Dear Parents and Carers,

Changing Circumstances
Today, I advise you that my time as Principal of Carlton Public School will come to an end early next term. After Friday 1 August (end of Week 3) I will be taking leave prior to retirement from the Department of Education and Communities. I have enjoyed my time as a teacher and school principal for over thirty nine years and could not have asked for a better school to be in at the end of my career. I will have more to say about that next term, so for now it is with some sadness but much anticipation and excitement that I am planning for my life beyond school. I look forward to participating in my last official school event, the K-6 Assembly on Thursday 31 July as part of our Education Week celebrations for 2014.

From the start of Week 4, Term 3, our Deputy Principal, Mrs Mateski will relieve as Principal until the appointment of a new Principal. Carlton PS is a part of the Georges River Network of schools and the Network Director will conduct the processes for making a new principal appointment to the school.

Wonderful Events This Week
This week I have had the pleasure of attending two events that demonstrate the high quality, opportunity and diversity that exists in our public school system. On Monday evening, I was part of a packed audience of parents, teachers and other visitors at the Sydney Opera House for the Festival of Instrumental Music. Our Carlton Public School Recorder group were part of a massed recorder band, whom, along with other talented musicians from public schools all around NSW played a wonderful selection of music for our entertainment. It was a real pleasure to be in the audience and admire the musical skills and talents of the students and their teachers.

Yesterday, I also enjoyed a visit to the Soccer Gala Day held at Endeavour Sports High School where about ninety of our Stage 3 students took part in a very well organised event where they all played about five games each of five a side soccer. It was a very inclusive event that emphasised team skills and the enjoyment of physical exercise. Students from Year 1-6 have had the chance to join in the Soccer Gala Days this week. My thanks go to Mrs Hanley for organising this valuable sporting opportunity.
This is the last week of a short but 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, Kidsmatter Disco, Recorder Concert 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. 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 15 July 2014**. Please note that Monday 14 July is a Staff Development Day for teachers only.

**Uniform Room Changes**

Our new Uniform Room operators; Taxa, have well and truly made a very efficient start to their job as our uniform suppliers and providers. I advise you that from the start of Term 3 there will be a change in their hours of operation. These will now be: **Tuesday mornings 8.30 – 9.30 am and Thursday afternoons 2.30 -3.30pm.**

In addition some new items will be available including school bags with logo, rain jackets with logo, a range of school socks. Please call in and talk to Anne and Rachel about all your school uniform needs.

**Congratulations**

- To our outstanding performers in the Recorder Group and the School Band who have taken part in very successful concerts this week. The band was successful in gaining a Silver Award in the Bandfest competition involving fourteen bands at Bandfest held today. The report for the Opera House concert is further below in this newsletter
- To our successful debating teams who played each other this week
- All students who took part in the Soccer Gala Days
- And thank you to all parents who helped make the interview bookings so much easier this year, by using the online process

**Reminders**

- The **St George Performing Arts Festival** is fast approaching. The next rehearsal for the Senior Choir group is on Thursday 24 July and the rehearsal for Junior Choir will be on Tuesday 22 July. The tickets for the concerts are only available online at [www.trybooking.com.au/86366](http://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 Tuesday July 29 and our School Open Day and K-6 Assembly on Thursday 31 July
- The **OC Test** for Year 4 will be held on Wednesday July 23, for students who have applied to take part.
- Students return to school on Tuesday 15 July 2014. Please note that Monday 14 July is a Staff Development Day for teachers only
- Some vacancies still exist for Stage 2 & 3 students who may want to take part in the Gym or Tennis sessions during Friday Sport. Please complete the permission form and payment details available from the school office.
- Some families have received an invoice from the school this week detailing outstanding payments for school resources and other school activities including excursions. These accounts need to be settled quickly at the start of Term 3
- Instalment payments for the Stage 2 & 3 Camps also need to be finalised very early next term to continue to guarantee a place in these popular excursions for your child. Please contact the office or the excursion leader if you are experiencing difficulty meeting this commitment

Best wishes for a safe, relaxing and enjoyable vacation!

**Regards**

Steve Cooper
Principal

**P&C News**

The next P&C meeting will be held on **Tuesday, 12 August** at 7.30pm. Please mark this date in your diary.

