PRINCIPAL’S REPORT
GROWING WITH THE COMMUNITY
Welcoming, Engaging and Achieving

Our mission is to inspire the self belief and motivation in students that will enable them to achieve and grow.

THANK YOU FOR ENSURING CPS IS A GREAT SCHOOL
It seems hard to believe that it is already the final newsletter for 2015. Carnegie Primary School has continued to grow and prosper in 2015 and I believe we have every reason to be proud of our school and its students. I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a safe and happy holiday with your family and friends. Thank you:

- To all the staff for their professionalism and dedication to our students throughout the year. Your efforts individually and collectively to ensure CPS is such a vibrant place of learning each and every day is a privilege to be part of
- To the School Councillors for their input and support in running our school and ensuring the opinions of our ever growing community are valued and considered when making decisions at the council level
- To all members of Parents and Friends (PFA) for their efforts organising numerous activities for our children, staff and families including their significant fundraising efforts throughout 2015. All monies have been well spent to enhance our buildings and grounds and teaching and learning spaces
- To the parents and members of the school community who have once again supported our school in many ways throughout the year
- To our students, who as always, have been such a lovely group to work with throughout the year. No two days are ever the same and I am particularly proud of your efforts to achieve your personal best academically but also your efforts to be kind, considerate and respectful young people.

Special acknowledgement needs to be made to:
- All the classroom helpers. Some of you give your time generously each and every week. We value your support highly
- Leesa Needham, our amazing Parents and Friends Committee President

DIARY DATES- TERM 4—2015

Tuesday 15th December
End of Year Picnic / Concert 5-7.30pm

Friday 18th December
Last day of term early dismissal 1.30pm

DIARY DATES- TERM 1—2016

Friday 29th January
Term 1 commences for Grade 1-6

Monday 1st February
Term 1 commences for Preps

Tuesday 9th February
House Swimming Carnival Gr 3-6 at Carnegie Pool

Saturday 5th March
School Fete 10am-4pm

END OF YEAR PICNIC TONIGHT!

Tables and chairs are limited so please bring a picnic table and deck chairs or picnic rug if you can.

The PFA will be selling sausages, vegie burgers and soft drinks all at $2 each between 5 and 6.15pm.

The student concert will commence at 6.15pm.

Looking forward to a lovely night!
Susan Harper, our hard working School Council President
Kirsten Brooks for overseeing our front sign
Sharon Atkins and Kristen Howell for supporting our uniform shop earlier this year and Rosalie Ouslinis for overseeing our second hand uniform sales
Rebecca, Amelia, Lili, Stephan, Leon and Judy for their ongoing passion and support for our instrumental music programs

THE PARISH OF SAINT ANTHONY’S CHRISTMAS DAY DINNER
Each year the St Anthony’s Parish in Glen Huntly host a traditional Christmas Day Dinner for people who will not be celebrating Christmas with family and friends. The dinner, which is for everyone, will be held at midday on Christmas Day in the St Anthony’s Hall opposite the church.
If you know anyone who would like to attend, please let them know of this special celebration. There are invitations at our office. If any of our Carnegie families might like to assist on the day or with donations, please call into the office too as there is a form that outlines how you can assist this very worthy cause. What a lovely way to spread some Christmas cheer to members of our community!

FAREWELL
I wish our year six students the very best as they commence secondary college. May their futures be bright and rewarding and their dreams come true. We also wish any students and their families moving to new schools in 2016 all the best.
On a staffing front, as mentioned previously, it is with some sadness we farewell Mrs Thompson after many wonderful years at Carnegie. She will be very much missed but I know you will join me in wishing her all the best in her retirement. She is looking forward to enjoying more leisurely pursuits and time with her family.
Miss Belinda Cupples has been granted LWOP for the 2016 to pursue other endeavours. Mrs Nicolaides and Mrs Ross’s current contracts are concluding but we anticipate they may still be familiar faces as replacement teachers throughout 2016.
We will be welcoming back Miss Lipson, Miss English and Ms Oh as full time teachers and Mrs Budic and Ms Dowsett in part time roles. Children will be told their 2016 classes on Thursday morning and spend a short amount of time with their new teacher if that teacher is a current staff member. A notice outlining the staffing overview will come home with your child on Thursday night, along with their student reports.

