Welcome to the 2015 school year!
An especially warm welcome to all of our new Carlton Primary School families. We hope that your association with the school is a long and happy one and encourage your participation and interest in the school. These newsletters will come home with your child regularly and will be a chance for sharing important information and upcoming events with families.

Assemblies will take place every Tuesday afternoon from 2.45pm and each week student awards will be presented. Please come along and share in these assemblies if you are able. Soon all new Prep students will receive a copy of the "Welcome to school" bag. Copies of the "Welcome to school" booklet can be downloaded from:


Also a free email subscription is now available for parents whose child started primary school this year.

Enrolments
Since the beginning of term we have continued to take new enrolments across all year levels. To be eligible to start Prep this year children must turn 5 years old before April the 30th. If you have a child at home that is this age or you know of other families in the neighbourhood with children who have not yet enrolled for school, please ask them to visit the office.

School times
We have had a great start to the year with most students being at school by 9am. Well done! Thank you to all of those parents who ensure that their children arrive at school on time every morning.
Children who arrive later than 9am are missing out on important learning. We would like all parents to teach their children about the importance of attending school every day and being on time. If children are away from school for any reason parents are asked to let the school know. This can be through a phone message, a written note or by coming to the office.

Carpark safety
To maximise student safety with the increasing number of parents driving their children to school, the school car park is no longer to be used by parents at drop off or collection times. Please park in either Rathdowne or Palmerston streets and walk in to the school to collect your children. Alternatively, with older children, you could make arrangements for where they are to meet you at 3.15pm.

Sunsmart Policy
In line with the Department of Education Sunsmart policy, all children at Carlton PS are to wear broad brimmed hats when ever they are outside during school hours in Terms One & Four. Children without hats will be required to sit in designated shaded areas. “No Hat, No Play”! Hats are available for purchase from the office.

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.
Lunch Orders

We are very pleased to have the Sorghum Sisters catering group continuing to provide healthy, low cost lunches at school on Tuesdays and Thursdays. The menu has been sent home this week and you would have seen that there are lots of delicious and very reasonably priced items on offer.

Lunch orders should be organised at home and put into the classroom baskets the day prior (Monday for Tuesday & Wednesday for Thursday) when students arrive at school. If possible, please try to have the correct money in lunch orders to avoid problems with change. Separate orders & money are needed for children from the same families—no splitting notes. If orders must be filled out at the office, this can only be done between 8.45—9am. Teachers are not able to spend valuable learning time writing lunch orders for children. Thanks for your support with assisting to make our lunch ordering system run smoothly.

School Levy

Once again this year the School Council is levying a charge of $50 per student. This is not a voluntary contribution, but is used to purchase the essential items used by students daily in their classrooms. We aim to keep costs for parents as low as possible and this levy is considerably lower than that charged at other primary schools. Payment plans can be arranged for larger families. We would appreciate the prompt payment of this $50 student levy by all families.

Staffing for 2015

This year sees very few staff changes at Carlton Primary, however we are very pleased to be welcoming back Sarah Watson onto our team. Steph Davey will be working in a support role in our Prep/1 classes for all of February. Steph is a 2nd year pre service teacher at VUT and will be helping to support our Prep students as they settle in to school routines.

Grade teachers for this year are as follows:
Prep/1- Amanda Kennedy, Prep/1– Francesca Mitchell, Grade 2/3 - Anne Argiriou, Grade 3/4 - Lauren Keim, Grade 5/6 - Jane James & Sarah Watson.

Ellie Bradbeer will be working in a school wide student engagement & wellbeing role. Mary Karayannis will be working in both prep/1 Amanda and 2/3 Anne for a day each as well as supporting all class teachers as a Teaching & Learning coach. Our Environmental Education program will run again for two days a week (Wednesday & Thursday) with Anna Baker as coordinator. Sarah Watson will be teaching Science across all grades on Wednesdays. Jane Spiers, Rebecca Harris, Astrid Tetis and Gonni Runia will continue their work in a variety of essential education support roles.

2015 is a significant year for me as it is my 30th year working as an educator with the Victorian Department of Education. Since the mid 1980’s I have enjoyed a variety of roles in both special and mainstream schools and in a curriculum development and research position. For the past fourteen years I have had the privilege of being in leadership roles in two wonderful inner city schools. This year sees the start of my ninth year as Principal at Carlton Primary School and I have overseen many changes to the school over this period of time. I really believe that together we are creating an excellent school that our whole community should be very proud of. Alongside all of the dedicated and skilled teachers and support staff here, I will continue to work hard to make sure that your children are happy, safe and learning to the very best of their abilities. In line with our school vision statement, together we are aiming to create 21st Century learners, who are literate, numerate, creative and independent thinkers who make positive contributions to their global community.

Please feel free to talk to me if you have any concerns or issues throughout the year. I look forward to sharing a great year with you and your children in 2015!

Regards

Julie Large