A big welcome to all families, new and old, to the first Carnival News for 2013. As you can see, there is not long to wait until Carnival Day!

For those new to the school this year—this newsletter is your handy guide to all things carnival. Here’s where you find all those bits of information you’ll need to know!

Thankyou to all those families who have already put their hands up to help with the many and varied jobs leading up to, and on Carnival day. It’s never too late for other families to come on board, we are always looking for more help, and helping out at the Carnival is a great way to meet new people and share in this wonderful community at St.Ambrose. In the coming weeks a volunteer form will be sent out so you can volunteer to help out with one of the many jobs at the carnival. Jobs at the Carnival range from cooking at the BBQ, putting up tents, twirling fairy floss, helping at the book stall or selling tickets for the ever popular amusements, and you can help for an hour or the whole day!

Amusements have been booked and we are looking to have some great fun on this years rides; dodgem cars, music trip (bad boys), jumping castle to name a few!

Shortly you will receive a note regarding raffle tickets. The raffle is taking on a new look this year—selling just to St. Ambrose families, so you have a great chance of winning!

We would like to sincerely thank those businesses that have already generously donated to this years Carnival. Woodend businesses have been extremely generous over the years and we appreciate their continued support.

Please watch the Carnival newsletter over the coming weeks as we continue to update our sponsors list. We ask that you support these businesses, who continually support our school.

On that note—if you have a business that would like to donate goods or services please contact Sandy our Sponsorship co-ordinator.

PLEASE NOTE:
Committee Meetings will be held each Tuesday at 7.30pm in the staff room in the lead up to the carnival in you would like to become involved.
CAN YOU HELP????

CAKES, CHAI AND WRAPS

This year’s cake stall will again need donations of cakes, biscuits, and slices. Selling whole cakes and packaged items ready to take home.

Cake boxes are available that can be used to package your items and will be available at the office in the days leading up to the carnival.

Again, the stall will be serving traditional brewed Chai for $3.50 per cup and new to the stall, toasted gourmet wraps (mountain bread, cheese, sweet potato, spinach and pesto) and toasted cheese sandwiches.

Any questions please call Heather 0459 102 772 THANKYOU!!

TRASH N TREASURE NEEDS….

Time to clean out the cupboards to fit all the Christmas toys in??
Have that shelf of things that are too good to throw out but never get used??

Any preloved items in GOOD condition would be gratefully accepted for our ever popular Trash ‘n Treasure Stall.

Any items can be left at the office.

(No Clothing or Electrical please)

RAFFLE

Raffle tickets will be sent out in the coming weeks……
Watch this space!
**CAN YOU HELP????**

### CURRY CAFE

Curry Café – “Curry in a Hurry” – is calling on helpers to provide an additional two curries on carnival day – perhaps a vegie, lamb or beef – or a curry of choice. Love it in a crock pot ready to heat and serve.

Please call - Chris Lloyd 0438 479 903  - if there are some helpers to assist with stall set up, &, or service.

### CARNIVAL NEWS ONLINE!

To keep up to date with carnival news online …

School Website:

http://www.sawoodend.catholic.edu.au (check out the school community tab)

Facebook:

www.facebook.com

(search Woodend Autumn Carnival – St Ambrose Parish & School)

### CARNIVAL PLANT STALL

PLANT POTS NEEDED URGENTLY. ALL SIZES EXCEPT SEEDLING SIZE

The Carnival plant stall provides a significant contribution to the takings of the Carnival. Last year. It raised nearly $4,000 and the year before over $4,000. We are calling for donations of plants, pots, potting mix and as many willing helpers as possible.

If you have friends or family with green thumbs, is it possible that they may be able to donate plants? For those needing help to propagate or divide plants, help is available ( email ma_carrucan@hotmail.com )

Volunteers needed to: ~ Help to coordinate the stall ~ Donate plants, pots (either plastic pots or decorative) & potting mix. ~ Donate new garden tools, garden ornaments, fertiliser, garden books etc. If enough suitable items are donated, then a garden hamper could be made up to raffle /silent auction. ~ Set up the stall on Carnival Day (including volunteer drivers with trailers). ~ Help to run the stall on the day (for 1-2 hours). ~ Packing up at the end of the Carnival

**POTTING AFTERNOON: Saturday Feb 23rd.** All welcome to go potty together for an afternoon of potting plants for the carnival. For those needing help to pot up their plants or for those who want potty company. I am then able to babysit the plants until Carnival Day. **BYO : gloves, hand spade, cuttings, potting mix & pots**

RSVP : Michelle 0438 541 921  or ma_carrucan@hotmail.com
Sustainability

I am looking at ways for this year’s carnival to make some small improvements in regards to rubbish and recycling. This year, we will have six recycle bins available with the yellow lids (like you have at home) to be used for BOTTLES and CANS only. These bins will also have signs displayed to make them easier to identify. Please talk to your children before and during the carnival and remind them to use the recycle bins for empty bottles and cans rather than the general rubbish bins. All other rubbish (including paper plates, coffee cups, food etc) should go in the general rubbish bins. I want to keep the process as simple as possible to avoid contamination and save me or someone else having to fish around in the bins with rubber gloves. Not a good look! Also, if you can, bring a green bag with you on the day, to avoid using plastic bags to carry home all your wonderful purchases.