IMPROVEMENTS TO OUR SCHOOL
As always our school budgets have been diligently spent to ensure the very best learning environment for our students and we can reflect on 2015 and be proud of our achievements. Some of the changes, many quite significant, at our school have included:
• Purchasing of over $40 000 of new furniture and equipment for our classrooms and learning spaces.
• Ongoing beautification of our grounds including the new Junior playground, the creation of new Japanese garden bed near our Truganini Road entrance, upgrading of our vegetable garden, the planting of trees and shrubs and some external painting to enhance our grounds. Our two new flagpoles have been purchased and erected.
• Purchase in excess of $15 000 worth of literacy, numeracy, science and PE/sport resources to support the delivery of a quality curriculum.
• Our ever expanding ICT infrastructure and computer notebook/ipad program to ensure this platform is the best it can be.

Many of the extras would not be possible without the amazing support of the school community via payment of voluntary contributions and our PFA fundraising efforts. We look forward to sharing many positive changes in 2016 to support our students and their learning.

LAST DAY OF TERM & HOLIDAY BREAK
Term 4 ends on Friday 18th December at 1.30pm. There will be a final assembly at 1.00pm on this day so we can farewell those leaving us.
School commences for years 1 to 6 students on Friday, 29th January 2016. Prep students commence on Monday, 1st February. Looking forward to seeing everyone back as we commence another great year at Carnegie Primary School.

WORDS OF WISDOM – We tend to forget that happiness doesn’t come as a result of getting something we don’t have, but rather of recognizing and appreciating what we do have.

Linda Jones & Michael McCarthy
PARENTING IDEAS By Michael Grose – IT’S A (CHRISTMAS) WRAP!

It’s that time of year again! The school year is almost over. The Christmas holidays are just around the corner.

"Where did the last twelve months go?" That’s the adult viewpoint. Kids think, “What took so long?” Different ages, different perspectives.

Kids generally want to plunge into holidays, leaving schoolwork, timetables and teachers behind. That’s only natural. But before they get too far into holiday mode, consider how you’ll round out the year, and bring it to a close.

If your child is finishing primary or secondary school then there will be a graduation ceremony that signals the end of one phase of their school lives. The greater importance given to school graduation ceremonies over the last few decades is recognition of the human need to bring closure to one stage of life, and prepare for the next.

Kids of all ages benefit from parental recognition of their achievements and successes as it sets the stage for the coming school year.

Here are a few ideas to help you close off the old year to prepare for the year ahead:

1. **Discuss the highlights and the lowlights of the year**: Ask kids to name their highlights, favourite times or most memorable moments of the year just gone. Use age appropriate language and questions that will open them up, rather than shut them down. At the year’s end I would ask my school-aged kids to rate the year from 1 to 5, and to identify their best memory, their favourite subject and something new that they encountered. These questions worked for me, but each parent needs to find their own approach.

2. **Celebrate improvement and success**: Identify one or two areas where they excelled, improved or overcame some challenges. Broaden the focus away from just academic performance and recognise achievement in social, sport or arts areas. It’s important for kids who struggle academically to understand that you value success in a variety of areas.

3. **Show appreciation**: Consider how they can show appreciation to teachers, coaches or other people who may have assisted them during the year. Not only is it good manners to show gratitude, but some kids need reminding that other people contribute to their achievements.

4. **Look forward**: It may be beneficial to give your kids a chance to vent about some aspect of the year that they didn’t like, found difficult or challenging. Try to limit this type of discussion so that it doesn’t end in a whinge session and point them toward a better future next year.

5. **Now relax**: It’s time for them to set the previous school year aside, put their feet up and chill out over the school break. Remember, if the previous year wasn’t one of your child’s best, the five to six week break gives him or her a chance to make a fresh start next year.

So it’s a wrap! The slate has been wiped clean. Enjoy the break and see you next year.

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RELAY FOR LIFE THANK YOU

Thank you to all involved and to those who sponsored people in the Relay for Life in October. The Carnegie Wanderers team, made up of Carnegie Parents and students, raised $1,023.95. Thank you!

