A Message from the Principal

Dear Community,

Welcome to the 2016 school year. We hope that everyone managed to find some time to relax with friends and family during the summer break and that the start of this year has been a positive one for you all.

This year, we again welcome new families to our school across all year levels including our new Prep families. We know that the whole community joins us in welcoming you all to our school and trust that your time with us is positive and enjoyable.

Each year when we return, it is a pleasure to see such happy and enthusiastic faces, eager to renew old friendships, make some new ones and get back into some interesting and enjoyable learning. When we chat to students they share lovely holiday stories but are also looking forward to their new school year. We would like to thank you, the parents, for your efforts in preparing your children so well for the start of the school year. Throughout the year, we will share through the newsletter, the many opportunities that our students have to shine.

I’d like to formally welcome our newest staff members, Nicolle Brown, Megan Fisher, Jolie Lin and Aurora Tripodi to our school. Welcome back.

Calendar Events

- 3rd February - Prep Testing (By Appointment)
- 10th February - Prep Testing (By Appointment)
- 11th February - Parent Meet and Greet
- 17th February - Prep Testing (By Appointment)
- 24th February - Prep Testing (By Appointment)
- 29th February - Preps come to school 5 days a week
- 7th March - School Photo Day
- 11th March - Curriculum Day
- 14th March - Labour Day
- 24th March - Last Day of Term One
- 11th April - First Day of Term Two

Instagram

We are now on Instagram. You can follow us @carltongardens

Twitter

We are on Twitter. You can follow us @carltongardens

Compass

Please make sure that you login to Compass to update your contact details. You will be asked to verify them once you have logged in.

Book Packs

A big thank you to all the families that have logged into Compass and paid for their book packs. If you have not purchased your book pack we ask that you do so as soon as possible.

Late

Please be aware that school starts at 8:55am. Students arriving after 8:55 will be marked as late.

All students who arrive late need to sign in through Compass at the office.
to Sarah Moon who has been teaching overseas for two years and to Andrew Bloomfield who was on paternal leave in 2015. A big thank you to the staff for all the preparations they have made for the 2016 school year, as they have already spent countless hours over the past weeks. The Office and Education Support staff with various administrative tasks and the teachers setting up dynamic learning environments and forward planning to ensure a smooth start for the students and exciting curriculum for the students this year.

Other work that has taken place over the holidays has included a general clean-up of the school gardens, the front fence replaced, the front garden replanted, the floors buffed, including the PAC floor, carpets steam cleaned and windows and entrances washed.

The best news of course is that works on the toilets have finally started! The asbestos was removed from the upstairs toilets during the holidays, on a day when OSHClub were on an excursion. This week the contractor’s schedule of works includes:

- Plumbers to complete connecting water to outdoor toilets and rough in for new fixtures.
- Carpenters to construct new walls in outdoor toilets
- Plaster patch and painting to ground floor toilets.
- Install tile splash back to ground floor toilets.
- Paint walls in the outdoor toilets
- Prepare floor in the outdoor toilets for vinyl. Remove and replace flooring to ground floor girls toilets.

Work to the outdoor kitchen garden and BBQ area has temporarily stopped so that work on the outdoor toilets could start.

We are looking forward to a productive partnership with you to ensure all children can achieve their highest potential. We recognise that in order to be successful in school, our children need support from both the home and school, knowing that a strong partnership with you will make a great difference in your child’s education. As partners, we share the responsibility for our children’s success and want you to know that we will do our very best to carry out our responsibilities, asking that you guide and support your child’s learning by ensuring:

1. Attendance at school daily and arrival on time, ready for the day’s learning experience,
2. Completion of all homework assignments given by teachers (homework starting later next month),
3. Daily reading to develop a love for literature and to improve critical language skills,
4. Sharing school experiences with you so that you are aware of his / her school life.

Working and “learning together” we can achieve great results. There are many opportunities for parent involvement within the school: classroom assistance; volunteering; assisting at Working Bees; book covering just to name a few.

Cheers
Tina

Drum Lessons

This term we will again be offering Drum Lessons on Wednesday. Lessons are Individual, one on one lessons for 30 minutes. Each lesson is $25.

This term Ryan Brewer will be filling in as Drum Teacher as Justin picked up an ongoing position at a special school in Brunswick.

