Dear Parents and Carers

Today's newsletter will have been published prior to today's annual Pedlar's Parade, but I'm sure that with the fine weather and the organisation and support by staff and parents it will again be a great event with the colour, fun and excitement shared by everyone involved. I'm sure we'll be able to report on a successful day and publish lots of photos in the next newsletter.

While this week is a short school week because of the Easter break starting today, it has been one of our busiest this term with more than half of our students going out of the school to enjoy and learn from excursions or sport events. The Year 6 excursion to the Young Leaders Day, the Year 5 trip to the Imax Theatre & the Sydney Observatory, the Stage 2 excursion to the Royal Easter Show and the Stage 1-3 Soccer Gala Days proved to be very popular and successful. I am very grateful to the many teachers who efficiently organised all aspects of these events. They all take many hours to coordinate, but a successful event will mean that the children recall the atmosphere and detail of these significant events long after they occur. My thanks to the many parents who supported the events through early starts, late pick-ups or as parent helpers and enthusiastic spectators. Thank You!

ANZAC Day Service & K-6 Assembly

ANZAC Day falls in the school vacation period this year. The school will conduct its annual service on Friday 12 April as part of the end of term, K-6 Assembly starting at 11.30am on that day. Parents and other family members are invited to join us for this special event.

Vacation Arrangements (Repeat)

The end of Term One vacation dates and arrangements vary with the early occurrence of Easter in 2013. The Easter break will be a four day long weekend including Good Friday 29 March and Easter Monday 1 April.

All children are expected back at school on Tuesday 2 April. The last school day for Term 1 is Friday 12 April. A Whole School (K-6) Assembly will be held at 11.30am on this day and will include our annual, school ANZAC Service. Parents are invited to be part of this important service and assembly.
The staff will return to school for Term 2 on Monday 29 April. This day and the following one, Tuesday 30 April are designated as School Development Days to be used for staff training as part of the introduction of the new NSW English Syllabus for the Australian Curriculum.

The first day of Term 2 for all students will be Wednesday 1 May

Congratulations!

- To every child who participated enthusiastically in all the excursions and sport activities held this week. The cooperation, behaviour and high level of participation made the events very successful social.

Important Reminders

- The new PSSA season commences next Friday 5 April. The sports are Rugby League, Oz Tag, Soccer and Netball. The Term 2 Tennis and Gymnastics groups will also commence on this day. All students involved will have notified by coaches and coordinating teachers about their participation and commitments to these

- The Stage 1 & 2 Dance 2 B Fit payments for Term 2 need to be finalised by Wednesday 10 April

Best wishes to all our families for a very enjoyable and relaxed Easter break!

Regards
Steve Cooper
Principal

P&C News

P&C Meeting
Our next meeting will be held on Wednesday 10 April at 9.15am. We are going to trial holding every second meeting during the day to enable more parents to be involved in P&C activities. One of the topics for discussion will be the ‘Mothers Matter’ breakfast. If you have ideas about fun activities we could have on the morning please come along. The meeting will be held in the staffroom so come and enjoy a cup of tea while talking about a range of issues concerning your children.

The Easter Guessing Competition
What a great success the Easter Guessing Competition was this year. There were over 70 prizes so some families will be enjoying lots of chocolate over the Easter break! Thank you to Lauren Castan for wrapping many of the prizes over the last two weeks and Naglaa Abdelfattah and Carolyne Farrell for collecting the eggs on mufti day.

Mothers Matter Breakfast
The ‘Mothers Matter’ breakfast, to celebrate Mothers’ Day will be held on Wednesday 8 May before school. Please keep this morning free so you can enjoy lots of fun activities with your children. A note will be sent out before the school holidays asking for volunteers to assist with the breakfast and activities.

As always parents are encouraged to make contact with the P&C through our email address carltonpandc@gmail.com
School Banking

Rewards
If your child doesn’t have a new redemption card for 2013 rewards, please ask your child’s teacher or put a note in their school banking wallet.
At the moment, children can still claim some rewards from last year’s reward program, including the pen pod, USB, book-light, lunch box and drink bottle. These will be available until the end of Term 1. Watches are no longer available.

