Dear Community,

With the end of another school year, we come to those significant moments in life when we must confront the inevitable. Things are going to change. Some of us are changing schools, changing classes, changing teachers, changing work colleagues, changing friendship groups. Any big change is a mix of excitement and anticipation, tinged with a trace of sorrow for what we leave behind and possibly even a little trepidation as we face the unknown and unfamiliar.

The year 6 class of 2014 will finish their primary schooling on Friday and will move to the adventure of secondary school. I am sure that you join with me in wishing them all the very best and thanking them for their contribution to Carlton Gardens PS. I trust that they will each remember their primary school years fondly and are well prepared for the life journey that lies before them.

Messages from the Principal

Compass

School reports are available to you on Compass. This year we will not be posting reports to families who are not here in the last week because they will be able to be downloaded through Compass. You can also download previous years reports if they are required.

Instagram

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

Twitter

We are on twitter @CarltonGardens

Calendar Events

- 19th December - Final Day of Term 4 - 1:30 Dismissal
- 29th January 2015 - First Day of School for Students
- 30th January - First Day of School Preps
- 11th February - Parent - Teacher meet and greet
- 17th February - School Council
- 6th March - Curriculum Day
- 9th - March - Labour Day
- 24th March - School Council
- 27th March - Term 1 Ends
I would like to say farewell to all of the families who will not be returning to Carlton Gardens Primary School in 2015. Thank you for your support during your time at the school, and we wish you every success and happiness in the future. I believe that it is vital that we highlight and celebrate our achievements for the 2014 year. Carlton Gardens Primary School is demonstrating outstanding improvements in teaching and learning. For this reason the profile of the school has grown. Its innovative practices and its well-developed curriculum is being shared and sourced across the network and beyond. On behalf of the leadership team, I would like to thank our highly skilled and professional teaching, administration and ES staff, who work diligently to ensure that student learning and wellbeing is at the crux of their daily practice; this has been established through a culture of collaboration and high expectations.

### Highlights from 2014

**Some of Carlton Garden’s 2014 highlights include:**

- Improving our ICT teaching and learning with the purchase and integration of more iPads, cameras, software and Web 2 technologies that have enhanced our curriculum and administrative procedures.
- Staff professional learning and teaching with our Literacy Consultant Chris Egan and Curriculum guru Deb Sukarna.
- Development of a guaranteed and viable curriculum.
- Our Art Show.
- Gardenfest.
- $7,800 ANZAC Centenary Grant.
- School camps.
- Book Week festivities.
- 5/6 students involved in filming a commercial for the optometrist society.
- Prep children involved in filming a commercial with international actress Michelle Yeo for the TAC.
- Students visit from New Oriental school - China.
- AFL Multicultural Football Program.
- Hip Hop, Breakdance, Zumba and Yoga classes for all our student.
- 5/6 trip to Canberra.
- Parent Nights every term highlighting student learning.
- Celebrations during Indigenous Week.
- Some of our JSC students attended the National Young Leaders Conference.
- Planet Savers energy audit and the creation of a student Green Team.
- Billy cart incursion.
Staffing for 2014

The following teachers have been granted leave in 2014: Sarah Moon, Xavier Norden and Chris Rogers. Kylie Crampton, Calah Preece and Hayley McKenzie will be leaving us at the end of the year. We wish these teachers the very best in all their future endeavours. Andrew will reduce his time fraction to one day per week to look after his gorgeous twin daughters. We wish him all the best.

Joining our team next year are Tessa Sukarna who is back from leave; Rachel Cross, Alexander Biaggini, Maire Clapham, Tom Kearney, Jessica Zammit and Shelley Fehring.

2015 Staffing Profile

Leadership
Principal - Tina McDougall
Leading Teacher – Trish Glover (2 days)
Leading Teacher – Bobbie Tyburski
Andrew Bloomfield – (1 day)
Hollie Winfield

Classroom Teachers
Prep A – Monika Planinic (Room 7)
Prep B – Tessa Sukarna (Room 8)
Prep C - Georgia Bonetti (Room 9)
1/2AB – Alicia McNiff & Mirella Faulkner (Room 11)
1/2CD – Rachel Cross & Jessica Zammit (Room 12)
1/2E - Melanie Lazaroo (Room 10)
3/4A - Julia Woods (Room 13)
3/4B – Tom Kearney (Room 14)
3/4C – Maire Clapham (Room 1)
5/6A – Emma Patterson (Room 15)
5/6B – Alexander Biaggini (Room 16)
5/6C – Shelley Fehring (Room 4)

