Dear Parents and Carers

This is the last week of a very busy and productive term. In addition to the numerous daily lessons in all curriculum areas it has also included NAPLAN, PSSA and Carnivals, UNSW Competitions, Debating, Maths Olympiad, Mothers Matter Breakfast, Grade Excursions, Multicultural Public Speaking Competitions, Dance Troupe, Interrelate, Choir, Band, NAIDOC Week Performances & SRC fundraisers as well as the Semester One reports and interviews.

I thank everyone in our school community who continues to support our programs through the many direct and indirect ways this occurs. On a daily basis we see dozens of parents assisting with reading, writing and mathematics. This direct support is invaluable to the students. The P&C continue to be a very proactive financial support to the school as well as representing the parent community in many important school based decisions. Often parents are unable to participate in programs within the school day but I am well aware of your fantastic encouragement and support of the school. Our continued efforts to work together and support each other will ensure our students benefit greatly during their time at school. We are looking forward to a very productive and rewarding Term 3. Our holidays begin after this Friday, for two weeks. Students return to school on Tuesday 14 July 2015. Please note that Monday 13 July is a Staff Development Day for teachers only. All staff continue to receive extensive training in the implementation of the Australian Curriculum. Our focus on the Staff Development Day will be the new History Syllabus plus some work on the recently released state Well-Being Framework.

Congratulations:

- To all staff and parents for your organisation and participation in the parent-teacher interviews.
- To all of our students who have tried their best during Semester One.

Important Reminders:

- The St George Performing Arts Festival is fast approaching. The next rehearsal for the Senior Choir group is on Thursday 23 July. The tickets for the concerts are only available online at www.trybooking.com.au/86366
- Information about our Education Week Celebrations will be sent home in Week 1 next term. The main dates will be our involvement at Rockdale Plaza on Wednesday July 29 and our School Open Day and K-6 Assembly on Thursday 30 July and the 3-6 Athletics Carnival on Tuesday 28 July.
- The OC Test for Year 4 will be held on Wednesday July 22, for students who have applied to take part.
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Regards
Stephen Vrachas
Principal

P&C News

P&C Meeting – Correction

Our next P&C meeting will be on the first Tuesday that we are back at school after the holidays. Please mark it in your diary – Tuesday, 14 July at 7.30pm.

Gonski

Don’t forget to sign up to Gonski so we can pressure the Abbott government to fund the full recommendations made in the Gonski report. To find more information and to register your support visit www.igiveagonski.com.au
Bunnings BBQ – Saturday, 18 July – VOLUNTEERS NEEDED URGENTLY
We still need Kindergarten parents to volunteer to help out at our Bunnings, Rockdale BBQ at the end of Week 1, Term 3. If you have a couple of hours to spare from 9am – 4pm it will be a great opportunity to meet other Kindergarten parents and raise money for our school at the same time. If you are able to help please contact the P&C at their email address with ‘Bunnings BBQ’ in the subject line. Thank you in advance for your support.

Thank you to Kate M, Katie J and Bronwyn S for organizing and advertising this event.

Dates for your diary:
• P&C meeting - Tuesday, 14 July at 7.30pm (first day back in Term 3).
• Bunnings BBQ – Saturday, 18 July at Bunnings, Rockdale (end of Week 1, Term 3)
• Family Photo Fundraiser – Sunday, 1 November

School Banking
The school banking coordinators rostered on for the first Tuesday back at school (14 July) are Biljana C, Julie R, Sasi and Marrianne S.

Rewards
In Term 3 the ‘Glow-in-the-Dark Solar System’ and the ‘Cosmic Light Beam Torch’ rewards will be available. If you have ordered these rewards this week or last week they will be ordered in the first week back at school in Term 3.

Please read the reward redemption slips that will tell you the term/s that the rewards are available in. Rewards sometimes take up to two weeks to arrive, so please encourage children to be patient.

Please fill in both sides of the deposit slip (the butt and the main slip). We have had some deposits come in recently with no details recorded and it is time consuming for coordinators to fill in these details.

Random Draw Winner – June
Congratulations to Noah P who is the winner of the June random draw. Noah will receive his award in the first week back in Term 3.