Deposit Slips
Just a request from the school banking volunteers: Please make sure the student number is written on the deposit slip if it is known. Also it would help with processing deposits, if only the deposit slip for the day of school banking was filled out. It is tempting to fill out a number of slips for the coming weeks but with so many bankers it is confusing when processing the deposits.

Classroom Achievement Award
Congratulations to 4/5SP who have received the Classroom Achievement Award.

New Competition

We’ve got great news. The Dollarmites have found treasure on Savings Adventure Island and they want to share it with the students and our school. Our school can win $5,000!
All the students need to do is make three or more deposits through school banking during Term 2, and they’re automatically entered into the competition. Each student who enters will give our school a greater chance of winning, so make sure you get saving! Information will be given to students who participate in school banking early next term.

Congratulations to our Assembly award recipients

KM- Rina Z; Viktor N
KJ- Fatima M; Chimnoy G
K- Fatemah A; Adam E
KH- Emilia C; Kareem S
KS- Abigail V; Maxim H
KIB- Joshua H; Fatma K
1S- Angelo G; Katie N
1C- Eugene S; Soumaya K
1D- Nicole Y; Dylan C
1K- Sofia C; Meiyi W
1M- Selina C; Johnson T
1T- Daniel A; Imogen D
2K- Maya C; Eric Y
2J- Sylvia V; Matthew
2P- Matthew C; Tiana T
2A- Alia M; Max K
2D- Gabriella N; Isabella F
2/3M- Hussein J; Sean W
3B- Simone C; Oliver P
3AK- Hannah A; Elvan M
3J- Caitlin S; Emmanuel M
3T- Anton L; Sarah K
4J- Anna G; Billy P
4G- John T; Sara E
4C- Violeta S; Daniel R
4A- Christina C; Patrick S
4/5SP- Caitlin S; Igor M
5C- Alex H; Heba C
5NH- Jinan T; Deheraj P
5T- Alex S; Brittany C
5/6F- Caitlin L; Gordon Y
6H- Brianna P; Jason T
6KM- Brian S; Filip T
6S- Jessica R; Jason D
Stage 2 Excursion to the Royal Easter Show
Woolworths Earn and Learn Points

Once again Woolworths is running its Earn and Learn points program where shoppers receive 1 point for every $10 they spend at a Woolworths store. It starts on Monday 8 April and runs to Sunday 9 June. Last year, we earned 87 440 Woolworths points from which we received $7560.90 worth of equipment. This year we would like to see Stage 1 classes get KNEX construction sets similar to those received by Stages 2 and 3 last year. We would also like to get some electricity kits for Stage 2 and 3. So thank you to those who helped earn points last year and we are looking forward to another fantastic year earning even more points this year.

Mr Clark

Parent Helpers Needed

Being Excited About Reading (B.E.A.R) Tutor Program

We are desperately seeking your help. We need parent tutors in order to begin our program.

Description: This 10 week program is aimed at accelerating the reading skills of Year 1 students who do not have access to Reading Recovery or other learning support. The school provides all training and materials to support this wonderful program.

This project involves:

- a two hour parent training session to equip you to assist students with their reading skills
- you committing to a minimum of three half hour sessions a week helping Year 1 students develop their reading skills

If you are interested in becoming a B.E.A.R tutor please return the slip below to Mrs Mateski by Friday 29 March.

Please contact Mrs Mateski, Mrs Cantor or Ms Beacham for further information on 9587 3717.

Stage 1 Soccer Gala Day
On Monday 25 March 2013, the year 6 leaders and 4 selected year 5 students of Carlton attended the National Young Leaders Day. Around 6,000 students and their teachers attended and it was a truly remarkable occasion. We listened to five inspirational speakers. They talked about their life, their achievements, their failures, but most importantly, the qualities of leadership.

