

Carrington Chatter

News from Carrington Primary School Knoxfield



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Diary Dates

Monday 13th March

Labour Day - public holiday

Tuesday 14th March



Today marks the return of our crossing supervisor. City of Knox will be conducting an audit over the coming week to monitor

numbers using the crossing. So parents please show your child the correct way to cross the road by using our school crossing.

Wednesday 15th March



is back every **Wednesday and Friday!!! in the staff room** Doors open for service **8.15**. Come and have a delicious Breakie with your friends! See you there!

Years 3 & 5 NAPLAN (15th-27th March)

Leadership Badge presentation – assembly 3pm in the school hall – all most welcome

Monday 20th March

Scholastic Book Club Issue 2 closes for orders.

School Council Annual Reporting Meeting commencing at 7pm in the staffroom. Please note monthly regular meeting will follow.

Thursday 23rd March



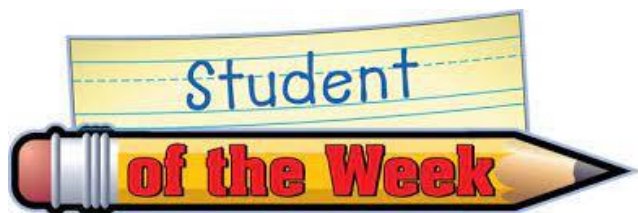
Don't forget your school hat and a refillable water bottle everyday.



Camps. Sports & Excursions Fund (CSEF)

applications available from the office and are being accepted NOW.

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**



Presented at assembly Wednesday
15th March 2023

F1M	Isla
	<i>For her excellent effort to improve her writing.</i>
	Noah
	<i>For including extra details in his writing.</i>
23C	Blake H
	<i>For trying his hardest with all of his writing.</i>
	Mackenzie
	<i>For trying his best in all of his learning.</i>
45C	James
	<i>For an outstanding effort getting himself organized each morning.</i>
	Isabella
	<i>For an amazing effort to improve her math skills.</i>
56M	Connor
	<i>For being a fantastic role model for all students.</i>
	Sebastian
	<i>For working hard to get his Essential Assessments done.</i>
STREAM	Charlotte
	<i>For having ago at showing her understanding of day and night.</i>



to

☆ Isabella 56M

☆ Blake 56M

on their special day.

High '5' Moment

Finally a High '5' moment and so well deserved too. Join me in congratulating our very own Mr Michalowsky for being awarded The National Emergency Medal.



The National Emergency Medal is awarded to persons who rendered sustained and significant service during nationally significant emergencies in Australia.



This medal is awarded by the Governor General of Australia. Mr Michalowsky was awarded this medal for his work with the SES during the 2019/2020 Bushfires where he was

deployed to the Traralgon Region Control Centre twice.



Words from our Acting Principal

Hello everyone, my name is Mrs Franca Nikolovski and I am looking after Mr Speed's office and lovely

school. We wish his family well and I am sure he will be back in no time!

A very big thank you to the staff and community at Carrington PS for making me feel so very welcome. I have appreciated the 'good mornings' from different families and I can certainly feel the sense of community and dedication at this wonderful school.

Teachers go above and beyond to ensure the safety, wellbeing and engagement of all students. Without this sense of engagement, walking through doors for the day can be very confronting for some.

It can be normal for children to go through a stage where they refuse to go to school but it is also important to find out why they don't want

to go to school. Speak to them about what's happening. Then as a partnership we can work with the child and family to find solutions. Our teachers are always available to have a conversation around this and how we can best support students at school.

For continuity purposes attendance is paramount and we encourage families to have their children at school by 9.00am.

School Council nominations have now closed - as parent nominations equalled the number of vacancies, no ballot was necessary. We congratulate Melissa Howard, Sarah Murphy, Corrine Miller and Brittany Organ who now join David MacLeod and Jamie-lee Quinn as parent representatives of our school. Our next meeting of School Council is our Annual Reporting Meeting to be held on Monday 20th March at 7pm in the staffroom.

If members of our school community would like to join us, they are more than welcome.

I have been made aware of an opportunity where young leaders from the '*Being Your Best You*' resilience and wellbeing project (a partnership between Knox, Maroondah, Yarra Ranges Councils and EACH) have created a survey to help understand what supports young people need to thrive and shape wellbeing resources for our community.

The survey is open to 8-16 year olds and is open until 17 May, with participants having the option to enter a draw to win a \$100 visa gift card.

Link to the survey is below, and I have also attached:

- a QR code poster to this newsletter

Survey link:

<https://forms.office.com/r/xjv1ZCcNK>

I look forward to meeting many more of you over the coming weeks.

The EACH (Youth & Family Counselling Team) are facilitating the Treehouse Program for grade 3 and 4 Primary students, over two days in April school holidays.

