

Carrington News

News from Carrington Primary School Knoxfield

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Diary Dates

Friday 11th March

Nominations close for School Council

Scholastic Book Club Issue 2 orders due

Monday 14th March

Labour Day – Public Holiday

Friday 18th March

Badge presentation

Upcoming dates:

- Thursday 24th and 31st March – AFL clinics
- 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.



Breakfast Club

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!

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



BRING ALONG TO SCHOOL THAT ALL IMPORTANT REFILLABLE DRINK BOTTLE EVERYDAY



In class and at school we need to have a refillable drink bottle.

Bring it to school filled with **water only** for a good reason it keeps us hydrated and healthy.

*NO sugary or power aid drinks.



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

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.



Mobile 0419 889 253

Faith & Emily

Student of the Week

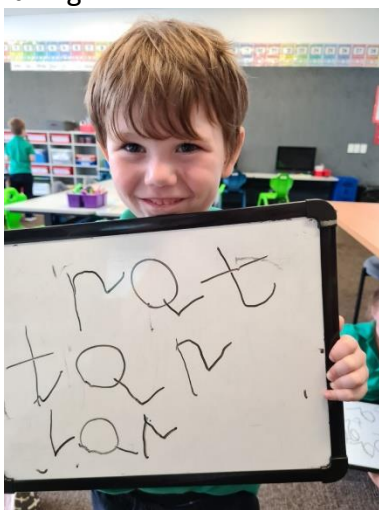
*Presented at assembly
Friday 11th March 2022*

JNR School	Ollie Szarka-Randle <i>For doing his personal best in literacy and numeracy.</i>
SDM	Jhett John <i>For applying himself and doing his personal best.</i>
SEP	Xavier Dean <i>For his show don't tell writing.</i>



Words from our Principal on the job – Brett Speed

Another very busy week of learning at Carrington. Lots of great descriptive writing has taken place in the Year 3-6 rooms, with some students reading out their short paragraphs over the loudspeaker. Students have also been actively using hands on resources in mathematics to identify counting patterns of all types. Celebrating student success is very important in daily learning. Please have a conversation with your child at the end of each focusing on the positive learning experiences that they are having.



Students of the week:

At the last assembly which was conducted online, the following students were highlighted for their hard work and



efforts. Congratulations to Jack, Zoe, Angela, Miles and Sophia who continued to demonstrate wonderful working attributes.

Students have been always enjoying time in our gardens during the day. Spaces around the school are utilised for learning throughout the day which includes shared readings, inspiration

for writing and a change of scenery. These include the area at the front of the school under the shade sail and trees, sitting in the oak tree amphitheatre or around the middle building seats.



Unconditional Love Foundation (UCLF)

The dogs are finally back on-site! Our students were very excited to have our animal-based therapy supports back at Carrington last week. The Unconditional Love Foundation saw Leah, Penny and Scout (pictured) back for their first



official visit of the year. All students from

Foundation through to Year 6 had opportunities to engage with Scout throughout the day, with some even fortunate enough to go for a walk around our oval. In the coming weeks we will have a 'trainee' dog on-site working with Charlie and Scout which will provide further engagement and support for our students.



Victoria Police Visit

The Victoria Police education unit came out to Carrington PS to discuss the importance of internet safety and use as well as focusing on bullying behaviours and strategies to support. Officers spoke to students for approximately 40 minutes per class and will revisit the school in the coming weeks with vehicles.



Reminders:

Just a friendly reminder to all parents and carers to not approach other students in the yard at any time. This includes before and after school. If you have a concern regarding an incident or a problem that has occurred at school, please do not hesitate to notify me directly to assist in resolving it. There are often two sides to a story, and we want to ensure that all of our students and families feel safe and supported when entering or exiting school grounds.

Playground update:

We are almost there. The playground is due for completion at the end of today, with the workers finalising the last few items and spreading the mulch throughout. Students have been eagerly awaiting the opportunity to use the equipment, which will not be too much longer. Classroom teachers will remind students of correct and safe playground use in the coming days as we anticipate high usage upon completion.



Updated works:

The Library flooring is being pieced together (slowly), but is well on the way. The carpet tiles are almost back in place ready for the shelving units and books to be returned. Hopefully we will be able to have all students back in the library prior to the end of term. Thank you to Mrs T for her amazing artwork on the Library entrance.



Why mental health important?

Having good mental health is key to the healthy development and wellbeing of every child. Children need good mental health - not only to be able to deal with challenges and adapt to change, but so they can feel good about themselves, build healthy relationships with others, and enjoy life.

How can I improve kids' mental health?

