Dear Parents and Carers

A huge thank you to all the parents attending P&C meetings and taking on specific roles. The P&C will continue to be an avenue to raise funds to support school programs. Just as important will be the role the P&C has in providing feedback and making critical decisions in the growth and development of the school. In 2015 we have seen a substantial increase in the number of parents attending P&C meetings so we look forward to this trend continuing.

The staff and I are currently working on a draft school plan for 2015-17. This strategic plan will set all future directions for school improvement. Once completed by staff, the plan will move into another consultation period with parents and students. At this point I am looking at holding a parent forum early in term two. I’ll send out a specific time and date in the newsletter next week.

I have heard a great deal about the popularity of the Pedlars’ Parade scheduled for Wednesday 1 April. I believe it is a very well attended community day so I’m looking forward to meeting many parents and community members at the parade.

Congratulations

- to all the Carlton PS staff for their commitment and dedication to the children. My first two months here has reinforced that I have made the right decision to lead this great school. Their knowledge and expertise in educational outcomes, student wellbeing and extra curricula activities is highly impressive. I thank them all for their daily contribution which is always a very heavy workload.

Important Reminders

- **Term 1 Parent Teacher Interviews**

  Parent/Teacher interviews at the end of Term One will be optional, where the interviews can be either teacher or parent initiated. The standard Parent/Teacher interviews would remain for all students at the end of Term 2. Now is the time to indicate to your child’s class teacher if you require an interview before the end of this term. Similarly, you may be contacted by your child’s class teacher to attend an interview to discuss your child’s progress.

  **From now until the end of the term please make phone, personal or written contact with your child’s teacher to arrange an interview time convenient to both parties.**

- K-2 Pedlars Parade 1 April 11:45am


Regards

Stephen Vrachas
Principal
P&C News

Easter Guessing Competition
Thank you to the families who have already returned their sold tickets and also to those who have requested additional books. These are available from the office. Tickets must be handed into the office by Friday, 27 March. Thank you also to the parents who helped wrap all of our prizes last Monday – Catherine, Jeanne, Julia, Nancy, Sam, Valentina, and Yeni. Prizes for the guessing competition will be drawn on Wednesday, 1 April with the major prizes being drawn at the Pedlar’s Parade.

Year 1 & Kindergarten Class Directories
The Year 1 & Kindergarten class directories have been emailed out for those that have chosen to participate. There has been a wonderful participation rate and we hope that you are able to enjoy the ability to easily contact others in your class. If you handed in a form but have not received your class directory by email please contact lenores@gmail.com

Save the date – Mothers Matter Breakfast
A Mothers Matter breakfast to celebrate Mothers’ Day will be held in Week 3 on Thursday 7 May before school from 7.30am-9am. Please keep the morning free to come along with your child to enjoy breakfast and some great activities. We will need lots of Dads to help serve breakfast so the mums can be pampered. Further details will be in upcoming newsletters.

School Banking
The school banking coordinators rostered on next Tuesday, 24 March are David L, Julie R, Sasi G, Biljana C and Marrianne S. With over 200 students banking each week it would be wonderful if we had more parents to help out on a Tuesday morning. Please leave your name and contact details at the office if you are interested or alternatively send an email to carltonpandc@gmail.com with ‘School Banking’ in the subject line.

Tokens
You will have noticed that no tokens were given out this week. Tokens will be given out next week to students who banked this week and those who missed out the week before. We are hoping our order of tokens arrives in time for next Tuesday. Please note that the computer tracks the number of tokens each child has based on the number of deposits made so there is absolutely no chance of anyone not being allocated the correct number of tokens.

Reminders
Please remember:
- to fill in both sides of the deposit slip when handing in your child’s yellow wallet each week. Make sure your child’s full name and student number is written on the deposit slip.
- if your child is banking at school for the first time make sure that your child’s full name, account number and branch number is written on the deposit slip. We will issue your child with a student number the first time they make a deposit at school.
- send in the whole deposit book in the yellow wallet.
- make sure their child’s new class is marked clearly on the cover of their wallet.

Classroom Achievement Award
Congratulations to 1T for winning the award this week. Excellent effort!

Class Awards

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Combined Botany Bay/Georges River Boys Football Trials

On Monday 16 March 2015, 14 students from the combined Botany Bay and Georges River zones participated at the Sydney East Boys Football (Soccer) trials. There were 6 zones represented across Sydney East with 84 students present on the day. Botany Bay/Georges River played 5 games, winning 3, drawing 1 and we were beaten in the final game, resulting in them being Runner’s up for the day. All boys are commended on their fine sportsmanship, skills and enthusiasm throughout the day. They represented their zones and school admirably and I was proud to coach them for the day. From this day, 14 students were further selected to represent Sydney East at the State Carnival from 23 - 25 June, 2015 at Bathurst. Congratulations to Billy R (Bexley), Abbas K (Carlton) and Ben W (Carlton) for their selection in this team. We wish them the best of luck. Well done again to all Botany Bay and Georges River players and we look forward to successful seasons ahead.

Michelle Hanley, Botany Bay Zone Boys Football Convener

PREMIER’S READING CHALLENGE 2015

Congratulations to the 135 wonderful readers who completed the 2014 Premier’s Reading Challenge, as part of the biggest children’s book club in Australia.

Welcome to the 2015 Challenge which runs from 2 March to 21 August. Books read in Term 4 2014 can also count towards the 2015 Challenge.

