



CARLTON GARDENS PRIMARY SCHOOL

Newsletter

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CALENDER

3/09/09

11 th	Sept	School Photos (NO ASSEMBLY)
18 th	Sept	Last day of Term Three

Assembly Every Friday at 9.10am	Notices sent home: Parent Opinion Survey (random)	Attachments:
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Dear Community,

During the year teacher's are absent for a number of reasons. Teachers like the general public are susceptible to viruses and the like. Teachers are also expected to attend professional development some of which has been mandated by the region and the DEECD.

The school receives some funding to employ Casual Relief Teachers (CRT's) to cover the cost of teacher replacement. To 'stretch our dollar further' we have put procedures in place that will ensure our teacher's are covered for the entire school year.

Generally what will happen is if a teacher is absent for one day the class will be split. This is an excellent opportunity for children to work with and get to know other students outside their own classroom. The younger children like to be with the 'big people' and the older children learn to look after the younger children. The 'split' class will have work to go on with and they are supervised by the teacher whose class they are in for the day.

If the teacher is absent a second day, then a CRT will be employed for that day and any subsequent days. The school aims to employ the same CRT as they get to know the teachers class routine and the children get to know one 'replacement'. To date this has worked well. However if you have any concerns please let me know.

Cheers
 Tina McDougall
 Principal

Teaching and Learning Focus
Learning and Leading with the Habits of Mind

This week I'm introducing two more HOM, which I hope you will discuss with your children.



Creating, Imagining, Innovating

The future is not some place we are going to but one we are creating. The paths are not to be found, but made, and the activity of making them changes both the maker and the destination.

All human beings have the capacity to generate novel, clever, or ingenious products, solutions, and techniques—if that capacity is developed.

Creative human beings try to conceive solutions to problems differently, examining alternative possibilities from many angles. They tend to project themselves into different roles using analogies, starting with a vision and working backward, and imagining they are the object being considered. Creative people take risks and frequently push the boundaries of their perceived limits. They are intrinsically rather than extrinsically motivated, working on the task because of the aesthetic challenge rather than the material rewards.

Creative people are open to criticism. They hold up their products for others to judge, and they seek feedback in an ever-increasing effort to refine their technique. They are uneasy with the status quo. They constantly strive for greater fluency, elaboration, novelty, parsimony, simplicity, craftsmanship, perfection, beauty, harmony, and balance. Students, however, often are heard saying "I can't draw," "I was never very good at art," "I can't sing a note," or "I'm not creative." Some people believe creative humans are just born that way and that genes and chromosomes are the determinants of creativity.



Responding with Wonderment and Awe

Efficacious people have not only an "I can" attitude but also an "I enjoy" feeling. They seek intriguing

phenomena. They search for problems to solve for themselves and to submit to others. They delight in making up problems to solve on their own, and they so enjoy the challenge of problem solving that they seek perplexities and puzzles from others. They enjoy figuring things out by themselves, and they continue to learn throughout their lifetimes. One efficacious person is chemist Ahmed H. Zewail, a Nobel Prize winner, who said that he had a passion to understand fundamental processes: "I love molecules. I want to understand why they do what they do".

Some children and adults avoid problems and are turned off to learning. They make such comments as "I was never good at these brain teasers," "Go ask your father; he's the brain in this family," "It's boring," "When am I ever going to use this stuff," "Who cares," "Lighten up, teacher; thinking is hard work," or "I don't do thinking!" Many people never enrolled in another math class or other "hard" academic subjects after they weren't required to in high school or college. Many people perceive thinking as hard work, and they recoil from situations that demand too much of it.

We want students to be curious, to commune with the world around them, to reflect on the changing formations of a cloud, to feel charmed by the opening of a bud, to sense the logical simplicity of mathematical order. Intelligent people find beauty in a sunset, intrigue in the geometric shapes of a spider web, and exhilaration in the iridescence of a hummingbird's wings. They marvel at the congruity and intricacies in the derivation of a mathematical formula, recognize the orderliness and adroitness of a chemical change, and commune with the serenity of a distant constellation. We want students to feel compelled, enthusiastic, and passionate about learning, inquiring, and mastering (Costa, 2007).

Building the Education Revolution

I have received a letter from the Deputy Prime Minister, the Hon Julia Gillard MP confirming that our school was successful in receiving P21 funding. This means that work on the refurbishment of the school and the building of the new Performing Arts Centre will commence shortly.

This is indeed excellent news and I hope you are as excited as I am!

