

Carlton South Public School Newsletter

2022 Term 2 Week 4

Principal Report

100th Anniversary Update

You would all be fully aware that this year is a very special year for our school community celebrating our 100th birthday! The Open Day on Saturday is scheduled for October 22 and don't forget the P&C Trivia Night is on Saturday, July 23. Tickets for this event are selling fast, so if you are keen on attending please contact P&C President Mr Andrew Karamitos on 0456 124 281 or aak@netspace.net.au to register your interest.

We are also in the process of organising a '100th Anniversary Dinner' later in the year (possibly during Term 4) with the most likely venue to be St George Leagues Club, so stay tuned for more information. Our P&C Meeting has been postponed until Wednesday of this week, so if you have any suggestions for our school's anniversary, feel free to join us.

Election BBQ

This Saturday our school's Year 6 students and their families will be hosting an election day BBQ. Mrs Jade Tofofo, our Stage 3 Assistant Principal has been very busy organising this event and funds raised on the day will go towards our students. An alert via School Enews was sent to Year 6 families last week seeking volunteers to assist on the day. If you have a spare hour on Saturday, your support would be very much appreciated.

The BBQ will be setup nice and early at 7:00am and will hopefully conclude just after lunch. I will definitely be helping on the day and a number of teachers have indicated that they would like to do the same. Even if you are unable to assist us on the day, please come and vote at Carlton South PS and buy a sausage sandwich to support our students!

Ecole St

Every now and again we find ourselves having to remind parents about promoting safe practices when dropping students at school by car in the morning and collecting them in the afternoon. A number of concerned members of the school community have contacted me since the beginning of Term 2 worried about traffic issues on Ecole Street, at the rear of the school, particularly during the afternoon pickup time.

Most of the issues relate to child safety and parents/carers not observing the traffic laws. Again, we are seeing double-parking and three-point turns on the increase, placing our students at risk. I have been in touch with St George Police and asked for their support.

*Can I remind you all to stay safe, follow the rules and model the right behaviour for our students.
Thank you!*

Fathering Project

After a couple of false-starts due to COVID-19 we are pleased to remind you all of the 'Fathering Project' launch which is to take place on Thursday May 26 at 7:30pm. The launch will be held at Kogarah Community Services (49 English St Kogarah).

On the night we will be joined by other like-minded fathers and father figures from Blakehurst PS. Refreshments will be provided and a guest speaker from the Fathering Project will also present. We are hoping to connect fathers across our school community with a view to getting them more involved with their children and the life of the school.

Please click on the QR code here to join the group and RSVP for the launch.



Mother's Day Stall

A big thank you to our P&C for coordinating the Mother's Day Stall for our students on Thursday and Friday of Week 2. We hope you took the opportunity to purchase a gift. From all reports the stall was well attended and I hope all the mums out there had the opportunity to enjoy a lovely Mother's Day.

Thanks to our volunteers Sunny Hartley, Roselin Nusantara, Lisa Laaman, Heidi Breeze and Jati Teoh. Great job!

ANZAC Day

I had the honour during the school holidays to attend Ramsgate RSL's ANZAC Service with some of our student leaders. Mrs Michelle Pearson who coordinated our school's ANZAC Service last term also joined us on the day.

The rain was torrential! However, our school captains and vice-captains did an admirable job representing our school community. These students were responsible for delivering a reading at the service and for presenting a wreath on behalf of Carlton South Public School.

We should all be very proud of their efforts. If you have never had the opportunity to attend an ANZAC Service with your children, I recommend attending the Ramsgate RSL Service. It would be fantastic to see more of our families attend this event. Lest We Forget!



Have a fantastic next few weeks!

Darren Galea
Principal

Deputy Principal Report

Welcome back to all of our families at Carlton South PS to a new school term. Whilst it has now been almost three weeks, I hope that everyone enjoyed the April school holidays. It was wonderful that many families were able to get out, enjoy the sunshine and spend quality time together.

NAPLAN 2022

During Weeks 3 and 4 students in Years 3 and 5 will participate/ have participated in NAPLAN (National Assessment Program - Literacy and Numeracy) online, which assesses literacy and numeracy skills that are essential for every child to progress through school and life. Students were assessed in reading, writing, conventions of language (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and numeracy. The assessment provides parents and schools with an understanding of how individual students are performing at the time of the tests. NAPLAN is just one aspect of a school's assessment and reporting process – it does not replace ongoing assessments made by teachers about student performance. NAPLAN also provides schools, education authorities and governments with information about how education programs are working and whether young Australians are achieving important educational outcomes in literacy and numeracy.