Lessons commence next week on Wednesday. There are very limited during AND after school spots available so please email Steve ASAP if you would like to learn.
veale.steven.s@edumail.vic.gov.au

Hats and Labelling Items

Our Sun Smart policy requires all students to wear a wide brimmed or legionnaire hat (not a baseball cap). Students without a hat will spend their lunch time in a shaded, protected area. Hats can be purchased at the office as they are back in stock.

There is always a large number of school clothes in the lost property bin each day (particularly in summer) because parents and children fail to label their belongings. And it has come to our attention that a lot of hats are going missing already. Students are cutting labels off. Please ensure you label all uniform items clearly especially with the swimming program starting soon (It may be a good idea to write your child’s name clearly with a white marker on the actual item rather than the little white label.)

All lost items can be collected from the lost property area located in the corridor outside the Uniform Shop. When a name is clearly on the item of clothing, you substantially increase your chances of getting it back.
After School Pick up

Just a reminder – school finishes at 3:30pm. Students will be supervised in the yard until 3:45pm. If on the odd occasion you are unable to arrange for your child to be picked up by this time please notify the school. If we have not heard from you, students will be placed into aftercare. This will ensure they do not feel worried or anxious and they will be provided with full supervision. If you are not already registered with OSHClub please do so online at www.oshclub.com.au and follow the prompts. Thank you for your support with this.

ARE YOU A PARENT OF 5-11 YEAR OLDS?

You are invited to take part in a workshop to review a new online parenting program for preventing anxiety and depression in children. We would like to hear your views regarding the program so that we could fine-tune it to be more sensitive to your needs as parents. The program is developed by researchers from Monash University and the University of Melbourne. Monash University HREC CF15/4316 - 2015001859. Enquiries: (03)990 59957, wan.sim@monash.edu or lmfer3@student.monash.edu

Dates available at Carlton, University of Melbourne: 19 Feb (11am-1pm OR 3.30-5.30pm OR 5.30-7.30pm), OR 24 Feb (12-2pm OR 3.30-5.30pm).

Dates available at Clayton, Monash University: 17 Feb (11am-1pm OR 3.30-5.30pm), OR 22 Feb (12-2pm OR 3.30-5.30pm OR 5.30-7.30pm).

Compass

At Carlton Gardens Primary School we have a number of students that are Anaphylactic and/or have severe allergies. Anaphylaxis is the most severe form of allergic reaction and is potentially life threatening. It is also important to note that allergies can develop into anaphylaxis.

Foods to be avoided in all classrooms are as follows:
- Nuts
- Seafood & Shellfish
- Eggs
- Milk

Obviously there may be times when you forget about this and send your child to school with one of these food items. Please be aware our school policy states “…the need to sit away from other children if food brought to school puts another child at risk”. Our Anaphylaxis policy can be accessed on the school’s website.

Portable Toilet Update

The portable toilets have caused some angst amongst our community and this is understandable. The staff share your concern. We have organised the toilets to be serviced three times a week and the cleaners to clean them twice a day. We are hoping this will be sufficient while the toilet upgrade is taking place. If you have any concerns please contact me. I assure you we are doing all we can to maintain the portable toilets in the interim.
FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE INFORMATON 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 and sports teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are part of a healthy curriculum.

CSEF will be 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.

HOW TO APPLY

Contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

MORE INFORMATION

For the CSEF application closing dates and more information about the fund visit www.education.vic.gov.au/csef
January 20, 2016

The Principal
Carlton Gardens Primary School
215 Rathdowne St
CARLTON VIC 3053

Dear Principal

IMPORTANT INFORMATION TO PASS ONTO PARENTS

Please find below some important information regarding Victoria’s student and concession travel ticketing arrangements for 2016, which will be of interest to your school community. We encourage you to make this information available by inclusion in your school newsletter or intranet page.

Proof of concession entitlement

All students aged 17 years and over, or those requiring a half yearly or yearly Student Pass (regardless of age), are required to obtain a 2016 Victorian Public Transport (VPT) Student Concession Card as proof of their concession entitlement. Application details and a copy of this year’s form are contained within this letter. It is important to note that school issued student identification cards are not accepted as entitlement to concession travel on public transport.

2016 Victorian Student Pass

The Victorian Student Pass provides travel for students on all metropolitan trains, trams and buses, all regional bus services and all V/Line train and coach services operating wholly within Victoria. The Victorian Student Pass is issued on a myki.