Erskine Lane

A reminder:

I ask all parents to refrain from using Erskine Lane as a drop off area. It has become a highly dangerous area for our students who are dodging cars from

neighbouring businesses. Erskine Lane is a clearway. Staff must have access to their carpark at all times and neighbours must not be blocked. Students should be discouraged from entering the school through the carpark.

The front of the school may be used as a drop off area and children may enter through the side gates or the front of the school.

A reminder that a member of staff will be on yard duty from 8.45am.

Website Review

Puzzlemaker

<http://www.puzzlemaker.com>

This is a site that enables the users to generate their own crosswords and word searches. It's a great way for children to increase their vocabularies and improve their spelling.

School Motto Competition

Don't forget to enter the school motto competition. We are after an outstanding phrase that represents what makes Carlton Gardens Primary School special and unique. The winning motto will be announced on the night of our celebration, Friday 13th November and incorporated into our new logo.

Pavers

Forms went out last week detailing the Grade 5/6 Fundraiser, The Face of Carlton Gardens primary School. I'd like to extend a huge thank you to all the families who have indicated that they will support this venture. Apart from creating a beautiful, drought resistant garden, we will be raising funds to buy books for all classroom libraries.

It's amazing what we can achieve when our community supports us. Thank you so much!

Electronic Games

The number of children playing Nintendo's and other electronic games has escalated. While we don't mind the children playing these games we believe that they should be restricted. From now on children will be able to bring their electronic games to school every Friday. Please support us by discussing this new procedure with your child.

Volunteers Required

Volunteers are needed for

a school fundraising initiative at Bunnings in Preston (120 Chifley Drive (Murray RD, Preston) on Monday 12th October.

The school has an opportunity to run a sausage sizzle outside the store all day.

We need at least three volunteers working each shift to run the sausage sizzle. Bunnings will provide the grill and cleaning products.

A notice will be posted outside the office where interested volunteers can write their names and the times they are available to assist.

If you are able to assist, please contact Tina on 0420866207 or Jae on 0405580709.

Wanted

Literacy Update...

All classroom libraries are up and running and I'd like to thank all the parents that have kindly made donations of costumes and dress ups to assist in set up the Reader's Theatre component of our literacy program.

We have also had many generous parents make donations of old preloved books to assist in supplementing our classroom libraries. In recognition of these donations we have a special label that will be placed inside each donated book, to identify the families that have donated. We also ask that if you or your children have any suitable preloved books, children's magazines or comics to donate it would be greatly appreciated. Our aim at Carlton Gardens Primary School is to develop lifelong readers who genuinely enjoy reading.

Thank you for your continued support to further improve our students' literacy standards.

If you have any questions or queries, please don't hesitate to ask our literacy coach, Margaret.

Parenting Program

Tuning into Kids is a parenting program that helps children to learn to understand and regulate their emotions.

Why is Emotional Intelligence Important?

Children with greater emotional intelligence have been shown to:

- Be more able to self sooth when upset or angry
- Have greater success with friendships and
- Have more stable and satisfying relationships as adults.

Where:

Carlton Family Resource Centre
216 Rathdowne St Carlton

When:

Thursday evenings 6.30pm – 9.00pm

September 3rd, 10th and 17th 2009
Free pizza, tea and coffee provided 6.00 – 6.30pm

Contact:

Kim Billington on 9340 1434

kimbil@melbourne.vic.gov.au

Bookings Essential – Places limited

City Of Melbourne

The City of Melbourne has organised a free Parent Information evening, 'Internet Health and Safety' with Robyn Treyvaud. Robyn is Director of CyberSafeKids and Cyber SafeWorld. She has played a significant role in raising the awareness of cyber safety issues in Australia.

Venue: Blue and White Room at the Multicultural Hub
506 Elizabeth Street, Melbourne

Date: Thursday 10th September, 2009

Time: 6.30pm – 8.30pm

Advertisements

Collingwood College Annual

Spring Fair

Collingwood College is holding a **Spring Fair** on **Sunday 13th September** from **11.00am to 4pm**. There will be a range of low-cost kids activities including, pony rides, treasure hunts, badge making, a lucky dip, garland making and lots more. There will also be lots of food, kitchen garden produce, bands, performances, singing, coffee, recycled goods and more!

Essendon Little Athletics Centre

Registration day for new members

9.00am -11.00am

Saturday 26th September, 2009

Moonee Valley Athletics Track
Corio Street, Moonee Ponds

The 2009/2010 track and field season starts Saturday 3rd October, 2009

Cost involved:

- Registration fees: \$80.00 each for the first two children, \$70.00 each for 3rd and 4th child and \$60.00 each other child
- Weekly fee: \$2.00
- Team T Shirt

Birth certificate needs to be sighted at the time of registering.