Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the new school term! I hope you were able to share some relaxed and interesting family times over the holiday break. Four events that occur early in this term are always of importance to students, staff and parents:

1. The Mothers Matter Breakfast will be conducted next Wednesday 7 May from 7.30am and in preparation for making this P&C event successful, we are asking for families to purchase tickets in advance. It will be a great morning of family fun that will allow us to celebrate all the great things our Mums do for us. Please invite your extended family to join in this event which will hopefully be as popular and successful as all our Kidsmatter events last year. The event information is included again in this newsletter below.

2. NAPLAN (National Assessment Program in Literacy & Numeracy) commences on Tuesday 13 May and will be completed by Friday 16 May. Tests in Language Conventions and Writing, Reading and Numeracy will be completed by all students in Years 3 & 5. Teachers in those years will be continuing to make sure our children are prepared for the tests and will also continue to share information with you about the types of assessments conducted and ways you can support your children to do their best.

3. OC Applications - Year 5 entry to an opportunity class in 2015. Government schools use a range of strategies to meet the educational needs of gifted and talented students. One strategy is opportunity class placement which provides intellectual stimulation and an educationally enriched environment for gifted and talented students. Offers for opportunity class placement will be made on the basis of the Opportunity Class Placement Test results and school assessment. The Opportunity Class Placement Test will be held on Wednesday 23 July 2014. If you would like to apply for opportunity class placement in Year 5 in 2015 on behalf of your child, you need to do so soon.
   - Apply on the internet and submit your application online. You will need to have an email address (not the student’s email address), access to the internet and a printer.
     Apply online now at: www.schools.nsw.edu.au/ocplacement
   - If you do not have internet access, complete a commercially printed application form and return it to this school by Friday 16 May 2014.
     The applications will be processed by the school in exactly the same way. Parents are to submit only one application for each student.

4. The Year 3-6 Cross Country Carnival will be held next Monday 5 May (Term 2, Week 2). Families need to finalise payment for this event tomorrow to be certain of inclusion in the event. Family members are very welcome to join us at Scarborough Park to support all the participants.
The **School Development Day Sessions** held on Monday this week involved the staff in becoming familiar with the new **NSW Mathematics Syllabus for the Australian curriculum**. The mandatory implementation of this syllabus commences in 2015.

**Important Reminders**

- A note detailing the family payment for the annual **Voluntary Contribution** was issued this week and payment can be made at any time. If the payment is made before Wednesday 21 May, 2014, then your name will be included in the draw for one of the three $50 shopping voucher incentive prizes.

- The Stage 1 & Stage 2 **Dance 2 B Fit Program** commences this term for a period of 9 weeks. You will need to have completed the permission slip and made the $25 payment for your children to participate in the program.

**Regards,**

Steve Cooper
Principal

**P&C News**

The next P&C meeting will be held next term on **Tuesday, 13 May at 7.30 pm**. If you wish to have items added to the agenda please email us at carltonpandc@gmail.com with ‘Meeting’ in the subject line before 3pm on Monday, 12 May. Thank you to those parents who have already responded to our request for opinions about the canteen and student injury insurance. See the Term 1, Week 11 newsletter for details if you would still like to respond. Responses must be received by Monday, 12 May so a report can be tabled at the P&C meeting the following night.

**Mothers Matter breakfast – next Wednesday, 7 May**

The Mothers Matter breakfast to celebrate Mothers’ Day will be held next week on **Wednesday 7 May** before school from 7.30am-9.30am. This week a pink note was sent home with students. If you don’t have a note please pick one up from the office. Orders will be accepted until Monday, 5 May. All tickets are $5. This will buy one food voucher and one drink voucher and can be exchanged for one type of food and/or drink. The menu will include egg rolls, egg and bacon rolls, pastries, Chinese mantau buns, juice, tea and coffee.

