

We are a Child Safe School.
All children have the right to feel safe and to learn.
We are committed to protecting the wellbeing of students in our care.

From the Principal

Welcome to Week 4.

School Council 2017

I would like to remind all community members that nominations are open for School Council Membership 2017. We have three parent vacancies for School Council. Members whose term has finished can reapply. You may like to nominate a fellow parent or nominate yourself. Please see Silvia in the office and she will provide you with the relevant nomination form. We can't run the school without you! More information is included at the back of the newsletter or come and see me personally if you are interested.

Working With Children's Check

Thank you to the many people who have come and asked for assistance to complete their Working With Children's Check. We are happy to support you. Please see Silvia in the office at a mutually convenient time. You will need to bring 2 pieces of identification with you. All school volunteers must undertake this working With Children's Check.

School Captains and JSC

Congratulations to all of the JSC members and our new School Captains. We are very proud of you and your achievements and I look forward to working with you throughout 2017. Here are our school leaders for 2017:

Dina Margi (School Captain) & Con Papapetrou (School Captain), Rowan Saw, Pubudu Weerakkody, Jackie Li, Charlie Tondo Llopart, Jack Athanasopoulos, Jake Proctor, Isabella Savva, Chloe Dean, Anna Bui, Giselle Edmonds, Macey Lemmon & Jasmin Muir.

The Berry Street Education Model

This year is the first year of the Berry Street Education Model. This is a class program which is assisting all students and classrooms to be Ready to Learn. Some of the activities and language you might hear your children talking about include the following:

- Brain breaks- short activities between sessions to get ready to learn again.
- De-escalation- activities and reflections to help students settle their emotions if they become angry or worried
- Self-regulation- listen to your own body and try to prevent escalation of emotions.
- Circle time- a time for the class group to touch base and say how things are going. Students are being taught to problem-solve and assist others in a caring, compassionate way.
- Safety Plans- these are documents produced by the student and the teacher. It is an action plan to assist with class focus and strategies to assist when things are going wrong.

This semester the focus is all about the body: being in tune with your body and emotions in order to come to school prepared, happy and ready to learn.

After School Pick-up

It is very important that all students understand after school arrangements: knowing whether they are going to After School Care or where they will meet their parents. On one afternoon last week staff spent 30 minutes looking for two 'lost' children. One small child decided to walk home when his parent did not arrive on time and another child who had been booked into After School Care was found at home with his parents after they changed their mind and decided to pick him up. They did not notify the school or After Care. Can I please ask all parents to notify the school if their plans change or if they are running late. We will happily mind students for a short time if needed or we can book them into After Care and walk them across. For the safety of students and to minimise the stress levels for staff, I must insist that the above process is followed. Thank you for your consideration.

Parent Teacher Interviews

Thank you to all the parents who took time to attend interviews this week. I appreciate that you have given up your time to help us assist the learning of your children. I would also like to thank my teachers who have given up their personal time to meet with you.

Serious or ongoing illness

If your child has an illness such as asthma or an allergy or require short term medication, the school is required to have a management plan. Please see office staff to collect a form, make an appointment with your doctor and complete the plan and return to school. This is a legal Department of Education requirement. Thank you for supporting our school.

Christine Campbell

Friday 24th February
Monday 27th February
Tuesday 28th February
Wednesday 1st March

Carlton Football Club visit for Grade 5/6 Football Program, 11.30am—1.30pm
Assembly, 3.10pm @ Sensory Garden (weather permitting)

School Banking Day

Preps attend school today

Playgroup, 9.00am—10.50am

Canteen Sushi Day

Thursday 2nd March

Friday 3rd March

Carlton Football Club visit, 11.30am—1.30pm

Monday 6th March

Assembly 3.10pm

Lucky Incentive Draw for payment of Essential Education Items contributions

Tuesday 7th March

School Banking Day

Wednesday 8th March

Playgroup, 9.00am—10.50am

Athletics for Grades 3-6 students (all day)

Friday 10th March

Carlton Football Club Visit for Grade 5/6 Football program, 11.30am—1.30pm

Monday 13th March

Labour Day—School Closed

CANTEEN NEWS

Roster:

Wednesday 1st March Brendan Ansell & Amanda Hadson-Luka
Thursday 2nd March Sushi Day—parent helpers required
Friday 3rd March Mary Ioannidis & parent helper required

Sushi Day:

Canteen Special Lunch Day is on 2nd March. Order forms have been sent home, more forms are available from the canteen or the school office. Orders need to be submitted by 10.00am Wednesday 1st March. Orders are processed through an outside supplier, Koshi Sushi. If you do not wish to purchase sushi, you can still order from the normal canteen menu. Parent helpers are required on this day.

Volunteers:

The canteen is still in need of volunteers. If you would like to help, please see me in the Canteen or leave your contact details at the school office. All volunteers now require a Working with Children's Check, please visit www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au for more information.

Christine Mountney

PARENTS & FRIENDS NEWS



Please come along to our first meeting for 2017 to be held tomorrow, Friday 24th February at 9.30am. Everyone welcome to attend.

PANCAKE TUESDAY



Thank you to all those parents who have offered to help on Pancake Day, next Tuesday 28th February. Our coordinator will be in touch with you shortly about the organisation of the day.

If you have an "electric frypan" that you could bring to school on the day, that would be most helpful. Thank you.

Silvia Murray