Megan Dredge was the host. She welcomed us and introduced the first speaker. Mike Martin was the first speaker. He was friendly and had a good sense of humour, which made the audience intrigued. This is an example of the one thing Mike was certain was a leadership quality. Influence. Mike believed that when being a leader, someone is watching you, someone is waiting for your opinion. “You have to be like Matt Preston” said Mike. You have to have your own opinion and influence others. It was a great way to start off the day.

Creel Price was the next speaker. I found Creel amazing; not only because of his perilous journeys, but that he had opened more than 15 businesses before he left school. He told us about many qualities, but one in particular was confidence. Creel told us how he climbed up a monstrous mountain in India. He was getting quite sick, but he had a goal, and he had confidence, and he finally made it to the top.

Next it was Brett Lee, not the cricketer, but a cyber-safety detective. I found Brett quite enjoyable to watch. He mainly talked about making good decisions in the cyber world, as you would in the real world. He talked about his journey to Iraq and how fortunate we are. “Some of my students had never attended school, but you go there every day. You learn how to be polite, how to write, how to get into two straight lines!” remarked Brett. These are the qualities that you can then use on the cyber world. By being a leader in the world, you can be a leader in the cyber world. “The internet can never hurt anyone, it’s what you do with it.”

The next speaker was my favourite. 18 year old Jess Fox, Olympic silver medallist kayaker, was a true leader. Jess talking about having a dream. Her dream was to go to the Olympics, whilst study for the HSC. She wrote on two pieces of paper, Olympics and 97.8 (the score she wanted to get for the HSC) and Jess was fortunate to receive both of these. However, it took a lot of hard work, but she taught an important lesson of commitment. Jess received a mark of 99.1 in her HSC and received a silver medal at the Olympics. Jess was truly an inspirational speaker and showed a true leader.

The last speaker was Nathan Hindmarsh. Nathan was a NRL legend and played for Parramatta Eels. Nathan talked about commitment through his sporting journey. He had a goal, and he stuck with it. The main thing he said was: “the road will be bumpy, but the leaders can pick themselves up, and keep going.”

Overall, the 2013 National Young Leaders was amazing and it really taught the young leaders the true meaning of leadership. They also left an important message, “if you want to achieve a goal, you can. You never say ‘can’t’.”

By Jenna (school captain), Jacinta D (Term 1 prefect), Veronica L, and Natalie H
Library Winners!

There was so much excitement in our School Library today! Weeks of anticipation have led to this, with all classes trying hard to win our Library Gold trophy. Loud cheers could be heard as KJ proudly entered the Library with beaming smiles upon their faces. Look at the photo and you will see KJ students delight at being the first class in the whole school to successfully have every student bring a Library bag and borrow a book. Well done to Mrs Johnstone and KJ for being the first class to win the trophy this year. Well done also to 30 other classes in our school who have been 1 or 2 students away from perfection.

2013 Entertainment Book

Each year parents are offered the option of buying an Entertainment Discount Book. This book is full of discount vouchers to be used in the Sydney region. All the great discounts of past years plus many extras are in the book. The cost is $65 per book and the school receives $13 for each book sold. Extra vouchers to the value of $180 will be given if your order is received before April 8, 2013. There is an option to pay on line, by credit card or cash. Forms will be sent home after Easter.

Term 1 Calendar 2013

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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
An evening with...
Galvin Scott Davis
On children and bullying

Galvin’s book Donelton was written in response to his son being bullied. Donelton tells the story of Benjamin Brewster, who hates going to school because he’s being picked on. Blowing on a dandelion, Benjamin wishes for better things. Although he doesn’t confront his tormentors, he does overcome his fears, realising that it is his imagination that makes him strong.

Donelton first appeared as an app and will be released as an e-book on 15 March, the National Day of Action Against Bullying. It will be released in hardcover on 1 April.

Donelton acts as a jump-off point for parents and teachers to discuss bullying. Come and hear Galvin talk about his book and his experience.

KOGARAH LIBRARY
Tuesday 30 April
7pm

BOOKINGS
Online:
www.kogarahlibrary.eventbrite.com.au
or 9330 9528
All events at Kogarah libraries are free.

