M) 17 December
 Kayla Rubin (Nursery M) 18 December
 Maximus Wills (Nursery M) 19 December
 Noa Stern (Nursery M) 21 December
 Noam Franklin (Pre K A) 27 December

Mazeltov to:

The Dal Broi family on the birth of a baby boy
 The Levy family on the birth of a baby boy



Nursery A

During our **Sharing the Planet** Transdisciplinary Theme the children in Nursery A have been focusing on the ways that we impact the ocean. As part of this study the children participated in a fun experiment.

Firstly the children all played with ocean animals in lovely clean blue water. The following week the children went to play with them again but this time they found the water was full of rubbish and oil. The children soon realized that they needed to use nets to try and scoop out all the rubbish. They tried very hard to scoop out the oil as well but soon discovered that this was not possible. After some discussion the children realized that the only way to help the animals was to take them out of the oily water. They collected all the animals and took them to the bathroom to wash them and then released them back into a tub of clean water.



Pre K S

Beginning in early November, Pre-K S has begun looking at a new unit of **Sharing the Planet**. This has involved us diving into the ocean and exploring all creatures big and small. Through our findings, we have also been discovering that people can have an impact on the ocean. The children were very aware of the issues of pollution in the ocean, in particular plastic; and they have come up with some very interesting ideas on how to solve these issues. Not only has the pollution issues been a topic of interest, the melting ice caps has also been brought up. The children will further discover this as we unfold this topic over the next few months.

We have been using recycled materials to make submarines and boats. The children have been using tape to connect all the materials together, and they

have personally designed their own subs. These designs are so unique and creative, and the children are very proud of their works.

Finally, the children have been exploring the different layers of the ocean, and finding it very interesting to see the different creatures that live in these layers and how they survive. The children have been particularly interested in how deep the ocean is and how there are some creatures that live in the deepest parts of the ocean. They have found it particularly fascinating that the creatures have bodies which light up. Come in a take a look at our displays! We have made some very interesting underwater animals. The children are very proud of their work and would love you to see them!

Mandarin News

普通话新闻

Recently we studied the topic **My Family**.

The children really enjoyed talking about their families.

We had so much fun learning Mandarin by singing, dancing, telling stories and playing games.



Jewish Studies

We had so much fun as we discussed, explored and delved into our Inquiry all about Noah's Ark. We loved making water, rainbow marbling, building arks and completing puzzles. Pre-K especially enjoyed our trip to Noah's Ark in the New Territories, and Nursery loved our very own Flood at School! So much fun!





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Story Book Art

The children have been having a wonderful time in our Story book art classes. First we go on an adventure to find clues for our story that are hidden around the classroom, then students try to work out what they think the clues make. Once discovered, we read the story and each child makes their own creation of the craft.

Ms. Adele Pieper



These are some of the lovely books we have read so far.



Fitness Fun!



We have had so much fun in Fitness Fun this term! We have really developed our Gross Motor Skills through running, jumping and hopping as well as our communication skills by working in teams and following instructions.

We begin each Fitness Fun session with running, jumping, hopping, skipping and crawling to warm ourselves up and practice our gross motor skills.

From there we work through different stations such as hula hoop hopscotch and bean bag throwing. Each week the children are paired with someone new to participate in an obstacle relay race, where we focus on speed, agility and our communication skills. Most importantly we learn how to be good winners and even better losers. We end each session playing with our parachute.

HOLLY ROFE EARLY
LEARNING CENTRE

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CARMEL SCHOOL ASSOCIATION
CHANUKAH CELEBRATION & CANDLE LIGHTING

NURSERY & PRE-K
ALL PARENTS INVITED

7 DECEMBER 2018
9AM
JCC GARDEN ROOM

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)

