Dear Community,

Our school has been allocated a brand new two storey portable consisting of four classrooms. Each level has a withdrawal area for small group work, moveable storage, a staff office, a verandah and a set of stairs at either end, the building also has a lift. We are planning to locate the building on the western boundary of the school, where the current shelter shed and bike sheds are. Construction is likely to start this term after the site has been prepared.

Why do we need Portables?
Carlton Gardens Primary school is growing rapidly. This is in part due to the success of Melbourne City Councils strategy to improve the liveability of Melbourne; more families are staying in the city and therefore sending their children to the closest school to the city – Carlton Gardens Primary. The growth is also due to North Melbourne (Errol St), South Yarra and South Melbourne Primary schools all having a CAP* (maximum student number) which means that Docklands, Southbank and central City families have no other choices. The school has also performed very well in recent literacy tests (NAPLAN) which have been published on the MySchool website. We have great teachers and our reputation is now very attractive. People want to come to Carlton Gardens. The school population is already beyond current building capacity, with the 2013 enrolments at 270 and onwards we are experiencing.

How are we going to manage the reduced play space?
We understand that this may be an area for concern, currently we have a split lunch to ensure there are only 280 students playing in the yard at one time. This has been working well, and the yard actually looks quite vacant during these lunch hours. We will continue this in 2014 and add a split recess as well. We will also be adding quiet play areas to the yard by purchasing some outdoor board games. The playground will be relocated to run along the southern boundary and will replace the unused vegetable gardens. We also plan to have an indoor play space that will be used during lunch.

Answers to some questions......
Can’t we get a CAP and stop more children enrolling?
The school has applied for a CAP (maximum student number) of 300. This will be in place for enrolments in 2014 and onwards. Note that despite a CAP, government schools are still required to accept children who live locally (where Carlton Gardens is the closest school as the crow flies) and families who are determined to come. A state school cannot legally refuse families that live within our school zone. A CAP can only inhibit not prevent enrolments.

 Aren’t we accepting lots of kids from far away?
In the past we had accepted families from further afield as student enrolments were low. Currently our enrolments are coming from the city and we are their closest government school.

Isn’t there a new school opening in Docklands/Southbank?
The State government did announce new primary schools for Docklands/West Melbourne and Southbank/Port Melbourne. As yet, there are no committed funds for planning nor construction for either location and at best they are unlikely to be open before 2016/17. These schools will not solve the impact of population growth we are experiencing.

Can’t we build new classrooms?
The school has investigated options for new buildings. However the State government has no funding for capital works in the short term. We have sought support from the Local Council and the Councillors to begin lobbying state government for additional support for our school.

As soon as the school has been notified of the timeline for the building works we will let our community know. If you have any further questions regarding the new building or the works that are due to commence shortly please feel free to contact me in the office.

Thank you,
Tina McDougall & School Council
MORE EXCITING BABY NEWS FROM CGPS!!!

We would like to congratulate Andrew and Nareena Bloomfield on their amazing news that they are expecting twins in January. We wish them both all the very best.

FATHER’S DAY BREAKFAST

We will be having a Father’s day Breakfast on the 30th of August, it was such a fantastic morning last year. More information about this will be coming out soon.

PUPIL FREE DAY - MONDAY 12TH OF AUGUST

Monday the 12th of August is a Curriculum Day at Carlton Gardens PS. There will be no school for students.

OSHClub will be open, please book online - www.oshclub.com.au

敬爱的家长:  
下个星期一八月十二日,学校的老师要备课,学生们不必到校来上课。星期二见。谢谢！

SCHOOL CONCERT - The Golden Era of Rock n Roll

This term all students will be involved in the school concert. The theme of the concert is The Golden Era of Rock n Roll and will explore the beginning of the genre covering music from 1954 - 1977. The students have been working with a specialist dance instructor since the beginning of term two and are all very excited to show you their performances.

The concert will be held at the Yarraville Club in Yarraville on Thursday the 12th of September. You may be wondering why we choose this venue as it is not around the corner from school. As a school we needed to consider the price of the venue, seating capacity, access to public transport and a place that provided ample parking. The Yarraville Club addressed all these areas. If you believe it is too far for you to travel we have booked a bus that will leave from school and return to school on the evening of the 12th.

