Location and Contact Details

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Term Dates for 2013

1st Term: - Preps: Friday, 1st February to Friday, 28th March
Year 1 to 6 students: Thursday, 31st January to Friday, 28th March

2nd Term – Monday, 15th April to Friday, 28th June

3rd Term – Monday, 15th July to Friday, 20th September

4th Term – Monday, 7th October to Friday, 20th December
The 2012 Prep enrolment reflects a steady increase over the recent years and this trend of consistent growth is expected to continue with the area attracting younger families. The 2012 enrolment was 430 students. This rise in enrolments has allowed for greater flexibility in both staffing and curriculum.

We focus strongly on maintaining and fostering our school as a learning community, valuing interaction between and contribution from students, parents, teachers and the wider community through:

- providing an environment that is safe and secure
- facilitating effective communication to foster strong partnerships
- providing equal opportunity for all members of the school community
- providing regular professional development for staff
- valuing and facilitating academic excellence
- supporting students to attain their individual potential by building on their strengths and experiences
- encouraging, recognising and rewarding achievement and effort.
- developing in students such qualities and social skills as tolerance, responsibility, communication, independence, problem solving, creativity and respect for themselves and others
- providing and fostering a cooperative environment where students can share the responsibility for their own learning, behaviour and health.

Our main aim is to foster in students, qualities and skills which will enable them to be successful, confident and tolerant individuals, able to contribute positively to a constantly changing society.

Carnegie Primary offers a comprehensive curriculum in line with the Victorian Essential Learning Standards including a language other than English (Italian). We strongly emphasise the development of skills in English and Mathematics. Specialist programs are offered in the Arts, physical education, information technology and Italian, with a perceptual motor program (PMP) provided in Years Prep and one. We embrace an Inquiry Learning model ensuring essential learnings contained in the VELS are covered in a student’s journey from Prep to Year 6.

To actively support these curriculum areas, the following enrichment programs are provided:

- Life Education
- social skills development program including the ‘You Can Do It’ education program
- swimming
- religious education
- camping
- interschool sport
- junior school council
- student leadership program
- buddy program
- instrumental music (piano, keyboard, guitar and violin)

The school’s grounds are extensive, consisting of a large grassed oval, all weather cricket pitch, basketball and netball courts as well as shaded fixed play equipment. A new 6 classroom learning centre was constructed in 2011 as part of the BER program. This was complemented by the refurbishment of some of our more traditional upstairs classrooms and the refurbishment of our administration area in the main building.

To facilitate improved student learning outcomes, the school has identified three major student learning goals:

- To further develop differentiated curriculum and effective teaching practice based on challenging and appropriate learning outcomes for all students
- To develop a whole school approach to the teaching of mathematics and improved teaching practices through ongoing and supportive professional development
- To develop common pedagogical understandings using the E5 Instructional Model which underpins Inquiry Learning.

Carnegie Primary School is committed to upholding and enhancing its reputation as a caring learning community which offers its students the opportunity to achieve personal excellence in an environment which stimulates, challenges, nurtures and encourages each individual.
The School Council

The School Council is a representative body which is responsible for developing and implementing the policies of the school. The School Council is comprised of parents, teachers, the principal and community representatives. School councillors nominate for the various sub-committees, which report back to council. The sub-committees are Finance, Buildings and Grounds, Out Of School Hours Care, Policy and Programs, Marketing and PFA. The term of office for school councillors is two years with elections held each February / March. The School Council and each subcommittee meets monthly. Membership of the school council can be rewarding and all parents are encouraged to consider nominating for vacancies.

Message from the School Council

Dear New Parents,

On behalf of the School Council we welcome you and your child. At Carnegie Primary School we pride ourselves on the sense of community that has been cultivated at our school. We encourage an active, positive and rewarding partnership between parents and our staff. We would like you to feel that you can become involved in the school at many different levels such as joining groups or assisting in areas such as:

- School Council
- Parents and Friends’ Association
- Social and fundraising events
- Sports and special events assistance
- Assisting in classes - reading, typing, perceptual motor activities
- Computer and technological advice
- Coaching
- Mentoring of students or
- Working bees.

