**CALENDER – DATES TO REMEMBER**

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**NEWSLETTER**

Our first newsletter for the year will be produced this week and sent home on Friday. The first newsletter of every term will be a hard copy, sent home to all families via your children. All other newsletters will be posted on the school website at [www.carltongardens.vic.edu.au](http://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. 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.

**AEU STOPWORK ACTION – February 14th**

**IMPORTANT Information for parents**

As you will most likely be aware there is an ongoing dispute over funding for schools and teacher pay and conditions, between the Victorian Education Department and members of the Victorian branch of the Australian Education Union (AEU). Negotiations are ongoing between these parties and we sincerely hope there is a resolution in the near future. However the AEU are implementing bans throughout schools across the state.

On Thursday February 14, the Australian Education Union has called on its members to stop work for 24 hours (a full school day). Members of our teaching and support staff are participating in this action and as a consequence we will not be able to run a full program as normal for all of our students on this day. At this stage the classes affected by this action cannot be confirmed, yet we ask that parents start to consider alternative arrangements for the care and supervision of their child on the day of the stopwork. We will most certainly inform parents as to the classes and programs affected as soon as this information is confirmed.

Please note that OSHClub will operate on the day of the Stopwork if enough families are interested.
ANAPHYLAXIS & ALLERGIES
At Carlton Gardens Primary School we have a number of students that are Anaphylactic and/or have severe allergies. Anaphylaxis is the most severe form of allergic reaction and is potentially life threatening. It is also important to note that allergies can develop into anaphylaxis.

Foods to be avoided in all classrooms are as follows:
- Nuts
- Seafood & Shellfish
- Eggs
- Milk

Obviously there may be times when you forget about this and send your child to school with one of these food items. Please be aware our school policy states “...the need to sit away from other children if food brought to school puts another child at risk”. Our Anaphylaxis policy can be accessed on the school’s website.

EMA 2013
Eligibility criteria
To be eligible for the EMA:
1. Your card must be valid on 29 January 2013 for the first installment and 15 July 2013, for the second installment:
   - be a parent or legal guardian of the student; and
   - be an eligible beneficiary within the meaning of the State Concessions Act 2004, that is, be a holder of Veterans Affairs Gold Card or be an eligible Health Care Card (HCC) or Pensioner Concession Card (PCC) holder or
   - be a temporary foster parent.
2. Submit your application to the school by the due date:
   - 28 February 2013 for the first installment*
   - 2 August 2013 for the second installment.
* Please note: you only need to make a second application in August if your child changes schools between March and August.

The Pension Concession Card (PCC) or Health Care Card (HCC) is subject to electronic confirmation with Centrelink to verify that the cardholder is receiving a benefit. For further information please contact Joy in the School Office.

RECESS AND LUNCH
As we begin a new school year, it is timely to think about the significance of a healthy and balanced diet for our children.

It is very important for all children to have not only a healthy breakfast before coming to school, but also sufficient food to see them through the school day.

A healthy diet, and regular snacks / meals assist children to maintain their concentration and increases their capacity to learn.

CGPS AQUATIC PROGRAM
Dear Parents and Carers,
A ‘Swimming Notice’ was sent home to all families with details about our Aquatic Program. Full payment is now required with only a week to go until our grade 1 to 6 students head off to MSAC. The ‘time’ that your child will be going swimming has not been decided yet as we are waiting for confirmation of who is attending the program. We will get this information out to you next Friday. Also if you would like to assist with this program please get a copy of your ‘Working with Children’s Card to Joy in the office.

Regards
Teresa Duncan
CGPS Swimming Coordinator

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.

HATS & LABELLING YOUR ITEMS
Our Sun Smart policy requires all students to wear a wide brimmed or legionnaire hat (not a baseball cap). Students without a hat will spend their lunch time in a shaded, protected area. Hats can be purchased at the office as they are back in stock.

There is always a large number of school clothes in the lost property bin each day (particularly in summer) because parents and children fail to label their belongings. And it has come to our attention that a lot of hats are going missing already. Students are cutting labels off. Please ensure you label all uniform items clearly especially with the swimming program starting soon (It may be a good idea to write your child’s name clearly with a white marker on the actual item rather than the little white label.)

All lost items can be collected from the lost property area located in the corridor outside the Uniform Shop. When a name is clearly on the item of clothing, you substantially increase your chances of getting it back.

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.
Dear parents and students,
The 5/6 team are trying to raise money to buy T-shirts for the grade 6s. So they are selling raffle ticket for $2 a ticket every lunch time and after school over the next 2 weeks. The winner will win a $100 gift card to Woolies, Big W or Caltex. The winner will be announced on the day that we announce the school captain. It would be well appreciated if parents and students could support our fundraiser and purchase a ticket/s.

Thank you very much,
Linda 5/6X

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.

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.

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/ WOMADelaide/ 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 Friday February the 15th.

Thank you and welcome new and current students to 2013!

TECHNOLOGY TIPS
Educational App of the Week – Puppet Pals
Create your own unique shows with animation and audio in real time! Simply pick out your actors and backdrops, drag them on to the stage, and tap record. Your movements and audio will be recorded in real time for playback later.

This app is as fun as your own creativity. Act out a story of Pirates on the high seas, fight as scary monsters, or play the part of a Wild West bandit on the loose. You can even combine any characters however you want!

FEATURES
- Create an actor from a photo
- Use a photo as a backdrop for your storytelling
- Zoom and rotate your characters using two fingers
- Flip them around with a double tap
- A wide variety of creative characters to download (including famous talk show hosts and politicians)

Educational Website of the Week – Starfall
Starfall.com is an educational website that provides interactive content to help your child with the fundamentals of learning: reading, basic math, shapes, and phonics. The site is broken up into four main sections--ABC’s, Learn to Read, It’s Fun to Read, and I’m Reading--with each addressing different stages of learning development.

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.

ABSENCE NOTE
An absences note is attached, these are to be filled out when your child is not at school and given to the classroom teacher.
Spacers and Schools: Reminder for Parents & Carers

Schools in Victoria have been informed by The Asthma Foundation of Victoria about new guidelines regarding the use of spacers for children with asthma. Spacers are essential equipment when following Asthma First Aid best practice, however schools/preschools will no longer be able to wash, sterilise and re-use spacers from their asthma emergency kits when assisting students with asthma symptoms.

Asthma first aid kits should only ever be used as a back-up for when a student does not have their own spacer available, if it is a first asthma attack or the cause of breathing difficulty is unknown. Some schools may implement a policy where parents/carers are responsible for the cost of the spacer if one must be used from the asthma emergency kit.

Even if your child has mild asthma, it is essential that their medication and spacer is always available to school staff. Please make sure your child always brings a spacer with them to school, or has one that stays at school.

For more information, please contact the Asthma Foundation of Victoria on 1800 278 462 or email schools@asthma.org.au

Youth Ambassador Competition

Do you have children between the ages of 10 – 18 years and believe they could do more for other young people with asthma? Would they be interested in making a video and win some awesome prizes?

Then don’t let asthma hold them back! Your child could be The 2013 Youth Ambassador for The Asthma Foundation of Victoria. The competition is now open and closes 29th February 2013.

For more information, please contact the Asthma Foundation of Victoria on 1800 278 462 or email sflanagan@asthma.org.au