### CALENDAR - DATES TO REMEMBER

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### SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTIONS

The school is calling for nominations for School Council positions. School Council is the governing body of our school and develops the broad direction and vision for the school in collaboration with members of the school community. School Council is actively involved in the development of and endorses the school’s strategic plan and school policies.

There are three vacancies and nomination forms are available at the office. Please note that nominations close on Thursday 28th February at 4:00pm. The new School Council will have their first official meeting on Thursday 19th March.

### HEAD LICE REMINDER

The presence of Head Lice (Nits) is an ongoing problem in schools. Already this year we have a few reported cases at our school.

We need the support of parents to help minimise their spread, by detecting and treating head lice.

It is essential that parents check students’ hair regularly. If you see any evidence of lice or eggs you will need to treat your child, and the whole family before your child returns to school. If unsure, your local chemist would be able to advise you on the appropriate treatment for head lice. Left untreated head lice will quickly spread through a class and students often become re-infested.

Please remember - this is not something to be embarrassed about - as head lice like to —set up camp in clean hair, not dirty hair!

### UPDATING INFORMATION

Please ensure that you keep the school up to date with all important information i.e. contact details, family situations, child’s medical issues etc. This is extremely important. Thank you in advance.

### UNIFORM SHOP OPENING TIMES

The uniform shop will operate from the school office every Monday and Friday mornings between 8:30am and 9:30am and Wednesday afternoons 3:15 - 3:45pm.

### SCHOOL OFFICE HOURS

School Office hours are 8:30am until 4:30pm. Please also note that EFTPOS facilities are only available between 8:30am and 2pm.

### AEU INDUSTRIAL ACTION

The Australian Education Union (AEU) and the state government have yet to come to an agreement about employment conditions in state schools. Members of the department and AEU continue to engage in negotiations. Parents are reminded that the ongoing industrial action is not just about teacher pay, but also workload, contract teaching arrangements and conditions experienced by School Support Staff.

As a result of the stopwork action on Thursday the 14th of February, the AEU are continuing the ban on school staff working in excess of the 38 hours they are paid to work each week. Via my experience in education (and I’m sure many families will agree) I can attest that the work of teachers requires very long hours and high levels of dedication and commitment well beyond the 38 hours school staff are paid for each week. Indeed, staff at our school work 45, 50 and 60+ hours every week. Staff at Carlton Gardens have been imposing the ban through the adjustment of meeting schedules and sharing of additional commitments. All staff have been very mindful to focus on the needs of the students and families when considering such action.

The teaching, administrative and support staff appreciate the ongoing support and understanding of the Carlton Gardens Primary School community.
We will no longer be sending home hard copies of the newsletter, if you have obtained this copy from the office please subscribe to one of our electronic options. The newsletter will be posted on the school website at www.carltongardens.vic.edu.au. If you do not currently receive a reminder email each week, and you would like to, please click on the ‘Subscribe to the Newsletter’ button in the middle of the right hand side of our website. Do not press on ‘Register/Login’. Alternatively if you would like the newsletter via your iPhone, Android phone, iPad or Computer please download the tiqbiz app. There will be some hard copies available at the office.

Our students will again have the opportunity to utilise Mathletics, both at school and at home this year. Below I have provided some information about Mathletics for prep parents and other parents new to the school.

Mathletics is an Australian web-based learning program which integrates home and school learning via the internet. Mathletics covers all years of schooling and is currently used in over 3300 schools in Australia and over 8000 schools worldwide, from over 200 countries. Your child will have 24 hour access to Mathletics by using a unique user name and password.

Benefits of Mathletics:

• Live Mathletics - students compete live against students from around the world in mental arithmetic
• Full Kindergarten to Year 12 curriculum coverage
• Support Centre - step by step animated support for every question. New questions every time.
• 24/7 access - learn anytime, anywhere!

To view Mathletics: visit www.mathletics.com.au Ensure pop-ups are allowed.
Please note: if your child does not have access to a computer and the internet at home, please write a note to the class teacher to notify of this. These students will still be able to access Mathletics at school.

NATIONAL COSTUME PARADE
At the Harmony Fete, on the 23rd of March, there will be a national costume parade. We would like as many students as possible to come on the day of the fete dressed in a national costume. It doesn’t have to be your own. The parade will be held between 11am and 12pm. Just note that there will be journalists and photographers present.

CGPS’s UNIFORM
We have a compulsory uniform at Carlton Gardens Primary School. See below:

When adding accessories to the uniform (e.g. leggings, stockings, scarves etc.) please ensure they are blue or white.

EARN & LEARN
We would like to thank all our families that contributed to the Woolworths Earm & Learn program last year. It was a huge success and our school was able to receive a lot of valuable resources which arrived last week. The resources include doll houses, dress ups and puppet theatres for use in developmental play in Prep to Grade 2, gardening equipment for students to use in our veggie garden, weather stations and weather recording equipment, board games for our lunch time programs, Lego for use in our film making, mini whiteboards and art supplies. Finally we would like to thank Woolworths for running this program.

