



# 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 2024  
Newsletter #1

## Dates to Remember

### Term dates 2024

#### Term One

**Jan 31st – March 28th**

#### Term Two

**April 15th – June 28th**

#### Term Three

**July 15<sup>th</sup> – Sep 20th**

#### Term Four

**Oct 7th - Dec 19th**

\*May 31st & July 15th will be pupil free for staff professional learning and report writing

#### **Wednesdays**

No school for Prep students on Wednesdays until after Labour Day

#### **Tuesday Feb 13th 3.30pm**

Parent/carer information sessions **Prep-Grade 3**

#### **Wednesday Feb 14th 3.30pm**

Parent/carer information sessions **Grade 4-6**

#### **Feb 19th—22nd**

Grade 4, 5 & 6 camp to Queenscliff

#### **Tuesday February 27th**

School Council Meeting—3.30pm

#### **Monday March 11th**

Labour Day—public holiday



**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 2024 school year!

Welcome back to all of our returning families and an especially warm welcome to 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 school activities. These newsletters will regularly be uploaded to SeeSaw, our school communication platform, and will be our way of sharing important information and upcoming events with you. Assemblies will take place every Monday afternoon from 3pm under our COLA (covered outdoor learning area). We 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 come to the school office 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 School 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 for \$10 or from any department stores.

### COVID Update

We know that there is still Covid circulating in the community and there was a spike in infections over the recent holiday period. For the health and well-being of everyone, please keep your children at home if they are unwell and let us know if they test positive for Covid. We will continue to be using air purifiers in all learning areas this year and while the weather is fine, utilising our wonderful outdoor spaces as much as possible. Unlike in previous years, we have not yet been provided with free RAT's, however I have been told that they are available from local libraries.

### 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

Yesterday and today was a great start to the year, with most students being at school by 9am. Well done! Thank you to all of those parents and carers who ensure that their children arrive at school, on time every morning.



When children arrive on time they learn routines and the plans for the day, which in turn supports their 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 we have not been given a reason for that absence. This will be done via a text message to you.

### Have you changed your 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**

I am required to remind families 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 asked 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 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). This continues to be significantly less than other local schools. Our 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 2024**

With the well publicised current recruitment stress in schools (and indeed across all industries), we are feeling very fortunate that we have our full compliment of staff to start the school year! There are three learning areas operating across the school this year. Two classes in the 4-6 area, a 4/5 and a 5/6. Two classes in the 2/3 area and two classes in the Prep - 1 area. 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 as they move into secondary school and beyond in the 21st century.

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

**Prep-1 Learning Area**— Jess Adams, Sally Fowler and Chloe Upton with support from Annalise Richards, Nora Bashir and Caity Buckingham

**2-3 Learning Area**— Kaytlin Beattie and Rachael Brazzale with support from Winter Dunstone, Ella Hughes and Berhane Lewis

**4-6 Learning Area**— Cameron Wood and Meghan Hatherall with support from Anne Argiriou and Bethany Robertson

The following specialist programs will run across the school. Meredith Dufour will be teaching Art and Story Hubs, Justin Murphy will be teaching Physical Education and the Out & About program. A timetable of your child's week will be provided soon. Auslan & science will be taught across learning areas by class teachers.

Jane Spiers is our business manager. Ellie Bradbeer is our mental health and wellbeing leader and Vanessa Basilone, our speech pathologist.

Khadra Omar, Cath Healy and Marie Holmes are parent & community engagement coordinators for Ourplace.

Lauren Keim is the Assistant Principal. Lauren and I will continue to work together as a committed and united leadership team. This year I am working Tuesdays—Fridays. Lauren will be acting principal on Mondays. Alongside all of the dedicated and skilled teaching and support staff here, we will be working hard to make sure that your children are safe, happy and learning to the very best of their abilities throughout the coming year.

Please feel free to come and see us if you have any concerns or issues at all throughout the year.

We look forward to sharing a great year with you and your children in 2024!

Warm Regards

Julie Large