

Carrington News

News from Carrington Primary School Knoxfield

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Diary Dates

Wednesday 2nd February

No Prep (Foundation) students in attendance unless you have an appointment time with Mrs Marsden.

Friday 4th February

School Assembly – Parents please note at this time parents/carers etc cannot attend. Future arrangements for this fortnightly event will be forthcoming.

Wednesday 9th February

No Prep (Foundation) students in attendance unless you have an appointment time with Mrs Marsden.



is back every
**Wednesday and
Friday!!! in the school
hall** Doors open for
service **8.15**. Come and

have a delicious Breakie with your friends! See you there!



This week you will receive a hard copy student information form – to be returned with updates or confirming the information is up to date. Also some students will receive medical update forms to be completed for the 2022 year. New students will receive various permission forms that will need to be completed and returned. Please complete and return to the office ASAP

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Students should be wearing their school hat when outside, as we are a Sunsmart school

Camps, Sports & Excursions Fund (CSEF)

applications available from the office and are being accepted NOW. Refer to article in this newsletter.

Children are supervised only between the hours of 8.45am and 3.45pm unless attending the Carrington Outside School Hours Care Program. Registration forms for this program are available from the office. Please ensure you update your records at the school office and also with OSHC staff. **OSHC Mobile
0419 889 253**



It is the beginning of the year and we ask for those that are enrolled/registered with this program call in to check their information details especially their mobile numbers and confirm for 2022, their booking schedule eg casual, every second day etc...

Thank you, Faith & Emily

High '5' Moment

Do you have a 'High 5' moment you would like to share? Just drop a note, article or photo into the office and Sue will place your achievement in the newsletter



Student of the Week

*Presented at assembly
Friday 4th February 2022*

JMC	Hunter John <i>For settling back into school and trying his best with all his work.</i>
JJM	Ruby Noble <i>For being an excellent role model.</i>
SDM	Chase Allen <i>For working hard in all his lessons.</i>
SEP	Noah Hoggett <i>Showing initiative with classroom expectations and rewards. Great work Noah!</i>

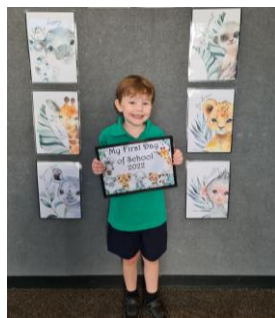


Words from our Principal on the job – Brett Speed

To our wonderful Carrington families – WELCOME BACK!!! What an exciting start it has been at Carrington PS in the first few weeks. It has been lovely meeting with all the students before, during and after school hours. Classroom environments are refreshed and inviting for all making a smooth transition back to school. We would like to formally welcome Emily Paternoster to our full-time teaching staff for 2022.



This week our 2022 Foundation students commenced! This was a very exciting time for these students as they began their learning



journey at Carrington Primary School. Please continue to make our new families to the school feel welcome when you see them.

We have had a range of works around the school including the guttering along the main building roof, the asphaltting and improved drainage near

the OSHC building, restoration of the floorboards in the performing arts space



and the restumping of the library floor. As a result, some of these spaces may be out of bounds for students at this stage.

At the beginning of each year, it is important to set routines for school and home. As a result, we highlight the importance of daily reading with your child. This could be listening to your child read aloud or reading a story to them and talking about the events within. Reading builds on knowledge, expands vocabulary, provides mental stimulation, improves focus and concentration and is free entertainment. Reading for 15-20 minutes a day has many benefits including the exposure to millions of words each year.

Please ensure your child comes to school with a filled water bottle, their wide brim or bucket school hat, face mask (if required) and are dressed in school uniform.



I would like to take the time to acknowledge two volunteers in our school who have worked tirelessly over the summer break cleaning up our yard and covering a range of reading material for our students to access. Keith, who has been toiling in our garden for the past few weeks removing branches, weeds and unwanted stumps and Karen, who has been spending hours contacting and cataloguing books for student and classroom use. Thank you both for your work.



Take care and stay safe.

Upcoming Dates:

- Tuesday lunchtime we have cheer available to students in the hall from the start of lunch.
- 28th February - Foundation students commence full-time learning (Monday-Friday 9:00-3:30pm).
- 21st February onwards - getting to know you Parent / Teacher Interviews. More information to come.
- Life Education last week of Term 1.
- 8th April – Last Day of Term 1

Term 2

- 26th April – Curriculum Day
- 27th April – First Day of Term 2
- 3rd May - School Photos.



to

☆ Summer

☆ Mrs Watson

on their special day.

Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF) applications

The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you have a valid means-tested concession card, such as a Veterans Affairs Gold Card, Centrelink Health Care Card or Pensioner Concession Card, or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible. There is also a special consideration category for asylum seeker and refugee families.

Payment amounts this year are \$125 for eligible primary school students. Payments are made direct to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions and sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

If you applied for CSEF through **our** school last year, you do not need to complete an application form this year, unless there has been a change in your family circumstances.

If you would like to apply for the first time, please contact the school office on 9763 9600 and ask for an application form.

You can also download the form, and find out more about the program and eligibility, on the Department of Education and Training's Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund web page.

Check with the school office if you are unsure, and please return completed forms to Carrington's Primary School office, ASAP.

Privacy Collection Notice

Information for students, parents and carers

The Department of Education and Training (the Department) values your privacy and is committed to protecting the personal and health information that schools collect.

All school staff must comply with Victorian privacy law and the [Schools' Privacy Policy](#). This notice explains how the Department, including Victorian government schools (schools), handles personal and health information. On occasion, specific consent will be sought for the collection and use of information, for example, for a student to receive a health service. Our schools are also required by legislation, such as the *Education and Training Reform Act 2006*, to collect some of this information. Throughout this notice, 'staff' includes principals, teachers, student support service officers, youth workers, social workers, nurses and any other allied health practitioners, and all other employees, contractors, volunteers and service providers of the school and the Department.

On enrolment, and during the ordinary course of a student's attendance at a school, schools will collect information about students and their families for the following purposes:

- educating students
- supporting students' social and emotional wellbeing, and health
- fulfilling legal obligations, including duty of care, anti-discrimination law and occupational health and safety law
- communicating and engaging with parents
- student administration
- school management
- supporting policy in relation to student education and wellbeing.

If this information is not collected, schools may be unable to provide optimal education or support to students or fulfil legal obligations.

For example, our schools rely on parents to provide **health information** about any medical condition or disability that their child has, medication their child may take while at school, any known allergies and contact details of their child's doctor. If parents do not provide all relevant health information, this may put their child's health at risk.

Our schools also require current, relevant information about all **parents and carers** so that schools can take account of safety concerns that affect their children. Parents should provide schools with copies of all current parenting plans and court orders about or that affect their children and provide updated copies when they change.

When parents enrol their child in primary school, they will be asked to provide personal and health information in several ways, including via the Enrolment Form, the [School Entrance Health Questionnaire](#) (SEHQ) and the [Early Childhood Intervention Service](#) (ECIS) Transition Form.

The **Enrolment Form** is used to collect information that is essential for the purposes listed above, and requests information such as:

- **Emergency contacts** – Individuals parents nominate for a school to contact during an emergency. Parents should ensure that their nominated emergency contact agrees to their contact details being provided to the school and that they understand their details may be disclosed by the Department if lawful, e.g. in the case of emergency communications relating to bush fires or floods.
- **Student background information** – Information about country of birth, Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander origin, language spoken at home and parent occupation. This information enables the Department to allocate appropriate resources to schools. The Department also uses this

information to plan for future educational needs in Victoria and shares some information with the Commonwealth government to monitor, plan and allocate resources.

- **Immunisation status** – This assists schools to manage health risks and legal obligations. The Department may also provide this information to the Department of Health and Department of Families, Fairness and Housing to assess immunisation rates in Victoria, but not in a way which identifies students.
- **Visa status** – This is required to process a student's enrolment.

All schools may use departmental systems and online tools such as apps and other software to effectively collect and manage information about students and families for the purposes listed above. When schools use these online tools, they take steps to ensure that student information is secure. If parents or carers have any concerns about the use of these online tools, please contact the school. School staff will only share student and family information with other school staff who need to know to enable them to educate or support the student as described above. Information will only be shared outside the school (and outside the Department) as required or authorised by law, including where sharing is required to meet duty of care, anti-discrimination, occupational health and safety, and child wellbeing and safety obligations. The information collected will not be disclosed beyond the school and Department without parent consent unless such disclosure is lawful.

When a student transfers to another school (including Catholic, independent and interstate), personal and/or health information about that student may be transferred to the next school. Transferring this information is in the best interests of the student and assists the next school to provide the best possible education and support to the student. For further detail about how and what level of information is provided to the next school, refer to the: [Enrolment: Student transfers between schools](#)

Schools only provide school reports and ordinary school communications to students, parents, carers or others who have a legal right to that information. Requests for access to other student information or by others must be made by lodging a [Freedom of Information](#) (FOI) application.

To update student or family information, parents should contact their school.

For more information about how schools and the Department collect and manage personal and health information, or how to access personal and health information held by a school about you or your child, refer to the: [Schools' Privacy Policy](#)