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READERS & WRITERS
On children and bullying

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Treehouse Book Club

A fun book club for kids
Kindy - Year 2

at Kogarah Library
Thursdays 4 - 5pm
(in school terms)

www.kogarah.nsw.gov.au
Your Child...

a Q & A evening with child development experts

Meet specialised professionals...

- Dr Ana Dosen (Paediatrician)
  (Allergies - Specialist Interest)
- Sonia Bestulic (Speech Pathologist)
- Briget Gurton (Psychologist)
- Janine Painter
  (Occupational Therapist)

♦ Attendees have the opportunity to ask questions and open group discussion
♦ Time is provided for individual discussion with professionals

KOGARAH LIBRARY
Tuesday 14 May 6.45 - 8.30pm

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or 9553 1400

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Tuesday 14 May
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Wondering about your child's development? Speak to a

- Paediatrician
- Speech Pathologist
- Psychologist
- Occupational Therapist

Kogarah Library
& Cultural Centre
Kogarah Town Square
Bexley St Kogarah
Tel: 9330 9527
E: koglgh@kogarah.nsw.gov.au
OPEN
Mon-Fri 9.30am to 7pm
Sat 10am - 4pm
Sun 10am to 4pm

Oatley Library
36 Lestoa St
Oatley
Tel: 9579 6353
OPEN
Mon-Fri 10am to 6pm
Sat 10am - 1pm

South Hurstville
Library
Cor Short & Allen St
South Hurstville
Tel: 9330 9529
OPEN
Mon-Fri 10am to 6pm
Sat 10am to 1pm

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Parenting the family underdog

Raising talented kids is relatively easy, but parenting children and young people who struggle can be a significant parenting challenge.

One of the unwritten laws of family life is that talent and ability are unevenly distributed between siblings.

In most families there is one child who seems to have more than his or her fair share of ability. Everything this kid turns their hands to – whether schoolwork, sport or socialising – is done successfully and effortlessly.

If you have such a child then there is a fair bet that another of your children struggles in the same areas. For these children, achieving success takes more effort and concentration than it does for their sibling.

Just as it is easy for parents to marvel at the talented child, it’s frustrating and, at times, heart-breaking to watch another child struggle to attain even mediocre levels of success at school, sport or leisure activities.

It’s harder still when you know that no matter how hard this child tries they just can’t be as successful as their sibling, who continues to get all the glory and accolades from relatives and friends.

As a parent it’s important to be realistic about what each child can achieve. Keep your expectations in line with their ability and maturity, and avoid making comparisons between siblings.

Here are some ideas to keep in mind if you are parenting a child for whom success at school, sport and other common childhood activities just doesn’t come naturally.

1. Be your child’s cheerleader. Kids who have to work really hard to achieve need someone in their lives who is able to boost their self-confidence, particularly when they are struggling. Make a fuss over small successes so they can puff up their chests every now and then.

2. Focus your comments on contribution, improvement and effort. It’s difficult praising kids when the results aren’t there but you can always focus your comments on their contribution to the team. Focus on things improvements shown in reading or the effort they are making at art.

3. Remember that persistence pays. Children who persist learn an important life lesson – that is, success in most endeavours takes effort. Those kids who sail through their childhoods without raising a sweat can struggle when eventually they do have to work long and hard to succeed.

4. Help kids identify their strengths. Kids are like niche marketers – they define themselves by their strengths. “I am a good reader” or “I’m sporty” or “I’m really good at art” are some of the labels kids will use. As they move into adolescence the number of options for success opens up, so help them find one or two areas that they enjoy and can easily achieve success in.

5. Don’t put kids on pedestals. It is difficult living in the shadow of a superstar so avoid making a huge fuss over the achievements of a particular child – it makes life difficult for those who follow. Recognise results but balance that by focusing equally on the efforts of the others as well.

Raising kids who find life a breeze is easy. However, parenting the underdog who takes longer to mature or who must put in 110% effort to achieve is challenging for any parent. It requires parents to focus on kids’ strengths, be liberal with encouragement and have realistic but positive expectations for success.