We need lots of Dads to help serve breakfast so the mums can be pampered. If you are able to volunteer please email the P&C at carltonpandc@gmail.com with ‘Mothers Day’ in the subject line so we can finalise our preparations. So far we have had only a couple of parents who have volunteered to help serve breakfast. We need at least 12 Dads as the volunteers count money on any occasion. Orders will be made at 9.30am. This week a pink note was sent home with students. If you don’t have a note please pick one up from the office. Orders will be accepted until Monday, 5 May. All tickets are $5. This will buy one food voucher and one drink voucher and can be exchanged for one type of food and/or drink. The menu will include egg rolls, egg and bacon rolls, pastries, Chinese mantau buns, juice, tea and coffee.

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**Help needed urgently to process orders for our Mothers Matter breakfast!**

Do you arrive early at school to pick up your child so you can get a good park? If you do, please consider helping out the P&C for that half an hour before school pick-up. According to P&C policy we must have two people counting money on any occasion. Orders are coming in quickly for our Mothers Matter breakfast and we need to process orders on Thursday afternoon (that’s today), Friday afternoon (tomorrow 2/5) and Monday morning (5/5). Please txt or phone Marrianne Skinner on 0414 354990 if you are able to help.

**Bookclub**

Does your child enjoy ordering books from Bookclub? Do you have some time to help out and connect with other parents? We are looking for someone to oversee this process. Bookclub operates once or twice a term and has a small team of volunteers who help to process orders, count money and distribute books. There will be a very clear set of procedures to follow that has been prepared by one of the parent volunteers and support from existing volunteers and the Scholastic group. Please email carltonpandc@gmail.com with ‘Bookclub’ in the subject line if you are interested.

**Book orders from Workshop for Parents – Helping Children Manage their Emotions**

Books have been ordered, by the facilitator, for those parents who paid for their orders before the school holidays. One book is on back-order so all books will be delivered when the facilitator receives the delivery.

**School Banking**

**Volunteers needed**

Do you have Tuesday mornings free? Are you interested in helping with school banking? It operates on Tuesday mornings from 9am to approximately 11am. Hopefully we will get a few new volunteers to join our existing coordinators so we will be able to operate on a 3 week cycle. Training will be provided by the existing coordinators and our School Banking Specialist from the Commonwealth Bank. You will get to work in a team of three. Please email carltonpandc@gmail.com with ‘School Banking’ in the subject line.
the subject line if you are interested or leave your contact details in the office and the School Banking Coordinator will contact you.

**Rewards**

This term there will be two new rewards that can be claimed – the Whale shark pencil case and the Penguin or Shark plush keyring. These rewards can be claimed along with the handball, scented pencils and the wallet. Remember the handball and the scented pencils can only be claimed in Term 2 and will not be available after that.

If your child receives a slip of paper that says they are eligible to redeem a reward they will need to fill in part of the redemption card showing their reward request and put it in their yellow wallet the following week. **Only Term 1/2 rewards can be claimed in this term.** Please send in the tokens they have at home even if it is not the correct number (up to 10). If they have less than ten tokens it may be because some are lost or they inadvertently missed out on being given a token. However, the slip will confirm it is OK to claim. Once a claim is received the reward will usually be distributed within a fortnight.

**Classroom Achievement awards – 2/3M winners again!**

Well, 2/3M have done it again! They are winners of the classroom achievement award for this week. A couple of classes were just behind so I wonder if they can win next week.

**Class Awards**

- **KM** - Zara W; Stephanie A
- **KJ** - Jade Issa; Anyu Wang
- **KF** - James D; Valery MB
- **KH** - Maria B; Ashley L
- **KS** - Aymaan G; Elena M
- **KIB** - Malik D; Ayana K
- **KCN** - Sonya I; Luke P
- **5M** - Adam C; Phoebe L
- **5E** - Deena L; Hadi H
- **5NH** - Jason L; Alex H
- **5B** - Jason R; Stephanie M
- **5/6F** - Garret L; Tara L
- **6C** - Madeline RC; Isaac V
- **6KM** - Nicole H; Ali HH
- **6S** - Ann Y; Hoani P

**Arabic Language Class News**

This term students of Stage One are learning about Transport in Arabic and Stage Two and Three are learning about Lebanon’s culture and Landmarks.

Last term, Arabic language students had engaged in a variety of language activities to learn the language in an enjoyable and meaningful way.

