

Carlton Primary School

A welcoming, diverse, community focused school

Supervision

Term Three 2019 Newsletter #1

Dates to Remember

Monday July 29th

3.30 School Council meeting

Friday September 13th

Curriculum day—no school for students

Friday September 20th

Last day of term two—2.15pm finish

Monday Oct 7th

First day of term four







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.

What do you think about our school?

Carlton Primary is conducting a survey to find out what parents think of our school. The Parent Opinion Survey is an annual survey offered by the Department of Education and Training that is conducted amongst a sample of randomly selected parents. It is designed to assist schools in gaining an understanding of parents' perceptions of school climate, student behaviour and student engagement. We will use the survey results to help inform and direct future school planning and improvement strategies.

Approximately 80 per cent of parents and carers will be invited to participate in this year's survey. All responses to the survey are anonymous. This year the Parent Opinion Survey will be conducted from **Monday 22nd July** to **Sunday 11th August**.

The survey will be conducted **online**, only takes **10-15 minutes** to complete, and can be accessed at any convenient time on desktop computers, laptops, tablets or smartphones. The online survey will be available in a range of languages other than English. These include: Arabic, Vietnamese, Mandarin, Chin (Hakha), Hindi, Somali, Turkish and Punjabi.

The survey results will be reported back to the school at the end of September. Last year we used the survey results to inform the development of our 2019 Annual Implementation Plan.

Please speak to Jane or myself if you would like more information or if you have been selected to undertake the survey and you are having trouble accessing it.

Leap into Learning

This is the sixth year of our *Leap in to Learning* school readiness program. In this program children who are enrolled in prep at Carlton Primary School for the coming year have a chance to



experience school routines and become familiar with our school setting. Teachers will also talk to parents about how they can help their children to settle well into school. Starting on August 21st, the program will run for the rest of the year on Wednesdays and Friday mornings from 9am -11am. We are very excited that the program will take place in one of our beautiful new spaces on level one! Please see Bec Harris if you would like more information.

Grade: 2/3 ★ Rathdowne

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Book Title: Mr McGee and the Blackberry Jam by Pamela Allen

Why should other people read this book?

☆ This book is a bit silly and very funny √₹ too! It's a bit weird $\frac{1}{2}$ because Mr McGee lives under a tree. Even older kids in 4/5/6 might like to read this book because they might remember it from $\frac{1}{2}$ when they were ☆ younger.









Early collection of children

Occasionally families take their children early from school without using the sign out system at the office or letting anyone know. This causes unnecessary concern for staff until we are able to contact family members and confirm that the "missing" child' is in fact quite safe. If any family members need to take children from the school earlier that 3.15pm, please ensure that they are following the rules of informing the office and using the iPad to enter your child's details. Thank you for your support in this important matter of safety.

Limiting the spread of influenza in the community

The Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) advises that influenza is increasing throughout Victoria. Schools are also reporting high rates of students affected by influenza.

Advice to school on responding to influenza

Follow these important steps to respond to students affected by influenza at school:

- Encourage students with cold or flu-like symptoms to seek medical attention. Common flulike symptoms include a high fever, a cough, a runny nose, loss of appetite, body aches and feeling extremely weak and tired. Diagnosis should only be made by a medical practitioner.
- 2. Any students with colds or flu-like symptoms should limit contact with others and stay at home until their symptoms have passed.
- 3. If a student becomes ill at school with these symptoms, contact the family and arrange to pick up the student.

Good general hygiene is the best defence against infection. By encouraging your children to wash their hands regularly and teaching them to cover their nose and mouth when sneezing and coughing, you are helping to keep everyone in the community healthy. Thankyou.

Regards

Julie Large Principal ☆

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