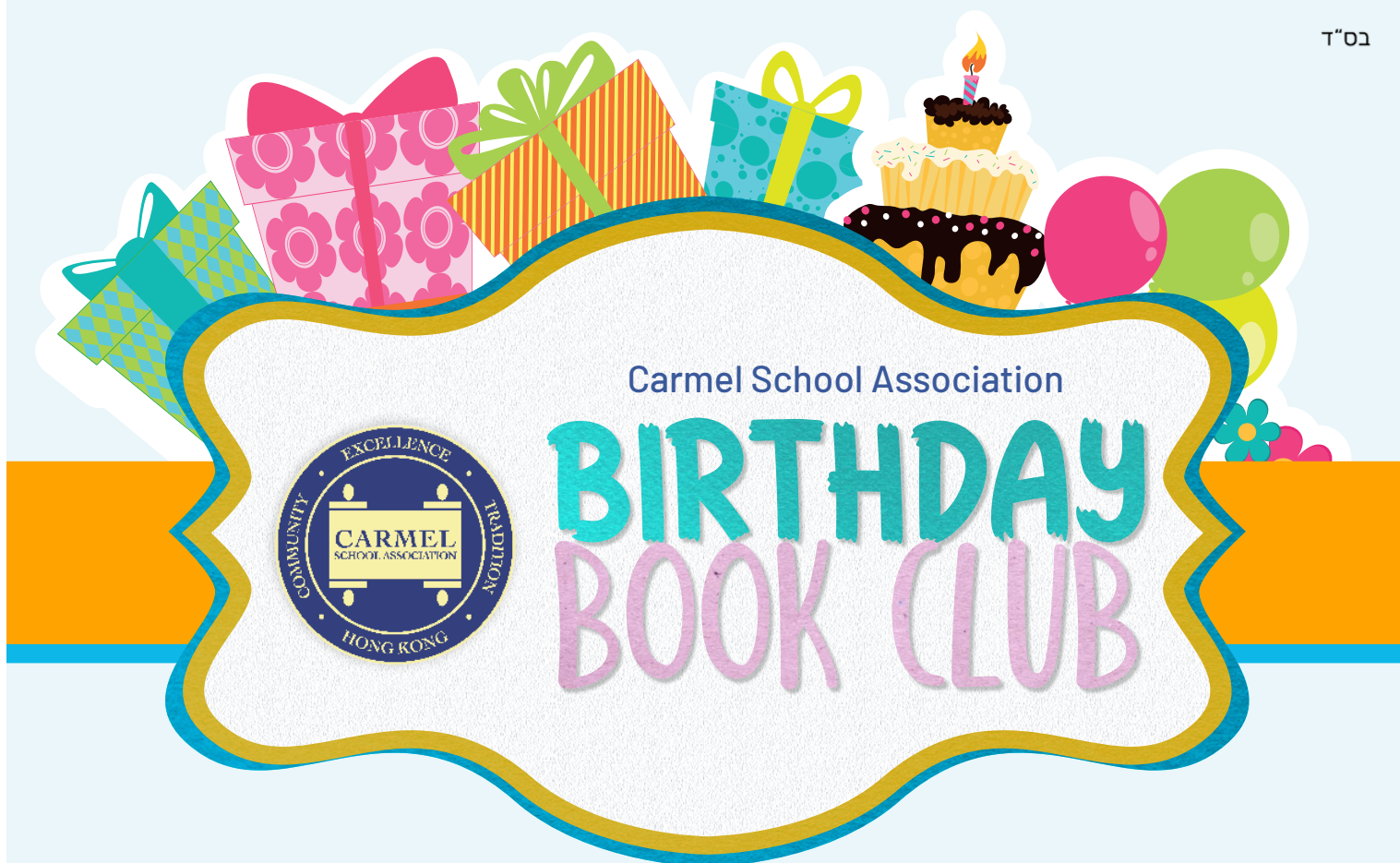
Child's Name: _____ **Class:** _____

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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AUGUST

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

August 2018

(Elul 2) 13	Professional Development for new staff
(Elul 3-5) 14-16	Professional Development for all staff
(Elul 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)
(Elul 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 Ganeynu & Tzutzik Orientation - at JCC 8.45am arrival 10.00am Pupils dismissed Ganeynu & Tzutzik First Day of School - at JCC
(Elul 9) 20	
(Elul 10) 21	

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

(Kislev 8) 16	Professional Development Half Day – Early Dismissal at 12pm
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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 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