Dear Parents and Carers,

New Uniform Shop Operation

I am very pleased to announce that our school Uniform Room has recommenced operation from today. Taxa Australia has been awarded the commercial licence to operate the Uniform Room for the next three years. Pictured with our long time volunteer Lyn Partridge are Rachel and Anne from Taxa during their first morning of operation. The Taxa staff members are very keen to meet the parents from our school, assist you with all your uniform needs and commence a productive and supportive relationship with the school community.

Some important information about the continuing operation of the uniform room:

- The prices of the uniforms will remain the same with Taxa as they have been previously.
- Payments can now be made using cash, credit and Merchant card (EFTPOS) options. The preferred credit cards are Visa or MasterCard.
- The opening times will be extended for this term, i.e. Monday & Thursday mornings 8.30 am -10.30 am.
- From Term 3 one of these times may be moved to an afternoon session (e.g. 2-4pm) as a convenience for the large number of parents who are in the school at that time. Talk with Rachel or Anne to let them know which day or time is best.
- Taxa Australia will be providing an off site option in a local shopping centre within the next twelve months.

I warmly welcome Taxa as a partner to our school community and look forward to working with them to assist our families and maintain the high quality standard of the school uniform.

I want to thank the members of our committee who worked so hard to get the new operation underway; parents, Marrianne Skinner and Roxanne Llewellyn; Deputy Principal, Leigh Rasmussen and P&C Volunteer Lyn Partridge.

Our long term volunteers Lyn Partridge and Gertie Kelly will be honoured at a combined P&C/School function later this term to recognise and thank them for the extraordinary contribution they have made for the past 34 years. At a recent P&C meeting the parents present agreed that the funds raised in recent years through the Uniform Room will be used to provide new playground equipment to replace the old equipment in the area near Percival Street and that the area be dedicated to the service provided by these wonderful school supporters.

Additions to the Playground

Have you noticed the two new signs on the wall of B Block? They are helping to share important information for students, parents and staff about upcoming school events and notices and the need for good choices about student behaviour in our classrooms and playground.
**Kidsmatter Family Disco & BBQ**

Our major Kidsmatter community event this term will be held on Thursday 19 June. It will be a **Kidsmatter Family Disco & Sausage Sizzle**. The note that was sent home to all parents this week has been included again in this newsletter because of two changes to the original note. I am pleased to advise everyone that the price of the event is $7 per person to allow as many students and their parents to participate. I also advise that the halal and non halal sausages will be available. Please return the order form and payment to confirm your participation and to allow us to cater well. It will be a fun family activity. Please note that the event is for Carlton PS students and their parents only. Please also note that parents need only pay once even though they may attend both disco sessions. Some families will have students from both K-3 and Y4-6 attending the different sessions. Supervision will be provided in the library for children who will not be in the disco while their brothers or sisters are in the hall.

**Parent Teacher Interviews**

Semester 1 Student Reports will be sent home on Friday 20 June. **Parent Teacher Interviews** will be conducted during Week 9, the last week of this school term. For the first time you will be able to book your interview online at [www.schoolinterviews.com.au](http://www.schoolinterviews.com.au)

You can access the interview booking website [www.schoolinterviews.com.au](http://www.schoolinterviews.com.au) from **Wednesday of Week 6 (4 June)** by:

1. Going to the school website and clicking on the link to the booking site, entering an event code and then choosing a suitable time from those made available by your child’s teacher. The event code for Semester 1 will be **6RQUR**.

2. Using the web address [www.schoolinterviews.com.au](http://www.schoolinterviews.com.au). Enter this address in your web browser to get to the booking site, enter the provided event code **6RQUR** and choose a suitable time from those made available by your child’s teacher.

3. The special assistance available for those families without internet access. A dedicated computer will be set up in the school office area where parents can come and do the booking online with assistance from the office staff. You will be able to use this computer to access the booking site, enter the event code **6RQUR** and choose a suitable time from those made available by your child’s teacher.

Please be aware that **we will not be** sending out the Request for Interview in paper form as we have done in previous years. It will all be done online and assistance will be provided for those requiring it.

**School Photos**

The 2014 School Photos were sent to families today. I hope you find them to your liking and that they are a lasting memory of good times at Carlton Public School.