NAPLAN provides schools, teachers and parents with a snapshot of the skills students have attained thus far. The information is then used by schools to reflect on what strategies can be utilised to support students to improve and further develop the skills they have attained.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Miss Carton and Mrs Tofohe for all of their hard work in organising NAPLAN online this year.

Parent-Teacher Interviews

During the last week of Term 1, we held our annual parent-teacher interviews. We would like to thank all of the parents who attended an interview and hope that you were able to gain some insights into your child's academic, social and behavioural development. These opportunities to talk to your child's teacher are important and hopefully you were able to walk away with an agreed plan for how you can support your child to reach their learning goals. It's important to discuss the meeting with your child and congratulate them on their strengths. If the teacher made suggestions of things you could do at home, discuss these with your child and commit to following through with them.

I'd also like to take this opportunity to thank the teachers for the time they invested in preparing for the interviews and completing them.

Walk Safely to School in 2022

On Friday 20 May it will be Walk Safely to School Day where students are encouraged to walk to school. This encourages healthy habits as well as teaching vital road safety skills.

National Walk Safely to School Day is a community initiative that aims to raise awareness of the health, road safety, transport and environmental benefits that regular walking (especially to and from school) can provide for the long term well-being of our children.

This national day is now in its 23rd year, and National Road Safety Week is also in May (15-22) supporting the focus on road safety and the importance of regular walking; not just on 20 May, but every day.

Walk Safely to School day is also a great opportunity for schools, parents, carers and students to:

- highlight the importance of being a safe road user
- talk about and role model how to be a safe pedestrian
- be physically active
- stimulate the brain for a productive day of thinking
- help the environment by lowering noise and air pollution, and traffic congestion
- start a new routine!

Here's how to join in:

1. Be alert and aware
Take note of the dangers you come across on your walk and bring them to your child's attention. Point out dangers, such as vehicles coming out of driveways. Talk to your child about being alert in a road environment.
2. Hold hands
When on the footpath, at a crossing or in a car park always hold your child's hand. It is advised to do this up to the age of at least 8 years old and closely supervise until at least the age of 10.
3. Choose a safe crossing
Lead by example and choose a safe place to cross the road. Explain why it is the safest place to cross.
4. Set a good example
Your child watches everything you do, so if you cross at the crossing they will too. It is also important to share these messages with other carers who may walk with your child to school.
5. Stop, Look, Listen, Think every time you cross the road
Discuss this important road safety message STOP! one step back from the kerb. LOOK! continuously look both ways. LISTEN! for the sounds of approaching traffic. THINK! whether it is safe to cross.



Conversations with your child at home

Professor John Hattie has talked and written extensively about what you really should be asking your kids about their school day ... Most of us ask the same old thing 'How was school today?' And get the same response "Good." And there the conversation ends ... Professor Hattie has four children who are now in their 20's. He tells us what he always asked them about their school day "Right through their schooling I asked them the same question every night. Which is, 'What feedback did you get from your teachers today?' The research on feedback says that it is not how much you give, it is how much you receive. I wanted them to be open to listening to what teachers said about their work. I challenge you to try that because it will take you four or five months before you start to get an answer from them, because kids are humans. They don't hear feedback ... and if they do hear it, often it means they have to do more work, or change. So what I wanted to do with my kids is say, well, just what was your interaction today with the teacher? I am sure it got to the point where they listened during the day, they got some feedback, and they thought well, that will shut up the old bugger tonight so we can move on!"

We encourage all parents to ask students about their learning goals and talk about feedback they are getting with their learning goals.

Below we have published the top 5 questions parents can ask their children, published by Visible Learning plus. For more idea on how to have effective conversations with your children these websites for practical suggestions:

[Questions to ask your child about school](#)

[Talking about school](#)

The articles highlight that talking about school with your child is important. It shows you're interested in your child's life and value education. The articles also encourage open-ended questions, rather than questions requiring a "yes" or "no". Furthermore, it is always best to start conversations in a positive manner and avoid asking questions which may lead children to answer in a certain way. The conversation has to be relaxed, allowing children to express how they feel; simple, positive and specific questions are the way to go.

