Dear Community,

WELCOME BACK!
I hope you all enjoyed the break. This will be another busy term beginning with NAPLAN and then followed by Grade 5/6 Camp.

NAPLAN
The National Assessment Program - Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) tests for Years 3 and 5 will be held on Tuesday 14 May 2013, Wednesday 15 May 2013 and Thursday 16 May 2013. The NAPLAN tests are conducted by the Victorian Curriculum and Assessment Authority (VCAA) on behalf of the Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA). Exemptions may be granted to students with significant intellectual or complex disabilities and to students who have been learning English for less than one year. If your child is eligible for a special provision or exemption you should discuss this with his/her teacher prior to the tests. Neither special provisions nor exemptions can be granted without parental knowledge and consent.

Later in the year, you will receive your child's personal report. The report will describe your child's particular skills in reading, writing, language conventions and numeracy. The report will also show how your child performed in relation to national minimum standards. These describe minimum acceptable standards for students across Australia.

For more information about the tests, please visit the VCAA website at www.vcaa.vic.edu.au or www.naplan.edu.au.

CGPS HARMONY FETE
What a fantastic day we had on Saturday the 23rd of March! It was great seeing our diverse community come together and support our wonderful school. Thank you to everyone that helped out on the day and supported the school. Special thanks goes out to Claire Sowerby, Megan Gathercole and Robyn Pollock for putting all this together. I understand there were many people who helped on the day and leading up to the fete, but it would not have been such a success without these wonderful ladies hard work. It’s remarkable that for a small school we raised the money that we did - approximately $10,000. School Council will determine where this money will be spent.

Sometimes, however, it’s not about ‘fundraising’. It’s about getting everyone from all the various cultures together. At Carlton Gardens it’s Harmony Day every day! Thank you once again! It was a wonderful day.

Cheers,
Tina McDougall

BOOK PACKS
This is the last reminder to purchase your child’s book pack if you haven’t already done so. The $170 that is required for the book pack covers all materials for the year not just those in the pack. Those families that have not purchased a pack will be receiving a book list that will include all resources and materials for the year, these items will need to be purchased for your child and will be considerably more than the book packs because schools save on GST and have bulk buying power. Please see Joy in the office to pick up your book pack now.
HARMONY FETE LEGO COMPETITION

Thank you to all the students that entered our Harmony Fete Lego Competition. There was a great range of entrants and some very thoughtful descriptions. Congratulations to our Lego Competition Winner - Grade 1 student, Piyush Pemmaraju. Awards also went to Cheton Talluri & Yara Akhawas.

Finally, a big thank you to MUGs for providing the prizes and sharing their Lego models with us at the fete.

WORKING BEE

Working bee at Carlton Gardens Primary School to be held on Saturday 4th of May, 9.30am - 1pm. There will be a range of maintenance and tidying up to do. This year we are aiming to upgrade the gateway/access from Rathdowne St into the playground. This will involve painting benches, spreading mulch, a few new boulders/gravel as well as the autumn tidy/fertilize of the front garden. All help will be appreciated and there are even jobs for the kids too! Lunch and drinks will be provided.

If you are keen and available please contact Robyn on 0403 794 294 or simply put your name and contact details on the yellow working bee poster in ground level foyer.

BOOK COVERING: WE NEED YOUR HELP!

We would love your help to cover all the books we have for our classroom libraries. Thursday morning (9am - 11am) in the PD Centre has been set aside for covering books. If you have some spare time Thursday mornings we would love your help so just pop in. Everything will be set up for you. Thank you in advance.

CGPS’s UNIFORM

We have a compulsory uniform at Carlton Gardens Primary School. It is unacceptable for your child to be out of uniform. Only students in full uniform will be chosen for special events.

FRENCH CLASSES

French lessons are offered after school on Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons. Lessons go from 3:30pm until 4:30pm. If you are interested in signing up your child please contact Collette on 94197877.

The mother’s day stall will be held on the 9th of May. We are looking for any new donations that can be sold on the day. These can be left at the office with Joy along with your name if you would like to help out on the day.

SCHOOL COMMEMORATION PROGRAM - GRADE 5

Once again it is with pleasure that we welcome Carlton Gardens Primary School year 6 students to the ‘School Commemoration Program’ (SCP). The allocated attendance date is Tuesday, 23rd of April 2013. Students will participate in tennis activities and education programs.

Tennis Australia prefers all school kids are to be in sports uniform and sports shoes during the SCP.

Furthermore, it is advised all school kids attending the SCP come with their own lunch and also apply sunscreen on themselves. Notes have been sent home regarding this event. If you have any questions please ask your child’s classroom teacher.
Support your local school

The Woolworths Earn & Learn program is back! This community program enables schools and early learning centres throughout Australia to earn educational resources simply through the school community shopping at Woolworths.

Last year, our program provided 720,000 pieces of educational equipment to more than 12,500 schools and early learning centres. Schools selected from thousands of different items through our program, highlighting how each school’s needs are different and how critical a breadth of range is.

