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. I hope you received all the information you need to start the year successfully and to plan for a productive and effective 2014.

For parents who were not able to get to the sessions and still require information from a particular teacher please call or email the school to arrange a convenient time to meet with that teacher.

Thank you to the many parents who completed the Parent Teacher Interview Survey giving your views about how and when interviews should be conducted this year. That information is currently being collated and decisions about interviews will be published very soon.

I have included some information for you to consider from Michael Grose from parentingideas.com.au that provides some great advice on ways to support your children and their teachers as you work together in 2014.

Swimming Carnival

Unfortunately the uncertainties about the weather caused me problems early on Monday as I had to decide whether to proceed with the full program of the swimming carnival or not. At 8am when I had to make the decision the continuing showers, wet concrete and slippery grass areas meant it would not be safe or comfortable for all participants to go to the pool. I decided that only the students who had nominated for the competitive events necessary to qualify for the zone carnival would attend. Of course, it soon fined up and the sun came out meaning that our expectation of everyone taking part in the carnival was not met.

This now means that many families have paid for attendance which didn't occur. The easiest way for the school to manage the administration of this is to transfer the money paid to the next carnival event, that is, either of the Y3 - 6 Cross Country or Athletics Carnivals. In circumstances where a family would prefer a refund I request you contact the office on 95873717 as soon as possible to arrange this.
Personal Note
I advise that I will be taking a short period of leave over the next two weeks. Miss Rasmussen will be the Relieving Principal in that time.

Congratulations
- To all participants in the competitive swimming events for taking part, achieving improvements and many personal best results and in several cases new school records. See the Carnival Report from Mrs Hanley later in this newsletter.
- To the Year 2-6 students listed below who have been elected by their class peers as the Student Representative Council members for their class. Their SRC Badges will be presented at the K-2 and Y3-6 Assemblies on Monday 24 February and Friday 28 February next week.

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Important Reminders
- Meet the Languages Teachers Meeting on Monday 24 February at 9.30am
- Y1-2 Assembly on Monday 24 Feb at 2.00pm, Y3-6 Assembly on Friday 28 February at 11.30am
- Year 3 Kurnell Excursion on Wednesday 26 February
- Year 4 Kurnell Excursion on Thursday 27 February Payment required by Tuesday 25 Feb!

Regards

Steve Cooper

P&C News
Parking around our school
Many parents would have read the articles in The Daily Telegraph and The Sydney Morning Herald on the weekend about the number of traffic offences being committed in school zones. According to one paper 13,994
parking and traffic offences were issued between July 2013 and February 12, 2014. What a staggering number! It would be interesting to know how many of those fines were issued in our own school zone – quite a few judging from the behaviour of drivers in the streets surrounding our school on a daily basis. Most drivers do the right thing (and a huge thank you to those parents and carers who do) but unfortunately not everyone does. While our school didn’t appear in the photos of ‘Sydney’s Worst School Zone Drivers’ in one of the articles, the behaviour shown in those photos is commonplace at our school every morning and afternoon. Just a couple of days ago a driver chose to double park to drop off children near the Cameron St canteen gate rather than using the many spaces available at the time in the ‘Kiss and Drop’ zone. Why you ask? It just doesn’t make sense at any time let alone when there were many safe parks available just a couple of metres ahead.

Everyday as parents we have an expectation that our children will be able to travel safely to and from school. Keeping your own children safe and the hundreds of other children who attend Carlton PS must be a priority. That means please don’t do any the following in a school zone:

- disobey a ‘No Parking’ sign ($169 fine + 2 demerit points). See information in last week’s newsletter about what a ‘Kiss and Drop’ zone means.
- stop on/across driveway ($169 fine + 2 demerit points)
- stop on footpath/nature strip ($169 fine + 2 demerit points)
- double park ($304 fine + 2 demerit points)
- stop in a bus zone ($304 fine + 2 demerit points)
- disobey a ‘No Stopping’ sign ($304 fine + 2 demerit points)
- stop on or near a pedestrian crossing ($405 + 2 demerit points)

P&C AGM and General Meeting
Remember to mark the date of the P&C Annual General Meeting (AGM) in your diaries – Tuesday, 11 March 2014.