Top 5 questions parents can ask their children:

1. **What did you learn today? How do you know?**
2. **What was the learning challenge you worked on today? What did you learn from it?**
3. **What feedback did you get from your teachers today and how did you use it?**
4. **How did you go about your learning to day?**
5. **Did you make progress in your learning to day? How do you know?**



WHAT TO ASK KIDS INSTEAD OF "HOW WAS YOUR DAY?"		
Instead of: How was your day?	Try this: → What's one thing that made you laugh today?	You can learn a lot about your child's sense of humor, friends, and get them smiling by asking them to recount things that made them laugh.
Instead of: Did you eat your lunch?	Try this: → Who did you sit by at lunch today?	Allowing your child to discuss friends they may have a hard time getting along with, opens opportunities to discuss how others make them feel.
Instead of: Did you have a good day?	Try this: → What did you do that made someone smile today?	Show your kids that school isn't just about academics. Kindness matters.
Instead of: What did you learn at school?	Try this: → Did you enjoy art or science more today? Why?	When questions are broad, it's easy for a child to feel unsure of how to answer. Being specific facilitates a detailed response and opens the door for further discussion.
Instead of: What did you do today?	Try this: → I love hearing about your day.	Sometimes questions are overwhelming. Just letting your child know that you're interested, gives them permission to share when they are ready.
Instead of: How was your day?	Try this: → What was easier today than yesterday?	Encouraging your kids to notice that their practice is making a difference helps instill a positive self-image and a growth mindset.

Learning Powers

You can also talk to your children about the learning dispositions that we have been focusing on over the last three weeks. Our Learning Powers are: **Active Learner**, **Self-Aware**, **Creative Thinker** and **Connected Learner**.

These are the Learning Powers that we have been discussing during Weeks 2 and 3:

Active Learner - Resilient - I am brave

- I am willing to try new things
- I bounce back from frustrations, failure and mistakes
- I can use my growth mindset to overcome challenges

Active Learner - Self-directed - I show initiative

- I am willing to try new things
- I bounce back from frustrations, failure and mistakes
- I can use my growth mindset to overcome challenges

Have a wonderful three weeks.

Suzi Chosid

Deputy Principal

Why attendance matters

When your child misses school they miss important opportunities to...



Learn



Make friends



Build skills through fun

education.nsw.gov.au



Minutes lost = days lost per year

A couple of minutes here and there doesn't seem like much, but...

When your child misses just...

they miss days per year

5 mins
per day



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3 days

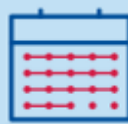


30 mins
per day



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18 days



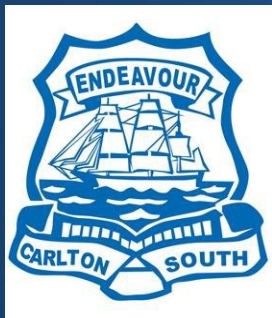
**Patterns of lateness
can have a serious
impact on your child's
education.**

SRC FUNDRAISER – BRIGHT DAY MUFTI DAY

On Thursday the 5th of May, Carlton South Public School raised funds for those schools affected by the floods earlier this year. Students wore their brightest coloured clothing and supported those in need by bringing along gold coin donations.

The kindness and generosity from the students, parents, teachers and community allowed us to raise **a total of \$515** for those in need as a result of the floods. We wanted to thank everyone for the support in assisting this fundraising and to the SRC members for driving this initiative.

Mrs Giannopoulos, Mrs Parrino, Miss Sadowskyj and Miss Vrgleski
SRC Coordinating Teachers



Early Stage 1

Carlton South Public School

This term in Kindergarten we are continuing to look at Phonics and how we can blend the sounds to make words. This allows us to use these sounds to read, write and spell. We are focusing on looking at different stories and how we can relate to them and use our Learning Powers to help us to learn and grow.

In Mathematics, we are continuing to concentrate on numbers 0-10 and understanding different representations of numbers to obtain a deeper understanding. Students are learning to use flexible strategies to represent more than and less than a given number. In addition to this, we are looking at Patterns and Algebra, as well as, two-dimensional shapes and three-dimensional objects. Students will be learning to make equal and unequal groups using different materials.

In History, we are learning about Families in the Past and the Present and in Science we are learning about the Physical World.

Reminders:

- Please pay any outstanding invoices, if you haven't done so already, so your child can have access to Athletics and Wushka
- Kindergarten sports day is on Monday
- Library borrowing day is on Thursday

Don't forget to read with your child every night to improve their reading and vocabulary. Sometimes, it is nice if they listen to you read as well.

Regards,
Kindergarten Teachers



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STAGE ONE NEWS

A warm welcome back to all our students in Stage One! We hope all families had a relaxing and safe school holidays.

This term, Stage One participated in a Science incursion that demonstrated the forces of push and pull. Students watched in awe as they were shown experiments involving dry ice, fire, water, balloons and toilet paper! Thank you to Mrs Anna-marie Haswell for organising the incursion for Stage One.





Here is an overview of the teaching and learning programs in Stage One for Term 2:

English- Quality texts, guided/modelled reading, explicit spelling/phonics instruction and imaginative writing

Mathematics- Whole Number, Time, 2D shapes, Data, Length, Addition, Subtraction, Multiplication and Problem Solving.

Science- Forces (Push and Pull).