Included below in this newsletter is information about the process for ordering the special photos for School Captains, Prefects, House Captains and SRC. These photos are on display on the office window.

**Congratulations**

- To **Vincent V** who recently was awarded second prize in a state wide writing competition, the **2014 Story Writing Competition for Students**, hosted by the Australian Storytelling Guild (NSW). See his outstanding story later in this newsletter. A talented author indeed!

- To everyone who joined in the fun of the **Pyjama & Crazy Hair Mufti Day**. More than $770 was raised for Stewart House and over $700 for the Make A Wish Foundation. These charities were nominated by the Student Representative Council whose members did a great job helping Mrs Covassin to coordinate the day. See her report later in this newsletter.

- To the 32 students who participated in the **zone country carnival** held at Scarborough Park. It was a wonderful day with perfect weather conditions. Congratulations to Maya T (5/6F) for making it through to the next level. We look forward to hearing her results from the zone cross country carnival.

- To the students, parents and teachers who joined in the successful ‘Walk Safely to School’ morning on Wednesday. A special thank you to Miss Elmowy and Miss Gaynor for organising this event.
Reminders

- The last day for returning the permission note for the Bandfest and Band T Shirt Order is Friday 30 May
- NAIDOC performance is on Monday 2 June
- Calmsley Hill Farm Kindergarten excursion is on Wednesday 4 June
- Life Education Lessons continue this week
- If you have not paid for these events, please finalise as soon as possible as we do not want anyone to miss out
- You will need to use the information about parent teacher interviews above, to book an online Parent/Teacher Interview appointment. The website will be open from Wednesday 4 June
- The draw for the incentive prizes for payment of the Voluntary Contribution will be made at the Y3-6 Assembly on Friday 30 May. Thanks to all families who have made this payment.

Regards

Steve Cooper
Principal

P&C News

P&C Meeting

The next P&C meeting will be held next **Tuesday, 3 June at 7.30 pm.** You will notice the meeting is held in the first week of June due to the long weekend preceding our usual meeting date. If you wish to have items added to the agenda please email us at carltonpandc@gmail.com with ‘Agenda’ in the subject line before 3pm on Monday, 2 June.

One of the agenda items we be ‘What is happening with Gonski?’ Our P&C was involved in the successful lobbying of the previous Federal government in pushing the Gonski reforms through the parliament and subsequently the new government in partially supporting these reforms. Now that the federal budget has been handed down with outrageous cuts to the Education budget we must ensure that at least the promise to fund the Gonski reforms for the first three years stays in place. It is unbelievable in 2014 that we should lobby any government to protect the fundamental right of every child to a quality education. Come along to the P&C meeting to find out how you can ensure that this funding is not lost. We will be showing a short video on what the Gonski funding is all about. You can find a link at [http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xylDiOl7RGl&sns=em](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xylDiOl7RGl&sns=em)

**WANTED – a Treasurer!**

There have been no takers for this position as yet. In a school with so many students we are sure there must be someone who is willing to take on this role. The main tasks are keeping accurate records of money going in and out and recording this in a report for our P&C meetings. Very clear guidelines are provided. Please come along to the meeting next week if you are interested in joining the P&C team or email us at carltonpandc@gmail.com with ‘Treasurer’ in the subject line.

**Volunteers needed – Kidsmatter Family Disco**

This week you will have received the note about the Kidsmatter Family Disco to be held on Thursday, 19 June starting at 5pm. It should be a great night. We will be holding a sausage sizzle from 6pm (between the two dances) and need volunteers to help. Even if you are unable to come to the disco, much of the preparation can be done in the afternoon if volunteers are available. We need volunteers to pick up supplies in the afternoon, prepare food, cook and serve food and drinks. If you are able to help please email us at carltonpandc@gmail.com with ‘Disco’ in the subject line or leave your name and contact details at the office.

**Bunnings BBQ**

 Thanks to those parents who have volunteered to help at the fundraising BBQ to be held at Bunnings, Rockdale on **Saturday, 6 December.** So far we have 6 parents in total who have indicated they can help on the day (including the organisers) so only another six are needed to go ahead. If you are available please email us at carltonpandc@gmail.com with ‘BBQ’ in the subject line.