Wendy McMillan
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<td>Prep A</td>
<td>For always being such a lovely friend to us all in the Prep area. We wish you all the very best at your new school. We will miss you.</td>
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<td>Sri B</td>
<td>2B</td>
<td>For being a thoughtful and considerate member in the classroom who always looks out for his peers.</td>
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<td>2C</td>
<td>For showing great self-discipline in making a big effort to focus on his work and resist the urge to be distracted by others.</td>
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<td>Robbie B</td>
<td>Prep C</td>
<td>For always caring about his peers when they hurt themselves and for his willingness to help with every job in the classroom. You’re awesome, Robbie!</td>
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<td>Prep D</td>
<td>For being such a “delightful dinosaur”. You always try your hardest and help others. I will miss seeing your groovy dance moves.</td>
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<td>Jack C</td>
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<td>For your kindness, generosity and growing resilience.</td>
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<td>For settling into 3C so beautifully. You have shown excellent persistence in every task you tackle. Well done.</td>
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<td>Mathilda Mc</td>
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<td>For always having a positive attitude to all areas of your learning and being a wonderful role model for others. Thank you for being a superstar!</td>
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<td>Georgia V</td>
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<td>For your fabulous efforts in our celebrations inquiry and your positive learning all year.</td>
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<td>Madi M</td>
<td>5C</td>
<td>For always having a positive impact on those around her, bringing her smile, enthusiasm and sense of fun to the classroom every day.</td>
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<td>William W</td>
<td>5B</td>
<td>For your expression, energy, attitude and confidence. Thank you for sharing more of who you are. You’re a special guy.</td>
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**PFA News**

**TEACHERS’ LUNCH THIS FRIDAY**
The PFA traditionally put on lunch for our wonderful teachers and staff on the last day of term. If you are able to contribute and bring something along on Friday can you please let me know in the next day or so. Thank you in advance!

**THANK YOU FOR A FABULOUS 2015**
Thank you to everyone who helped make this yet another successful year for the PFA. We had an awesome Fete at the start of the year, the Easter raffle, hot chocolate and sushi days, created a business directory of CPS businesses, had a fabulous Trivia night, Icy pole days and lots more.

Our fundraising efforts this year contributed to the new Prep playground, blinds for the grade 4 portables, wireless speaker and microphone (used for assemblies), a portable interactive touchscreen tv in the 1/2 building, basketball/netball goals and line marking of basketball courts, part funding of the Japanese garden and a new chest freezer (which came in handy for icy pole days!) Thank you so much to everyone who helped in any way during the year to make it such a successful one.

I look forward to seeing you all in the new year where we start off with a bang organising the 2016 Fete! Have a wonderful break and enjoy the time with your families.

Leesa Needham    Ph: 0408 556 669
leesa.n@optusnet.com.au

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**Birthday Book Club**

Thank you for these great books and many happy birthday wishes from all at Carnegie Primary School.

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A couple of weeks ago the grade 6 students performed “Shrek The Musical Jr” at Glen Eira College. They all did a fantastic job rehearsing and building up their confidence throughout the term. Here are some photos from the production.
Teacher Talk with…. Mr Pollard

Each newsletter we will be chatting to a different teacher to find out a little bit more about them and hopefully what makes them tick. Today we talk to our PE teacher Mr Pollard.

This week’s photo was taken by Emma in 6B.

It was great to see you and a number of our male teachers get on board and support Movember this year. Yours was a bit slow growing compared to other gents. How did you find growing your mo?

Growing my ‘Mo’ has been an interesting experience! I wouldn’t say it has been easy for me and nor did I expect it to be, but I’ve given it my best for a good cause! I might need to get a head start on next year though!

How have you enjoyed the change from the classroom to PE teacher this year?

The change between classroom and PE has been an exciting challenge. I’ve always loved playing sport and being outdoors (even when it is pouring rain!) so the opportunity to take on the new role has been very enjoyable. One of the biggest upsides to being the PE teacher is that I get to teach 90% of the students and get to know them all.

What would be considered your sporting specialty?

Tough question…. Before my first year at Carnegie, I would have said swimming was up there but then I managed to be upstaged by Mr Acklom in the teacher race that year! If you asked my parents this same question, they’d probably say it was between Netball and Swimming. I always enjoyed playing netball but the opportunity to take it further was stopped by my love for footy.

Who was your biggest influence when you were at school?

Biggest influence throughout my schooling would have been my grade 5/6 teacher Mrs Sullivan. She was so passionate about teaching and caring for her students that it made schooling that more enjoyable.