There are plenty of things that can be done to improve mental health and help prevent mental health issues from developing. For example, getting enough sleep, eating well and doing regular physical activity is important for children, just as it is for adults. Providing regular opportunities for consistent walks, bike rides, community sport or active play allows children to make connections, socialise and develop motor skills.

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.

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 or if you are unsure. Return completed forms to Carrington's Primary School office, ASAP.

On a final note, I would like to take the time to acknowledge one of long serving educational support staff – Lisa Smith – who will be leaving us this Thursday. Lisa has played a major role in ensuring our students remain on task and are supported both inside and outside the classroom. She has worn many hats throughout her time at Carrington and will be dearly missed by our students and staff. We wish her all the best with her future endeavours.

Have a lovely long weekend. See you all Tuesday.



By popular demand, Knox United will be hosting their second 'Come n Try' day on Sunday March 20th from 11:00am.

We are on the lookout for all future Matilda stars!
This event is open to all girls both new and currently registered. Come down and give it a go!
The clinic is free for all, with a free BBQ sausage sizzle running on the day.

ALL WELCOME! BRING FRIENDS, BRING FAMILY!

Venue: Knox Italian community club
99 Karoo Rd, Rowville
Hope to see you all there 🏆🏆🏆
#weareknoxunited #knoxutd

A large advertisement for Scoresby Secondary College. The background is a photo of a young man with glasses, wearing a dark jacket, cheering with his fist raised. There are green and yellow balloons in the background. A large yellow box with the text 'SCHOOL TOURS ARE BACK!' is overlaid on the image. Below this, text describes the school tours and provides booking information. The Scoresby Secondary College logo, featuring a stylized star and the tagline 'Inspiring brilliance', is in the bottom right corner.

SCHOOL TOURS ARE BACK!

Come and see Scoresby Secondary College in action and experience what we offer by registering for one of our weekly tours.

Bookings can be made via TryBooking:
www.trybooking.com/events/landing?eid=867973&

 **Scoresby Secondary College**
Inspiring brilliance

School Council Elections - Information for Parents

WHAT IS A SCHOOL COUNCIL AND WHAT DOES IT DO?

All government schools in Victoria have a school council. They are legally constituted bodies that are given powers to set the key directions of a school within statewide guidelines. In doing this, a school council is able to directly influence the quality of education that the school provides for its students.

Who is on the school council?

For most primary school councils, there are three possible categories of membership:

- A mandated elected Parent category – more than one-third of the total members must be from this category. Department employees can be Parent members at their child's school as long as they are not engaged in work at the school.
- A mandated elected school employee category – members of this category may make up no more than one-third of the total membership of school council. The principal of the school is automatically one of these members.
- An optional community member category – members are coopted by a decision of the council because of their special skills, interests or experiences. Department employees are not eligible to be community members.

Generally, the term of office for all members is two years. The term of office of half the members expires each year, creating vacancies for the annual school council elections.

WHY IS PARENT MEMBERSHIP SO IMPORTANT?

Parents on school councils provide important viewpoints and have valuable skills that can help shape the direction of the school.

Those parents who become active on a school council find their involvement satisfying and may also find that their children feel a greater sense of belonging.

DO I NEED SPECIAL EXPERIENCE TO BE ON SCHOOL COUNCIL?

Each member brings their own valuable life skills and knowledge to the role. Councilors may need to develop skills and acquire knowledge in areas that are unfamiliar to them. What you do need is an interest in your child's school and the desire to work in partnership with others to help shape the school's future.

HOW CAN YOU BECOME INVOLVED?

The most obvious way is to vote in the elections, which are held in Term one each year. However, ballots are only held if more people nominate as candidates than there are positions vacant.

In view of this, you might consider

- standing for election as a member of the school council
- encouraging another person to stand for election.

WHAT DO YOU NEED TO DO TO STAND FOR ELECTION?

The principal has issued a Notice of Election and Call for Nominations as of Friday 25th February 2022 at Carrington Primary School

If you decide to stand for election, you can arrange for someone to nominate you as a candidate or you can nominate yourself in the Parent category.

Department employees whose child is enrolled in a school in which they are not engaged in work are eligible to nominate for parent membership of the school council at that school.

Once the nomination form is completed, return it to the principal within the time stated on the Notice of Election.

You will receive a Nomination Form Receipt in the mail following the receipt of your completed nomination.

Generally, if there are more nominations received than there are vacancies on council, a ballot will be conducted during the two weeks after the call for nominations has closed.

REMEMBER

- Ask at the school for help if you would like to stand for election and are not sure what to do
- Consider standing for election to council this year
- Be sure to vote in the elections.

Contact the principal for further information.