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

WELCOME BACK
I warmly welcome everyone back to term 3 and hope the recent holiday break was a lovely change of pace with families enjoying the opportunity to spend a little more time together. The cooler weather allows for more inside activities but I’m sure children loved the opportunity to relax and make creative play choices with family and friends. What perfect weather for sleeping in a little, board games, cooking yummy treats, movie afternoons in PJs and even building inside cubbies.

We look forward to an exciting term ahead with many special activities planned. I have listed below some activities and dates that you might like to pop into your diaries.

- Year 4 Camp - Monday 27th July to Wednesday 29th July
- Year 3 Camp - Wednesday 29th July to Friday 31st July
- Rock of Ages Concert – Weekly practice sessions will occur throughout term 3
- Rock of Ages Concert at Robert Blackwood Hall – Thursday 10th September (evening)
- Parent Teacher Meetings – Wednesday 5th August
- Intensive Swimming Program – Monday 10th August to Friday 21st August
- House Athletics for Years 3 to 6 – Wednesday 26th August
- Curriculum Day – Friday 28th August
- VIP/Grandparents Afternoon – Tuesday 1st September
- Junior School Athletics for Prep to Year 2 – Date TBC

LEARNING AND SHARING TOGETHER
Thank you to all those families who were able to attend our Open Afternoon late last term. I know the children keenly look forward to such opportunities
and they were again excited to share their classrooms and some of their learning. I had the opportunity to share with a handful of students in the Year 2 classes over the time and they all confidently spoke about their work and proudly read some of their literacy work to me. We value opportunities such as this and will schedule a similar opportunity later in the year.

NEW GOVERNMENT INITIATIVE – FINAL REMINDER
As mentioned in the last newsletter we have recently received notification from DE&T and a letter from Steve Dimopoulos MP, State Member for Oakleigh, outlining a new ‘Camps, Sports and Excursion Fund’. This government initiative is aimed at assisting eligible families to meet the extra costs of school excursions, camps and swimming programs. Families holding a valid means tested concession card will be eligible to apply. Primary school students will receive $125 per student per year. If you believe your family is eligible, please call into the office to see Pip Sciffer. Payments are made directly to the school and then allocated to the student/students.

EMERGENCY PROTOCOLS
We believe that many of you are aware of an emergency incident that occurred at Hughesdale Primary School late last term as we believe there was considerable discussion amongst the community and via social media. I believe it is timely to make all families aware of DE&T protocols when ‘Emergency Incidents’ occur at schools. The department has an alert code and associated guidelines depending on the nature and severity of an incident. On this particular occasion the department sent the alert to us and the surrounding schools, as they regularly do, in relation to the incident reported by Hughesdale Primary and coded it ‘amber’ asking schools to be diligent. They did not ask us to take this to the next level of action which is to inform the school community of specific details. We asked our teachers to appropriately discuss normal ‘Stranger Danger’ protocols. That is don’t respond to or go with someone you don’t know. They did this in the context of how children would make their way to and from school safely, including following road rules, traffic lights and crossing supervisors’ instructions. The Department’s Emergency Management team would inform us if there were future incidents and would advise us if more was needed to be done. It is important that we follow their guide to ensure we are not alarming our community unnecessarily.

COFFEE & CHAT INVITE
Michael and I would like to invite interested parents to the staffroom for a cuppa and a chat on Monday 4th August after our Monday morning assembly. At this time we are available to answer general questions, further discuss our school programs and practices, our goals and priorities and our hope for the future.

ALCOHOL POLICY AT SCHOOL FUNCTIONS
Going home to families today is a notice regarding a review of our protocol of alcohol at school functions where children are present. Please take the time to read it and provide any feedback (for or against). School council values all opinions.

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALINA AND LEAH ASTAFIEV
Last term Alina and Leah Astafiev returned from participating in the ET Youth Forum Performing Arts Festival. They gained much from this experience and should be congratulated for their efforts. Their team competed with teams from a number of other countries. Their hard work paid off scoring a second place in the competition with a 2500 Euro grant to assist with the costs of the 2016/2017 festival in Europe. A great job girls!