What was your favourite pastime as a boy?

The favourite pastime I enjoyed most would have been heading to the park for a BBQ or our family holidays. We had many entertaining drives up to the Gold Coast over the years and many funny stories to go with them.

Did you ever get into any mischief as a youngster?

I have always thought I was very innocent as a child but my mum tends to disagree. There was one story back when I was 3 years old where I drew coloured dots on my sisters head with a Texta. My parents walked in and thought something was seriously wrong, so they called the doctor to come round as soon as possible. They were quite frustrated to find out that it all washed off with a little bit of water!

How do you enjoy spending your weekends?

My weekends are usually spent catching up with friends or having some father and son bonding time watching the horse racing.

I understand you have a bit of interest in horse racing. Can you tell us a bit about your involvement?

Horse racing has always been a massive part of my life. Ever since I was a little boy my parents would take me to various race meetings, morning track work at Caulfield or the local stables where my dad owned a couple of horses. It’s a wonderful industry and I’ve loved being around horses. In 2012 I bought my first share in a racehorse and have just bought a share in my second horse called Assertive Star. Unfortunately it was injured getting set for the Derby but might just have to wait until next year for the Melbourne Cup.

Do you have any special talents which people may be surprised to learn? (After Movember-you can probably say that growing a moustache isn’t one of them!)

Ha Ha! I agree 100%! As for potential special talents, I was taught how to juggle in grade 4. Not the most amazing talent but I managed to learn how to juggle knives and clubs. My other talent (if you could call it that) would be naming all the winners of the Melbourne cup since 1990.

If you could have dinner with 3 famous people from history, who would they be?

Mohammed Ali, the inventor of bite size chocolate bars and Harry Telford (trainer of Phar Lap).

If you could take three things with you on a desert island, what would they be?

A football, a hammock and my Garmin watch to show the number of steps I have done exploring the surroundings!

Mr Pollard in 30 Seconds…

Favourite food: Mum’s Spaghetti Bolognese or Chicken Parma

Footy team: St Kilda

Favourite band/singer: Blink 182 or Deep Blue Something

Favourite TV show: NCIS

Ideal Holiday: Any location with a beach!

Siblings: 2 sisters, Rebecca (2 yrs older) and Jordan (2 yrs younger)

Pets: 2 Dogs named Lilly and Zeke

Hobbies: Golf, racing, football
Youth Leadership Victoria
Carnegie Primary School OSHC

Opening Hours:
Before School Care 7am-8.45am
After School Care 3.30pm-6.30pm
Vacation Care 7am-6pm

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Before School Care
Permanent Booking: $11.50
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After School
Permanent Booking: $14
Casual Booking: $15

After School Care News
Last day of Term is Friday 18th December. The service will operate from the earlier time of 1.30pm to accommodate with the school’s early finish.
We wish all our families a Merry Christmas and we look forward to seeing you in the New Year.
The service will commence for the January Holidays, on Monday 11th of Jan 2016
Families can book for the January Holidays through our website at www.ylv.com

Please note that families that have children who are starting prep next year are more than welcome to attend our Holiday Program in January. If you are interested you will need to register your child into the service by filling out an enrolment form. You can grab a copy of the enrolment form either from the service or online

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HOLIDAY PROGRAMS

TENNIS CLINICS

KOROWA GIRLS SCHOOL - Grandview Rd, Glen Iris

DEC 14-17: Mon-Thurs [9:30-12:30pm morn only] FEE: $45 per day

EAST MALVERN TC - 22 Dunlop St, East Malvern

DEC 21-23: Mon-Wed [9:30-12:30pm morn only] FEE: $45 per day

JAN 11-15: Mon–Fri [9:30-3:30pm full day] FEE: $80 per day

JAN 18-22: Mon–Fri [9:30-3:30pm full day] FEE: $80 per day

DISCOUNTS apply for week bookings

HOT SHOTS “STARTER” TOURNAMENTS

MASTERS SERIES

Mon 21 Dec 1-3pm: 7-12 yrs. Red, Orange & Green Ball players FEE: $20

AUSSIE OPEN

Fri 22 Jan 1-3.30pm: 7-12 yrs. Red, Orange & Green Ball players FEE: $20

Trophy winners & prizes all pupils

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