Our School Library is a great supporter of the Premier’s Reading Challenge. Ms Phillips and Ms Afonso, our Teacher-Librarians, can assist students to make PRC book selection easier. Also, students can use the Library computers at lunchtime to browse PRC lists and books available.

The Challenge website is: www.premiersreadingchallenge.nsw.edu.au

Students register by using their DEC username and password to logon and then starting their online student reading record. Students who complete the Premier’s Reading Challenge will receive a PRC Certificate and may appear in the PRC Gold and Platinum Honour Roll. Those who complete the Challenge for four years receive a gold certificate and after seven years, a platinum certificate. Rules, booklists and privacy information about the certificate and Honour Roll can be read on the website.

Happy reading and take up the Challenge!

Mrs McElroy (Co-ordinator), Ms Phillips & Ms Afonso (TLs)

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ANZAC Poem

The ANZACS stood, alert on the ships,
Shaking with terror and tightening their grips.
Fearing the time they’d dock on the beach,
Failing to attack the Turks who were out of their reach.

Bullets whizzed, soaring through the air,
Tearing through bodies and singeing men’s hair.
Everywhere you looked someone dropped dead,
While people in houses had nightmares in bed.

Death took freely, stealing soldiers’ lives,
This war was all guns, there were no knives.
Red covered the ground, splattered with blood,
And soldiers sat in trenches that were made out of mud.

Missiles of lead shot through the sky speedily,
While men found their mark, killing others easily.
Injured soldiers were screaming in pain,
Bullets would kill them, they’ll never move again.
An abyss of death lingered around soldiers,
Men watched friends die, adding weight to their shoulders.
Children woke up, unaware their father had died,
While those left on the battlefield tried their best to hide.

The Turks stood their ground, shooting away,
While ANZACS retreated, “God save us!” they pray.
At this point survival started to feel like a dream,
And soldiers had a higher sense of self-esteem.

Gunfire and screams were all you could hear,
Families at home all cowered in fear.
Everywhere you looked, someone else fell,
Soldiers fought desperately, trying to live through this hell.

Nurses only ate half of their food,
Saving the rest for soldiers with wounds.
Friends of the dead found themselves crying,
While usually they too, ended up dying.

When people saw the deceased, they sobbed,
But in the end their lives were probably robbed.
Soldiers’ mangled bodies littered the ground,
The ANZACS had lost, they headed homebound.

The sadness of that war is inexplicable to man,
The soldiers were brave, hardly any turned and ran.
Never shall we forget the sacrifices soldiers have made,
I wish we could reverse time and go to their aid.

-By Emmett K-N
Greek Language News

We have been very busy in Greek Language classes this term with children learning about greetings, time and daily routines.

The Year 2 students have been learning about greetings and the different ways we greet each other at different times of the day as well as starting to learn about how to tell the time in Greek.

Year 4 students have been learning about how to tell the time in Greek. They have learnt o’clock time, half past, a quarter past and a quarter to time and their daily routines.

Year 5 & Year 6 students have also been learning about time and how to express it in Greek as well as learning about their daily routines in more detail and pencil case items which they use on a daily basis.

Learning for all the students has been fun as we not only do formal lessons but we learn songs and play games to consolidate vocabulary, and the students are involved in making creative art pieces which is another way for them to express what they have learnt and consolidate what we have been doing in lessons.
Holiday Activities for Primary School-Aged Children

Activities are free but online bookings at www.rockdale.nsw.gov.au/LibraryEvents are essential. Art & craft activities can be messy, so please wear appropriate clothing. Parental supervision is required.

**ROCKDALE TOWN HALL**
Level 1, 448 Princes Highway, Rockdale – Enquiries: 9562 1821
All Activities will be held from 2pm–3pm
- Tuesday 7  Reptile Paper Mosaic
- Wednesday 8  Perfect Paper Pears
- Thursday 9  Insect Wall Art
- Tuesday 14  Circles of the Sun
- Wednesday 15  Art Cases
- Thursday 16  Chalky Castles

Activities for 9-12 year-olds only from 10:30am–11:30am
- Monday 13  Zentangles

**ARNCLIFFE LIBRARY**
11 Firth Street, Arncliffe – Enquiries: 9562 1816
All Activities will be held from 10:30am–11:30am
- Tuesday 7  Tin Art
- Thursday 9  Chalky Castles
- Tuesday 14  Circles of the Sun
- Thursday 16  Reptile Paper Mosaic

**BEXLEY LIBRARY**
499 Forest Road, Bexley – Enquiries: 9562 1813
All Activities will be held from 2pm–3pm
- Wednesday 8  Perfect Paper Pears
- Monday 13  Circles of the Sun
- Wednesday 15  Reptile Paper Mosaic

**BEXLEY NORTH LIBRARY**
24 Shaw Street, Bexley North – Enquiries: 9562 1814
All Activities will be held from 10:30am–11:30am
- Wednesday 8  Reptile Paper Mosaic
- Friday 10  Art Cases
- Wednesday 15  Chalky Castles
- Friday 17  Perfect Paper Pears

**SANS SOUCI LIBRARY**
104 Russell Avenue, Sans Souci – Enquiries: 9562 1817
All Activities will be held from 10:30am–11:30am
- Wednesday 8  Tin Art
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* Daily Requirements: Children must bring their own lunch and refreshments (no nut products please), wet weather gear, art smock and suitable clothing for active and sunsmart days.
* An afternoon fruit snack will be provided.