Silver Awards
Silver awards are presented to children when they have received 5 Bronze Awards = 50 tokens. A fantastic effort! Parents are most welcome to attend the assembly to see their child receive this very special award. Congratulations to the following students who will receive their silver awards at the assembly on the date listed below.

K-6 Assembly – Monday, 27 July, 2015 (Week 3) at 2.00pm in the school hall.

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Y3-6 Assembly - Monday, 27 July, 2015 (Week 3) at 11.25am in the school hall.

| 6C  | Louisa Z, Emily L           | 6S  | Sabrina P           |
Class Awards

KM- Rhyad A; Matea D; Aydan F; Ali S  
KT- Amir S; Lucca W; Maya C; Liam M  
1C- Brendan W; Siyu L  
1K- Leila E; Han S  
2G- Garwa L; Alex Z  
2A- Alice D; Tavia E  
3S- Diana G; Jordan M  
3/4M- Matthew L; Stefan I  
4N- Samrid B; Kyna L  
5E- Rami K; Alonzo N  
5/6F- Gary L; Dylan Y  
6B- Thomas H; Shelby K

KM- Abbie F; Dejan V; Luca A; Lina K  
KJ- Ayshia B; Aya M  
1A- Medina B; Martin A  
1J- Noah M; Winnie W  
1T- Juliet B; Al L  
2M- Ali S; Alyssa G  
2J- Dean J; Zainab H  
3J- Stefan T; Eloise T  
3P-  
4G- Hadi T; Sianna J  
4KC- Unique M; Tiana T  
4A- Natalie W; Damian N  
5NH- Amy R; Jassia Z  
5W- Zahra E; Dylan R  
6S- Sabrina P; Mithil P  
6C- Billy P; Alana R

6B Gold Rush Projects

Our class had to put together a project with team mates chosen by Ms Boesen. The task was to create a replica of an 1855 Gold Town including certain things such as a hotel, troopers’ quarters, a farm as well as sources of power such as horse-power; wind-power; steam-power or water-power.

In order to finish our projects on time we had to use our imagination and bring supplies like boxes, paddle pop sticks and other items to create a mini Gold Town.

Our groups had to work together and use our time wisely. We had to put our ideas together and separate jobs for people to make sure everyone had something to do for the project.
**Words Can Hurt- A speech by Maya T 5/6F, prepared for the Multicultural Public Speaking Competition**

“A broken bone can heal but the wound a word opens can fester forever”, an inspirational and true quote by Jessamyn West. It takes one thousand compliments to build you up but one insult to send it all crashing down. Words are often portrayed as simple things which join together to make a sentence, but words are rich in meaning like a scrumptious chocolate cake being rich in flavour, strong and very overpowering when used to their full potential. When you are still young and growing, for example, at my age, you are like a house under construction, weak and unprepared, but mean people and bullies are like the hammers knocking you down, brick by brick, and it can be extremely difficult to slap some concrete on and keep building yourself while you are constantly getting knocked down by people who shouldn’t have the power to knock you down.

The saying “Sticks and stones may break my bones but words will never hurt me”, in my opinion is a false statement, as words have the power to force somebody into thinking they are no use in our world, this will most likely hurt more than the pain of a stick or stone because the things that really hurt come from within one. Words can hurt far more as bruises heal but mean comments can make you weep and feel broken for eternity. In our society today all around the world we all look different and some people are teased about the way they look, and the words that have the exertion to incapacitate somebody into thinking poorly about themselves can really torture the victim. The suspect feels the urge to release bad words and this is what scars someone for life.

Recently on the news I had heard of a case where a mother and son were picked on by a lady because of their race. The lady said hurtful words, especially to the little boy, the entire train just watched her pick on them. Everybody on that train had a tongue but none of them dared to speak to the woman. It is at times like this where we all come to realise the pain of words, but still, no actions are made. In cases like this, the bystanders are just as bad as the bully. I have always hated getting bad criticism from people who don’t know who I am and my life just by looking at me, but people who all well trained and are capable of giving proper guidance and advice are the people that I trust because amateur children that you don’t know will never be completely trustworthy and they can say meaningless things like “you are ugly” or “nobody likes you”, in the wink of an eye not meaning to hurt you.

