Dear Parents and Carers

Today all the children in the school had the pleasure of experiencing the Camp Quality Puppets. This fantastic group of performers provide free shows to entertain and educate everyone about how schools and the community can help students and families who may be dealing with serious illness such as cancer.

Currently there are two students from Carlton PS who are dealing with illnesses that require long periods of hospitalisation and ongoing treatment. Obviously this affects their schooling quite a bit as well as putting enormous pressure on everyone in the families. Today’s shows highlighted for the children some great ways to support the kids when they return to school later this year, particularly as they have to deal with issues such as looking different, possible hair loss and not being able to do everything as before.

It’s a great topic to share with your children at some stage. Our Kidsmatters work this semester is focusing on ‘social and emotional wellbeing’ which is a fancy term for understanding how we feel and how we deal with the challenges that come our way every day. Each class will be doing a number of fun, literature based lessons about this topic from the start of Term 2. I’m sure you will be asked to share in the discussions that these lessons will generate.

Due to copyright I was not able to take pictures of the puppets to show you how much fun it was. I do want to thank Camp Quality and the Sydney Children’s Hospital for arranging today’s visit and for the support they are providing to the families involved.

Congratulations

- And a big thank you to all the Year 6 Students who have done an outstanding job as caring buddies for the new kindergarten children in the first four weeks of school. They all celebrated with a pizza party last Friday to end the program for the term but many are still connecting every day to help their new friends adjust to school well.
**Important Reminders**

- **All band members** are reminded that the Thursday morning tutorial sessions commence at 8.00 am. This means you need to be here at 7.50 am to get set up and be ready to start on time. We need to get the best value from this experience and this means everybody concerned doing their bit to start on time.

- **The P & C Uniform Shop Survey** can still be returned to the collection box in the office. The decision about its future will be made at the next meeting of the P & C on March 12, 2013.

- **Kindergarten classes finish at 3pm from Monday**

**Regards**

Steve Cooper
Principal

**Impetigo**

Please be advised that we have had two reported cases of Impetigo this term. This is a highly contagious disease and requires medical treatment and absence from school. The link below provides more details about this condition. [http://ideas.health.vic.gov.au/bluebook/impetigo-info.asp](http://ideas.health.vic.gov.au/bluebook/impetigo-info.asp)

**P&C News**

**Easter Mufti Day**

On Wednesday, 13 March there will be a Mufti Day held at school. The P&C are asking that in exchange for coming out of uniform the children donate Easter Eggs or chocolates or something with an Easter theme. At the moment there are many gifts available in discount shops that would be suitable. Please consider giving eggs that are nut free if possible and something that you would be happy to receive back in a prize. The donation will be used to make up prizes for our Easter Guessing Competition - details of which you will receive shortly. Last year we had over 50 prizes and the winners mostly were children attending Carlton PS. Also if you have any baskets or the colourful boxes that are used for flower arrangements the P&C would like to take them off your hands to package up the Easter Guessing Competition prizes. If you have any of these at home, and they are in good condition, please send them in on the Mufti Day.

**Future of Uniform Shop**

Everyone will have received a survey this week seeking your view on how uniforms will be purchased from 2014 onwards. We have had a reasonable response rate but need everyone to fill in a survey so the decisions made at the March P&C meeting accurately reflect the views of the whole school community.

The P&C hope all the respondents who are keen for the P&C to continue to operate the uniform shop as it currently operates are equally as keen to volunteer to operate the uniform shop, if that is the most popular option. A supervisor will also be needed who will have the responsibility of ordering stock, preparing accounts, banking funds etc. etc. A final decision will be made about this issue at the P & C Meeting on 12 March, 2013. This is your chance to have a say. Responses are due back to school by 4 March, 2013.

**The Annual General Meeting**

The Annual General Meeting will be held on 12 March, 2013 at 7.30pm. All positions on the P&C will become vacant at this meeting and will then be filled by nomination, and where necessary a ballot of members. All nominees must be financial members of the association. Fees (the astronomical amount of 50c) will be due on the night to enable members to vote at the AGM and future P&C meetings. If you are interested in any of the positions on the P&C please see the Principal, Mr Steve Cooper, or one of the current P&C office-bearers for more information.
As always parents are encouraged to make contact with the P&C through our email address carltonpandc@gmail.com

School Banking
This week we registered our 200th school banker. What a great community effort! It would be great to reach 300 bankers in the next year. Kindergarten students and Years 4, 5 and 6 will have received an information pack about school banking. This has a new redemption sheet for existing bankers and explains how to open an account for your child if you wish to start school banking. Please remember that gold tokens are a souvenir only, and are given as part of the reward for collecting 10 silver tokens. They can't be used to redeem rewards.

We still need helpers to assist with school banking. If you are interested and have a couple of hours free on a Tuesday morning please leave your details at the office and a School Banking Coordinator will make contact with you.

