



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 One 2022
Newsletter #1

Dates to Remember

Term dates 2022

Term One

Jan 31st – April 8th

Term Two

April 27th – June 24th

Term Three

July 12th – Sep 16h

Term Four

Oct 4th - Dec 19th

*The first day of terms 2, 3 & 4 will be pupil free for teachers professional learning

Wednesdays

No school for Prep students on Wednesdays until after Labour Day

Monday February 14th

School Council Meeting—
3.30pm

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.

Welcome to the 2022 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 be uploaded to Seesaw regularly and will be a chance for sharing important information and upcoming events with you. Assemblies will take place every Monday afternoon from 2.50pm near the prep learning area on level one. Currently due to Covid restrictions we are limiting parents/carers coming into the building. Once restrictions ease we will look forward to seeing families at our assemblies. Each week student awards will be presented and school issues and events discussed.

Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund

The CSEF helps eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities. If you have a valid means-tested concession card, such as a Veterans Affairs Gold Card, Centrelink Health Care Card or Pensioner Concession Card, or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible. There is also a special consideration category for asylum seeker and refugee families. Payment amounts this year are \$125 for eligible primary school students. Payments are made direct to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions and sporting activities for the benefit of your child. If you applied for CSEF through our school last year, you do not need to complete an application form this year, unless there has been a change in your family circumstances. If you would like to apply for the first time, please contact the school office on 9347 6022 and ask for an application form. You can also download the form, and find out more about the program and eligibility on the Department of Education and Training's Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund web page. Please return completed forms to the school.

Sunsmart Policy

In line with the Department of Education Sunsmart policy, all children at Carlton Primary are to wear broad brimmed hats when they are outside during school hours in Terms One & Four. Children without hats will be required to stay in shaded areas. Hats are available for purchase from the office or department stores.

COVID Safety Update

I have sent a separate letter outlining the plans that we have in place to ensure that your child/children are as safe as possible while at school. We feel incredibly fortunate to have access to Rapid Antigen Tests and know that families will support us in the use of these to quickly determine cases of Covid.

Normally in the first few weeks of the new school year we have class information sessions followed a week later by parent/carer meetings with teachers. With the need to do all that we can to minimise opportunities for Covid transmission, unfortunately these meetings will not be happening at this time. Staff have already started considering the best ways to share important start of year information with you and will be uploading this on our communication platform SeeSaw. For our Prep families and other families new to the school, we will be supporting you to download and access Seesaw as soon as possible. Through SeeSaw you can access whole school newsletters and memos as well as individual classroom information. You will also get to see some pretty cute pictures of your children as they learn and play!

School times

Today was a great start 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.



When children arrive late they miss out on start of the day routines and essential learning. If children are away from school for any reason we ask you to let the school know. This can be through a phone message, a written note or by coming to the office in person. We ask that adults, rather than siblings, are informing us about any absences.

Education Department guidelines instruct schools to contact parents/carers on the day that a student is absent if schools 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 that the annual voluntary parent contribution remain at \$220 per student (\$55 per term). The school does not have a booklist that we request families to purchase prior to school starting and the parent contribution assists us greatly in the provision of educational materials for your child. Payment plans can be arranged and an EFTPOS facility is available.

Staffing for 2022

There will be two learning areas operating across the school this year. Three classes in the 3-6 area - 3/4, 4/5 and 5/6 and two classes in the Prep - 2 area. A Prep and a 1/2 class. Teachers in these learning areas will plan together and co-teach. Flexible learning spaces, as we have at Carlton Primary, are in line with current educational best practice. These spaces provide opportunities for children to work in a range of groupings in collaborative and creative ways, better equipping them with the skills required in the 21st century.

Grade teachers and support staff for this year are as follows:

Prep-2 Learning Area— Winter Dunstone, Riley Minns (Mon, Tues, Wed) & Sarah Watson (Tues-Fri) with support from Francesca Mitchell, Lilly Van Dyke and Jacinta Speakman

3-6 Learning Area— Steph Davey, Mary Karayannis & Cameron Wood with support from Anne Argiriou, Nora Basher & Berhane Lewis

Antigone Argiriou will be coordinating and implementing the tutoring/intervention program with Lilly Van Dyke & Berhane Lewis. Lucy Osborne will be teaching Art and Science.

Jane Spiers is our business manager. Brendan Ternus will coordinate the after school enrichment program and Vanessa Basilone, our school based speech pathologist, will continue targeted individual and small group therapy.

Sarah Rogers is the Ourplace site manager at Carlton Learning Precinct. Khadra Omar will continue in her role as parent & community engagement coordinator and will be joined this year by Marie Holmes.

Lauren Keim as Assistant Principal will join me in whole school leadership.

After living through the first Covid impacted year of 2020, last year was supposed to be a calmer year for us here at Carlton PS! Unfortunately, due to the continued impact of the pandemic, our planned calmer year wasn't to be. Like everyone around the globe, we were tested in ways that no one could have foreseen. Having said that, I have spoken many times about all that I believe we learnt about ourselves, our community and education generally during these last two years. I have been so proud of the positive way that our community has supported each other during the many challenges that we have faced individually and together.

We finished last year hopeful that this year would be less disrupted and that we could return to functioning in more normal ways. So far, that certainly hasn't played out! The Victorian Government is very clear however, that a return to remote learning will only happen as a very last option in those schools heavily impacted by Covid cases.

Carlton Primary is a vibrant school with a wonderfully supportive community, fantastic teachers and support staff. With our fabulous grounds and the City of Melbourne Family Services and Gowrie Early Learning Centre on site, 2022 should enable us to really enjoy all of the benefits of the "one stop shop" community hub that has been built here for the benefit of our community. 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 safe, happy and learning to the very best of their abilities.

Please feel free to come and see me if you have any concerns or issues at all throughout the year. I look forward to sharing a great year with you and your children in 2022!

Warm Regards

Julie Large Principal