



Carlton Primary School Newsletter

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Supporting children and their families to succeed in life



Term One 2024
Newsletter #3

Dates to Remember

Wednesdays

No school for Prep students on Wednesdays until after Labour Day

Tuesday February 27th

School Council Meeting—
3.30pm

(Last meeting of the existing council)

Wednesday February 28th

Parent/teacher meetings
2pm-7.30pm

Monday March 11th

Labour Day—public holiday

No school

Tuesday March 26th

School Council Meeting—
3.30pm

(First meeting of the new council)

Thursday March 28th

Last day of term 1

2.15pm finish

Monday April 15th

First day of term 2

Thursday April 25th

ANZAC Day public holiday—
no school

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.

Showing respect and kindness to all



Our school rules, or “3B’s” as we call them, are *Be Safe, Be a Learner and Be Respectful*. We have school rules for a very important reason, they aren’t just to put up around the school and display on our website – they provide clear guidance for the expected behaviours that we value as a school community. We are a diverse school here at Carlton PS and we embrace this diversity through our different religious, cultural and social backgrounds, our gender and sexual orientations, age and abilities. The majority of the time our children play safely and respectfully at school. But, on occasions, we experience some actions and choices that are unkind or unsafe. At a school level, we make it clear that these behaviours are not how we behave and teach children appropriate alternative behaviours. It is important that messages about respect for others is consistent between school and home. Showing respect and kindness helps us better understand the similarities between us all, rather than our differences. I am proud to lead a school that has a strong emphasis on kindness and respect. I know this will support your children to enjoy positive, healthy relationships into adolescence and adulthood.

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 in recent weeks.

Suhaam - 5/6

Aaliyah — Grade 4/5

Ridwan & Ibsa— Grade 2/3

Preshita & Zakai— Prep/1

School Council Nominations

Congratulations and thank you to Viv Miller (mother of Lawrie) and Rung Rowley (father of Cherry), who have both nominated for School Council this year.

They will join me, Meg Hatherell, Marie Holmes, our co opted member, and our current parent nominees, Thi Thuy Nhan (mother of Kemmi & Phu) and Priya Singh (mother of Pranay) in making up our school council for 2024.

It is only through the generous offering of time by family members, school staff, and community members, that the school council can perform the important job that it does in supporting the effective running of our school. I would like to thank all of the above mentioned people on behalf of the whole school community.

Regards,

Julie Large

Principal

MOBILE PHONES – STUDENT USE

CARLTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

PURPOSE

To explain to our school community the Department's and Carlton Primary School's policy requirements and expectations relating to students using mobile phones and other personal mobile devices during school hours.

SCOPE

This policy applies to:

- All students at Carlton Primary School and,
- Students' personal mobile phones and other personal mobile devices brought onto school premises during school hours, including recess and lunchtime.

DEFINITIONS

A mobile phone is a telephone with access to a cellular (telecommunication) system, with or without a physical connection to a network. For the purpose of this policy, "mobile phone" refers to mobile phones and any device that may connect to or have a similar functionality to a mobile phone such as smart watches.

POLICY

Carlton Primary School understands that students may bring a personal mobile phone to school, particularly if they are travelling independently to and from school.

At Carlton Primary School:

Students who choose to bring mobile phones to school must have them switched off and securely stored at the general office during school hours

Exceptions to this policy may be applied if certain conditions are met (see below for further information)

When emergencies occur, parents or carers should reach their child by calling the school's office.

Personal mobile phone use

In accordance with the Department's [Mobile Phones — Student Use Policy](#) issued by the Minister for Education, personal mobile phones must not be used at Carlton Primary School during school hours, including lunchtime and recess, unless an exception has been granted.

Where a student has been granted an exception, the student must use their mobile phone for the purpose for which the exception was granted, and in a safe, ethical and responsible manner.

Secure storage

Mobile devices owned by students at Carlton Primary School are considered valuable items and are brought to school at the owner's (student's or parent/carer's) risk. Students are encouraged not to bring a mobile phone to school unless there is a compelling reason to do so. Please note that Carlton Primary School does not have accident insurance for accidental property damage or theft. Students and their parents/carers are encouraged to obtain appropriate insurance for valuable items. Refer to the Carlton Primary School's Personal Property Policy and the Department's [Claims for Property Damage and Medical Expenses policy](#).

Where students bring a mobile phone to school, Carlton Primary School will provide secure storage. Secure storage is storage that cannot be readily accessed by those without permission to do so. At Carlton Primary School students are required to hand their phone into the school administration office to be placed in a locked safe.

Enforcement

Students who use their personal mobile phones inappropriately at Carlton Primary School may be issued with consequences consistent with our school's existing student engagement policies, such as *Student Wellbeing and Engagement* and *Bullying* policies.

At Carlton Primary School inappropriate use of mobile phones is **any use during school hours**, unless an exception has been granted, and particularly use of a mobile phone:

- in any way that disrupts the learning of others
- to send inappropriate, harassing or threatening messages or phone calls
- to engage in inappropriate social media use including cyber bullying
- to capture video or images of people, including students, teachers and members of the school community without their permission
- to capture video or images in the school toilets, changing rooms, swimming pools and gyms
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Exceptions

Exceptions to the policy:

may be applied during school hours if certain conditions are met, specifically,

- Health and wellbeing-related exceptions; and
- Exceptions related to managing risk when students are offsite.

can be granted by the principal, or by the teacher for that class, in accordance with the Department's Mobile Phones — Student Use Policy.

The three categories of exceptions allowed under the Department's Mobile Phones — Student Use Policy are:

- 1. Learning-related exceptions**
- 2. Health and wellbeing-related exceptions**
- 3. Exceptions related to managing risk when students are offsite**

Where an exception is granted, the student can only use the mobile phone for the purpose for which it was granted.

Exclusions

This policy does not apply to

- Out-of-school-hours events
- Travelling to and from school