If you have any simple ideas, email me on healthersteele67@hotmail.com or 0459 102 772

Cheers, Heather

Sponsorship/Donations News

This Carnival is St Ambrose’s largest fundraiser for the year. We have a dedicated Committee planning the event for months. As you will see on the day it is grand, and something for all of us and you to be proud of. The exciting build-up to, and the look on our school children’s faces is enough to make us want to do better each and every year. No doubt we will see you all on the day ……Please enjoy and become immersed in the atmosphere.

The old saying “Look Within” is what this note is about. As well as sending out in excess of 200 letters locally and to major Melbourne Attractions, we need to give our own school community the opportunity to be a part of sponsoring and donating to the carnival.

If you as parents or extended families have a business or work for a company, we would love to give you some exposure on the day to a wide and varied crowd. There are 2 ways to be part of the program. The first is a monetary donation and in return you or your company have naming rights to a particular stall. Stall Sponsorships range from $100 – $500…These opportunities are in demand so please act promptly. The second is a donations of tickets/vouchers or products to, or from your business for the committee to allocate as gifts, raffles, or auctions on the day. All Sponsors/Donators are promoted through our Sponsors page in this Newsletter and the Parish Newsletter. Believe us; the exposure goes far and wide in our community.

If you can help us out here and would like to be a part of this fantastic opportunity, please contact the Sponsorship Co-Ordinators as soon as possible.

Danni-Jean Holgate
0459 461178
dcej1981@gmail.com

Sandy Howe
0414 932 103
sandy.howe@bigpond.com
HELPERS NEEDED!

Please register your interest in helping out on Carnival Day.

Assistance is required setting up, packing up and generally on stalls throughout the day.

We would hope for 2 hour blocks of your time when helping on a stall if possible please.

Please complete the slip and return it to the Office, or alternatively, you can contact me directly.

I will be in touch regarding where your time can best be spent, or let me know if you have a preference.

Many thanks

Justine Mitchener
Volunteer Co-ordinator
0413 510 875
mitcheners@aapt.net.au

Carnival Help
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Contact phone (mobile):
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Email: ........................................

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LUCKY BAG STALL 2013!

Dear students and parents, To contribute to our fantastic school carnival on March 16th, the staff and children organise and run a ‘Lucky Bag’ stall. This consists of lots of lucky bags sorted into boy and girl categories and sold similar to a lucky dip in which the children draw a raffle ticket and win the corresponding bag.

This stall has been a huge success in the past due to the generous donations of the parents, children and staff. We are asking again for donations for this stall. The donations can be absolutely anything that will fit in a glad clip-lock bag. Some suggestions are stickers, hair pieces, toys and novelties, individually wrapped lollies etc.

Please bring your donation to school and place in ‘Lucky Bag’ box in each classroom and we will come and collect.

There are only 3 weeks until the carnival so we ask for donations from now until then.

The Grade Five/Six P students will collect & donate items, organise and set-up the stall.

Thank-you for your continued generosity and the children say ‘Bring on the Carnival!’

Regards,
Micheal Portelli and
5/6P students

BOOKS WANTED!

Second hand books and magazines (good quality) for the book stall.

I desperately need some wonderful people to help me with the face painting stall. Please do not be put off thinking you need to be an artist! Only basic skills required, it is really not hard and is actually a lot of fun. I will be holding a one hour basic workshop the day before the carnival, Friday 15th March at the school at 2pm. If you would like to give it a try and have some fun, contact Anna Inkster on 0425 277 417 Or 5427 4127

Face Painters WANTED!
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SPONSORS LIST:

- Graham Glasson
- Fairhurst Conveyancing
- Nature’s Garden Organic Produce
- Feeling Framed
- Mignuoli and Petruccelli Families
- Tony’s Practice
- Regional Green Works Contracting
- Stockdale & Leggo
- Sign Obsession
- Michael White
- Victorian Hydroseeding
- Rowland family
- MRGraphics
To promote this year’s carnival, we will be performing a flash mob.... And you’re invited to join us!

A Flash Mob is a spontaneous public performance, usually a dance, that appears seemingly out of nowhere with just one person, grows to hundreds of people, and then quickly disappears.

WHEN: Sat 2nd March, 11am. The dance will only take 5 minutes!

WHERE: The Woodend Farmers Market, in front of the library.

WHO: Anyone can take part; students, parents, toddlers, friends, relatives... the more the merrier! We are hoping to get at least 100 people involved, so please round up as many people as you can.

HOW: Participants will learn the dance from the school website. We will also try to put up an instructional video.

There will be one or two rehearsals before the actual ‘flash mob’. Please watch for these dates and times. More logistical information will follow once we know how many people will be involved.

Please don’t tell non-participants! IT’S A SURPRISE!!! Also please be aware that a video of this performance will be loaded onto the CARNIVAL FACEBOOK PAGE.

Don’t feel like dancing? There are lots of other ways to help!

We need:

- Someone with a portable PA or ‘Party Waker’ to play the music.
- Lots of people to hand out postcards to the crowd.
- People to record/ and or edit the video of the flash mob for publishing on social media.

If you can help, please complete the slip below and return it to school by Friday 22nd Feb or email Eloise at emeyer@sawoodend.catholic.edu.au

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FLASH MOB PARTICIPATION FORM for Eloise Meyer

Contact Name: ____________________________________________  Ph: ____________________________

Email: __________________________________________________

Please tick which areas you would like to be involved in and the number of participants.

- [ ] Dancer/s #________________  - [ ] Handing out Postcards #________________
- [ ] Video/ Sound/ PA (Please also contact Eloise Meyer directly)