We have asked that you indicate on the note already sent home if this is a service you would like to use. Tickets for the bus will be sold separately to the concert tickets. Concert tickets have been selling fast and we ask that you purchase your allocated two tickets before the 29th of August to guarantee an entertaining night. Additional tickets will be available after this date if there are any available.

Class teachers will be looking for help to organise costumes and to get students ready on the night. They will send home information regarding this in the coming weeks. We would love for your help in any way you can!

CANCELLED - WORKING BEE, 8th of September

Due to the building works that will be happening shortly at the school the Buildings and Grounds Subcommittee have decided to cancel the Working Bee. Instead a working bee will be organised for term four.

ELECTION DAY - 7th of September

We will be holding a Sausage Sizzle/Cake Stall at the school on Election Day the 7th of September to capitalise on so many of our community members being on our school grounds. Anyone willing to donate home baked goods, such as cakes/slices/biscuits that can be sold on the day, can drop them of at school on Friday the 6th of September. We are also looking for volunteers to help cook and man the stall during the day. A roster will be placed in the hallway near the office where you can add your name to the list of helpers. Thank you in advance for your help.

GRADE 1/2 TOY INCURSION

Last Tuesday, the 1/2 students were treated to a brilliant incursion that helped bring an end to our ‘Toys’ inquiry unit. The incursion was called ‘Toys over Time’ and students got to play with a range of different toys from throughout the ages. With the focus on playing, playing and more playing, the kids undoubtedly had a ball.

A few student responses to the day and their favourite toys are below:

"We had an awesome time and our favorite toys were the pets and animals because they were very cute and as soft as silk." - Grace and Elaine.

"My favourite toys from the Incursion yesterday were the "Zoom Zoom" Pets. I liked them because they can move on their own. It was very real, like a real pet." - Yuto & Robbie.

"Our favorite toy was the Harry Potter costume because we felt like we were the real character in the movie. We loved the toy incursion." - Charlie and Semira.

Special thanks to the Parents & Friends of CGPS for funding this event. It was a really exciting experience for the students and gave them a great chance to play with all the toys we had learned about during the unit.
**Book Week**
Friday 16th - Friday the 23rd August

Our week of celebration will start on Friday the 16th August, when all students will have the opportunity to meet Kym Lardner, an Australian Author who will be sharing his love of reading, writing and storytelling. Please return the permission form and $7 to your child’s classroom teacher by Tuesday 13th of August. We will have no assembly this day due to the timeline of the incursion.

On Thursday 22nd August a Book Fair will be held during the day for students to purchase new Scholastic books. Students will be given an opportunity to purchase books with their class during the day. The book fair will also be open before school, from 8:30-8:50am and after school, from 3:30-4:00pm in the PD centre near the office. During these times parents are able to view and purchase books with their child. If there are still books to be sold, the Book Fair will be open on Friday 23rd August before and after school for parents and during recess and lunch for students.

If you would like to assist with the Book Fair and you have a Working With Children Check, please notify your child’s teacher by writing a note stating your interest ASAP.

On Friday 23rd of August students will be further celebrating their love of books by dressing up as their favourite book character. This is a whole school event so EVERYONE can get on board! Parents are encouraged to cheer on all of the amazing costumes. There will be prizes for the best dressed book character. The parade will be held in the morning from approximately 9:10 – 10:00am.

We will conclude the week with a fun Literacy Day, where students will participate in activities related to The Children’s Book Council of Australia, Short-Listed Books. Students will be split into classes with a different teacher from 10am - 1:30pm.

We look forward to collaboratively sharing an appreciation for books!

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100 DAYS OF SCHOOL PARTY!

Last week the preps had their 100 days of school celebrations. What a fun way to learn about numbers and place value. Check out the picks.
IMPLEMENTATION OF THE AUSTRALIAN CURRICULUM IN VICTORIA

All Australian States and Territories have been working with the Commonwealth Government since 2008 to develop a new Australian Curriculum. The States and Territories have agreed on many areas of the curriculum, however, there are some important differences in the ways it will be implemented. These differences include the timing of the introduction of the new curriculum and certain aspects of the content of the new curriculum. The new curriculum for Foundation (Prep) to Year 10 in Victoria is known as AusVELS. This represents the integration of the new Australian Curriculum subjects into the Victorian Essential Learning Standards (VELS). VELS was the previous Victorian curriculum framework used by schools.

The implementation of AusVELS began in 2013. This included the introduction of the first four Australian Curriculum subjects, English, History, Mathematics and Science and the rest of the learning areas taken from VELS.