Students of Year One have responded well to the introduction of iPads in Language class. They have learned how to type their names and some other words related to the topic “senses”. Students of Year Three and Four have learned new vocabularies on National Parks, while students of Year Five have learned about the animals and the colours of the Rainforests in Arabic.

Parents can also help their kinds in improving their language skills by encouraging them to speak in Arabic, regularly reading Arabic stories to them, downloading some Arabic Apps on iPads and smart phones, checking the Arabic BlogEd and by visiting some Arabic learning sites on the computer.

**HERE ARE SOME LINKS FOR LEARNING ARABIC**

- [http://www.schoolarabia.net/index.htm](http://www.schoolarabia.net/index.htm)
- [http://www.schoolarabia.net/map_site/asasi/arabic_1.htm](http://www.schoolarabia.net/map_site/asasi/arabic_1.htm)
- [http://www.schoolarabia.net/asasia/duroos_1_2/arabi/reading2/section1/index_1.htm](http://www.schoolarabia.net/asasia/duroos_1_2/arabi/reading2/section1/index_1.htm)

Mrs E. Sabra
**Term 2 Calendar 2014**

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| Mon 28 | **Staff Development Day - Pupil Free Day** | Mon 5 | **Y3-6 Cross Country**  
|        |                  |        | **Stage 1 Assembly @12.30** |
| Tue 29 | Dance 2B Fit – Stage 2  
|        | **Students back to school today** | Tue 6 | Dance 2B Fit – Stage 2 |
| Wed 30 | Dance 2B Fit – Stage 1 | Wed 7 | Mothers Matter Breakfast  
|        |                  |        | Dance 2B Fit – Stage 1 |
| Thur 1 |                  | Thur 8 | Senior Choir rehearsal  
|        |                  |        | Temmis Catch up Day |
| Fri 2  |                  | Fri 9  |  Stage 3 Assembly @ 11.25 |

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| Mon 12 | Interrelate - Year 6  
|        | K-2 Assembly @ 2pm | Mon 19 | |
| Tues 13| Dance 2B Fit – To be rescheduled | Tues 20 | Dance 2B Fit – Stage 2 |
| Wed 14 | Dance 2B Fit – Stage 1 | Wed 21 | Dance 2B Fit – Stage 1 |
| Thurs 15 |                  | Thurs 22 | |
| Fri 16 |                  | Fri 23  | Stage 3 Assembly @ 11.25 |

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*NSW Government Education & Training*
Dear Parents,

To celebrate Mother’s Day we will be holding a Mother’s Matter celebration before school on Wednesday, 7 May 2014 from 7.30am - 9.30am.

There will be breakfast and activities such as a photo booth, crafts, beauty treatments, fun fitness activities and some gifts for sale.

We hope that all the family members especially mothers, grandmothers and aunts come along and enjoy the morning with the students.
Breakfast will cost **$5.00 per person**. The menu will be your choice of an egg and/or bacon roll, a pastry or two Chinese mantou buns, and your choice of a juice box, or tea/coffee.

To assist us with catering, this needs to be ordered and paid for in advance by completing the form below and placing it in an envelope clearly marked “Mothers Matter” and put it in the collection box at the school office. **No orders will be taken after 10am on Monday, 5 May, 2014.** This is less than a week away, so be quick to avoid disappointment! Tickets for breakfast will be sent home with students.

To make the event successful and ensure as many mothers as possible can take part, the P&C is calling for volunteers, especially from the male school community, to help prepare and serve breakfast on the morning. We’d like volunteers from 7am onwards. If you are able to assist, please text your name and available start time to **0415 381 614** or email **carltonpandc@gmail.com**.

Thank you,

P & C Committee

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**Mothers Matter 2014**

Yes, I would like to order breakfast for the Mothers Matter celebration at Carlton Public School on Wednesday, 7 May, 2014.

I enclose $................. for ................. (please enter the number of breakfasts you are paying for).

To help with the catering order **please circle the type of breakfast required** for your family

- Egg and/or bacon roll
- Pastry
- Mantou buns

Please send the breakfast tickets to my child:

…………………………................................. in class …………………
(Student first name) (Student Surname) (Student class)

Parent/Guardian Signature…………………………………………..       Date: …………………….

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