

Carrington Chatter

News from Carrington Primary School Knoxfield



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Diary Dates

Monday 6th February

Unconditional Love Foundation dogs commence for Foundation-Year 4.

Wednesday 8th February

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



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!

Tribe Activity 2.30pm

Thursday 9th February

Scholastic Book orders Issue 1 closes

Monday 13th February

School Nurse – foundation students

Bookings open for “Getting to know you Parent-Teacher interviews”

Wednesday 15th February

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



This week you have received 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 2023 year. New students will receive various permission forms that will need to be completed and returned.

Please complete and return to the office ASAP

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**

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 it we will place your achievement in the newsletter





OUTSIDE SCHOOL HOURS CARE 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 2023, their booking schedule eg casual, every second day etc...

Thank you, Emily& Kane

Scholastic Book Club

1. Your child will bring home their Book Club Newspaper from school.
2. Browse the pages with your child and help them choose books that suit their age and interests.
3. Order online via Book Club [LOOP](#). Or send monies and order to the school office.
4. The books are delivered back to your child's classroom where the teacher will hand them out to very excited students!

Issue 1 orders close Thursday 9th February



to

☆ Summer

☆ Mrs Watson

on their special day.



Words from our Principal on the job – Brett Speed

Welcome back to our Carrington community. The year has started well with the students eager to engage in their new classrooms. Teachers have been busy setting up and preparing classrooms to make vibrant and engaging learning communities for the students to work in each day. We have a lot of new families commencing at Carrington this term and we welcome them all into our community. It is great to get back into the daily routines and see the children back on-site again.





As always, we are **seeking volunteers** to support with maintaining our beautiful grounds. There is a lot of weeding, pruning and mulching to be done. If you are able to volunteer your time at any stage, your assistance would be greatly appreciated.

This year our newsletter will be sent out each fortnight (in the even weeks). **This is a special edition to ensure all dates and information is received prior to the commencement of fortnightly newsletter.** Sentral and the school website will have these documents for future reference.

REMINDERS:

- **Classrooms open from 8:45am each morning**, with active supervision commencing.
- **School hats** are to be worn throughout the duration of Term 1 as per our Sun Smart policy.
- Students are reminded to **bring water bottles** to drink from.
- **Full school uniform** should be worn. There are a couple of non-school items creeping in and we want to ensure all of our students are in correct attire at all times.
- **If your child is unwell, has an appointment or will be absent on a particular day**, please contact the office so we are aware of the absence.



ATTENDANCE:

As a school we are really striving to have all of our students here on a daily basis and in the classrooms ready for learning. If a class has all their students on-site for the marking of the morning roll, they will create a visual display of '100% attendance' in their classrooms for that given day, with a reward given to the class with the most days where everyone is here.



We understand that some students may have medical appointments or are unwell on a particular day and have made accommodations to ensure this does not affect the results. If your child is unwell, please ensure the office is made aware of your child's absence.

CLUBS AT CARRINGTON:

This year our students will be experiencing a wider range of lunch-time clubs each week. These clubs will run for the 1st half of lunch each day. Students are welcome to attend any of the clubs and are encouraged to provide suggestions to their classroom teacher.

DAY OF WEEK	CLUB NAME
Monday	Madhouse
Tuesday	Mindfulness
Tuesday	Garden Club
Wednesday	Games Club (Board and card games)
Thursday	Choir
Friday (even weeks)	STREAM Club

UPDATED WORKS:

The Smarty Grants application to create a sensory style garden at the front of the hall is well underway. A landscape architect is surveying the site ready to design an accessible space for our students and community to engage with. These works will be completed within the year, with students having input into certain design elements within the space. We are awaiting further response regarding plans to the fenced off demolition zone. I will provide an update as information is received.

2023 LEADERSHIP POSITIONS:

Our senior students are currently working through speeches and applications for a variety of leadership positions. Students will have an opportunity to work on their speeches in class on Monday next week.

These positions include our T.R.I.B.E leaders, Junior School Council President and several other roles. Once the roles are finalised a badge ceremony will be held later this term.

FOUNDATION STUDENTS:

It was fantastic to see our new Foundation students commence this week with a staggered start. We look forward to watching them develop and grow throughout the year.

UPCOMING DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

- 19th February – Working Bee. TBC
- 20th February* - Parent / Teacher interviews (10 mins)
- 28th February – Everyday lunchbox session (F-3)
- 7th March – Eat a rainbow (F-3)
- **13th March – Labour Day**
- 15th-27th March – NAPLAN
- 15th March – Badge Ceremony

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](#)

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

Every Victorian child should have access to the world of learning opportunities that exist beyond the classroom. The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps ensure that no student will miss out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities. It is part of making Victoria the Education State and the Government's commitment to breaking the link between a student's background and their outcomes.

CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)

School camps provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors. Excursions encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works while sports teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are a part of a healthy curriculum.

CSEF is provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. A special consideration category also exists for asylum seeker and refugee families. The allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student is:

- \$125 for primary school students
- \$225 for secondary school students

MORE INFORMATION

For more information about CSEF visit:

<https://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/programs/Pages/csef.aspx>

HOW TO APPLY

New applicants should contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from the website below.

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

You only need to complete an application form if any of the following changes have occurred:

- **new student enrolments;** your child has started or changed schools this year.
- **changed family circumstances;** such as a change of custody, change of name, concession card number, or new siblings commencing this year.

Check with the school office if you are unsure.

