



# Carlton Primary School Newsletter

Carlton Primary School is a partner in the Carlton Learning Precinct  
*Supporting children and their families to succeed in life*



Term Two 2021  
Newsletter #4

## Dates to Remember

### Monday June 14th

Queen's Birthday public holiday—no school

### Monday June 21st

School Council Meeting  
3.30pm

### Friday June 25th

Last day of term two—2.15pm finish

### Tuesday July 13th

First day of term three

### Important Contact Numbers

#### Lifeline 24 hour Crisis Line

131 114

[lifeline.org.au](http://lifeline.org.au)

#### Beyond Blue Coronavirus Mental Health Support Service

1800 512 348

[beyondblue.org.au](http://beyondblue.org.au)

#### Kids Helpline

1800 551 800

[Kidshelpline.com.au](http://Kidshelpline.com.au)

#### MensLine Australia

1300 789 978

[Mensline.org.au](http://Mensline.org.au)

**We acknowledge Traditional Owners of Country and recognise their continuing connection to land, waters & community and pay our respects to Elders past, present and emerging.**

### 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.

### Covid-19 Update

Well here we are again, more than a week into this period of increased Covid restrictions, necessitating remote learning again for Melbourne schools. This is not a place that any of us would wish to be, however as with previous lockdowns, most people understand the importance of following government advice in order to stop the spread of Covid-19 throughout the community.

I want to take this opportunity to thank everyone in our school community for your co operation during this period. As I type this newsletter, one of our closest schools, North Melbourne Primary, is dealing with this virus in a very real way. Since a number of positive cases were detected in their community last week, more than 300 staff and families are in their second week of a fourteen day quarantine period. My niece teaches at North Melbourne PS, so I have been hearing from her about the huge impact that a Covid outbreak has on a school community.

The need to be vigilant about hand sanitising, mask wearing and social distancing has never been more important. It is crucial that people continue to get tested and stay at home until test results are known, even if you have only mild symptoms of a fever, cough, sore throat, runny nose or loss of taste or smell. This, along with vaccinations, is critical in limiting community transition of the virus and will help us all get back to a more normal life sooner.

### Return to remote Learning

Once again school staff and families have 'pivoted' to a remote learning model. Feedback from staff via our regular Zoom morning briefings is that most children are engaging well with their learning

Any questions about learning tasks or concerns you may have about your child's wellbeing over this remote learning time can be directed to their teachers via Seesaw. There are also a small number of staff onsite each day, so don't hesitate to call the school if you need support in any area.

### Reports and three way conferences

I have just finished reading reports and want to thank teachers for the considerable work that has gone into them. They were completed over the same period that we were transitioning from onsite to remote learning!

Reports are on track to be ready for families by the end of this week. Three way conferences; where parents/carers, teachers and children meet together to discuss this year's learning so far, as well as goals for second semester, are going to be postponed until next term. We will provide you with information about the new date for three way conferences on Seesaw later this week.

Whenever I read reports, I am struck by the very clear link between learning outcomes and attendance. Unfortunately we have a group of children here at Carlton PS who are away from school too often. Children who have missed between 10 and 15 days of school (not counting lockdowns) this semester. That means that they've missed two to three weeks of their learning already this year. When patterns like this continue throughout a child's school life, it adds up to missing more than a year of schooling compared to their peers with regular school attendance!

## Coronavirus hotline

If you suspect you may have coronavirus (COVID-19) call the dedicated hotline – open 24 hours, 7 days.

Please keep Triple Zero (000) for emergencies only.

 **1800 675 398**

Carlton Primary  
School  
150 Palmerston  
Street  
Carlton 3053

Phone: 9347  
6022

I wanted to give everyone an update on Moya Lythgo, who teaches in the P-2 learning area. Moya had a bike accident on her way to school nearly two weeks ago. She broke her collarbone and a bone in her hand in the accident. She is recovering slowly and will remain away from work for the rest of this term. We are keeping in regular contact with Moya and I know that I can pass on best wishes from the whole CPS community for her to continue a steady recovery. The P-2 students and team in particular are missing Moya, but we all look forward to seeing her back at school fit and well next term.

### Preps for 2022

Despite the current disruptions, we are already planning for next year, so if you have a child at home who turns five years old by April 30th 2022, please get in touch with us. You can come to school to collect an enrolment form or download a form from our website at: [www.carltonprimaryschool.vic.gov.au](http://www.carltonprimaryschool.vic.gov.au)

### Food Available

There are still some non-perishable food supplies available in our foyer. Just come to school with some bags, ring the bell and feel free to take what ever your family needs.

### Carlton Learning Precinct

On the final page of this newsletter I have included an article that was published last week in a local online newspaper, InnerCity News. Thanks so much to Tilly, Ayanleh and their families who agreed to be interviewed for this great article!



Regards

Julie Large

Principal