We may all be different, but being unique is definitely not a crime or something to be punished for. However, people all around the world are being racist and putting others through pain just because they were born different. People should not be punished for standing up for their race, religion or the way they look and no king, queen or ruler, no matter how powerful will ever be able to change that with any words. Fighting against these hurtful words is extremely important. Many young people have been so depressed that they saw suicide as an option, if someone is so sad that they would actually kill themselves, than this means that bullying is an extremely bad force.

It doesn’t seem that hard to tell a bully off, people think it is as easy as waltzing confidently up to a bully and saying “STOP”. But having confidence is hard because a bully will easily push you back down by saying some futile words like “I will kill you”, or attempt to frighten you with empty threatens. But we need to be strong and try to fight even though it can be extremely difficult. The tongue has no bones but is strong enough to break a heart, so be careful with your words. Be careful to taste your words before you spit them out. You can say something hurtful in ten seconds but still ten years later the scars are still there. Words can hurt far more than people expect.

No more can be said about this, the truth has been said, words can kill, words can strangle, words can truly torture and words CAN hurt.

**Refugees- A speech by Anthony H 5/6F, prepared for the Multicultural Public Speaking Competition**

Even today I don’t like the colour green. It puts me on edge: all the barbed wire and fences were that colour” recalls Munjed Al Muderis, who, 14 years ago was an Iraqi refugee and who for 10 months was only known by his number: "982". Now Muderis is a proud Australian citizen. Muderis like countless refugees around the world have tried to escape the terror of their war-torn countries, yet to be faced with more frightening experiences. Most of them fell prey to people smugglers, many paided thousands and nearly all their possessions to get themselves out of their countries. "What choice do you have?" was the only reassuring answer from the people smugglers. So the refugees were fast-tracked onto boats only to discover in nightmare that the promised 50 passengers became 150+. The worst was yet to come. They had no idea where they would be heading! Now I want you to think for a moment, 150+ bodies packed like sardines on flimsy, wooden boats. The huming pandemonium of a failing motor that reverberated in the background, mountainous waves that slammed into the boat. They were perilous journeys that landed in despair. Many have lost their lives on the way and the lucky ones who have survived were often ceremoniously hauled ashore by police and escorted to detention centres and from their grim lives would begin...
As an ABC or Australian Born Chinese I would never be able to fully understand the terrors and discrimination that these refugees went through. I never had to experience such unjust treatments and yet my heart is filled with sorrow at the thought that my country Australia which prides itself as a humanitarian and multicultural nation would actually treat refugees as less than second-class citizens. Imagine being denied a second chance to live. The pain goes beyond the months spent on the sea, the family and the life you have left behind, the pain is more than death. Now their pain has been aggravated as countries around the world start to limit the amount of refugees being accepted. Our government has spent millions just on a ‘stop-the-boats’ telemovie. Perhaps this amount of money could have gone to a better cause.

Perhaps it is not the money nor military cause that can help to solve the refugee problem. Perhaps it is our attitude! Society tends to portray refugees as insular and dependent bodies, who are better to be locked away yet history proves us wrong. Albert Einstein one of the greatest scientist was himself a refugee. He once said, "A bundle of belongings isn't the only thing a refugee brings to his new country." Indeed many refugees would fare better if they had been shown respect. Instead of locking them away perhaps we should give them a chance to learn a language and culture and to bring the best of them to our communities.

Now back to Munjed Al Muderis who has become one of the top bionic surgeon in Australia and in the world. Today Tony Abbott states the current refugee situation is a national emergency. I wonder what people like Einstein or Doctor Muderis would say.

Summer

When I wake up on Sunday morning in summer I went to the beach with my family. I saw the beautiful big blue sky and the bright sun shining down on me. I dream about nice fresh frozen fruit and mango ice cream. It is very hot and my family and I jumped in the nice cool sea to refresh ourselves. My sisters and I like to build sandcastles. Me and my family went and had lunch and I always get fish and chips. After I played at the park with my scooter and then played on the swings. Then we went home and watched TV. That was a very great summer I ever had. Do you know what season I am talking about?

