



# 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 Two 2024  
Newsletter #8

## Dates to Remember

### Wednesday June 26th

*Understanding student reports.*

Parent & carer information session

9-9.45pm—Art room

### Friday June 28th

Last day of term two

**2.15 finish**

### Monday July 15th

First day of term three—

**Pupil free**

### Tuesday July 16th

Term 3 starts for students

### Tuesday July 30th

School Council 3.30pm

### Wednesday July 31st

Student led conferences

2-7pm

**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.

## Teaching literacy at CPS

You may have seen in the media in recent weeks, news of the mandating of the daily teaching of phonics from Prep to grade 2, across all Victorian government schools. This mandate comes into effect next year. We think this is great news and will not need to adjust our literacy program, as here at Carlton PS, we have been using this method since 2020. Over this time, under the guidance of our speech pathologist, Vanessa, staff have built their understanding of an evidence based, systematic phonics program and this is in place across all of our early years classrooms. Our improving school wide literacy data supports our early uptake of this method. In many ways we have been “ahead of the game” in acknowledging that this approach in the early years will give children the best foundation for future literacy competence and set them up well to become confident learners. At our student led conferences early next term, teachers will be able to answer any questions that you may have about our phonics program or any other aspects of our comprehensive curriculum.

## 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.

Siham - 5/6

Abdulbasit— Grade 4/5

Cherry & Pranay— Grade 2/3

Zahra & Abdul, Juan Martin - Prep/1

As we finish up a busy term, I want to acknowledge the resilience and flexibility of all of our staff here to step up, cover classes, change roles and be constantly adaptive to whatever challenges has come our way over this first half of 2024. It is what makes Carlton Primary such a great school to lead. Thankyou to a great team!



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## **A safe, respectful and inclusive school**

I have spoken before through the newsletter about how, as a school community, we strive to foster a diverse and inclusive environment where everyone, regardless of their background or identity, feels valued and supported.

How at Carlton Primary School and Carlton Learning Precinct, every person should be treated with respect, kindness, and acceptance. This includes lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans and gender diverse, intersex, queer, questioning and asexual (LGBTIQA+) students and staff.

## **An environment where all can thrive**

The reasons for being inclusive go beyond legal requirements. We know that having an inclusive school allows students and staff to thrive and do their best work. This is why we have made a conscious effort to create a welcoming and supportive environment. Parents and carers can create a positive and respectful environment for learning and work by treating all students, staff and other members of the school community with respect.

We believe that it is important to teach our students about acceptance, respect and inclusivity. By doing so, we are not only creating a safe and supportive environment now, but also preparing students to thrive in a diverse global society.

## **Zero tolerance for discrimination, harassment and bullying**

The Department of Education and all Victorian government schools are committed to creating safe, respectful and inclusive places of learning and work.

The Child Safe Standards and the department's equal opportunity and anti-discrimination policy (for students and employees) and the law mandate that schools must provide a safe and inclusive environment for all.

We have zero tolerance for discrimination, harassment and bullying **of any kind** at our school. We are committed to respecting the uniqueness of each individual, regardless of their gender identity, sexuality, background or their religious beliefs.

We appreciate the ongoing support of everyone in our school community as we continuously work to ensure a safe, respectful and inclusive school.

## **Reminder**

The last day of this term for students is this Friday **June 28th** at 2.15pm and the new term starts for students on **Tuesday** July 16th. Monday July 15th is a pupil free day.

Enjoy the coming break, whatever your family is planning, and keep warm!

Regards,

Julie Large  
Co principal

