Relieving Principal’s Report

Dear Parents and Carers,

School is one the first places children create memories of people and events which influence their lives. These memories are shared with friends and families for years to come. School performances are one of the main influences on any student’s life. Everyone sharing those “goosebump” moments when we celebrate the successes of each other are in awe at the talent within the school. The “Off the Shelf” Kidsmatter Concerts have been a tremendous success. Thank you and well done to all the teachers, students and parents for supporting the Creative and Performing Arts in Carlton Public School. The cooperation and enthusiasm was contagious and we all look forward to 2015 for our next concert.

For long term mementoes, the school has photographed and filmed each concert. More information will be provided in next week’s newsletter about ordering photos and the DVD of our “Off the Shelf” Kidsmatter Concerts.

A very big thank you to Gertie and Lyn who run our Uniform Room. They have given the school $20,000 from the profits of the sale of uniforms over the last eighteen months. These lovely ladies have volunteered for many years and do a wonderful job in sourcing uniform suppliers and keeping costs to a minimum.

Important Reminders

Congratulations to:

- All the students who exhibited work in the exhibition at Hazelhurst Gallery, Gymea. Special congratulations to 4A students who won the Committee’s Choice award in the Not Just a Brush Exhibition with their weaving/peacocks.

- Malik in 5NH who competed in AAITF National Taekwondo Championships held in Wagga Wagga. He won a gold medal for sparring and a silver medal in Pattern for his belt & age division. Malik is now the Australian Champion for sparring for his age and weight.

Regards
Leigh Rasmussen
Relieving Principal
Presentation Day Assemblies - Important Information

Notes to parents have been sent home already if their child will be receiving a special award at one of our Presentation Day assemblies.

If your child is in Kindergarten, Year 1 or Year 2, their Presentation Day Assembly is on Wednesday 11 December at 11:45am in the school hall.

If your child is in Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 or Year 6, their Presentation Day Assembly is on Wednesday 11 December at 9:30am in the school hall.

We sincerely apologise if you received a letter giving you the wrong times for these events.

P&C News
School Funding Update

Faced with the massive community outcry over moves to break their Gonski promise, the Government has had to change its tune. After last week’s extraordinary threat to take money out of public schools to spread their schools funding commitment more thinly, Tony Abbott fronted a press conference on Monday with a revised plan on schools funding. The Coalition has now committed $1.2 billion in extra funding for NT, WA and QLD schools over the next four years. It’s a partial reprieve for public schools, but this is far from a national agreement. It’s also not Gonski.

Here are the key issues:

NATIONAL - Six years of Gonski agreements for every state and territory would mean a $10b commitment over the next six years from the Federal Government. A total of $2.8 billion over four years has now been committed.

FOR STATES ALREADY SIGNED - For NSW, VIC, SA, TAS and ACT who already have signed agreements, the Coalition has still only committed one third of the funding set out in their agreements.

So, we’ve made real progress, but we’re not there yet.

Our job? To secure a commitment from the Coalition to honour the full six years of the Gonski agreements already signed, and pursue binding agreements from NT, QLD and WA along similar lines.

Our kids deserve nothing less.

For more information go to http://igiveagonski.com.au

Congratulations!

What a wonderful effort was made by teachers and students in presenting ‘Off The Shelf’ at Carlton. The performances were very entertaining and enjoyed by all who attended. Well done!

School Banking

Important Notice

Last day of banking for 2013 is this coming Tuesday.

REMEMBER TO REDEEM YOUR REWARDS NEXT TUESDAY so your child doesn’t miss out on valuable rewards. Please make sure if your child is due for your tenth silver token on this day you remember to send in your reward redemption slip along with your nine silver tokens. We will then add the tenth token for your deposit on that day and deliver your reward of choice (dependent on availability of stock). Knuckles are currently out of stock but all other rewards are available. If your reward is out of stock on Tuesday you will be asked to redeem another reward. Hopefully our order of knuckles will arrive before the end of term.

Classroom Achievement Award

Congratulations to 2J, 4G and 4/5SP who are winners of the classroom achievement award this week. Only one more week to see which class wins the Semester 2 frequent saver award.

December Random Lucky Draw

The December draw will take place next week. Remember to bank for the last time on Tuesday to be in with a chance to win!
**Class Awards**

4/5SP - Sam C  
5NH - Samantha S; Mahdi H  
5/6F - Angela D; Lachlan L  
6KM - Ronak B; Sardar M  
5C - Natalie S; Ben H  
5T - Milan H; Jad S  
6H - Esraa H; Daniel W  
6S - Zahra Z; Chris R

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**4A’s and 4C’s Walk To Carlton Shops**

by Fatima Abbas 4A

Wow! What a day! All of 4A and 4C lined up to go on the walk. We all were excited.

Firstly our teacher Ms Archer had to mark the roll. We walked along the school’s footpath and crossed the road.

When we got to the shops we had to look for goods and services. We saw lots of shops. I saw a hotel, a dancewear shop and newsagencies.

After that I saw four massage shops, a hair salon, a dry cleaners and a gymnasium.

Then we bought an ice-cream. Mine was a paddle pop.

Lastly we went to the park. I played on the swings and played tips. Then we went back to school.

I had the best day of my life!

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**Sports Presentation Assembly Friday, 13 December, 2013**

A special sports presentation assembly will be held on Friday, 13 December, from 9:00am in the hall. It is an opportunity to recognise Carlton’s sporting achievements for 2013 and for all PSSA team members to receive participation certificates. For each team, one player has been selected to receive the Best & Fairest trophy and one player will receive the Most Improved trophy. Parent invitation letters to those receiving special recognition trophies will be sent by the end of this week. Parents are welcome to attend the assembly and sit on the seats behind Year 6 students under the COLA area. Thank you for your cooperation and encouragement with school sport.

Mrs Hanley
Christmas Giving Tree & Food Collection

As you know, Christmas is coming soon. It is tradition at our school to have a special Christmas Tree in the school office foyer. The reason our tree is “SPECIAL”, is because we put presents under the tree for others who may not be able to have the Christmas they would like, because of their financial and family situations. We ask that all children look at home for toys they no longer play with—which are still in very good condition. Perhaps they could buy a new toy with their pocket money for these needy children.

The gift should be wrapped in Christmas paper and labeled “boy” or “girl” and the age of the child it would be suitable for. We are also asking for donations of tinned and nonperishable food, to be placed in food hamper packages. Please check the date on the food before you bring it to school.

Every child who brings in a gift present or tinned food product will be given a star with their name on it, and the star will be placed on the tree. The collection will close on Monday, 16 December, 2013, when the children will be able to collect and keep their own stars.

Thank you in advance for your generosity!

Mrs. Z. Mihajlova

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Year 6 Farewell Program 2013

6:00pm Children begin arriving at the Penshurst RSL Club and move into The Auditorium
6:20pm Speech by Mr Cooper
   Response by School Captains:
   Jenna B-W and Reece W
   Cutting of the Cake
6:40pm Teachers and children begin dinner
7:40pm Dancing
8:30pm Parents may enter Auditorium and are invited to join children on the dance floor
   Children sing Farewell Song

All children must be picked up by 9pm