To nominate for a position at the AGM you need to be a financial member of the P&C. If you wish to vote or nominate for a position at the AGM $1 membership will need to be paid on the night which is in accordance with our constitution. Please see Mr Cooper or a member of the current P&C executive to discuss the responsibilities involved in the various roles and/or request an information pack outlining the specific roles and responsibilities of each position.

If you wish to make contact with the P&C please email us at carltonpandc@gmail.com

School Banking
School banking started with gusto for Years 1-6 last Tuesday.

Just a few things to remember:
- please write your child’s new 2014 class on the front of the yellow wallet
- please fill in both sides of the deposit slip
- rewards will be sent out at the beginning of March when the new computer claiming system is up and running. If you claimed a reward this week you will receive it in March.
- please open the Parent Pack for a 2014 redemption sheet.
- Parent packs for Kindergarten and the remaining Year 4 classes and Years 5 and 6 should arrive next week.

Classroom Achievement awards
Each week the class with the most students banking in that week will win an award. The school bankers in the class with the most achievement awards at the end of each semester, ie. Terms 1 & 2, and Terms 3 & 4, will win a prize. Congratulations to 2/3M for winning the award this week. What a great start 2/3M.

Random Lucky Draw
Every month a deposit slip is drawn out of a box and that lucky banker has a choice of a great prize. There are many prizes to choose from - pencils, metal drink bottles, pens, bubbles, mouse mats, beach balls etc. All students who bank in the week of the lucky draw will be eligible to win. The draw could take place in any week of the month so make sure your child banks each week to be in with a chance to win.
A 'Not So Random' lucky draw will occur next week as it is the last week for banking in February. All bankers next week will have a chance to win and the winner will be announced in next week's newsletter.

**Uniform Room**

This term the uniform room will be opened each **Monday and Thursday morning between 8.25am – 8.55am**. Please note that we close at 8.55am not 9.00am or later as we have other commitments to go to. We are pleased to advise that school caps and hats have arrived and are available for purchase. Please label all uniform items clearly – please go over the names with a permanent marker and check regularly. We have lots of items with either no name or a name we can't read which makes it very hard to return the item to the correct owner.

**Class Awards**

KM- Dimitri B; Bianca Z  
KF- Juliet B; James B  
KS- Betul C; Noah M  
KCN- Martin A; Lauren J  
1K- Garwa L; Sam X  
1C- Mani C; Henry H  
1/2J- Gabrielle H; Gabriel N  
2K- Alin B; Jasmine B  
2A- Fatima R; Justin K  
5M- Riddhi T; Amani H; Bryan C; Charlie A  
5E- Alannah P; Bhuru D; Mithil P; Maha T  
5NH- Ellis P; Pooja P; Emily L; Ryan L  
5B- Jawad D; Thomas H; Kelly P; Thomas L  
5/6F- Tazmin S; Sam C; Edwin S; Jade H  
6C- Anthony V; Chelsea D; Alexandra P; Nicholas C  
6KM- Michaela B; Hollie C; Daniel T; Hanson H  
6S- Amanda W; Rosalie C; Daniel D; Shan K

**Premier’s Reading Challenge 2014**

- Premier’s Reading Challenge 2014 opens on 3 March via the PRC website  
  [www.premiersreadingchallenge.nsw.edu.au](http://www.premiersreadingchallenge.nsw.edu.au)  
- Schools are automatically registered when a student starts an online reading record, after 3 March 2014.  
- Students log on using their DEC username and password. On their first logon for 2014, students record their previous school, if applicable.  
- Books read from 1 September 2013 can be added to the online reading record.  
- Students are encouraged to complete their own online records at school, at home and the local library. Parents can assist students to enter the books that they read.  
- The easiest and most reliable way to enter PRC books is by their ID number, which can be found in the online PRC booklists.
The Challenge closes on 1 September 2014. We recommend that students complete their records by 22 August.

**Carlton Public School Swimming Carnival 2014**

I would like to congratulate all swimmers on a fine performance at our school swimming carnival held on Monday 17 February. Unfortunately we were unable to take all students in years 3-6 due to poor weather. However, we broke 4 Carlton records and all race entrants had a great day. Quite a number of these students will go on to represent Carlton at our zone carnival on Friday 7 March at San Souci Pool. Miss Martin will coordinate the zone team and notes will go out soon. Our school will hold a presentation for our carnival for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place getters along with Age Champion trophies. This will be held at the next combined stage 2 and 3 assembly on Friday 28 February from 11:30am in the hall. Parents are welcome to attend, please be seated behind year 6 in the COLA area.

