Dear Parents and Carers

Thank you for taking the time to visit the school this week for the Parent & Teacher Information sessions. The level of participation in most classes was very high and this is a great indicator of the level of support you provide for your children, the teachers and the school overall.

A note will be sent home this week outlining school resource costs. These include textbooks, school contributions etc. Please try to pay these resource costs as soon as possible as the school is committed to several large expenditure items in 2016. These include:

- equipping some more classrooms with air conditioning – approximately $20000
- purchasing more i-pads, laptops, desktops - $40000
- Building a large COLA in Area 1 - $200,000 joint funded with DoE

We are not in a financial position to address these matters immediately so with the help of the P&C we will start prioritising the projects. Our most immediate expenditure will be purchase i-pads so that each Grade has a bank of i-pads for daily use. Please assist by paying the school resource costs. I am aware that some families are feeling financial pressure. If you need to organise a payment plan please come and discuss the issue with me.

Many thanks for your support.

Congratulations

To Mrs Hanley and helpers for their organisation of the highly successful swimming carnival. We were fortunate to have perfect weather, strong participation and very responsible children at the pool. Thank you to all the parents that attended the day and cheered for the children. The Zone Swimming Carnival is being held next Friday so we look forward to another successful day.

Uniforms

Please note that our association with TAXA uniforms has ceased. We will continue to operate our school uniform shop each Monday morning from 8:30-9:00am until the end of term. However, we have limited stock. LOWES will takes over the contract and based on advice from the P&C will operate from their Rockdale store. Lowes is expected to be ready to serve our community at the beginning of Term 2.

Parking Safety

I have noticed a significant increase in patrols in the morning & afternoon by both the police & RTA officers. Parking around the school can be a very difficult experience. Please take the time to park in an appropriate place to ensure the safety of our entire community. Sometimes this means parking a few streets around the corner and walking a short distance.

Important Reminders

- Would you like to receive the newsletter via email rather than a paper copy? If so, please follow this link to complete your details: http://school.schoolenews.com.au/carltonps/

Mr Han

It is with great sadness to inform you of the passing of Mr Wayne Han. Mr Han has been working as the school’s General Assistant for well over a decade. As well as this he had a long association with the school as his three children also attended Carlton Public School and he was an active member of the Carlton school community. Unfortunately, for the past few years he...
has been battling cancer which took his life on Wednesday. Mr Han was passionate about his school and in his good health maintained the school in exceptional condition. You will see evidence of his skills with the timber garden beds erected around several trees, display cabinets in the school hall and beautiful flower gardens near the main office. Mr Han will be remembered by his colleagues for his fierce determination to live with joy and happiness. He loved to write music, sing his melodies and entertain his friends with his jokes and quick wit.

Wayne’s funeral service will be held at St George North Anglican Church on Tuesday 23 February at 3.30pm.

Regards
Stephen Vrachas
Principal

Positive Behaviour Learning (PBL)
This week, our school focus is: ‘Be Safe: Hallways, Stairways, Library, Computer Lab, Classrooms and Assembly’

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Parent on Line Banking Option – “POP”

From 22 February the new Parent on Line (POP) payment option should be operating by accessing the front page of the school website and selecting “$ Make a payment”. This will allow parents to use Visa or MasterCard to direct bank your payment into the school account from the comfort of your home. This will take the worry out of sending cash as students only need to bring the permission note back to the office. However the current forms of paying through the school office will still be in place.

When you access the $ Make a payment you must enter:
the student’s name, class and date of birth

These details are entered each time you make a payment as student information is not held within the payment system. There is also the option to enter the Student Registration Number and Invoice number if you are aware of them, but at this stage these are not used at our school, please leave blank.

This is a secure payment system hosted by Westpac to ensure that your credit/debit card details are captured in a secure manner, these details are not passed back to the school. You have the ability to check and change any details of the payment before the payment is processed. Receipts can be emailed and/or printed. Details of the payments are passed daily to the school where they will be receipted against your child’s account. As a receipt has been issued from the payment page a further receipt will not be issued by the school. For any enquiries regarding the Online Payment process please contact the School Office.
P&C News

2nd Hand Uniform Stall – Friday, 19 February!

This Friday, 19 February at 8.30am – 9.15am there will be a stall held selling second hand uniforms near the Kindergarten stairs. The stall will only sell actual items of the Carlton PS uniform. Items are excellent value with most items only costing a gold coin donation. Jackets and dresses will be priced from $5. Change will be limited so please have the correct money if at all possible. Thank you sincerely to those parents who have volunteered to help on the stall.

Easter Fundraiser

A big thank you to the Kindy parents who volunteered at the ‘Tea and Tissues’ Morning Tea to help with the Easter Fundraiser organisation. We are looking forward to working with you this Friday, 19 February from 9am – 10am in the Staffroom.

