



Carlton Primary School Newsletter

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



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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.

What do you think about our school?

Carlton Primary is conducting a survey to find out what parents and carers think of our school. The Parent Opinion Survey is an annual survey offered by the Department of Education that is conducted amongst a sample of randomly selected families. It is designed to assist schools in gaining an understanding of parents and carers 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 families 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 19th July to Sunday 22nd of 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 2021 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.

Enrol Now for 2022

Planning has already begun for next year. Children who turn five years old before April 30th 2022 are able to be enrolled to start school next year. Thank you to those families who have already filled out enrolment forms. If you are yet to do so, but have a child the right age to start prep next year, please come to the office this week to get a form.

Our **Leap in to Learning** school readiness program is a great way to support your children if they are starting in preps next year. In this program children who are enrolled at Carlton Primary School for the coming year have a chance to experience school routines and become familiar with our school spaces. Teachers will also talk to parents and carers about how you can support your children to settle well into school. Starting later this term on August 25th, the program will run for the remainder of the year on Wednesday mornings. Please contact the office if you would like more information.



I hope that all families are safe and well during this latest state-wide lockdown period and that your children have settled back into the routine of remote learning. A reminder that we have a small number of staff onsite each day, so please call the school on 93476022 if we can support your family in any way.



On the back of this newsletter I have included a letter that I recently wrote for distribution to our local kindergartens. Please feel free to pass it on to any families you know with school aged children for next year.

Dates to Remember

Wednesday July 21st

7pm—Online transition to school session with Gowrie families

Saturday July 24th

Family working bee—10-12

Monday July 26th

School Photos

School Council Meeting

3.30pm

Wednesday Aug 4th

Three way conferences—
2pm-7pm

Wednesday August 25th

Leap into Learning—School readiness program for 2022 preps starts



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A message from the principal

Welcome to Carlton Primary School, a partner in the new **Carlton Learning Precinct**, an integrated education precinct which includes City of Melbourne Family Services and Gowrie Early Learning Centre. The precinct has a common vision which is **to support all families to thrive**.

Our school offers high quality education. We have fabulous facilities, designed to stimulate collaborative, flexible and creative learning, both indoors and out. Our highly trained educators are passionate about growing student's learning. Our innovative wellbeing wrap around supports for children and their families are recognised as best practice across the state.

Teaching and Learning

Our co teaching model responds to and stimulates children to be great learners, working flexibly across age groups and abilities. Every child's learning is targeted to their individual point of need. We call this "Just right learning". We provide a comprehensive and sequential curriculum, utilising an inquiry approach with a strong focus on literacy, numeracy and indigenous cultural understanding. A full time speech pathologist, who supports children with their acquisition of language, is an integral member of our educational team.

Our learning spaces

Our school was completely redeveloped in 2018/2019. Working with award winning architects, the redevelopment allows us to make the most of our spaces in really innovative ways. In line with current educational best practice, our learning spaces enable children to work in a range of collaborative and creative groupings.

Our grounds

Our children enjoy more than a hectare of outdoor space, which is unique for an inner city school. Sustainability, nature play and outdoor experiences are central to our educational approach. Our outdoor facilities include a sports field, a covered basketball court, bush trails through extensive indigenous planting, two playgrounds, a dry creek bed, a kitchen garden, an expansive sandpit and a bush classroom.

Having overseen major changes at Carlton Primary in my time here as principal, I am obviously incredibly proud of our school, but why not come and experience it for yourself?

For more information, visit our website, follow us on Instagram and please feel free to make a time for a school tour.

Warm Regards,

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