



# Carlton Primary School

*A welcoming, diverse, community focused school*

Term One 2018  
Newsletter #2

## 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

## Dates to Remember

### Wednesdays

No school for Prep students on Wednesday until after Labour Day

### Tuesday Feb 20th

Parent/teacher meetings  
2.00pm—7.00pm

### Monday March 13th

Labour Day—no school

### Monday March 19th

School Council Annual  
General Meeting—3.30pm

### Thursday March 29th

Last day of term—2.15pm  
finish

## Parent teacher meetings next Tuesday

Letters will go home this week with an allocated time for you to meet with your child's teacher/s between 2pm and 7pm on Tuesday Feb 20th. This will be a normal school day for all children with a 3.15pm finish and after care operating as usual. We look forward to seeing all parents and carers at these important meetings.

### Lost property and school uniforms

Our lost property hangs on racks near the school entrance to make it easy for both children and parents to identify lost items of clothing. If your child is missing their hat or any other bits of clothing, this is the place to look.



A reminder that the CPS School Council endorses the wearing of school uniform by all students. Girls are reminded that only light blue hijabs are to be worn at school and blue or black tights or leggings. Thanks for your support with this.



The photo below was in the Herald Sun on Saturday Feb 3rd. Cameron, Kemmi, Nawal and Anwar were talking about how excited they all were to be starting school, and in Cameron's case a new job, at Carlton Primary School!

### Hot Chocolate Club

Hot Chocolate Club will continue every Friday in 2018. Students will be chosen by their teachers for doing great work in class and they are given the opportunity of sharing their learning with me in an informal setting where we enjoy morning tea together.



Congratulations to the following children who have joined me at Hot Chocolate Club since the beginning of the year. Princes learning area - Yusif, Yasir, & Yonis, Drummond learning area - Vicky, Ayden, Stefan & Umar, Rathdowne learning area - Ali Y, Ramadan, Ibtisam & Elyas



Name: Tish Ranieri

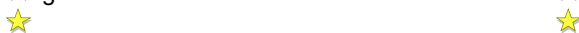
Grade: 2/3  
Drummond

Book: The Wrong  
Book by Nick  
Bland

Why should other  
people read this  
book?

This is a fabulous  
book because it's  
great for children to  
learn to read.

It's funny and the little boy called Nick is sooo  
bossy. This would be a good book for prep and  
grade one kids.



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## Every Day Counts — 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.

**At Carlton PS we are concerned because too many children are missing school too often.**

### 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.

**New guidelines have come out from the Education Department instructing schools to contact parents/carers on the day that a student is absent if they have not been given a reason for that absence. At Carlton PS this will usually be done via a text message.**

**Messages about student absences must come from an adult in the family, not via siblings.**



Regards

Julie Large  
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