We look forward to a happy association with your family and trust that the time spent with us will be an enjoyable experience.

Yours sincerely,

Susan Harper
SCHOOL COUNCIL PRESIDENT
The Parents & Friends’ Association (PFA) was formed to enable parents and friends of students at the school to play an active role in their children’s education and in school events. It is a vital part of the school community and represents our families at the school.

Our objective is to raise funds for the benefit of the children and the school. Members meet on a monthly basis to discuss ideas for fund raising activities and to plan social events. The association is an active one and the school community generously supports our activities, resulting in a substantial contribution to the school. Recent fundraising activities have targeted literacy, classroom furniture, outdoor landscaping and playground improvements.

The members are a friendly group and enjoy many social functions together. It is a great way to meet new people and to enjoy the company of friends whilst helping the school. We understand that everyone’s lives are busy and appreciate whatever time members are able to offer to the school.

Some of the social, fundraising and community activities of the Parents and Friends’ Association from previous years are:

- Welcoming new parents during prep orientation and at our School Expo
- Welcome Pizza Night for preps and their families
- Easter Egg Raffle & Hot Cross Bun Drive
- Biennial Fete and Trivia Nights
- Social Nights
- Mothers’ & Fathers’ Day stalls for the children
- “Walk for the School”
- Bunnings BBQ
- Christmas cake baking and Carnegie Street Festival
- End of year school picnic and concert
School Programs

Maximise Your Child’s Potential:
- Academic opportunities
- Leadership opportunities.
- Sporting opportunities
- Musical opportunities
- Artistic opportunities
- Public Speaking opportunities.

Curriculum
Comprehensive curriculum with a strong emphasis on academic development along with social, emotional and physical development.

♦ Strands:
  - Physical, Personal and Social Learning
    Health and Physical Education, Civics and Citizenship, Personal Learning & Interpersonal Development.

  - Discipline Based Learning
    The Arts, English, Languages Other Than English (Italian), Humanities, Mathematics & Science.

  - Interdisciplinary Learning
    Communication, Design, Creativity, Technology, Information Communications Technology & Thinking.

Parental Involvement in School
- Parent Information Sessions
- Assisting in classroom programs
- Participating in whole school activities such as sports coaching
- Participating in excursions and excursions
- Regular monitoring of homework
- Attending school assemblies
- Helping on “special” days, such as sports days
- Working Bees.

Music
- Visiting instrumental teachers in keyboard, strings, piano and guitar.
- Opportunity for performance at assembly and concerts
- School concerts.

Information Technology
- Full time specialist ICT teacher
- Fully equipped computer room with interactive whiteboard, notebooks and iPads.
- Notebooks in all classrooms
- Cybersafety programs

The Arts
- Specialist Visual and Performing Arts teacher for Years Prep-6
- Well equipped Arts room
- Opportunity for performance at assembly and concerts
- Whole school concerts.

Physical Education
- Comprehensive physical education program for Years Prep-6
- PMP (Perceptual Motor Program) for Years Prep & 1
- Intra school team sports Years 3-6
- Interschool team sports Years 5-6: netball, basketball, football, soccer, softball, volleystars etc.
- Interschool swimming, athletics, and cross country carnivals
- Intensive swimming program for all children Years Prep-6
- Year 3 to 6 Swimming and Athletics carnival
- Prep to 2 Athletics Fun Day

Language Other Than English – Italian
- Italian Language program Years Prep-6

Library
- Library for Years Prep to 6
- Lunch time borrowing
- School library providing reference and non reference material.

Life Education
Life Education program for Years Prep to 6 and a session for parents
Religious Education

Religious Education elective available Years Prep-6 (optional)
Approved Christian, Catholic, Jewish & Greek Orthodox Education.

