



Carlton Primary School

A welcoming, diverse, community focused school

Term One 2019
Newsletter #1

Supervision

Families 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

Term dates 2019

Term One

Jan 31st – April 5th

Term Two

April 23rd – June 28th

Term Three

July 15th – Sep 20th

Term Four

Oct 7th - Dec 20th

Prep early finish

All Prep students will finish at 1.15pm until the week starting February 18th

Monday February 11th

School Council Meeting—3.30pm

Tuesday Feb 12th

Class information sessions P/1 & 4/5/6 learning areas

Wednesday Feb 13th

Class information sessions 2/3 learning area

Tuesday Feb 19th

Parent/teacher meetings
2.00pm—7.00pm

* Individual notes to come

Welcome to the 2019 school year!

Welcome back to all of our returning families and 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 you. Assemblies will take place every Tuesday afternoon from 2.50pm 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 Department of Education “Welcome to school” bag.

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.

Camps, Sports & Excursion Funding (CSEF) 2019

If you received CSEF funding at Carlton Primary School and still hold a current health care card you do not need to reapply this year as your application will roll over. However, if you did **not** have CSEF at this school last year and have a **current health care card** you will need to submit an application. CSEF recipients are entitled to \$125 per year for each primary school aged student which is received by the school and held to be used for any sporting activity, excursion or incursion. Please see Jane in the office to get an application form or if you have any questions.

Sunsmart Policy

In line with the Department of Education Sunsmart policy, all children at Carlton PS are to wear broad brimmed hats when 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 or department stores.

Our COLA is open



After some delays due to hot weather, the asphalt for our covered outdoor learning area (COLA) has finally been laid! In coming weeks line marking will happen and basketball rings will be installed. This fabulous, all weather space will be used through out the day for activities across all of the curriculum areas. The COLA toilets will be used by students at lunch and recess times. Indoor toilets will continue to be used during class time.

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/carers who ensure that their children arrive at school on time every morning.

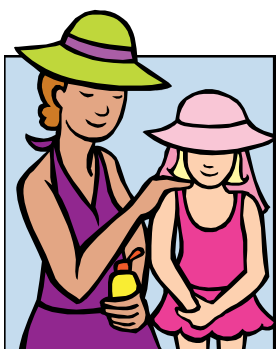


Children who arrive later than 9am are missing out on important learning. We would like all families to teach their children about the importance of attending school every day and being on time. If children are away from school for any reason we ask you to let the school know. This can be through a phone message, the Flexibuzz app, a written note or by coming to the office in person. We ask that adults, not siblings, are informing us about absences.

In 2018 new guidelines came 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. This will be done via a text message generated if your child is marked absent at the start of the school day and we have not been informed of a reason for that absence.

Changed phone number or address

Please inform the office if either of these have changed since last year.



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Student Accident Insurance/Ambulance Cover Arrangements

Families are reminded that the Department of Education **does not** provide personal accident insurance or ambulance cover for students. Parents and carers of students, who do not have accident insurance/ambulance cover, are responsible for all medical costs if their child is injured, including the cost of ambulance transportation to hospital if necessary. I have also been required to remind families and staff that the Department of Education **does not** hold insurance for any personal property brought to schools and it has no capacity to pay for any loss or damage to such property. To put it simply, anything brought to school; from toys to mobile phones, is done so at the owners risk.

School Levy

This year the School Council has requested an increase to the annual school levy to \$220 per student (\$55 per term). This 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 local primary schools. We would appreciate the prompt payment of this levy by all families. Payment plans can be arranged for larger families and an EFTPOS facility is available.

Staffing for 2019

This year we welcome a new staff member to Carlton Primary, Karthik (Kai) Vijayanandam. Kai will be teaching Auslan in Drummond on Tuesday mornings. A very warm welcome to Kai!



Grade teachers for this year are as follows:

Drummond Learning Area—Grades Prep/1— Lauren Keim, Lilly Van Dyk, & Anna Baker (Wednesday & Thursdays) with support from Jacinta Speakman

Rathdowne Learning Area—Grades 2/3 - Anne Argiriou, Masha Jeronimus & Lucy Osborne (Fridays) with support from Astrid Tetis

Princes Learning Area—Grades 4/5/6 - Moya Lythgo & Steph Davey with support from Berhane Lewis & Cameron Wood.

Ellie Bradbeer and Rebecca Harris will be working in school wide student engagement & wellbeing roles. Mary Karayannis will be teaching art in the junior grades on Monday & Tuesdays. Sarah Watson will be co ordinating and implementing the literacy intervention program across the school along with Berhane Lewis. On Wednesdays & Thursdays Rosie Parry will be teaching PE and Lucy Osborne will be teaching Science across all grades.

Mary Karayannis, Lauren Keim & Sarah Watson will be supporting all class teachers as teaching and learning specialists.

Sally Beattie will continue in her role as parent & community engagement coordinator.

There is a chance that we may need to move some students around as we take in new enrolments over the coming weeks. Parents will of course be informed if this happens.

2019 is a particularly exciting time for the school community as we head towards the completion of the building redevelopment. I will continue to regularly communicate with you on the progress of the new school and Early Learning Centre.

Carlton Primary School is an excellent school that our whole community should be very proud of. By the middle of this year we will have completed the fabulous new facilities that will match the first class teaching and learning that already takes place every day in our school.

Alongside all of the dedicated and skilled teachers and support staff here, I am committed to working 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: **As 21st Century learners, we are literate, numerate, creative and independent thinkers who make positive contributions to our global community.**

Thanks to all of those families who have offered such heartfelt, positive feedback on our new learning spaces. Last year was a trying one for all of us, but now it all feels worth it!

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 2019!

Regards

Julie Large, Principal