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 Four 2022
Newsletter #1

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.

Dates to Remember

Monday Oct 24th
3.30 School Council meeting

Monday Oct 31st
Teacher's day in lieu—no school

Tuesday Nov 1st
Melbourne Cup Day— no school

Monday Nov 28th
3.30 School Council meeting

Friday Dec 2nd
Grade 6 graduation—time TBC

Monday Dec 5th—Fri Dec16th
Whole school swimming program

Monday Dec 19th
Last Day of term

Monday January 30th 2023
First day of term 1

Welcome back to Term 4

It was great to see everyone back at school last week, getting reacquainted with friends and transitioning smoothly into learning routines. We are expecting a really productive and busy term as your children build on the great learning that they have achieved throughout the year so far. Fourth term also includes our annual house sports, grade 6 events and our swimming program in December. Lots to look forward to!

Thank you to those parents and carers who ensure that their children are at school every day. We have many, many children with great attendance, but unfortunately we still have too many children who miss school too often, or arrive at school after 9am. We are keen to work with families to change poor attendance patterns as we know that this significantly impacts children's learning outcomes. Getting your children to school, on time, every day, is one of the best things that you can do to support your child's learning and future success.

Covid Update

You are probably aware that from October 14th, state and federal governments have agreed to a lifting of the mandate to stay at home if you have Covid. However, in an effort to continue to keep our community safe, I would ask families to keep doing RAT's and to keep your children at home if they have any of the following symptoms:-

- Cough
- Runny nose
- Sore throat
- High temperature

Camp Australia Out of School Hours Care Program

A reminder that our after school care program runs every day from 3.15-6pm. The program co ordinator, Nathan, is available from 3pm in the Camp Australia room on the ground floor. He is very happy to talk to families who are interested in enrolling their children either for this year or next year.

Sunsmart Policy

In line with the Department of Education Sunsmart policy, all children at Carlton PS are to wear broad brimmed hats when ever they are outside during school hours in terms one and four. Children without hats will be required to play only in designated shaded areas. Hats are available for purchase from the office for $10.

A date for your diary

Please get Friday morning the 25th of November into your diary. We will be having our annual tabloid sports event and need lots of helpers on the day. More information will come in the next newsletter.

Children and social networking

Many teachers, parents and carers are concerned about the safety of children online. We had a very well attended session about this topic earlier this year. On the following page I have included some advice for supporting your child's safe use of social online platforms—TikTok, Instagram etc. Please go through it with your children.

Once again, it's really great to have everyone back for what I feel confident is going to be a terrific term!

Warm regards,

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Advice for parents and carers on social networking

Chat and social networking are great ways to stay in touch and find new friends. However, there are some risks meeting people online—especially if you don't know them in real life. When you share things online you may be sharing with other people you do not know or trust. Once a message, photo or video has been shared, you also won't be able to control where it goes.

What do I need to know about safe social networking?

- Limit your friend list: don't 'friend' random people.
- Protect your privacy: don't share your password and set your profile to private.
- Your personal details are valuable: don't share them.
- Protect your reputation: keep it clean and ask yourself, would you want others to see what you upload?
- Be careful who you trust: a person can pretend to be someone they are not.
- Don't use a webcam with people you don't know.
- Think before you post, chat, upload or download.

How do I control my privacy settings?

All social networking sites have their own version of 'default' privacy and security settings. It is important that you know how the site works and how to change the settings to protect your personal information.

What are the risks of social networking?

The risks in using social networking sites include:

- Anonymity — it can be easier to say and do things online that you might not do offline.
- Sharing too much information — for example, photos from a party might be okay for close friends to see but can become an issue if shared more widely.
- Not protecting your personal information — account details and location information can be used inappropriately by others to find you or access your online accounts. It is important that you understand the risks associated with disclosing information about yourself online and know how to manage both your privacy and online friends.
- Treating online friends as real friends — it's easy for people to lie online, including those who are seeking children and young people for more than a social relationship. Make sure you are careful about how well you really know your online 'friends'.

What are location-based services?

- Many social networking sites take advantage of location-based services, which enable users to report their physical location to others via their mobile phone. By using this function, users can physically locate friends and others from social networking sites. Individuals can 'check-in' from a location to let others know their whereabouts.

- On some social networking services the location-based functions are turned on by default. To manage these services, and retain your privacy, review your social networking settings to block the function or to limit who sees your location-based Information.