Annual General Meeting (AGM) Notice – Tuesday, 8 March, 2016 at 7.30pm

Remember to mark the date of the P&C Annual General Meeting (AGM) in your diaries – Tuesday, 8 March, 2016 at 7.30pm. Following the AGM our regular monthly meeting will be held.

All positions on the P&C will become vacant at our AGM in March. Marrianne Skinner will be stepping down from the President’s position after 6 years in the role. Lenore Symons will be also stepping down as Vice-President. You don’t need to have experience or prior membership of the P&C to take on any of the positions, just a concern for the wellbeing of the school community, to be able to attend the upcoming AGM (and pay $1 membership) and also attend meetings throughout the school year. Members of the P&C executive need to be able to represent and consider the wide variety of views held by our school community not just their own personal view. Much of the work of the P&C happens behind the scenes not just at our big events or at the actual meetings, so it is important to remember that being part of the P&C executive is an important but rewarding commitment.

The P&C is a vital part of the school community. It allows parents to have a say and to be able to put actions in place to solve issues of concern to our school community. Please consider giving something back to our school by taking on a role in 2016. Being a part of the P&C allows you to discuss and make decisions about what happens in our school that affects all students, not just your own child/children. For the P&C to function successfully in a school the following positions need to be filled: President, Vice President (at least 1 but ideally 2), Secretary and Treasurer. In the past year we have been lucky to have members elected as part of an Executive Committee, but these positions are not essential to have a functioning P&C.

To nominate for a position at the AGM you need to become member of the P&C. If you would like to vote or nominate for a position at the AGM, $1 membership will need to be paid on the night before the meeting starts. Further information about the various roles in the P&C will be outlined in next week’s newsletter. Alternatively you can send an enquiry to the P&C via our email address: carltonpandc@gmail.com

Student Banking

The school banking coordinators rostered on next Tuesday, 23 February are Sharon, David L and Marrianne S.

Please make sure your child’s new class is clearly labelled on the front of their wallet. This week the coordinators spent a lot of valuable time tracking down new classes with the kind help of the ladies in the office.

All students will receive a ‘2016 School Banking Program’ envelope. Please don’t throw this away as it has important information inside for existing bankers and new bankers. Inside you will find the redemption sheet for the 2016 rewards program and information about how you can begin school banking.

Rewards – some changes!

This year reward redemption will take place on a set day per term. Please don’t send in reward redemption slips until a notification is given in the newsletter. All reward redemption slips sent in on other school banking days will be returned in the yellow wallet.

Account Opening Morning - Wednesday, 2 March
Would you like to open a school banking account for your child? Milanka Plavsic, our School Banking Specialist and Marrianne Skinner will be at the COLA near the hall from 8.30am on Wednesday, 2 March. If you wish to open an account please bring along appropriate ID (your driver’s licence and birth certificate for your child).

Book Club

Book club orders will close on Thursday 25 February. Please place all orders through the LOOP on line system as explained in the brochure – no money to be sent to school.

Class Awards

1T- Abbie F; Lachlan P  
1D- Anastasia N; Safwan A  
1C- Abass D; Maia M  
2A- Jessica K; Christian C  
5E- Jason T; Houssein D  
5/6F- Nicholas L; Patrick C  
5G- Sasha K; Stefan P

Carlton Public School Swimming Carnival 2016.

I would like to congratulate all students on an excellent performance at our school swimming carnival held on Monday 15 February at Canterbury Aquatic Centre. All race entrants swam their best and everyone had a great day in the novelty events. Thank you also to all the fantastic staff and parents who supported the students on this day.

Our school will hold a presentation for our carnival for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place getters along with Age Champion trophies at the next combined stage 2 and 3 assembly on Monday 22 February from 11:30am in the hall. Parents are welcome to attend, please be seated behind year 6 in the COLA area.

24 students have made it to represent Carlton at our zone carnival on Friday 26 February at San Souci Pool. Mrs Hanley will coordinate the zone team and notes will need to be returned by Wednesday 24 February.

We look forward to another successful day at zone and wish all competitors best of luck.

Mrs Hanley
Arabic News

Welcome to a school year full of work, fun, hope, creativity and prosperity.
As Arabic is the fifth most spoken language in the world, and being an Arabic teacher, I encourage my students to learn Arabic by using Quality Teaching and I ask parents to preserve the language by speaking Arabic to their children.

Many English words are derived from Arabic. Examples:

- Algebra
- Lute
- Cotton
- Sugar
- Giraffe
- Coffee
- Oud
- Qutn
- Sukkar
- Zarafa
- Qahwa

Language topics for Term one 2016 are: Myself, Feelings and Emotions, People and their jobs with a focus on Positive behaviour Learning (PBL).

Here are some Arabic expressions and student activities:
Dear Arabic Parents

We bought many new Arabic books to use in reading groups. If you have some time to help with covering the books, please contact the Arabic teachers- Mrs Sabra and Mrs Awad.

Looking forward to hearing from you.

Arabic teacher

Mrs Awad