NATIONALLY CONSISTENT DATA COLLECTION ON SCHOOL STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES
All schools in Australia, including Independent and Catholic schools, will participate in the Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability this year. The Data Collection is an annual count of the number of students with disability receiving educational adjustments to support their participation in education on the same basis as students without disability. All education agencies are now required
Woolworths Earn & Learn 2015

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DOGS IN OUR SCHOOL YARD

Concerns have been raised in relation to dogs in our school ground before and after school. Please note that our school yard is a ‘NO DOG ZONE’ between the hours of 8.30am and 4pm. We know our furry friends won’t mind spending a little time tied up outside our school while parents and care givers are dropping off and picking up their children. Your support is appreciated.

WORDS OF WISDOM – Good humour is a tonic for mind and body - It is the best attitude for anxiety and depression. It is the direct route to serenity and contentment.

Linda Jones & Michael McCarthy

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MICHAEL GROSE PARENTING IDEAS – TEACH YOUR KIDS TO SHRUG

One of the secrets to having resilient, confident and optimistic children is to teach your kids to shrug! It was so irritating, yet so effective. I’m talking about my boyhood mate Terry’s habit of shrugging his shoulders whenever anyone teased him or tried to persuade him to their way of thinking. His nonchalance used to drive everyone nuts!

So much so that he was rarely targeted for teasing despite the fact that he wasn’t sporty, he wasn’t cool and he was late maturing – all of which back then, as now, would put a boy in the ‘to be picked on’ category.

I thought of Terry recently when I was coaching a young person about how to respond to some schoolyard taunts. This young person wore his heart on his sleeve, taking taunts and even criticisms too seriously for his own good. Unfortunately, some of his so-called mates used to enjoy seeing him become angry.

The best way to break this toxic cycle of taunt-react-taunt was for him to change his reaction. So we did some coaching in the art of shrugging and before long my young charge was shrugging his shoulders, as if to say ‘Whatever’, and walking away at the first sign of a taunt.

Eventually he was channelling Terry so well that his nonchalance even began to irritate me.

Some things can’t be ignored
Don’t get me wrong. Kids cannot and should not ignore all negative comments directed at them. There are times when they need to stand up and be counted. They don’t need to be aggressive about it, but they do need to be assertive from time to time. Sticking up for a friend, rescuing someone who is being taunted or even looking out for a sibling’s best interests at school are times when children need to assert themselves rather than shrugging off a problem.

Kids practise on their siblings
Socially savvy kids know that some of the negative peer comments directed at them need to be ignored. However, this is quite a skill.

Ignoring comments and choosing your arguments is something many kids learn in their battles with siblings. Those noisy sibling skirmishes that annoy the hell out of parents actually toughen kids up for the less-than-pleasant social interactions that take place in the schoolyard.

Interestingly, my boyhood mate Terry was the youngest of four brothers. I guess he would have perfected the art of shrugging out of sheer necessity.

So, if you have a sensitive child who wears his or her heart on their sleeve, or a child who reacts impulsively to both taunts and ‘smart remarks’ alike, you may wish to introduce the art of shrugging into their repertoire of responses.

How to create a good shrug
Kids can practise shrugging in front of the mirror so that they can see what a good shrug looks like. There are 4 ingredients:

1 A ‘whatever’ look.
2 A shrug of the shoulders.
3 A simple, non-combative, non-sarcastic line such as ‘You may be right’, ‘Whatever’ or ‘I hadn’t thought of that’.
4 A final breaking of eye contact that indicates that they are in control.

A word of warning
If you teach your kids to shrug, you need to be prepared for them to use this shrugging technique against you when you direct some criticism or constructive feedback their way. If they do, you’ll find out how damn infuriating nonchalance (even when it’s fake) can be.

Oh, and you’ll be seeing a child or young person who is exercising a degree of personal power that, when used smartly, will increase their overall social effectiveness.