**School Banking**

**Rewards**

There are approximately 50 students who are eligible to redeem rewards at the moment. Please send in ten tokens with the reward slip filled in next week. Some rewards will only be available this term so make sure rewards are claimed to ensure your child doesn’t miss out on the reward of their choice.
Classroom Achievement awards – KJ and 1C joint winners again

Congratulations to KJ and 1C who are the joint winners of the achievement award this week for the second week in a row. These are the classes who have the most students from their class banking each week. Well done!

Random Draw winner for May

The winner of the random draw winner for May is Zlata S from KJ. Zlata will receive her reward at a morning assembly next week.

Class Awards

KM- Dimitri B; Zara W
KJ- Brendon W; Charlotte S
KF- Reuben S; Daniel L
KH- Szazid N; Antonio K
KS- Micah U; Leila S
KIB- Mahi U; Malik D
KCN- Safin K; Fatima D
1K- Eric Z; Samantha S
1D- Nikolina A; Adrian G
1C- Brooklyn B; Amir H
1S- Leanne W; William S
1/2J- Andrea S; Tanweer D
2G- Alexis C; Lucas T
2K- Christie L; Amira S
2D- Adrika D; Daniel A
2A- Fatima R; Billy M
2P- Mohammed A E; Daniel W
3T- Yuri D; Amelia L
3P- Hadi T; Prachi P
2/3M- Georgie K; David D
3J- Tiana T; Zac K
3/4S- Mark C; Kelly F
4A- Brandon M; Jennifer Z
4G- Makayla P; Connell N
4C- Cecilia C; Ali S
4H- Dilan A; Sara T
5M- Cindy S; Kataraina P
5NH- Abbas K; Thamina H
5E- Daliah M; Christian W
5B- Meea E; Mohamad T
5/6F- Ryan O; Jessica Y
6C- Heba C; Jinan T
6KM- Boon P; Hoa P
6S- Emily D; Alek S
Crazy Hair Day and Pyjama Day

I just wanted to say thanks for your support with the pyjama and hair spraying mufti day. The kids seem to have had a great day. Thank you to the staff for getting into the spirit and wearing pyjamas and dressing gowns and for encouraging kids to bring in hair spray. The children who have won a lunch time on the iPads thanks to donating hair spray: Elita 6S, Yeongmeng 5/6F, Stephanie 5B, Hussein 5E, Marissa 4G, Abbas 3T, Howie 1/2J, Sebastian KJ, Adam 3J, Trisha
First Debating Challenge - Sydney Region

On 21 May 2014, The Sydney Region A and B team debated against Kingsgrove Public School. The topic was “School Canteens Should Be Allowed to Sell Any Food or Drink”, and we were the affirmative team, meaning that we agreed with the topic and it was the first of the debates.

Everyone had a day before to prepare their debates. They worked all morning and afternoon to produce the best arguments they could think of. It was very nerve-racking for all the debaters participating. There were frustrating moments during the preparation of the debate and times when people couldn’t think clearly.

On the day of the debate, Carlton A and B team were anxious, trying to polish off their debate and making it the best they could. Everyone was excited but at the same time, they were nervous. Kingsgrove Public School arrived straight after recess and later, the adjudicator, who is the judge of the debate, Oliver Hillsmith, arrived.

The A team of Carlton and Kingsgrove started off the debate and produced it wonderfully and the final result was very close. However, the Kingsgrove team took the victory by a hair’s breadth.

The B team from both schools were next. Each speaker delivered their speeches strongly and proudly, but the real moment was when the adjudicator announced the result. After a few minutes, the result spilled out. Great news was that our Carlton B team won! Everyone got feedback from the adjudicator and after that everyone celebrated by having biscuits.

Overall, the first debate went wonderfully. Thank you to Mrs Niko, Mrs Mateski, Miss Flowers and Miss Stergiou for all the help they offered, and a big congratulation to all the debaters. Well done!

Natalie H and Natalie L 5/6F
Smoking Ban

Smoking has been banned in a range of public outdoor places under the Act since 7 January 2013. This includes public transport stops and stations, within 10 metres of children’s play equipment, spectator areas of sports grounds, within 4 metres of a pedestrian entrance or exit point from a public building and open areas of public swimming pool complexes.