Places are limited and fill up quickly, so get in touch with the team to secure a place for any suitable children.

What: Therapeutic program for students in grade 6 who need extra support with social skills, self-esteem, managing strong feelings and developing resilience.

Available to grade 3/4 students from Maroondah, Whitehorse, Knox and Yarra Ranges.

When: Term 1 school holidays: Thursday 20 April, Friday 21st April

Where: Nunawading Community Hub

How: For more information see the attached flyer, or to register your interest, please email: youthandfamilyvic@each.com.au



We're back!
Please check your child's hair.
If you find us, treat us
so we don't spread

The Junior School Snapshot

Firstly, we would like to say a massive thank you to all the students and their families for all their kind words and support for Mr Speed. We are so proud of all the students working so hard over the last two weeks. A highlight has been the visits from the Each group from Knox City Council. We have had the opportunity to make examples of what an everyday lunch box could look like, talked about lots of food colours and even tried lots of colourful food. We have also been working really hard to improve our writing. Miss Colla and Mrs Marsden were so surprised at our work we were rewarded with an extra`10 minutes of playtime.

Here are some other highlights from our classroom:

Literacy

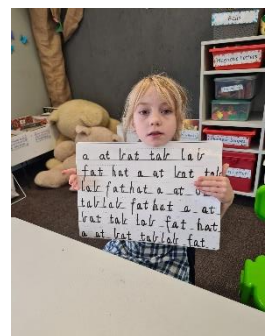
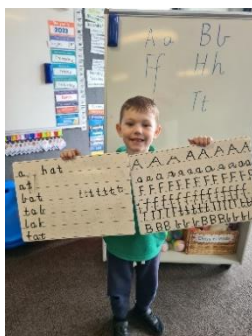
- Narrative and Recount texts
- Silent E / Bossy E / Magic E
- Digraph ch
- Letters – f, h, p and s

Numeracy

- Counting
- 2D Shapes

Integrated Studies

- Respectful Relationships – Calming strategies
- Healthy Me – Teeth
- Buddies
- UCLF Dog visits



Senior School Snapshot

In **Writing**, students covered a short recap of persuasive writing techniques. Students learnt about the power of the persuasive structure to capture and convince their audience. 'Hey Ant' by Hannah and Phillip Hoose.



In **Reading**, explicit lessons have been based around comprehension skills. Students learnt about the different categories of questions often asked, then learnt and trialled these skills. Often, we think we know the answer, but it's always best to prove the answer by checking the text! Students also explored the best strategies for answering multiple choice questions in readiness for the upcoming NAPLAN assessments.

In **Mathematics**, students have been exploring measurement and geometry concepts this past fortnight. How to accurately measure using appropriate units, how to calculate area and how to classify angles were just some of the concepts covered! Students have also undertaken pre-assessment on our up-coming unit on operations!



NAPLAN -Best of luck to our Year 5 students sitting NAPLAN over the next 2 weeks!

Homework has continued this fortnight in the senior school. Homework goes home Monday and be marked the following Friday. The purpose of our homework consists of a few important benefits; positive consolidation of classroom learning, establishment of sound study habits, encouraging students to develop responsibility for their learning and organisation and extending communication between home and school about skills being developed in class.

If you have any questions about your child's homework, please speak to their classroom teacher.



SPECIALIST - STREAM



SENIOR

In STREAM, senior students have enjoyed exploring our Solar System. We have looked at the different moon phases when it travels around the sun and what planets are in it.

This has stirred up some discussion if Pluto is still considered one of our planets. Students are beginning the process of creating a video demonstrating their understanding of the Solar System with Spheros and construction materials.



JUNIOR



In STREAM, we have enjoyed looking deeper into the materials that build the world we live in. Students have explored how materials bend and stretch and how they change whether it be permanent or short lived. The students have been able to categorise the different types of changes and identify which materials suit bending and stretching. Students have shown great excitement in using their knowledge to bend and stretch different materials to create towers and road blocks for our BlueBots to manoeuvre around.



Physical Education (PE)

F-1

This fortnight in Physical Education Foundation and year one students have been exploring the fundamental movement skill kicking. Using a balloon and a marking cone students practised this skill before playing a game in pairs called balloon kicks, where one person kicks the balloon as far as they can and makes as many runs as they can to the next marking cone and back before the fielder returns the balloon to the original marking cone.

Year 2-3

Year two and three students have been focusing on movement challenges playing a game called "Fruit Salad with a Twist". This is where students listen to the movement command first (which could be walking backwards, crab walking, bear crawling, hopping etc.) then for which groups turn it is to traverse to the other side of the playing field and back. It definitely tested our coordination and bilateral movement.