Visit: www.parentingideas.com.au for more ideas from Michael Grose
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<td>For trying hard and having such a positive attitude towards your learning. You’re a star!</td>
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<td>Prep C</td>
<td>For growing so much in confidence and having a great attitude to your learning. We love your gorgeous smile!</td>
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<td>For being a respectful member of our learning community. You are an amazing role model for your peers.</td>
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<td>For being persistent in her newspaper article writing. You included all of the features and sounded like a real reporter! Well done.</td>
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<td>For her enthusiasm, hard work and cheerful nature, and her fantastic creative writing!</td>
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A visit to the Grade 6 students from Steve Dimopoulos (MP)

This term the Grade 6 inquiry has been focusing on Australian History during the 20th century. I chose to research Australian Politics during the 1970’s, specifically Gough Whitlam and his dismissal. For my action I invited our local Member of Parliament, Steve Dimopoulos, to visit and talk to Grade 6 about what it’s like to be a Member of Parliament. Steve visited us on the 16th June. We asked lots of questions and enjoyed learning about the government and hearing about his passion for politics. (Edward Broughton)

Some quotes from the grade 6 students’ thank you letters to Steve:

Thanks for coming and telling us all your stories and teaching us about the government. I really got inspired when you started to talk about what the state, federal and local governments take care of. (Jared)

Before you came in I knew OF politics. Now I know ABOUT politics and actually understand it. (Lottie)

I loved how you excited the class and showed your passion about your job. You inspired me to try and make a difference around the community, just like you and your family. (Emily)

I was interested to learn that you still had to bow when you enter and exit parliament. (Tony C)

I was really interested to hear your views and how you are so enthusiastic about helping the community. (Nick B)

Thanks a lot for taking the time away from your busy life to come and see us. Your engaging conversation about the government got me all hyped up! I learnt a truck load of new things about laws and parliament. (Max W)

I really liked how if there was one thing you could do you would give every homeless person a house to live in. (James)

You taught me so much about the three levels of government and what they do. You inspired me by your passion about politics and made me think about becoming a politician one day. (Lionel)
BIRTHDAY BOOK CLUB

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

Natalie P 3A  The Invisible Womble
Giselle H 3C  Dear Dork
Pipi Longstocking
Saskia K 3B  Annabel Again, Allie Finkle’s –Rules for Girls, Out of this World
Minivers Fight Back
Matilda O Prep A  Let’s Get a Pup
Isabella A 4B  Dork Diaries-Skating Sensation
Lucas K 1B  Let’s Find Digimon
Pippy B 3B  Dork Diaries-Skating Sensation
Chloe B 4B  Weirdo 3- Extra Weird
Harshitha M 3C  Fantastic Mr Fox
Alistair G 1A  Muddy Paws
William S Prep C  Planes-Fire & Rescue

PFA News

HOT CHOCOLATE DAY IS BACK!
Starting this week we will be selling hot chocolate at lunchtime on Wednesdays. We will be serving it from the hall after the 2nd lunch bell. Students will need to bring in a mug and $1 if they would like to enjoy a delicious hot chocolate made with fresh milk.

BUSINESS DIRECTORY
At the end of last term our CPS Business Directory was sent home to all families. If you didn’t receive one please pick one up from the office. Thank you to all those families who supported the directory by advertising their business. There are some great businesses advertised, so please support them!

CALTAX CARNEGIE SUPPORTS CPS
We have a new partnership with our local petrol station, Caltex (cnr of Koornang & Neerim rds). When you make a purchase, pop your receipt in the Carnegie PS box behind the counter and Caltex will donate back to the school 1% of all petrol sales and 5% of anything purchased in store. Tell your family and friends too!

OTHER CPS SUPPORTERS
Don’t forget to also mention CPS when making a purchase at Bakers Delight Carnegie. Through their Doughraiser program our school receives 5% of sales directly to the school. They also have a great deal in this weeks newsletter for you to receive 6 free rolls (see ad in the following pages). Barry Gardiner Butchers in Koornang Rd are another CPS supporter. Pop your receipts in the CPS box at the shop and they will also donate to the school.

NEXT PFA MEETING
Our next meeting is next Monday 20th July at 7.30pm. Hope to see you there!

Leesa Needham
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Ph: 0408 556 669
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