Congratulations to the following record breakers:

- Mirabelle R - 8years girls Freestyle
- Mitchell H - 11yr boys 50m freestyle, 11yr boys backstroke and All Age 100m freestyle.

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

Mrs Hanley

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**Carlton Public School Swimming Carnival 2014 Results**

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Congratulations to our 2014 age champions. Trophies will be presented at the next Stage 2 and Stage 3 combined assembly on Friday 28 February, Week 5.
Year 6 and Kindergarten Party

Book Club
Tomorrow is the last day to send in orders and payment. We accept cheques, payment slips and cash. Please pay with correct cash, no small change to be given.

Learning Links
www.learninglinks.org.au
(02) 8568 8200
Head office: 10 Railway Parade, Penshurst NSW 2222
Clean up Australia Day

Clean Up Australia Day is around the corner and the children in our school will be given a chance to be part of this fantastic event by working together to make our school squeaky clean.

We will be cleaning the school in our stage groups at various times during Friday 28 February. The sessions and cleaning locations for each stage will be as follows:

- **Kindergarten - Middle Session (Area 1 and Area 2)**
- **Stage One - Middle Session (Games Court and Grass Area)**
- **Stage Two - 9:00 - 10:00am (Inside Gardens and Around Buildings)**
- **Stage Three - 2:00 - 3:00pm (Exterior Gardens and fences)**

Rubbish bags will be provided and children are encouraged to bring a pair of gloves to school on this day. Parents are also welcome to join us for this special event.

Many thanks,
Miss Stergiou

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**ENDAVER HIGH SCHOOL**

**OPEN NIGHT 2014**

Wednesday 26th February

School Hall 6.00pm – 8.00pm

**Personal Best, Commitment, Respect**

- Exceptional Teaching and Learning standards; High student expectations.
- Dynamic learning environment; Outstanding academic results.
- Enrichment in extra-curricular interests; band, debating, drama, the visual arts
- Recognised student welfare initiatives: Captains Council – a leadership course, White Ribbon, True 2 U – girls initiative, Boys 2 Men

Valuing individual potential – achieving personal best

Strong academic results are evident in 2012, 2013 HSC graduates placed in University Courses including: Health Science, Business & Economics, International Law, Architecture & Design & Psychology. Student Visual Art Work exhibited in Art Express, first in the state in Tourism and Hospitality Minister’s Award for Excellence in student achievement.

Strong sporting achievements are evident in 2013 graduates securing sporting contracts both nationally and internationally.

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**Blakehurst High School**

**B H S Information Evening**

-Parents and Students Year 7 2015 - an invitation to attend...

Blakehurst High School, highest achieving public co-educational comprehensive school in the district with 2013 HSC students and their teachers achieving outstanding academic results once again. Some highlights were: Highest achieving Comprehensive school in 31 Georges district, Top ATAR 99.20 with 6 students named in the State’s Merit list.

An effective school however, is far more than its HSC results. Our outstanding school achieve outcomes for all of its students, not just those who can achieve academically. We are delighted with all those students who have been assisted to achieve full time apprenticeships and traineeships and other school to work outcomes.

Similarly we are proud of students in all years who have been assisted to achieve their best by our wonderful staff. If you would like to learn more about our quality programs... 

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Returning Tuesday 18 March

As the final step in Australia’s move to digital-only TV, some TV channels will be changing frequencies. After channels have moved, viewers will need to retune their digital TV, set-top box or digital TV recorder. For more information, visit the website at www.digitalready.gov.au/retune
### Term 1 Calendar 2014

#### Week 4 - 17 February - 21 February
- **Mon 17**
  - Y3-6 Swimming Carnival
  - Parent Information meeting:
    - Stage 3: 5-6pm
    - Kindergarten: 6-7pm
- **Tue 18**
  - School banking starts today 9:00am
  - Parent Information meeting:
    - Stage 2: 5-6pm
    - Stage 1: 6-7pm
- **Wed 19**
- **Thur 20**
  - 6C & 6S Excursion
- **Fri 21**