Year 4,5 and 6

Year Four, Five and Six students have started brushing up on our sporting skills for interschool sport. There are three different sports to choose from and this week we focused on refining our soccer skills. We spent time in pairs and small groups working on our dribble kicking and attacking the ball. We then put these skills into practise with a game of number soccer.

TRIBES



In Tribes this fortnight we explored the idea of 'happy places.' This centred around sharing the things we liked and finding similarities between students. Each tribe used this discussion as a springboard to create

their own island, full of things they love and enjoy to surround themselves with. This was an excellent opportunity for collaboration and building relationships as students worked together across all grades and different skill levels!



The Basin Music Festival is coming back to The Basin Triangle on March 24, 25 and 26.

The non-profit community festival is run entirely by volunteers with support from local traders, sponsors, and Knox City Council. The inclusive event showcases acts from reggae to rock, folk to funk, country to punk.

Enjoy food and beverages from the excellent local take-away shops, cafes, and pubs, as well as from two local community food stalls among the community market in the park.

Celebrate The Basin community, music and arts from Friday evening and all day Saturday and Sunday (family day in the park, plus a raffle and the song writing contest winners), and rocking until late in the pubs all weekend.

For info, go to: tbmf.au

FREE Parent Seminars

The Department of Education and Training has agreed to fund VAGTC (Victorian Association for Gifted and Talented Children) for a further three years to provide free parent seminars and support. Seminars for Term 1:

Tuesday 21 March 7:30pm - 9:00pm:
Establishing Rapport with Your Child's School

Monday 27 March 7:30pm - 9:00pm: Parent Discussion Night

For more details and for bookings, go to

<https://www.vagtc.org.au/seminars/>

HEY THERE HEROES



Are you 8 - 16 & ready to smash out your daily Good Deed?*

**oh, and go in the draw to win \$100*

We need you to help us understand what supports young people to thrive.

Spend 5 minutes sharing your thoughts & you'll help shape wellbeing resources for our community.

Access the survey via the QR code or link below by 17th May to participate



Want to know more?
Contact Mel on
0433533742

<https://forms.office.com/r/xjjv1ZCcNK>





treehouse

Does your child worry about making a mistake or being embarrassed in front of others?

Does your child worry about fitting in with peers or experience friendship issues?

Does your child sometimes sit alone at lunchtimes/avoid interacting with classmates?

Treehouse is a therapeutic program for primary-school aged children, who need extra support with social skills, self-esteem, managing feelings and developing resilience.

In Treehouse, we use art, play-based and mindfulness activities to explore worries, feelings, supports and coping strategies.

Children will:

- ✓ Participate and share with others
- ✓ Play games
- ✓ Do art/craft-based activities
- ✓ Complete their own written and illustrated story book

Only one child from each school is accepted into the program, providing space and opportunity for children to safely explore their feelings.

For more information or to register your interest, please email: youthandfamilyvic@each.com.au

This program is funded by the City of Whitehorse

Who: Grade 3/4 children

Where: Nunawading Community Hub
96-106 Springvale Road,
Nunawading

When: Term 1 School Holidays 2023

Dates: (2 x consecutive days in the second week of the school holidays)

Day 1 - Thursday 20th April:

- Get to know you
- Strengths
- Supportive people
- Worries & feelings

Day 2 - Friday 21st April:

- Coping with worries
- Playing with others
- Friendships
- Celebration

***Please note – participants are to attend both days.**

Time 9.30am – 4.00pm

***Please note: Parent/carer involvement is scheduled at the end of each session from 3.30pm (Sibling-minding provided by facilitators)**

Facilitated by:

EACH Youth & Family Counselling Team
Contact - Melanie Fearn (0427 525 946)

Cost FREE (Please provide lunch, snacks and a water bottle for your child)

☎ 1300 003 224 🌐 each.com.au



Kaizen Kai Karate

TIGER TOTS

3.5 yrs - 4 yrs

A program designed specifically to enhance physical motor skills and nurture brain development

LITTLE NINJAS

5 yrs - 7 yrs

Our goal is to develop skills like teamwork, focus, control and discipline in a fun, safe and happy environment

JUNIOR DRAGONS

8 yrs - 12 yrs

Focusing on traditional and practical sides of Karate, our main goal is self defense in a safe and supportive space.



NO LIMITS MIXED MARTIAL ARTS

!!CONTACT US NOW TO CLAIM YOUR 2 FREE TRIAL CLASSES!!

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Under 12 Girls - Players Wanted



KNOX JUNIOR
FOOTBALL NETBALL CLUB

With a proud history and commitment to developing our girls' program, Knox Falcons could be the club for you!



If you or someone you know is interested in having a go and joining a great family club, please send an email to: knoxjnr@efnl.org.au