History- The Past in the Present.

PDH- Personal Safety

PE- Fundamental Movement Skills

Creative Arts- Sculptures

Reminders for parents:

- The SchoolHouse Museum excursion will be on May 30 for Year 1 and June 2 for Year 2. Please sign the online permission form and make the payment by May 25. A special lunch order excursion pack can be also ordered from the canteen.

Stage One Teachers

School Cross Country Carnival

On Monday 16th May students 8 years and above participated in our School Cross Country event. Unfortunately due to inclement weather, the K-2 Fun Run was postponed to Monday 16th May and the Cross Country was held in the allotment.

Thank you to the students, teachers and support staff for their flexibility during the changes that occurred. Congratulations and good luck, to the students below who will be representing Carlton South at the Zone Cross Country on Wednesday 25th May.

8/9 Years Boys		8/9 Years Girls
1: Capril		1: Zoe
2: Nemekh		2: Talisa
3: Hussein		3: Anastasjia
4: Kadan		4: Leila
5: Viaan		5: Ivy
10 Years Boys		10 Years Girls
1: David		1: Tamara
2: Tay		2: Chloe
3: Rohan		3: Amindai
4: Elijah		4: Renee
5: Dennis		5: Amber
11 Years Boys		11 Years Girls
1: Teo		1: Ava
2: Johnny		2: Anastasia
3: Nathan		3: Emma
4: Hassan		4: Natalie
5: Adrian		5: Samar
12/13 Years Boys		12/13 Years Girls
1: Chad		1: Elina
2: Lukas		2: Kaylie
3: Saad		3: Tiana
4: Ethan		4: Amy
5: Michael		5: Sia



PSSA Update

Last Friday the sun was shining down on the Carlton South PSSA teams as they played their first game of the Winter Comp. All of the students should be commended on their behaviour and it was great to play some competitive sport against other schools again.

Important Reminder:

Please make sure all PSSA players are at school on a Friday Morning by 8:15am with the appropriate safety gear, a hat, a drink bottle and wearing full school sports uniform.



Sport Equipment Borrowing

Thank you to the Sport House Captains who have continued to help Mr Palamara with the equipment borrowing initiative. Each lunchtime students from 3-6 have the opportunity to borrow sports equipment from the sports storeroom. It has been wonderful to see students take responsibility of sporting equipment and play different games in the playground.

Thank you for your support,

Chloe Barker & James Palamara
Sport Coordinators

Join the Carlton South Public School Dads Group

**... where fathers and
father figures can
gather, share, learn
and laugh – with
each other and
their kids.**



In partnership with
 **the
fathering
project**



Tuning into Kids

Kogarah Community Services invites you to

A 3 week parenting program focusing on the emotional connection between parents and children, presented by Karina Lane.

Learn parenting skills in emotion coaching so you can recognise, understand and respond to your child's emotions in an accepting and supportive way; and help improve your child's emotional competence and behaviour.



Friday's 13th, 20th & 27th May 10am-12pm



FREE



Online workshop

(Link will be sent to registered attendees)



Further enquiries 9553 6506

REGISTER HERE

www.kogarahcommunity.org.au/event

Registrations are limited so please register at the above link.



Parenting Program



National Families Week



[CLICK HERE FOR MORE INFORMATION](#)

CARLTON SOUTH PUBLIC SCHOOL
100TH ANNIVERSARY

TRIVIA NIGHT

JULY 23RD. 2022
BEVERLEY PARK GOLF CLUB

DINNER FROM 5:30PM
TRIVIA FROM 7:30PM

ENTRY - \$20 PER PERSON -- TABLES OF 10

1ST PRIZE-\$300/2ND PRIZE-\$200/3RD PRIZE-\$100

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FOR MORE DETAILS AND TO BOOK A TABLE



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Need More
Foster Carers’**

The NSW Department of Communities and Justice is seeking people in your area to become short-term and crisis foster carers in order to provide a home for children and young people aged anywhere between 0-18 years-old. We are also interested in people who can care for siblings.

Foster carers come from all walks of life and their families reflect the wider community we live in. They can be single, in a relationship, identify as LGBTQI+ and be with or without children of their own.

Aboriginal, Torres Strait Islanders and people from culturally diverse backgrounds are also encouraged to apply. All carers receive training, ongoing support and financial assistance. If you are interested in making a difference in the life of a child, please call **8303 7644** or email our Foster Care Team:

CAPSMetroCentral@dcj.nsw.gov.au



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- Willing to work outdoors in all weather conditions.
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- Community-minded.
- Friendly and positive manner.

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- Shifts are between 8:00 am - 9:30 am and 2:30 pm - 4:00 pm.
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