**Don’t Forget** ……………………….to sign up to the I Give a Gonski campaign by going to the website – [www.igiveagonski.com.au](http://www.igiveagonski.com.au) A significant proportion of the Australian population need to sign up to this campaign and show their support for these important school funding reforms. Please get your friends and family to sign up. Have a
look at the video that explains Gonski in a nutshell -
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xylDiOl7RGI&sns=em

School Banking
The next school banking day is on the first day back to school in Term 3, Tuesday, 15 July.

Rewards
The Whale shark pencil case and shark or penguin keyrings will still be available in Term 3. Two new rewards will be available next term – the moneybox and the swim bag. Many children are eligible for rewards and have not sent in a claim. Next term we will send out reminders to all children who are eligible so they don’t miss out on their rewards.

Classroom Achievement awards – KJ winners again
Congratulations to KJ who is the winner of the achievement award again this week. Well done!

June Random Draw
The winner of the random draw is Phoenix M of KIB. Phoenix will receive her prize this week at morning assembly.

SRC Update
Welcome to the latest SRC update.
We have had an extremely successful first half of the year, with a Crazy Hair Day/Pyjama Day raising almost $1500 for the Make a Wish Foundation and Stewart House. Our Stewart House money boxes have also raised almost $90 in one term! These money boxes are in each SRC class and students can donate any spare change they have. As you can see donating a little can go a long way.

In Term 3, the SRC are planning to host more fundraising events. We are going to continue our support of Tacdugan Elementary School by again collecting books to donate, to help them build a well resourced library. After the success of the Kidsmatter disco, the SRC are planning to organise another disco for all families to take part in. A ‘Twin Day’ is also going to be coming up in Term 3, so check future SRC updates to get more details on these events.

Rayanne H (Captain) and Tara L (Vice Captain).

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 dates listed below.

K-2 Assembly – Please note the new date for this assembly only - Thursday 17 July (Week 1) at 2.00pm in the school hall.

| Betul C (KS) | Tiba E-D (KS) | Peyton T (KS) | Leila S-A (KS) |
| Sarah Q (KS) | Martin A (KCN) | Ruben M (KCN) | Briana P (2A) |
| Isabel D (2A) | Daniel K (KH) | Jonathan H (KH) | Max G (KH) |
| Armani M (KH) | Katarina I (KH) | Maria B (KH) | Thomas S (KH) |
| Larah V (1S) | Noah F (1S) | Selina L (1S) | Rebecca W (1S) |
| Aleksia I (1S) | Emelia C (1S) | Sally H (1S) | Leya Y (2D) |
| Daniel A (2D) | Jordan O (2D) | Nika P (2D) | Kristiana S (2D) |
| Ana V (2D) | Evelyn T (2P) | Sascha S-H (KM) | Stephanie A (KM) |
| Chris B (KM) | Dimitri B (KM) | Bianca Z (KM) | Milena S (1D) |
| Bianka S (1D) | Thomas P (1D) | Adrian G (1D) | Jawaad H (1D) |
| Charlee M (1D) | Lilly J (1D) | Garwa L (1K) | Joshua M (1K) |
| Samantha S (1K) | Dean J (1K) | Evelyn J (1K) | Hassan T (2G) |
| Alexis C (2G) | Serene A (2G) | Evan N (1T) | Alyssa G (1T) |
| Sophie C (1T) | Mohammad A-S (1T) | | |

Y3-6 Assembly – Tomorrow - Friday, 27 June (Week 9) at 11.25am in the school hall.

| Sylvia V (3J) | Tiana T (3J) | Jasmine G (6C) | Chelsea D (6C) |
| Patryk B (6C) | Nicholas C (6C) | Ben Holzer (6C) | Dheeraj P (6C) |
| Chirojoy M (6C) | Kitana M-L (4A) | Thara D (4A) | Jennifer Z (4A) |
| Zhannah (4A) | Kayla H (4A) | Batool A-S (4A) | Emily L (SNH) |
**Class Awards**