TECHNOLOGY TIPS

Educational App of the Week
Toontastic
Lights, Camera, Play!
Toontastic is a storytelling and creative learning tool that enables kids to draw, animate, and share their own cartoons with friends and family around the world through simple and fun imaginative play! With over 2 million cartoons created in over 150 countries, parents and teachers rave about the app... and kids can’t stop creating!

AFTER SCHOOL PICK UP
Just a reminder - school finishes at 3:30pm. Students will be supervised in the yard until 3:45pm. If on the odd occasion you are unable to arrange for your child to be picked up by this time please notify the school. If we have not heard from you, students will be placed into aftercare. This will ensure they do not feel worried or anxious and they will be provided with full supervision. If you are not already registered with OSHClub please do so online at www.oshclub.com.au and follow the prompts. Thank you for your support with this.

FOOTY TIPPING
This year we are running a football tipping competition for all our families. To take part go to www.afl.com.au, click on the tipping tab, click on register now, don’t click on the school’s tipping. Once you have registered you can enter the schools competition details below.

Competition Name: Carlton Gardens PS
Password: carltongardens

Please read the attached flyer for updated CGPS’s Harmony Fete
WEEKLY NEWS
What an exciting week! Our students have been involved in some special events. The Irwin family, Terri, Bindi and Robert visited the grade 1/2s on Tuesday to talk about healthy eating. Joey, the horse puppet from War Horse, came to visit Phar Lap at the Melbourne Museum and the grade 5/6 students got an invite. And lastly, the AFL Multicultural Program kicked off yesterday with the 3 to 6 students, and next week we may have a high profile footballer visiting. Below are some photos of the experiences and some writing by the grade 1/2s.

Recounts from grade 1/2BT
I was shocked when the snake came out. I learnt a snake eats apples. My favourite was the possum and the lizard and the frilled neck lizard. There were two possums. The possum went in Bindi’s shirt and it was funny! I liked her friends.
Thank you,
Emily

Bindi and the Animals
When I saw the snake I was scared and surprised. That was my favourite part. I learnt that if you step on a snake it will bite you, so we need a bandage. I found it interesting that snake was very long and the lizard had a blue tongue. I loved the fresh juicy apples. We had a photo with Bindi Irwin. We all had a great day. Then we went back to our classroom.
Sanjana
KIDS ART CLASSES!
TAKING BOOKINGS FOR Term 1 2013
Bec's Tree House Art School art classes has been running for the past 7 years, by established artist/teacher Bec James, held in Thornbury!
Drawing, painting, puppet making, sculpture and more
TIMES: After school. 4 - 5.30pm, Mondays and Wednesdays
AGES: 5 - 12yrs
PLACE: Classes are held in a beautiful setting for kids in the artist's studio! A wonderful room full of inspiration! At the back of the magic garden, Ballantyne St, Thornbury (enter around side gate). Please phone for more details.
Bec James is a practicing artist who has held kids’ festival workshops at festivals such as MOOMBA/ WOMADEelaide/ FUN 4 KIDS/ VIVA fest, FED SQUARE and much more. (As well as artist in residencies with over 20 primary schools). She was also recently the Artistic Director at the Under One Moon Festival in Richmond.
Phone Bec for bookings: 0419 880 704
See the new amazing WEBSITE!!
www.becstreehouse.com.au

TUTOR
GENEVIEVE DAVEY
As some of you are aware I have returned back to study for the year and would like to offer tutoring at Carlton Gardens Primary School, for parents who are interested.

If you are considering finding a tutor for your child and would like to know more details please send an e-mail to daveygenevieve@gmail.com or you can contact me by phone 0400964103.

As spaces are limited please contact me ASAP by Tuesday February the 26th.

Thank you and welcome new and current students to 2013!

Carlton Urban Forest Workshop
Saturday 2 March, 10am to 1pm at Treetops – Melbourne Museum, Nicholson Street, Carlton
You are invited to join us for a conversation about the future of Carlton’s urban forest. This workshop will provide an opportunity to influence decisions for the design of an Urban Forest Precinct Plan for Carlton's trees.

This event is open to anyone who has an interest in Carlton. Children will be able to participate in a set of special urban forest activities. Free refreshments and lunch will be provided.

FREE DENTAL SERVICE
The Royal Dental Hospital undergraduate dental students are able to provide examination and treatment to school children at no charge. All students are supervised by trained dentists. All children below 13 years of age can be seen. Every session is conducted in a consultative and child friendly manner to make every visit a success. For appointments, please ring 9341 1168, at RDHM, 720 Swanston Street, Carlton 3010. Enquire with Antoinette or Fifi or Gina.