### Week 5 - 24 February - 28 February

#### Week 6 - 3 March - 7 March
- **Mon 3**
  - Arabic Parent Workshop 9am
- **Tue 4**
  - School Banking 9:00am
- **Wed 5**
- **Thur 6**
- **Fri 7**
  - Zone Swimming Carnival

### Week 7 - 10 March - 14 March

#### Week 8 - 17 March - 21 March
- **Mon 10**
  - Arabic Parent Workshop 9am
  - Years 1-2 Assembly 2.00pm
- **Tue 11**
  - School banking 9:00am
  - P&C AGM 7:30pm in Staffroom
- **Wed 12**
- **Thur 13**
  - Selective High School Test
- **Fri 14**
  - Years 3-6 Assembly 11.30am

### Week 9 - 24 March - 28 March

#### Week 10 - 31 March - 4 April
- **Mon 31**
  - Y5 Excursion to Minnamurra
  - St 3 Young Leaders Excursion
- **Tue 1**
  - Stages 2 & 3 Workshop
  - School Banking 9:00am
- **Wed 2**
- **Thur 3**
- **Fri 4**

### Week 11 - 7 April - 11 April
- **Mon 7**
  - Y6 Excursion to Minnamurra
  - Years K-2 Assembly 2.00pm
- **Tue 8**
  - School banking 9:00am
- **Wed 9**
- **Thur 10**
  - Pedlars Parade (Kindergarten/Stage1)
- **Fri 11**
  - Years 3-6 Assembly 11.30am

**Term 2 commences for all students on**
- **Tuesday 29 April 2014**

**Term 2 commences for all staff on**
- **Monday 28 April 2014**

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**Week 5 - 24 February - 28 February**

| Mon 24 | 5/6F & 6KM Excursion  
Meet the Language Teachers  
Years 1-2 Assembly 2.00pm |
| Tue 25 | School Banking 9:00am |
| Wed 26 | Y3 Botany Bay Excursion |
| Thur 27 | Y4 Botany Bay Excursion |
| Fri 28 | Years 3-6 Assembly 11.30am  
Clean up School Day |

**Week 6 - 3 March - 7 March**

| Mon 3 | Arabic Parent Workshop 9am |
| Tue 4 | School Banking 9:00am |
| Wed 5 | |
| Thur 6 | |
| Fri 7 | Zone Swimming Carnival |

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Last Day of Term 1 |
The power of a sincere compliment

It’s amazing the impact a sincere compliment can have on the confidence and self-esteem of a child or young person.

I overheard a friend tell her eight-year-old daughter last week:

“You did such a good job helping your brother yesterday. You are such a lovely big sister!”

My friend’s face lit up with a smile as she said it. She gently put her hand on her daughter’s shoulder at the same time.

The little girl beamed, then she went off to play.

It was a simple parenting moment among many that my friend would have initiated that day.

I couldn’t help thinking that it doesn’t take much to grow kids’ self esteem and create good feelings at home.

A sincerely given compliment has an enormous impact on the person who receives it. We all grow a little taller, at least inside, when we are given a compliment.

We also feel closer to the person who complimented us.

Compliments satisfy the deep craving we all have to be appreciated.

There is one problem. While compliments are easy to give, they are also easy not to give.

We forget.

We underestimate their impact.

We haven’t developed the habit of giving compliments.

Amplify the impact

There were two things my friend did that amplified the impact of her compliment.

1. She smiled as she gave the compliment.
2. She touched her daughter as well.

Touch will always amplify a compliment. It makes it personal.

Her mother’s smile told her daughter what her mum really felt. In fact, the touch and smile said it all. The words reinforced the smile and touch.

The compliment was given and received through three senses – visually, kinaesthetically and auditorily.

That’s how kids receive all our messages – they see, they feel, they hear – though we often focus on the words and forget the visual and kinaesthetic.

Next time your child does something worthwhile take the time to give a compliment.

Smile (tell your face you are happy) and add a little touch to really let them know how you feel. Watch your child’s reaction. It’ll have a significant impact.

It doesn’t take much.