Excursions and Camps

- Annual school camps for Years 3-4 and 5-6
- One night sleepover at school for Year 2
- Parent assistance in supervision of students during excursions valued and encouraged
- Regular excursions and incursions for Years Prep-6 in support of classroom programs.

Sustainability

- Weekly rubbish free lunch days
- Reduce, Reuse, Recycle programs
- Vegetable Patch
- Lunchtime Sustainability Club
- School chickens

Student Welfare

- Junior School Council Representatives
- ‘You Can Do It’ social skills program.
- Prep/Year 6 Buddy program

Student Leadership

- School captains and vice captains
- Junior School Council
- Subject & House Captains
- Leadership Program
- Envirostars

Student Recognition Program

- Student Achievement Awards
- Principal’s Awards
- School Captains and House Captains with Leaders’ Roles and Responsibilities
General Information and School Routines

School times

- **9.00**: School commences
- **9.00 - 11.00**: Session 1
- **11.00 - 11.30**: Recess break
- **11.30 - 1.30**: Session 2
- **1.30 - 1.40**: Lunch (supervised by teachers)
- **1.40 - 2.30**: Lunchtime break
- **2.30 - 3.30**: Session 3
- **3.30**: School dismisses

Other routines

- Monday whole school assembly.
- Friday fortnightly whole school assembly in the hall conducted by Year 6 school captains.
- Student awards presented at the assemblies.
- Parents welcome at all assemblies.
- Children are supervised eating lunch by teachers (1.30-1.40).
- Supervised indoor program over lunchtime during wet weather and very hot days.

Newsletter

The Carnegie Primary School Parent Newsletter is published fortnightly on a Tuesday and distributed to the eldest child in each family. It contains a diary for coming events, a Principal’s Report, Parents and Friends news, general news, student items and local advertising. Please check your child’s bag each Tuesday fortnight for important school notices. This is available on the school website – [www.carnegieps.vic.gov.au](http://www.carnegieps.vic.gov.au)

Attendance

**Student Absences**

If a student is absent from school, parents are required to send a note to the class teacher on the child’s return to school, stating the reason for the student’s absence. Parents are encouraged to phone the office if their child is absent from school.

**Students Leaving Early**

Children are not permitted to leave the school grounds during normal hours of instruction without the permission of the Principal or Assistant Principal. Children may leave the school ground on school business but only under the supervision of a teacher. If they are taken out of the school, parental approval is also required.

Our school has the security of high fences on all boundaries and the gates are locked during school hours.

At the parents’ written request, children may be released during the day provided they are called for at school. In this instance children are collected at the office or classroom. It is not the practice to allow unattended children to leave the grounds. A form must be completed at the office and handed to the child’s class teacher before the child leaves.

Urgent matters can be dealt with at any time - please contact the office.

**Enrolling Students**

Under the Health Act all children enrolling in Primary School or transferring between schools are required to present an immunisation certificate stating whether the child has been immunised against diphtheria, tetanus, polio, measles and mumps.

**Exiting Students**

Parents are requested to inform the Office as soon as possible when their child/ren are transferring, as a transfer note and other relevant documents will need to be sent to the new school.
School Requirements
Classroom requisites are bought in bulk, and are charged as part of the booklist. There is also a levy to cover consumables i.e. photocopy paper. Our School Council asks all parents to contribute to a Voluntary Contribution Scheme. This money is used to maintain and improve our buildings and grounds.
Families eligible for the Education Maintenance Allowance may use this to pay for the booklist.

Excursions, Incursions and Camps
Throughout each year, a number of excursions, incursions and camps are held relating to the educational programs your children are participating in at school. It is important for your child to attend these activities as much work occurs before and after these excursions/incursions. Notices are sent home informing you of the activity, dates, location etc. Please ensure these forms are signed and returned to the classroom teacher as soon as possible.

Children who do not have a signed consent form cannot be permitted to attend the excursion.