2016 Regional Transit Student Passes

Regional Transit Student Passes provide travel for students on buses in the Geelong, Ballarat and Bendigo Transit Systems and limited V/Line rail services in these transit areas. The Regional Transit Student Pass is issued on a concession myki. Regional Transit Student Passes for Southwest Transit, Colac Transit and Portland Transit will continue to be issued as paper passes.

How to apply for a 2016 VPT Student Concession Card and/or a Student Pass

The 2016 VPT Student Concession Card & Student Pass Application Form (enclosed) can be obtained from:

- metropolitan premium train stations
- PTV Hubs (Southern Cross Station, Docklands, Geelong & Bendigo)
- V/Line staffed stations and ticket agents
- PTV Call Centre by calling 1800 800 007
- online at ptv.vic.gov.au.
• Students wishing to purchase a Half Yearly ($285.00) or Yearly ($546.00) Victorian Student Pass will be required to obtain a 2016 VPT Student Concession Card, regardless of age, as proof of their concession entitlement. The standard $9 fee applies. Students can have their 2016 Yearly or Half Yearly Victorian Student Pass loaded to their existing myki card at a metropolitan premium train station, a myki-enabled V/Line staffed station or from a PTV Hub (located at Docklands, Geelong or Bendigo). If the student does not already have a myki, the Student Pass will be loaded onto a new myki. This myki will be issued on the spot with the myki card fee waived.

• Students 16 years and under, who do not wish to purchase a Student Pass are not required to obtain a VPT Student Concession Card but can still get a child myki for concession travel by visiting a metropolitan premium train station, a myki-enabled staffed V/Line station, a myki retailer, visiting ptv.vic.gov.au, or calling 1800 800 007. A $3 card fee applies.

• Students 17 years and over, who require a VPT Student Concession Card as proof of their concession entitlement can obtain a VPT Student Concession Card and apply for a free concession myki (if required) at the same time. Students will need to complete the enclosed form and lodge it at a metropolitan premium train station, a myki-enabled staffed V/Line station, the PTV Hub at Southern Cross Station or the PTV Hub at 750 Collins St, Docklands. They will then be issued with their 2016 VPT Student Concession Card ($9 fee applies) and a free concession myki (if required). Those students who already have a concession myki can continue to use it and only need to renew their concession entitlement by completing the 2016 VPT Student Concession Card form.

Registration

Registration is optional for students that hold a student pass. It is, however, strongly recommended that students register their myki online at ptv.vic.gov.au or by calling 1800 800 007. Benefits of registering a myki include:

• The balance on the myki is protected if it is reported lost or stolen
• Option to manage myki with an online account
• Option of auto top up for ‘set and forget’ convenience

If a myki is not registered, there is no way for a student to recover the value held on the card in the event it is lost or stolen.

Further information specific to student travel arrangements under myki can be obtained by visiting ptv.vic.gov.au and going to the student area under the Tickets > Concessions > Students on the website. For information about non-myki Regional Transit Student Passes, visit http://ptv.vic.gov.au/tickets/regional-fares/ under the section ‘Student concessions’.

I would be grateful if you could share this information with your staff and students.

Yours sincerely

[Signature]

Alan Fedda
Director, Customer Experience
Public Transport Victoria
Train your first class free!

Help give your child the skills necessary to deal with bullying that is all too common and disruptive in a child’s learning pattern and environment.

**Benefits:**
- Get fit and have fun
- Improve your hand and eye co-ordination
- Improve your confidence
- Improve your concentration and awareness
- Meet other children
- Learn a Self Defence skill in a safe Environment

**Kids Class timetable:**

**Saturday**
10:00am-10:50am

**Mon-Thurs**
4:00pm-4:50pm

www.wingchunbingfa.com

Wing Chun Bing Fa Kung Fu Academy is on Facebook

Your child may train

**1-3 classes** per week.

**$30.00 monthly** payment

(Direct debit only).

**Ten lesson pre-paid card.**

**$100.00**

Public Transport or walking distance.

Option 1)

250/251 Garden City travels a long Rathdowne St. You will need to get off on the corner of Lonsdale st/ Swanston st.

Option 2)

Any tram running a long Swanston St.

Option 3) A brisk walk= 15 minutes.

**Contact:** 0421 809 462 or 9650 8280

wingchunbingfa@gmail.com

* Location: Level 4/252 Swanston St (Cookie restaurant below/Rooftop bar-cinema on top).
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Come along with friends and family and enjoy:
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Taekwondo Demonstration
Sausage Sizzle

13 FEB 2016 10AM - 1:30PM