KM- Sascha S; Gabriele C  
KJ- Noah P; Jade I  
KF- Stefan D; Musab U  
KH- Al H; Jonathan H  
KS- Peyton T; Aaron H  
KIB- Malik D; Kaleb C  
KCN- Lauren J; Martin A  
1T- Mohammad A; Rina Z  
1K- Kevin Y; Gracie S  
1D- Afsheen M; Ali S  
1C- Matariki N; Amir H  
1S- Rebecca W; Manav S  
1/J- Erik H; Olivia J  
2G- Imogen D; Irfan M  
2K- Stefan T; Eloise T  
2D- Jordan O; Arya K  
2A- Samragi B; Nicholas M  
2P- Sarah L; Matthew L  
2/3M- Chelsea L; Eric Y  
3A- Lorenzo R; Chloe V  
4G- Annabelle V; Connell N  
4C- Emmanuel M; Eloise C  
3/4S- Jessica Q; Ben W  
3J- Mariam M; Rayan W  
3T- Saahil K; My P  
3P- Jackson Z; Jayden F  
4H- Jonathan W; Sampada D  
5M- Thomas C; Zainab W  
5E- Hussein H; Batoul T  
5NH- Leilah I; Philip A  
5B- Thomas H; Emily H  
5/6F- Gary L; Maya T  
6C- Chelsea D; Ali M  
6KM- Nathan H; Rakim I  
6S- Olivia M; Martin R

**ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS**
The last day to purchase an Entertainment Book is Wednesday 16 July, 2014 (Week 1 Term 3). Please go online if you wish to order a copy at $70 each.  

**Athletics Track Events**

Please note the Year 3-6 Athletics Track events (100m, 200m and 800m) will be held on Monday 21 July at Bexley Oval. Permission notes and payment are required as soon as possible.

**LIBRARY EVENTS IN TERM 3**

Term 3 is always an exciting time for us in CPS Library. We wish to inform you about the following upcoming Term 3 events.

**SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR**

Our School is holding a Book Fair in our School Library. (Term 3, Week 3 and 4)
Scholastic Book Fairs provide an exciting range of quality, recently published children's books, novelties and educational products at reasonable prices.

**WEEK 3 (Viewing time using ‘wish lists’)**

The Book Fair arrives on Monday 28 July. Classes and parents will be invited to view the Book Fair and write a ‘wish list’ which can be used in Week 3 to purchase and re-order books. Classes are to visit the Book Fair as follows in their allocated class timetabled slots.

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**WEEK 4** (Students and families can purchase ‘wish list’ items this week during the allocated Library class timetabled slots) or (similar to Book Club) Parents can send students with their ‘wish lists’ filled in with details of the books they want to purchase, with cash or credit card details (in a sealed envelope.)

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Please note there will be no selling before, after school or during lunch times. Some items may need to be re-ordered if they are sold out and students will receive them a few weeks later.
**Book Week 2014 (August 16 – 22)**

Book Week is an exciting annual event which is celebrated by schools and libraries all around Australia. Book Week is the longest running children’s festival in Australia (69 years!). Each year schools and public libraries celebrate books and Australian authors, offer competitions and develop lesson activities based on some of the award winning short-listed books. These quality books are judged by the Children’s Book Council of Australia. You can view the short-listed books @ http://cbca.org.au Please note that some of these books are unsuitable for Primary students (aimed at older students). CPS Library will focus on some of the Picture books, Early childhood books and suitable Information books.

This year the Book Week theme is: **Connect to Reading – Reading to Connect**

Connecting through reading is about enjoying the experience of exploring texts and using technology to connect using a variety of Media. We have planned some exciting Book Week lessons for all classes during Term 3. There will be prizes, displays and fun lunchtime activities during Book Week.

Organised by Ms Phillips and Mrs Afonso (TL’s)

**Soccer Gala Day**

![Soccer Gala Day Images]

**Opera House Performance**

On the 23 June, 16 eager recorder players and two dedicated teachers performed at the Opera House. We played three songs: Can Can, Gulaga Dreaming and Prince Ivan and the Grey Wolf along with many other performances. We were performing for the Festival of Instrumental Music.

Together, we headed to Kogarah station at 9:30 am. We took a train to Martin Place. Close to the station was a boar with a golden nose, and we rubbed it for good luck for our performance. We walked to the Botanical Gardens and were awed by the amazing statues and plants. We sat in a covered area and ate lunch and recess.

We arrived at the Opera House after a short walk. The Opera House was huge! This was the first time for some of the recorder players and for others they were familiar with it. When we went inside the Opera House, we started our rehearsal. We practiced long and hard for almost two hours! When we finished rehearsing, we were all tired out and went with our parents to have dinner and rest.

