Congratulations to all families for your support in ensuring a great start to the 2015 school year for your children!

Thanks to all of those parents who supported our recent class information sessions and the parent forum on School Wide Positive behaviour with Ellie and Bec a few days ago. I hope that you found these meetings useful. I know that teachers find these discussions with parents early in the school year a valuable exercise which assists them to better understand your child and their needs. Attending these events sends a really strong message to your child about how much your family values education and also that home and school will work in partnership to ensure the very best learning outcomes.

Thanks also for your support in getting your children to school by 9am. Over recent years lateness has improved enormously at Carlton Primary and we appreciate your effort in this. When your child is in front of their teacher at 9am, they are more likely to have a successful day of learning. It means that they are present for the important explanation of the days events that teachers run through every morning.

Bike Education Program
Bike Education for children from grades 2-6 will begin next Tuesday. Jane James, our grade 5/6 teacher and an accredited Bike Education Instructor will be running the five week program together with class teachers. Children with bikes and helmets at home are able to bring them on Tuesdays as long as they are both named.

Hot Chocolate Club
Congratulations to the following children who have joined me at Hot Chocolate Club in recent weeks. They were chosen by their teachers for doing great work and they shared their learning with me.

P1 A Khubayb & Ayub
P/1 F Azhar & Ayman
Grade 2/3 Sumaya & Muhammed
Grade 2/3 Harun & Abdirahman
Grade 5/6 Raja, Sajed, Shailea & Salma

Car park safety
Thanks to parents who are supporting us in an important safety issue by making sure that their children are not walking through the car park at the beginning or the end of the school day.

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**Supervision**

Parents are reminded that teachers are on duty before school from 8.45-9.00am and after school from 3.15 until 3.30pm. Children should not be unattended in the school grounds before or after these times.

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**Dates to Remember**

**Wednesdays in February**
No school for Prep students

**Thursday Feb 19th**
Parent/teacher meetings
2.00pm—7.00pm

**Tuesday Feb 24th**
Bike Education starts for grades 2-6

**Monday March 2nd**
First full week for prep students

**Farmer's Market**
1st & 3rd Saturday of every month 8am-1pm

**This Saturday!**

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**What are you reading?**

*Name: Kingston*
*Grade: P/1 Francesca*
*Book: Star Wars*

*Why should other people read this book?*
I really liked this book from the first time I saw the front cover. It actually tells you the names of the characters from the Star Wars movie and it actually shows you what they are carrying and what they are wearing. I have seen the movie with my whole family.
Some reminders (or new information for our prep families)

Lost property
A bin is kept in the corridor near the glass display cabinet. If your child is missing their hat or other pieces of clothing, they need to check both in their classroom and in this bin. Please ensure that hats and tops are clearly named.

Valuable items
Students are discouraged from bringing valuable items to school, including games and mobile phones. The school cannot accept responsibility for loss or damage of these special items.

School Nursing Forms
School nursing forms will be going out with all prep students soon. If you could please sign and return these forms to school as soon as possible. Our school nurse Karen will be testing the hearing and vision of all prep students early in Term Two. This is a free service to children in their first year of school.

Health Action Plans
If your child has an allergy, anaphylaxis, asthma or any other medical condition please inform the office and your child's classroom teacher. Your doctor should help fill out a Health Action Plan and a copy should then be given to the school to be kept on file.

Materials Fee
Thank you to those families who have already been to the office to pay their “Student Materials Fee” of $50 per child. Can I remind those families who have not yet paid that this money is used to provide all of the materials that support your child's learning and payment from every family as soon as possible would be very much appreciated.

Regards

Julie Large