Government Assistance (Education Maintenance Allowance)
Parents who are the holders of a Health Care Card are entitled to an annual payment per primary aged child. Application forms may be picked up from the Office and Health Care Cards must be shown upon application. Forms are available in Term 1 and 3.

Student Information
Parents are asked to inform the office as soon as any personal details change for their child/ren. This includes change of home and work (for parents) telephone numbers, change of family situation, change of doctor and change of emergency communication numbers.

Please make this a priority as students are often upset when they are unwell and become anxious when we are unable to contact you.

Communication
- Information Evening for grade levels
- ‘You Tell Us’ evening in February
- Regular formal parent/teacher meetings.
- Teachers freely available to meet with parents by appointment.
- Written school reports mid year and end of year.
- Regular school newsletter each fortnight.
- School notice boards.
- Displays of work throughout school.
- Diaries Years 3 – 6, used as a means of communication.

Before & After Care
To ensure student safety, it is school policy that any child who is left unattended in the playground before 8.45am or after 3.45pm (i.e. when there is no teacher on yard duty) will be placed in the Before or After School Care Program with parents responsible for the fees.

The program is part funded by the office of Pre-School and Child Care and by Parent fees. Fee relief is available for eligible families.

We advise parents to fill in an Out of School Hours Care Program enrolment form so that if you are delayed, caught in traffic or have any other emergency, you may avail yourself of this service.

An enrolment form for Before and After School Care is available from the office or at Out of School Care in the hall. Times for booking places on Curriculum Days and during Holiday Programs are published in the school newsletter during the year.
Student Safety And Welfare

Location and Safety
- High fences and secure gates surround the school.
- No heavy traffic or main roads adjacent to school.
- Three supervised school crossings and effective pedestrian crossings.
- Teachers on yard supervision during morning and lunch recesses.
- Gates are locked at 9.30am and re-opened at 3.15pm.

Buildings and Accommodation
- Well maintained heritage buildings.
- Construction of 6 classroom learning centre in 2011
- Air conditioning
- The Arts room
- Carpeted, heated and cooled school hall with stage and kitchen facilities.

Grounds
- Extensive grassed and treed play areas.
- Excellent school oval
- Shaded play equipment
- Play areas for junior and senior children
- Netball and basketball courts
- Cricket pitch
- Vegetable gardens.

Uniforms
- Uniform Shop at school.
- Winter and summer uniforms
- The wearing of the uniform is compulsory
- As part of the Sunsmart program sunhats are worn outdoors as part of the uniform policy during Term 1 and 4.
- Regular second hand uniform stalls.

School lunches
Children are encouraged to bring a nutritional lunch. The school must be notified of any food allergies/intolerances. Children are asked not to share their food. Glass bottles and cans are not permitted for safety reasons. Lunch orders are provided by A.J. Bakery.

Bicycles and Helmets
The law requires that all cyclists must wear an approved bicycle helmet. Our School Council recommends that only students in years 4, 5 and 6 ride a bicycle to school unaccompanied by an adult. A bicycle compound is provided in the grounds, which is locked during school hours.

Car Travel
For the safety of all children in the school community, parents transporting children to and from school by car are strongly requested to:
- Use the legal parking zones.
- Insist upon their child using the school crossing if he/she has to cross the road to reach your parked car or enter the school grounds.
- Adhere to the 40km Speed Zone.

Supervision of Playground Before and After School
Supervision of the playground before school begins at 8.45am and finishes after school hours at 3.45pm. Students should not arrive at school before 8.45am and they are to be collected by 3.45pm.

Toys
Toys that could be dangerous to children must not be brought to school e.g. toy guns. Toys and possessions that are expensive or precious to your child should not be brought to school. We are unable to take responsibility for the safe care of such property.

Visitors
All visitors are asked to call in at the office when visiting the school and collect a visitor’s pass.
CODES OF CONDUCT  - from CPS Student Engagement & Wellbeing Policy

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