



# 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 2023  
Newsletter #3

**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.

## Story Hubs Launch

Thank you to the many parents and carers who came to our Story Hubs, Cloudtopia launch on Friday. It was probably the biggest turn out for an event that we've had here over the years. There are some lovely photos on Seesaw of various activities your children participated in. Your dreams and wishes for your children, the activity that you did in the session that Brenna ran, are displayed in the Cloudtopia space. They are really heart warming and the children will enjoy reading them on their visits to the space.

## Visit by the fire brigade

Over recent weeks we had the fire officers from Carlton Unit visit the school to talk about fire safety with our Prep-3 students. On the second visit the officers brought their engine along and parked on the COLA. There was lots of excitement, and some great writing later in the day, about using the fire hose and getting a close up look at the fire engine



## Hot Chocolate Club

Hot Chocolate Club happens at lunchtime every Friday. Students are chosen by their teachers for doing great work in class and they are given the opportunity of sharing their learning with me in an informal setting where we enjoy morning tea together.



Congratulations to the following children who joined me at Hot Chocolate Club last week.

- Sirkan - Grade 5/6
- Bilal K — Grade 4/5
- Bashir & Hashim — Grade 2/3
- Ahmed J - Grade1/2
- Salma & Hekmat — Prep/1

## Bike and scooter safety at school

If children are riding bikes or scooters to school, they are to wear a helmet at all times and walk them once they enter the school grounds. This is for safety reasons as there are lots of people, including pre schoolers, on school grounds before and after school.

**A reminder, it is against the law to ride an electric scooter under the age of sixteen, with a fine of \$192 attached to this law.**

Thanks for your support with this.



## Children and social networking

Many teachers, parents and carers are concerned about the safety of children online. On the following page I have included some advice for supporting your child's safe use of social online platforms—TikTok, Discord, Instagram etc. Please go through it with your children.

## Dates to Remember

### Monday Nov 27th

3.30 School Council meeting

### Friday Dec 1st

Grade 6 graduation—10am

(This is a ticketed event. Only two family members per student)

### Monday Dec 4th—Fri Dec 15th

Whole school swimming program

### Tuesday December 12th

State wide transition day for grade 6 students to their 2024 schools

P-5's visit their 2024 classes

### Monday Dec 18th

2.30 OurPlace expo

3.15 End of year BBQ

### Tuesday Dec 19th

Last Day of term 1. 1.15pm finish

### Wednesday January 31st 2024

First day of term 1 for Grade 1-6 students

### Thursday February 1st 2024

First day of term 1 for new prep students

### 2024 Pupil Free days

- Tuesday January 30th
- Friday May 31st
- Monday July 15th
- Friday Dec 20th

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## Planning for 2024

We are currently very busy making arrangements for classes and staffing for next year.

Please let us know immediately if your children are changing schools or if you are planning an overseas trip and your children won't be here for the start of the new school year.

Also, if you have children due to start school next year and haven't yet enrolled them, please come to the office to do that. To start school in 2024, children must turn five by April 30th.

**Warm regards,**

**Julie Large**  
**Principal**

## 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.