This Week 2/3M and 4/5SP received the Classroom Achievement Award for having 10 students banking on Tuesday. Congratulations to both those classes.

The random draw for February took place on Tuesday. The winner is Alonzo N from 3T. Alonzo will receive his reward at the primary assembly this week. The next draw will take place in March. Make sure your child banks every week so they have the best chance of winning a monthly prize.

Congratulations to our Assembly award recipients

KM- Andrea S; Gabriel S  
KJ- Zoe W; Caleb T  
KF- Risheeta T; Gabriel N

KH- Alex Z; Larah V  
KS- Ana R; Arnes A  
KIB- Lilly J; Zack G

1T- Jason M; Kayla T  
1M- Nicol L; Kishan S  
1K- Peter T; Christie L

1D- Montana D; Medwin Z  
1C- Ayah J; Dominik M  
1S- Amelia E; Orin K

2J- Lara E; Matthew L  
2K- Katherine C; John L  
2P- Shanaya T; Dion B

2A- Tisha C; Ian H  
2D- Amelia L; Janet L  
2/3M- Jeremy W; Vanessa N

3B- Jeremy S; Eloise C; Roha T; Daniel M  
3AK- Maria G; Raiyan K

3J- Brandon M; Drishya T  
3T- Ali F; Jennifer Z  
4J- Deena L; Christian J

4G- Alyssa P; Andrew M  
4C- John P; Aiko C  
4A- Aaliyah S; Tamara M

4/5SP- Thomas H; Jade H  
5C- Ali J; Kayla C  
5NH- Ana V; Anthony V

5T- Ann Y; Thomas K  
5/6F- Veronica L; Angela D  
6H- Jazmin C; Samuel S

Clean Up Australia Day
It's time again for the Carlton community to roll up their sleeves and clean up our world. The children in our school will be given a chance to be part of this fantastic event by working together to make our school squeaky clean.

We will be cleaning the school at various times tomorrow, Friday 1 March. The sessions and cleaning locations for each stage will be as follows:

Kindergarten- Middle Session (Area 1 and Area 2)
Stage One- Middle Session (Games Court and Grass Area)
Stage Two- 10.00- 11.00 (Inside Gardens and Around Buildings)
Stage Three- 9.00- 10.00 (Exterior Gardens and fences)

Some children will miss this activity because of their commitments with PSSA but we would encourage them to leave their PSSA area as clean as or cleaner than they left it!

Rubbish bags will be provided to class teachers and children should bring some gardening gloves. Parents are also welcome to assist us if they would like.

Thanks everyone, Jenny M
Meet the Language teachers information session and morning tea at Carlton Public School

Arabic Language Class
All languages including Arabic language have started in week two of this term and all students are settling well in their language classes. Students of Early Stage One are learning “This Is Me”, Stage One are learning “What’s For Lunch” and Stage two are learning “Australia Standing On It; Australian Animals”.

The following suggestions are ways you can improve Arabic learning for your children in their home environment.

- Speak Arabic at home and encourage your kids to speak in full Arabic sentences, rather than speaking with a mixture of Arabic and English. Students learn a second language easier when they have a strong foundation in their first language.
- Read Arabic books to your kids regularly.
- Play Arabic games eg: I Spy and Names, Animals, fruit and vegetables that start in the same letter.
- Keep checking the Arabic Blog for Arabic games and some websites to logon.
- Download some free Arabic games Apps on the Ipad by going to Appstore and search for Arabic games for kids.

E. Sabra
We had a wonderful time at our Kindergarten and Year 6 Buddy Party.
Dear Parents and Caregivers,

My name is Diane Uzunovska and I am a year 1 classroom teacher at Carlton Public School. On Saturday 23 and Sunday 24 March I am helping to raise money for Camp Quality by walking in the 2013 Great Illawarra Walk because I believe in making a positive difference!

As I take part in this journey I would like to request you consider making a donation, no matter how big or small to also support this great cause.

Each year the donations of sponsors help towards making a positive difference in the lives of kids living with cancer and their families.

Making a donation is easy, tax-deductible for donations of $2 or more and only takes a couple of minutes.

An online receipt will be issued by Camp Quality when your online donation is finalised.

All donations can be made directly via: http://www.mycampquality.org.au/kidsareleaders

Thank you in advance for your kind support and time.

“LAUGHTER IS THE BEST MEDICINE”.

Kindest regards
Miss Diane Uzunovska

A photo of our Age champions from our Swimming Carnival and the winning House Captains and vice Captains of the Green House

Newtown High School of performing Arts
Entry of students Year 7, 2014 Dance, Drama and Music Selection Procedures:

Students currently in Year 6 enrolled in a public or non-government schools who are seeking entrance into Year 7 in 2014 in Dance, Drama or Music at Newtown High School of Performing Arts must participate in audition workshops. Audition dates are Friday 21 June - Thursday 27 June. Initial registration for an audition is required online via their website:

www.nhsps.nsw.edu.au
Do you want a copy of the school newsletter sent home with your child each week? Please complete the form below with the eldest child’s name and class.

