



Carlton Primary School

A welcoming, diverse, community focused school

**Term Four 2017
Newsletter #1**

Dates to Remember

Thursday Oct 19th

Transition to Secondary School Parent Session with Angie Wilcox—all grade 5 & 6 students and parents 3.45-5pm

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3.30 School Council meeting

Monday Nov 6th

Teachers day in lieu—no school

Tuesday Nov 7th

Melbourne Cup Day—no school

Dec 4th—Dec 15th

Swimming program—Carlton Baths

Friday Dec 22nd

Last day of term 4

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

KIWANIS kids

Our school is visited every term by members of the Kiwanis 'Terrific Kids' program. Terrific Kids is an international student recognition program that promotes character development, self-esteem, and perseverance, TERRIFIC is an acronym meaning: Thoughtful, Enthusiastic, Respectful, Responsible, Inclusive, Friendly, Inquisitive & Capable. We believe that these character strengths fit well with our learning behaviours and the three "B"s at Carlton Primary School. The program awards three students per term. Congratulations to our term three recipients Harshit, Vicky and Yusra who have consistently shown respect and kindness to all those around them.



Transition to Secondary School

Next Thursday afternoon we have our annual parent session with Angie Wilcox. Angie is a nationally renowned expert on supporting families through the transition period between primary and secondary school. Her sessions are always popular with parents and students alike. We look forward to seeing all grade 5 & 6 students and their parents at Angie's session at 3.45pm next Thursday.

Hot Chocolate Club

Congratulations to the following children who joined me at Hot Chocolate Club last term. P/1 S Andy P /1 F Yusif 1/2 Ifnan 2/3 Liyuan 3/4 Lazar 5/6 Awwab



Attendance

Thank you to those parents and carers who ensure that their children are at school every day. Unfortunately at Carlton Primary we still have too many children who miss school too often or arrive at school after the 9am start time. We are keen to work with families to change these poor attendance patterns as we know that they significantly impact on your children's learning outcomes. Please read the back of today's newsletter which explains why good school attendance is so important for your child's learning.



★ **Name: Rhamo 3/4**

★ **Book: A Handful of Horrid Henry by Francesca Simon**

★ **Why should other people read this book??**

★ I really like this book because it is interesting.
★ It has lots of detail about the characters. Some of the characters are nice, some are scared and some cry a lot! I think other people in grade 3/4 might like this book.



EVERY DAY COUNTS

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School Attendance

Going to school every day is the single most important part of your child's education. Students learn new things at school every day – missing school puts them behind.

Why it's important

We all want our students to get a great education, and the building blocks for a great education begin with students coming to school each and every day.

If students miss school regularly, they miss out on learning the fundamental skills that will set them up for success in the later years of school.

There is no safe number of days for missing school – each day a student misses puts them behind, and can affect their educational outcomes.

Each missed day is associated with progressively lower achievement in numeracy, writing and reading.

Getting in early

Attendance patterns are established early – a child regularly missing days in kindergarten or in the early years of school will often continue to miss classes in the later years, and receive lower test scores than their classmates. It's vital that students go to school every day – even in the early years of primary school.

What we can do

The main reasons for absence are:

Sickness – There are always times when students need to miss school, such as when they're ill. It's vital that they're only away on the days they are genuinely sick, and setting good sleep patterns, eating well and exercising regularly can make a big difference.

It's vital that holidays are planned during school holidays where possible, and not during the term if it can be avoided.

Day off – Think twice before letting your child have a "day off" as they could fall behind their classmates – every day counts. "

Truancy – This is when students choose not to go to school without their parent's permission. There can be many reasons for truancy. The best way to address this is for schools and parents to work together.

If for any reason your child must miss school, there are things you can do with your school to ensure they don't fall behind:

- Speak with your classroom teacher and find out what work your child needs to do to keep up.
- Develop an absence learning plan with your teacher and ensure your child completes the plan.

Remember, every day counts. If your child must miss school, speak with your classroom teacher as early as possible.

Openly communicating with your child's school about all absences is a good way to prevent attendance issues being escalated to a School Attendance Officer. A School Attendance Officer is a Department of Education and Early Childhood Development Regional Director who has authority to follow up attendance issues. Attendance issues that are escalated can lead to an Infringement Notice. If you're having attendance issues with your child, please let your classroom teacher know so we can work together to get your child to school every day.

Further information

For more information and resources to help address attendance issues, visit:

www.education.vic.gov.au/school/parents/behaviour/Pages/studentattendance.aspx

Regards

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