Specialists
Intervention - Fleur Thompson
Music – Steven Veale
Art – Genevieve Davey
Chinese – Kay Markiewicz
PE – Lee Baratto

Education Support
Business Manager – Joy Meredith
Speech Pathologist – Claire Stoddart
PA to the Leadership Team - Kathie Asomatianos
Integration Aide – Laura Simpson
Support - Lance Vrantses

Gardenfest

A big thank you to Mirella, Emma and the 5/6 students for organising Gardenfest. We were able to raise over $4000. We will use this money to purchase audio visual equipment next year.

2015 Grade Names

In the past we have always named the grades according to the initial of the class teacher’s name, e.g. 1/2AJ for Alicia and Julia’s class. Next year however we will be naming classes using the alphabet sequence, e.g. Alicia and Julia’s class would be 1/2AB if they were teaching grade 1/2 again. The reason for the change is we name have teachers working in the same teams with the same first initial.

After School Chinese

Dear parents,
I am writing to let you know that from 2015, the time for the After School Chinese Program has changed from Wednesday afternoons to Tuesday afternoons. It is because Kay, your Chinese teacher at the Carlton Gardens PS will only work in the mornings on Wednesdays so she cannot help for the After School Chinese Program if it is still on Wednesdays. Tuesday is good for Kay so we change it to Tuesdays. I must express my great appreciation to Kay who has put so much effort, time and work to help for our program. Without her support, it wouldn’t be as successful as now. I hope Tuesdays is till good to you. My sincere apologies if it cause any inconvenience. Thank you for your understanding.
Program Update

Dear OSHClub families,

As this is the last newsletter for the year, I wish you all a safe and relaxing holiday season and a festive New Year! Our children are helping to plan an end of term Christmas party for next Friday to end the year on a joyous note and celebrate all their great work over the year. This will include party foods, certificates and a whole bunch of games. You may be aware that I (Emma) will be leaving after the first week of the January school holiday program as I will be travelling overseas. I am sad to leave such a great school community and will be sure to visit during April 2015. The children can expect lots of postcards!

In other news our Quality Improvement Plan is now on display for parents and children to look at. It is the apple tree display stuck to the cupboard next to our sign in table. Feel free to read some of the things we are doing well and the areas that we are working on. If you have any suggestions on how we can improve the service please feel free to write in the suggestion book.

We also have a suggestion box which children have been putting their ideas into. We have had a range of suggestions from children including recipes, Christmas craft ideas, science experiments, and a lemonade making demonstration! It is wonderful for children to help us plan activities that they love. If there is an activity that you and your child enjoy, feel free to pop it into the suggestion box too.

Please remember to book in advance if you would like your child to attend the January holiday program, as spaces will fill up quickly the closer we come to January (especially for excursion days). A copy of the holiday program is on the sign out table. OSHClub is once again running the Teen City Crew for children aged 11 - 14, which is based at Carlton Gardens Primary school and departs every day on an excursion. The Teen City Crew program is available at the sign in table also.

IMPORTANT REMINDER: Please update your contact details as soon as they change so that we are able to contact families in the case of an emergency. Our booking system has changed, please double check your bookings and let us know of any last minute cancellations via text message or voice message.
HARMONY FETE 2015

Having a **Holiday Clean Out** over the summer? Please save your books, clothes and toys etc for the pre-loved stalls, we will be collecting them in term 1.

We will be looking for donations of drinks, cups, plates, serviettes and items for prizes/raffle in term 1 also...so stock up in the sales!

Jams, pickles and preserves to sell. Can you or family members, grandparents etc help by making a few jars over the summer holidays? Labels will be provided in Term 1 2015. All ingredients must be listed.

Have a great festive season!
thanks from the crazy fete ladies

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HARMONY FETE POSTER COMPETITION WINNERS

Congratulations to Cara from 3/4 M - the winner of the competition, her amazing art will feature on the promotional material for the Harmony Fete 2015. Congratulations go to Raven and Max also - joint runners up. Thankyou to everyone who entered!!

********** ENJOY THE HOLIDAYS!!! **********
GRADE 6 GRADUATION