Parents and students will notice only small changes because of the similarities between the Australian Curriculum subjects and the previous Victorian curriculum. For example, in the AusVELS English curriculum, there is slightly more emphasis on grammar, and more specific content is included in the AusVELS History curriculum. In some areas of Mathematics and Science, the VELS curriculum was more demanding than the Australian Curriculum. Where this was the case, the higher Victorian standards have been maintained in AusVELS.

Student achievement for Foundation-10 English, History, Mathematics and Science will now be reported against the new achievement standards.

At the senior secondary level, the introduction of the Australian Curriculum will have no impact on the delivery of VCAL or VCE.

Studies in the VCE in the learning areas of English, History, Mathematics and Science will be reviewed as part of the normal review process. These reviews will include consideration of both the Australian Curriculum senior secondary subjects and subjects from leading international jurisdictions. This will ensure that Victorian students continue to have access to the highest quality senior secondary education. Revised studies in the VCE will not be implemented until 2016.


INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC LESSONS

Music lessons have commenced this term with a number of new teachers covering Tom Spender’s lessons while he is on tour. Matt Walters will be taking singing lessons on Wednesdays and Jarrad Brown will be teaching Keyboard on Thursdays. Manny and Brett will be with us again this term. Manny’s drum lessons will be on Tuesdays and Brett’s guitar and keyboard lessons will be on Fridays. Teachers can be contacted by email at the following addresses:

Matt: mattwalters85@gmail.com
Jarrad: jradbrown@gmail.com
Brett: brettlangsford@gmail.com
Manny: ebourakis@gmail.com

DON’T FORGET NO SCHOOL ON MONDAY THE 12TH OF AUGUST

Play better basketball!

Introduction to Representative Basketball
Sunday 11th August
Girls 9.00 – 10.30 am
Boys 10.30 – 12 noon
Collingwood College
McCUTCHEON WAY, COLLINGWOOD
For Girls & Boys born 2001 - 2005 with competitive basketball experience
Register your interest
rep@collingwoodbasketball.com.au
Queries phone Megan Rouse on 0417 106 490
www.collingwood.basketball.net.au
Rep tryouts for all age groups will commence Sunday 6th October
Carlton Gardens Primary School presents

The Golden Age of Rock & Roll

Thursday 12th September 7:00pm
Yarraville Club
135 Stephen St Yarraville
OSHClub News
Before School / After School Care Program

Program Update
Term 3 is off to a wonderful start! I thank the entire Carlton Gardens community on such a warm welcome to the school. We have been having a great time at Before and after school care with the kids always giving great suggestions on what they would like to do. Some activities the kids have been enjoying recently are sewing, homemade salt dough creations, scavenger hunts and they also are loving bubbles and puzzles. Next week is a curriculum day on Monday 12 August, please remember that books are needed and children not booked in cannot be accepted on the day of.

We are also always collecting boxes and other recycled materials for the program so please feel free to bring them by. I am hoping to do more activities and programming with recycled products and teaching the children the importance of reusing items to help the environment.

Last reminder is please be sure that you are booking children in advance online. With the program growing so rapidly we need to know how many kids we will be having. If you have to book last minute please call the program and we can let you know if we have space for the kids.

Next Week’s Activities: Science Week!

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Parent Information

OSHC program phone: 0431608071
Coordinator: Jena
Assistants: Darren, Silvia, Jordan
OSHClub Head Office: 03 85649000
All families must be enrolled to attend the program, remember this is Free!! Please create an account online at www.oshclub.com.au all bookings and cancellations can also be managed via your online account. For on the day bookings please contact the Coordinator direct at the program.

Gemz Creative Arts – Centre for Performing and Creative Arts
www.gemzcreativearts.com

ART & CRAFT LESSONS FOR LITTLE GEMS!

Dear Parents!
Drop your little gems off for an hour and half of fun filled creative arts activities while you shop, do your chores or if you just want to have some free time of your own!
Children will learn to be creative using colours, beads, ribbons and mosaic and many more. They will learn to express themselves creatively while having lots of fun. They also get to take home their creative masterpieces!
All materials will be provided! Located at Carlton on the fringe of Melbourne CBD. Classes run on Saturdays from 10 am to 11.30 am.
Spaces are limited! Call 0431377464 to book your child into a Creative Arts class today and see the difference! Visit www.gemzcreitivearts.com for more information.