It’s that time of year again....we hope you had a good holiday and are well rested.... and are ready for what is going to be an event filled term!

Firstly though we would like to thank the whole community and all the volunteers who helped out last term.

The community had an amazing get together for a big spring clean Working Bee. It really has made a big difference to our school. The next Working Bee will be in Term One next year.

We also welcomed our Chinese sister school guests. Xie Xie to all those that helped make the stay so wonderful.

We have raised almost $5000 this year so far, and the money has been carefully allocated using a wish list from our excellent teachers, and some great ideas from our community. Fundraising is an integral part of our school and raises funds for much needed resources, as well as bringing our school community together! So many thanks to everyone who participates!

And a special thank you to the volunteers who help with book covering, sub committees, and all of the things that are done to help make the school a wonderful place for all of us!

**THIS TERM**

We are having our annual book buying spree to coincide with the end of the Premiers Reading Challenge and to celebrate this National Year of Reading. We hope that everyone can come along to READINGS book store in Lygon Street on the 18th of October at 6.30 pm. This is our chance to learn about great new books for our children and to buy new books for our library!

We have our Art Show. This will be a great opportunity to support our budding artists! Block out the date November 29th. We are also hoping that our artistic children will be creating beautiful calendars and cards that can be used as gifts, and can raise some funds for our school.

Finally we will be holding a Bollywood celebration on December 20th after school, so if you are interested in being involved or just learning some new moves, please come along! Many tasty treats will be available.

**SPRING PLANTING**

Here is our tip for Spring....get planting!

Seeds and dirt. With just those two ingredients, we can start to celebrate spring.

Here are some ideas for simple gardening and planting projects for you.

**Grow a Word**

You will need:

- A large wooden box or plastic shallow container, with holes in the bottom
- Potting soil
- Radish seeds
- Stick or twig

Fill the container with potting soil. Using the twig, scratch your name or another short word into the soil, using large letters, about ½ inch deep. Drop radish seeds into the letters, being careful to space the seeds evenly. Sprinkle more potting soil over the seeds and gently pat down. With a light-spray watering can, water the soil.

Radishes grow quickly, with tiny, delicate leaves. After only a few days of consistent watering and sun, you’ll start to see sprouts popping through the soil. Recognize your word?
You might have seen in your children’s backpack a sheet of paper from Crazy Camel! This is a fundraiser for our school, and we hope that everyone will enjoy it!

It is a pretty simple idea.....Your child creates a beautiful piece of artwork that can be made into a calendar or cards! All you need to do is to fill in the Parent Order form - ask Trish at the office if you need one, and your little Van Gogh (or a photo of the artist!) can have their work transformed into cards or calendars....

The cost of the A4 Calendar is $12 (or $13 if the artwork is a photo)
The cost of the cards (incl. red envelope) for a pack of 8 cards is $13 (either artwork or photo).
The Deadline for orders is November

We are an artistic school! We have a visiting artist next term, and the Art Show in November! This is your chance to share your young artist’s talent!

There are some examples of the kind of cards/calendars that can be made. If you need some extra ideas have a look at the website: www.crazycamel.com.au/artideas
Events coming up.....Put them in the diary!

Term 4
Art week: – card fundraising event - all family and friends will be given the opportunity to buy their child/rens work recreated on cards.
- Artistic family and friends are asked to contribute with a show and tell for the children.
- Culminating in the Art Exhibition on November 1st.

Sausage sizzle

2013
Term 1
Fete Day on a Saturday on or around Harmony Day - this will be a HUGE all school event. If you are interested in helping please contact Claire Sowerby via the office care of Parents and Friends, or come along to a Friday morning coffee in the new building.

Sausage sizzle

Term 2
Garage Sale as per 2012
Mothers Day Stall and sausages sizzle as per 2012
Trivia Night - end of term 2.

Term 2-4
Production – WHOLE SCHOOL PRODUCTION. All the children will be involved in the production to be held in Term 4. Auditions and rehearsals will run from Term 2.
Anyone interested in participating in the production, please contact the Parents and Friends Association either via the office, or via the newly formed Parent Representative of their class.

DATES FOR TUESDAY EVENING MONTHLY (ROUGHLY!) PARENT AND FRIENDS MEETINGS FOR THE REST OF THE YEAR:

JULY 31ST - 6.30 - 8.30 - PERFORMING ARTS CENTRE
AUGUST 28TH - 6.30 - 8.30 - PERFORMING ARTS CENTRE
OCTOBER 16TH - 6.30 - 8.30 - PERFORMING ARTS CENTRE
NOVEMBER 20TH - 6.30 - 8.30 - PERFORMING ARTS CENTRE

These dates are in line with the School Council's required meeting dates, but they may be changed.

Here are your parent representatives in your classroom. If you are interested in helping, or have any questions, please do let them know.

Prep/1 F: Helen Simcich,
Prep A: Janelle Farrell, Melissa Hampton
1/2 C: Nicole Nathan
1/2H: Vivian Srblin, Claire Sowerby
3/4 S: Gigliola Aru, Natasha Suran
3/4 M: Anjali Dhaka, Megan Stevenson
5/6 T: Sophie Genreau, Rachel Edhie Wahidin
5/6 X: Vrinda Mulik
LOCAL SCHOOL PREMIERS READING CHALLENGE CELEBRATION
FOR STUDENT’S, TEACHERS AND PARENTS AND FRIENDS!

Readings bookshop and Carlton Gardens Primary School are pleased to host the annual book celebration with the Premier’s Reading Challenge to promote children’s literacy on Thursday 18 October, 6.30pm at Readings Carlton.

This year is a very special celebration – it combines the National Year of Reading, with the wonderful new investment by Melbourne City Council of a much needed local library for our community to be housed in the Kathleen Syme building in Faraday Street.

Carlton Gardens Primary School has fully embraced the Premiers Reading Challenge in this special year: Here are some OUTSTANDING statistics...
Out of 205 total student enrollments...205 STUDENTS REGISTERED for the Reading Challenge (100% of the WHOLE school)

And out of the 205 Students, 100% OF THE PARTICIPANTS COMPLETED THE CHALLENGE.
A TOTAL OF 7,486 BOOKS WERE READ!

Carolyn McCabe from the Premiers Reading Challenge will talk on the notables of the Premier’s Reading Challenge this year and the thinking behind the selection, as well as recommendations for next year’s Challenge. Tai Snaith, local children’s book author will talk about her latest book The Family Hour in Australia and other recommended children’s åbooks.

Join local children, parents, guardians, friends and teachers for a fun and casual local community event. Light refreshments will be served at 6.30pm for a 6.45pm start. There will also be an opportunity to buy the recommended books for your school and / or the new library at a discounted rate, with a special ‘presented to’ sticker in each book acknowledging the donation so a record of your generosity will be in your library forever! The books will cover the age range of pre prep to grade 6 levels but with a special concentration on books for older children.

Thursday 18 October, 6.30pm – 7.45pm

Readings, 309 Lygon St, Carlton

Free but bookings required:

We are having a party to celebrate READING in the National Year of Reading!
The party will be held at Readings book store (309 Lygon St, Carlton) -18th October, starting at 6.30 pm.

We would be really honoured and the event would benefit greatly if you could attend. It is an informal get together (though the Press - friendly ones! - have been invited too) Drink and nibbles provided. It will provide an opportunity for everyone to learn about childrens literature and buy, at a great discount, books for their school, and OUR NEW LOCAL LIBRARY!

We do hope that you may be able to come.
Best regards,

RSVP Megan: 9349 1734 or 0400 66 65 64