At the time of the performance, we were all nervous, but very excited to be playing in front of such a big crowd. Even Mr Cooper came to see the performance! As we entered the Opera House, our nervousness only got stronger. There were more than 700 children playing the recorder and around 200 string musicians. What a crowd! But there was nothing to worry about because the performance was flawless.

During the festival, there were so many interesting performances, from a senior choir ensemble to amazing percussion musicians. Obviously, the highlight was our recorder ensemble, though. The crowd enjoyed all the performances that night.

Having the opportunity to perform at the Opera House was a great privilege for all 16 players. All the recorder players are to be congratulated on their amazing performance this year. We would also like to thank Mrs King and Mrs Philip for their hours of hard work in preparing us all for the festival.

Natalie L and Vanessa F
**Kidsmatter Family Disco Fun (More photos on the website)**

Thank you to our Carlton Community of students, parents and teachers who supported our first Kidsmatter Family Disco last Thursday evening. It was so wonderful to see everyone come together to have a great time. Thank you to all of our parent and teacher volunteers who ensured the evening ran smoothly. Thank you to the P&C who generously donated the money for the food and drinks for the evening. Thank you also to Trent and Angie from the Dance 2b Fit crew who did an amazing job at getting everyone out on the dance floor.

The money raised will go towards paying for the new playground equipment for our students to enjoy.

**Chess information**

The chess class at Carlton runs on Tuesday mornings from 8 till 9 am, resuming on 15 July in Term 3.

If you are interested in joining, contact the Sydney Academy of Chess on 02 9745 1170 or email enrol@sydneyacademyofchess.com.au.

For more information on coaching and chess events, please visit sydneyacademyofchess.com.au.

**Chess puzzle:** white to play and checkmate in 1 move.
Once again, students in Years 1-6 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 ‘My Family’ (Stage 1), ‘At the Zoo’ (Stage 2) and ‘My Favourite Book’ (Stage 3). Carlton students have always performed well in the competition and hope to achieve pleasing results again this year! Semoga sukses!

By Nomiki, 2P

By Phoebe, 5E

By Hannah, 2/3M

By Saichhya, 4H

book - buku
family - keluarga
zoo - kebun binatang

By Alin, 2K

By Alin, 2K
Term 2 Calendar 2014

Week 9  23 June - 27 June

Mon
23
K-2 Assembly @ 2.00pm
Recorder Group Excursion

Tue
24
Dance 2B Fit –To be rescheduled
Gala Soccer Day Stage 1-2
Debate
Student Banking

Wed
25
Dance 2B Fit – Stage 1
Gala Soccer Day Stage 3

Thurs
26
Bandfest @ Kogarah
Y3-6 Athletics Field Events
Stage 3 Assembly @ 11.25am

Fri
27
Y3-6 Assembly @ 11.25am
3.00pm Happy Holidays
Stay safe these holidays

Keep our kids safe near roads
School holiday time is a great opportunity for families to have conversations with their children about road safety. Here are some important tips for families to talk about.

- Hold your child’s hand while in the car park, on the footpath and when crossing the road. Children should hold an adult’s hand up until they are eight years old.
- Stop, Look, Listen, and Think!
- Always buckle up in your seatbelt and follow the national child restraint laws for 0-7 year olds.
- Help your child exit the car using the rear passenger door on the footpath side.
- Ensure your child wears a helmet and rides in a safe place away from the road while on a bike, scooter or skateboard.

Thousands of families will be on the roads setting off on road trips these holidays. As more people use our roads, it increases the risk of road trauma!

Here are some useful road safety tips to make sure your family’s journey is a safe one:
- Set off on a long trip feeling refreshed. Sleep well before travelling.
- Drive at times you’d normally be awake. Take a 15 minute break outside your car every two hours.
- Observe the speed limit and drive to the conditions. Take your time and enjoy the scenery.
- Eat well balanced meals at regular times. You need the energy for brain activity and concentration while driving.
- Secure your mobile in a fixed cradle mount and operate hands free or via Bluetooth only.
- Pack some quiet activities for the children such as portable DVD players, books, small computer games, portable music player with headphones.

Visit the Centre for Road Safety, Transport for NSW for more information about keeping safe on or near roads.

Have a happy & safe holiday
From XXXX Public School