A dedicated webpage will be available to support the campaign: health.nsw.gov.au/smoke-free

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### Term 2 Calendar 2014

#### Week 5 26 May - 30 May

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| Mon 26 | Interrelate - Year 6  
K-6 Power of One  
K-2 Assembly @ 2pm |
| Tues 27 | Dance 2B Fit – Stage 2 |
| Wed 28 | Crazy Hair/PJ Mufti Day  
Dance 2B Fit – Stage 1 |
| Thurs 29 | Stage 3 Assembly @ 11.25 |
| Fri 30 | Living Eggs Program finishes  
Year 3-6 Assembly @ 11.25am |

#### Week 6 2 June - 6 June

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| Mon 2 | Interrelate - Year 6  
K – 6 NAIDOC Performance |
| Tues 3 | Dance 2B Fit – Stage 2 |
| Wed 4 | Uni Science Test  
Kindergarten Excursion  
Dance 2B Fit – Stage 1 |
| Thurs 5 | Stage 3 Assembly @ 11.25 |
| Fri 6 | Stage 3 Assembly @ 11.25 |

#### Week 7 9 June - 13 June

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| Wed 11 | Dance 2B Fit – Stage 1  
Maths Olympiad Stage 3 |
| Thurs 12 | Class 4A,4C & 4G Excursion  
Stage 3 Assembly @ 11.25 |
| Fri 13 | Year 3-6 Assembly @ 11.25am |

#### Week 8 16 June - 20 June

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| Mon 16 | Class 3J, 3P & 3/4S Excursion  
Stage 2 Assembly @ 11.30am  
Stage 1 Assembly @ 12.30pm  
Kindergarten Assembly @ 2pm |
| Tues 17 | Dance 2B Fit – Stage 2 |
| Wed 18 | Class 2/3M, 3T & 4H Excursion  
Dance 2B Fit – Stage 1 |
| Thurs 19 | KIDSMATTER Fundraiser afternoon event |
| Fri 20 | Stage 3 Assembly @ 11.25 |

#### Week 9 23 June - 30 May

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| Tues 24 | Dance 2B Fit – To be rescheduled  
Gala Soccer Day Stage 1-2 |
| Wed 25 | Dance 2B Fit – Stage 1  
Gala Soccer Day Stage 1-2 |
| Thurs 26 | Stage 3 Assembly @ 11.25 |
| Fri 27 | K-6 Combined Assembly |
Dear Parents,

As part of our school fundraiser on Thursday 19 June 2014, we will have a special Kidsmatter Family Disco and Sausage Sizzle BBQ. This event is for Carlton students and their parents/guardians.

There will be two sessions in the evening:

- Kindergarten to Year 3 and their parents will have the event in the hall between 5:00pm and 6:00pm.
- Year 4 to Year 6 and their parents will have the event in the hall between 6:30pm and 8:00pm.

The sausage sizzle will begin from 6:00pm onwards. **Halal and Non-halal sausages will also be available.**

This exciting fundraising event aims to raise funds to upgrade our school playground equipment. All parents and students are invited to join in this Kidsmatter initiative which promotes a feeling of community and belonging among children, parents and teachers through dance and food.

The event will be hosted by three qualified DJs and dance teachers who will teach us some simple, fun dances to get us all into the spirit of the evening. We will also be giving away two lucky door prizes (one for each disco) as well as some spot prizes throughout the evening.

The total cost of the fundraising event is **$7 per person.** This includes disco entry, sausage sizzle BBQ and a can of drink or bottle of water.

Tickets will be issued to your child following payment.

All orders to be in to the office by Monday 16 June, 2014.

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**Kidsmatter Family Disco and ‘Sausage Sizzle’ Order. ($7.00 per person)**

Child’s First Name_____________ Surname: _________________ Class: ___________

**OFFER 1:** ____ x Chicken Sausage Roll with tomato sauce or BBQ sauce and a can of drink (lemon, lemonade, orange, water)

**OFFER 2:** ____ x Beef Sausage Roll with tomato sauce or BBQ sauce and a can of drink (lemon, lemonade, orange, water)

Please circle:  

- Halal  
- Non-halal

Amount enclosed $__________

Signature: __________________________ Date: ___________