Message from the Principal

Dear Community,

Welcome back to Carlton Gardens for the 2015 school year. I hope you have had a wonderful time with your children over the holiday period. It was great to see so many excited faces on the first day of school. I would also like to offer a special welcome to our Preps who confidently walked through the door on Friday morning.

The 2015 school year began very smoothly, with our students making a great start to their learning over the past few days. I would like to acknowledge and thank the staff for their dedication in preparing for this school year. Our teaching teams spent many long days over a two week period to ensure that the commencement of the school year was as effective as possible for all of our students and to ensure that the programs provided for students are engaging and relevant.

A special welcome is extended to all our new students and their families. We trust that your time at Carlton Gardens will be enriching and rewarding, and you will feel warmly welcomed into the Carlton Gardens school community.

Parents, we look forward to working in partnership with you to provide a rich educational experience for your children throughout their time at our school.

Calendar Events

- 11th February - Parent - Teacher meet and greet
- 17th February - School Council
- 6th March - Curriculum Day
- 9th - March - Labour Day
- 24th March - School Council
- 27th March - Term 1 Ends
- 28th March - Harmony Fete

Our second Harmony Fete is now only 7 weeks away, we need your help to make the fete a big success, there will be notes going home and lots of information posted around the school to keep you updated. We will be asking for volunteers to help on the day with setting up, running stalls and packing up at the end. There is a complete update in this newsletter so please read it! Please contact Claire or Robyn if you have any queries:

clairesowerby@olympuss.com.au or robynspollock@bigpond.com

Instagram

We are now on instagram. You can follow us @carltongardens.

Twitter

We are on twitter @CarltonGardens

CGPS News
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. 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.

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.

Non Immunised students

Exclusion Process

The Public Health and Wellbeing Regulations 2009 require children with certain infectious diseases, and children who have been in contact with certain infectious diseases, to be excluded from school for a specified period. During an outbreak of an infectious disease principals of primary students must:

- be aware of and abide by exclusion requirements
- not allow a child to attend school if:
  - they have been informed that the child is infected with an infectious disease, that requires exclusion, as described in Column 2 of Schedule 7 (the school exclusion table).
  - they have been informed that a child is a contact of a person who is infected with an infectious disease as described in Column 3 of Schedule 7 (the school exclusion table).
  - they have not been immunised against a vaccine preventable disease and are directed to do so by the Secretary and until the Secretary directs that such attendance can be resumed.

Custody/Access Restrictions

In families where there are issues regarding child custody or access, parents must provide a current copy of the supporting court documentation to the school office. Where no documents are provided, it will be assumed that there are no restrictions in place.

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 increase their capacity to learn.
Hats & Labelling Belongings

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.

Website Subscriptions

Our school subscribes to a number of educational websites. These include Mathletics, Spellodrome, Reading Eggs and IXL Maths. These websites reinforce the skills that students learn in class and are sometimes used as homework. In the next few weeks you will receive the login details for these websites.

Compass

Compass School Manager is a Parent Portal providing you with important information on your child and their progress, as well as other features to help you stay informed and communicate with our school.

Compass allows you to:
- Access your child’s semester reports
- Approve student absences
- Update your registered email and mobile number
- Access information regarding upcoming events.
- View the school calendar
- Receive emails from your child’s teacher
- Book Parent/Teacher Conferences

Soon you will receive your login details. We ask that you login into Compass as soon as possible using your username and password. When you log into Compass you will be asked to update your details. Please ensure that your mobile number and email address are correct, then click ‘Update My Details’

Second Hand Uniforms

If anyone has any second hand uniforms that they would like to donate to the school it would be greatly appreciated.
Happy New Year to you all and welcome to Term 1 2015!

Carlton Gardens Primary School Harmony Fete is being held on Saturday 28th March 2015. Planning is well underway and we hope that, with your help the fete will be a great success! This is our second CGPS Harmony Fete and the main fundraiser this year. We are hoping to raise funds for the school that will provide our children with access to extra books, activities, excursions, incursions and equipment to enhance their learning. The fete is also a celebration of our school, of our cultural diversity and an opportunity to build lasting relationships both within the school and the wider community.

*** 7 weeks to go! ***

WE ARE LOOKING FOR DONATIONS OF THE FOLLOWING:

* Homemade jams/chutneys/preserves *** Labels will be provided - please contact Claire for these.
* Pre-loved plates & teacups that we can use for the cake stall
* Pre-loved clothing in good condition (washed)
* Pre-loved books, adults and kids
* Pre-loved toys and games
* Handmade items to sell on the craft stall

Donated items can be dropped off into the donations box near the downstairs toilets or handed into the office if fragile etc.

**If any of you have large backyard umbrellas, marquees, eskys, BBQ that we can borrow for the weekend of the fete - please let us know...thanks...

We are getting some great sponsors on board with the Harmony Fete this year. Eureka Skydeck 88 are giving us a Family Skydeck 88 pass for our raffle.

THANKS!

Saturday 28th March 2015
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