Child’s Name: ____________________________  Class: ______________

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| K - 2 Assembly 2.00pm |  |
| **Tue 12** | **Tue 19** |
| School Banking 9:00am | School Photos - Day 1 |
| **Wed 13** | **Wed 20** |
| Mufti Day | School Photos - Day 2 |
| **Thu 14** | **Thu 21** |
| Selective High School Test | Harmony Day |
| **Fri 15** | **Fri 22** |
| Yr 3 - 6 Assembly 11.30am | No PSSA |

| **Week 9 - 25 March - 29 March** | **Week 10 - 1 April - 5 April** |
|**Mon 25** | **Mon 1** |
| Year 5 IMAX /Observatory Hill Excursion | Easter Monday – Public Holiday |
| Young Leaders Day Excursion |  |
| K - 2 Assembly 2.00pm |  |
| **Tue 26** | **Tue 2** |
| School Banking 9:00am | School Banking 9:00am |
| Stage 1 2 Soccer Day |  |
| **Wed 27** | **Wed 3** |
| Stage 3 Soccer Day | Brad McKay Shield Y3-6 |
| **Thu 28** | **Thu 4** |
| Pedlars Parade |  |
| **Fri 29** | **Fri 22** |
| Good Friday – Public Holiday | No PSSA |

| **Week 11 - 8 April - 12 April** |  |
|**Mon 8** | **Mon 11** |
| Year 6 IMAX /Observatory Hill Excursion |  |
| **Tue 9** | **Tue 12** |
| School Banking 9:00am |  |

**Term 2 commences for all students on Wednesday 1 May 2013**

**Term 2 commences for all staff on Monday 29 April and Tuesday 30 April 2013**

These are School Development Days

| **Fri 12** | **Fri 15** |
| Last Day of Term 1 | Winter PSSA Season start |
Help your child ACHIEVE!

One way to help your child achieve at school is to work together with your child’s teacher. The parent-teacher partnership takes work from both sides to become a reality. Here are some ideas that will help.

- **Know what your child’s teacher is trying to achieve.** Like children, every teacher is different with their own specific expectations, goals and interests. Get to know your child’s teacher and gain an understanding of their approach and aspirations for your child’s class.

- **Keep your expectations reasonable and positive.** If your expectations are too high they may give up. Too low and they may meet them! The trick is to keep your aspirations for your child in line with their ability and their interests. Also be realistic about what your child’s school can deliver. Sometimes our expectations of schools are not in line with their capabilities or their roles.

- **Support your teacher’s expectations & activities at home.** One practical way of supporting your child is to take a real interest in their home-based learning tasks and follow the guidelines laid out by teachers.

- **Send kids to school ready to learn and on time.** Maximise your child’s chances of success by sending them to school in a good frame of mind, with plenty of sleep and a good breakfast. Also make sure they get to school on time. It’s estimated that many kids miss up to two weeks of school every year when they are routinely late by just five minutes a day.

- **Inform teachers of your child’s challenges and changes.** Life’s not always smooth sailing for kids. Family circumstances can alter, friends move away, illness happens. These changes affect learning. Make sure you keep your child’s teacher up-to-date with significant changes or difficulties your child experiences, so he or she can accommodate their emotional and learning needs at school.

- **Skill children to work with others.** Schools are social places requiring children to work and play with each other much of the time. Teaching manners to kids, as well as encouraging them to share their time, space and things with others are practical ways to help kids with their social skills. Talk through any social challenges they may have, helping them develop their own strategies to get on with others.

- **Respectfully seek joint solutions to problems and difficulties.** Resist the temptation to solve all your child’s problems or think you have the only solution. Most learning and social problems can be resolved when teachers and parents work together in the best interests of the child.

- **Participate fully in class & school activities.** There is a huge body of research that points to the correlation between parent involvement in a child’s schooling and their educational success. Quite simply, if you want your child to improve his learning then take an interest in his learning, attend as many school functions as you can, and follow the lead provided by your child’s teacher. This simple strategy will have a massive, long-term impact.

- **Trust your teacher’s knowledge, professionalism and experience.** Your child’s teachers are your greatest allies. Their training, their experience around kids and their objective professionalism puts them in a strong position to make judgement calls about your child.

- **Talk up what happens at school.** Your child will take their cues from you about how they see their school. If you want your child to value learning, and enjoy their time at school then you need to support your school and make sure he or she hears positive messages about learning, teachers and the school itself. You can set a strong educational agenda at home by talking up your school.

This type of 10 point plan is easy to read but hard to put into practice, particularly when you get busy or your child has significant difficulties. Choose two or three ideas from this list to really focus on in the coming year and you’ll find that the rest will fall into place. Good luck and nurture the partnerships you have with your child’s teachers.