From Monday 8th April until Sunday 9th June 2013, when you shop at Woolworths you will be given a Woolworths Earn & Learn Point. There’ll be one Woolworths Earn & Learn Point for every $10 spent, excluding cigarettes, liquor and gift cards. Collect these Woolworths Earn & Learn Points and your local school will be able to redeem these for educational resources.

The Woolworths Earn & Learn program offers products to suit students of all ages. Schools and early learning centres can choose resources based on their unique needs, across every educational category possible, including mathematics and English resources, science equipment, arts & crafts materials, sports gear and more.

The Anxiety Disorders Association of Victoria Presents

‘DEPRESSION IN CHILDREN
AND ADOLESCENTS:
WHEN TO WORRY?’

Wednesday 19th June 2013
7.30pm – 9.00pm
Northcote Town Hall
189 High Street, NORTHCOTE (Rooftop)

Melways (36/E8)

Cost:
$22.00 Standard fee
$12.00 ADAVIC members
Phone: ADAVIC (03) 9853 8089
Email: adavic@adavic.org.au
Website: www.adavic.org.au

The Anxiety Disorders Association of Victoria Presents

BODY IMAGE: No Body’s Perfect!

A Presentation with Sharon Witt Secondary School Teacher, Counselor and Author of the best-selling ‘Teen Talk’ series

Thursday 30th May 2013
7.30pm – 9.00pm
Balwyn Library Meeting Room
336 Whitehorse Road, Balwyn, VIC

Melways (46/E8)

Cost:
$22.00 Standard fee
$12.00 ADAVIC members
Phone: ADAVIC (03) 9853 8089
Email: adavic@adavic.org.au
Website: www.adavic.org.au

Bookings can be made at this direct link:
GREEN FROGS
Reading Circle for Prep - Gr 3

What is Green Frogs all about?

Green Frogs is a reading club for beginning and new solo readers. Pupils in Prep to Grade 3 can receive encouragement and enjoyment in the process of becoming independent readers.

Reading Circle meeting dates 2013 at Carlton Library

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We meet on Monday afternoons from 4pm - 5pm.
Mark them on your calendar.

Carlton Library
667 Rathdowne St North Carlton 3054
ph 1300 695 427

See you there!
Dear parent/guardian

Students have a chance to take part in the Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge (Challenge) in 2013. Details of the Challenge in 2013 are available at www.education.vic.gov.au/prc. There will not be any payment involved.

SECTION 1: Consent of a parent/guardian to authorise student entry and to authorise awarding of certificates of achievement for students who meet the Challenge in 2013

Please tick  only one of the boxes below.

☐ I consent to my child entering the Challenge and authorise their name on a completion certificate (Certificate of Achievement).

☐ I do not give consent for my child to enter the Challenge in 2013.

Signed: ---------------------------------- (Parent/guardian) ---------------------------------- (print name)

Date: ---------------------------------- Signed by Student----------------------------------

Student name (Print Full Name).................................................................

Class.................................................................

Age in years as at 1 February 2013 ..................................................

Student’s Certificate Name: ____________________________(Only required if different from name given above)

SECTION 2: Optional- Consent to publish child's name in Achievers Honour Roll in the Age Newspaper

Please tick  only one of the boxes below.

☐ I consent to publication of my child's name in the Achievers Honour Roll in the Age Newspaper.

☐ I do not give consent for my child's name to be published

I understand that if I wish to withdraw this consent to publication it will be my responsibility to inform the Reading Challenge Coordinator at my child's school on or before 10 September 2013.

Signed: ---------------------------------- (Parent/guardian) ---------------------------------- (print name)

Date: ----------------------------------
Students have a chance to take part in the Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge (Challenge) in 2013. As a means to promote the importance of reading among students in Victorian schools and to encourage families and parents to be more involved with supporting children's reading, in and beyond school, the Victorian Government has continued its support.

Details of the Challenge are available at www.education.vic.gov.au/prc.

PLEASE NOTE:

SECTION 1 of the consent form attached must be signed if your child is to participate in the Challenge and receive a Certificate of Achievement.

SECTION 2 of the consent form below is optional.
In October/November 2013 an Honour roll lift-out in The Age will contain the names of all Victorian children who completed the Challenge (publication only with the permission of their parents or guardians). Consent is sought from students and parents for the publication of names following the conclusion of the Challenge.

When consenting, you authorise collection of the names of the students who are participating and their schools by the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development.

This information will only be used for the purpose of conducting the Challenge in 2013 and printing certificates of achievement for students who meet the Challenge. If you consent, the student will be issued by their school with a username and password.

If you have any concerns about providing this information please email readingchallenge@edumail.vic.gov.au.

All queries will remain confidential and all information that is to be provided to the Department will be held via a secure website and kept confidential in accordance with the Information Privacy Act 2000.