By Thomas. P 2M

Summer

The sand burns my feet, and I have to dance to the water. Big blue shiny waves crash on shore, sometimes my legs get wet. I place my bag down and my beautiful red spotty towel down, and relax on my towel, on the white sand. After I’ve had a rest, I take off my hat and sunglasses, and run into the cool, refreshing sea. I do butterfly (and get it wrong), breast-stroke and many more. When my dad calls me I run out and ask “Can we have an ice block?” and he sometimes says “sure”. The ice blocks are so delicious. Once I’ve eaten my sticky ice block. Then we go home. Do any of you know what season I’m talking about? It’s summer. The reason I like summer is every summer my family and I get to go to Avoca but now it’s sold which is really sad.

By Sophie Colgan 2M

NAIDOC

On Tuesday we watched a NAIDOC performance by Troy Allen. He used song, music and didgeridoo, dance, artefacts and fire-making demonstrations to tell the stories of his people. We all enjoyed his performance which was entertaining and fun.

NAIDOC Week is a celebration of the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. Every year NAIDOC Week celebrations are centred on a theme chosen by the national organising committee. This year the theme is “We all stand on sacred land"

Highlights Aboriginal and Torres Strait islander peoples strong spiritual and cultural connection to the land and sea. By 5E
Once again, students from Kindergarten to Year 6 in Bu Carnell’s and Bu Peace’s Indonesian language classes have been working hard on producing their illustrated entries for the state-wide Indonesian writing competition, Kompetisi Siswa. The annual competition is run by the Modern Languages Teachers Association (MLTA) and is sponsored by the Australia Indonesia Association (AIA) in conjunction with the Indonesian Consulate, Sydney.

The topics for this year are: ‘This is Me’ (Kindergarten), ‘This is My Friend’ (Stage 1), ‘My Strange Animal’ (Stage 2) and ‘My Favourite Game’ (Stage 3). Carlton students have always performed well in the competition and hope to achieve pleasing results again this year! Semoga sukses!

By Hannah 4G
By Evelyn 2A
By Samantha 2A
By Eloise 5NH
By Dante 4A
By Ohm 5/6F

I / me - saya
friend - teman
animal - binatang
game - permainan
STAGE 3 MINI FETE

BOOK STALL!!!

DO YOU HAVE BOOKS THAT YOU NO LONGER NEED?
THEN DONATE THEM TO CARLTON PUBLIC SCHOOL’S MINI FETE BOOK STALL!

ALL BOOKS ARE WELCOME AND EVERY BOOK DONATED MEANS 100% PROFIT FOR THE SCHOOL!!

SO HAVE A CLEAN OUT TODAY AND SEND ANY PRE-LOVED BOOKS TO DEMOUNTABLE 4 OR MRS HANLEY/MRS NIKO’S ROOM.

THANK YOU!!

MINI FETE THURSDAY 13 AUGUST

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SCHOOL UNIFORM SALES - Contact: George 0414 937 837

School Shop Open: Monday 8.30am – 9.30am Thursday 2.30pm – 3.30pm
Retail Shop Open: Shop 7 & 8, 309 Forest Road, Hurstville 2220 (Between MacMahon Street and Queens Road)

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday (Not Wednesdays) 9.30am – 5.00pm
Saturday, 10.00am – 4.00pm
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### Parent Information Session

**Preparing for High School**

**Is your child starting high school in the next two years?**

Council is hosting a parent and carer information night with expert speakers to help families prepare for the transition.

**Tuesday 28 July 2015, 6pm – 7:30pm**

**Rockdale Town Hall, Council Chambers**

**Level 1, 448 Princes Highway, Rockdale**

Special Guest Speakers:

**Darren Galea**  Relieving Principal of Carlton South Public School  
**James Nobbs**  Assistant Principal of Carlton South Public School  
**Julianne Beek**  Principal of Moorefield Girls High School  
**Mark Marcinia**  Principal of James Cook Boys High School

You will also have the opportunity to ask questions. Light refreshments will be served.

**Enquiries** Rockdale City Library on 9562 1821