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

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR SCHOOL CAPTAINS

The school congratulates Stavrina Spiropoulos and George Moutsidis on being elected as our School Captains for 2015. India Isaacs and Nicholas Brooks are also to be congratulated for being elected as Vice Captains. These students are excited about this responsibility and are looking forward to supporting the students, parents and staff throughout the year in many ways. Our other school leaders for 2015 are listed below:-

The Arts Captain: Emily Cox
Library Captain: Georgia Wood-Freeman
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Sustainability Captain: Edward Broughton
PE Captain: Jenna Casamento
LOTE Captain: Archie Lord
Blue House Captains: Lily Pettett, Ben Churilov
Green House Captains: Max Webb, Stella Hammet
Red House Captains: Jules Barnacle, Saskia Christensen
Yellow House Captains: Will Nichols, Nikola Tomic

‘YOU TELL US’ — BUILDING POSITIVE PARTNERSHIPS

As the weeks go by, children are getting to know their new teachers and class mates. Each year presents new opportunities and challenges that we look forward to sharing with our families as the year unfolds. It was so nice to see so many year 1 to 6 parents able to attend last week’s “You Tell Us” afternoon. Valuable information was shared and this home school partnership ensures the very best outcomes for your child. All parents should have now received a 2015 Information Booklet from their child’s teacher outlining specific details pertaining to your child’s class. If for some reason you haven’t received
this information please make contact with your child’s teacher.

PARENT INFORMATION EVENING
Thursday 26th FEBRUARY – 7 til 8pm
A notice was sent home to families last week informing them of the Parent Information Evening being held this Thursday, 26th February.
We are holding an information evening for all interested parents to attend. In the past, we have conducted separate sessions for each grade area, but this year we would prefer to present an outline of our whole school strategies and direction.
We intend to discuss our approach to 21st century learning and teaching and to explain our most fervent hopes and wishes for Carnegie Primary School and its students in 2015 and beyond. We will include further insights into our teaching of maths and our approach to student wellbeing and discipline.
You will hear from me, Linda, as well as Assistant Principal, Michael McCarthy, our numeracy leader Belinda Cupples, and Liz Harley, our student wellbeing leader. For organisational reasons we did ask for reply slips to be returned by yesterday. If you haven’t let us know and would like to attend please let the office know. This evening is for adults only and we are unable to provide any child minding facilities.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
As families know, we sent out notices to ascertain how many families wished to have their child/children participate in a Special Religious Instruction (SRI) program should enough interest be shown. In 2014 School Council decided that for SRI to be feasible we do require at least 70% of children to participate.
Expression of interest reply slips for Religious Education in 2015 were sent home with the eldest child and a reminder note was placed in our newsletter. Less than 20% of families / students were interested and as such a SRI program will not occur in 2015. I have liaised with the relevant providers and we will follow the DET guidelines when 2016 commences.

SCHOOL CONTRIBUTIONS
I remind you that School Contributions are now due. Thank you to those families who have already settled this with Bruce, Pip or Annie. If payments are causing any concern, please contact our office to make alternative arrangements for payment. If you are unclear about any of these payments then please call into the office for further details.

SCHOOL COUNCIL
Nominations for 2015 School Council closed on Friday 20th February and our new School Council will be formed prior to our next School Council meeting which is on Wednesday 24th March, commencing with the Annual General Meeting at 7.00pm. Interested parents are always welcome to attend. A list of members will be included in our next newsletter.

FIRST AID PROCEDURES AT SCHOOL
Children who are sick during the day are sent to the First Aid room. If children need to go home, parents or carers are informed and children are collected from school.
If children are very sick or more seriously injured and parents or their emergency contact person cannot be contacted by phone, we are obliged to ring an ambulance to take the child to the doctor or hospital.
DET does not provide personal accident insurance for students. Parents and guardians are generally responsible for paying the costs of medical treatment for injured students including medical transport. Teachers cannot take children to the doctor or hospital in private cars. The cost of the ambulance will be the responsibility of the parents.
This can be very expensive unless parents have ambulance subscription. It is very important parents consider taking out ambulance cover. Health Care Card holders receive free ambulance service (children’s names must be on the Health Care Card)

CAN YOU HELP WITH GOOD QUALITY PRE LOVED TOYS?
If you have any pre loved toys such as sandpit toys, matchbox cars, trains, trucks etc that are looking for a good home we’d love to have them at school. We try to maintain some outside toy boxes which the younger children really enjoy playing with at recess and lunch breaks. I can assure you that additional goodies would be put to good use.

WORDS OF WISDOM –
Always be a little kinder than necessary 😊
Linda Jones & Michael McCarthy
5 GOLDEN RULES FOR SUCCESS IN 2015
– Parenting Ideas by Michael Grose

The requirements for effective parenting are changing rapidly, just as the profile of parents is changing. If you add to this mix that children are growing up at the speed of light, information technology can make parents seem redundant, and increasingly parents claim lack of time is their biggest impediment to effective parenting. So what is a parent to do?

Here are 5 golden rules to guide you along your parenting journey in 2015:

1. Build confidence
With so many parents reporting that they have a child experiencing anxiety it would seem that we are currently experiencing a crisis in children’s confidence. It would also seem that we have somehow forgotten how to absorb children’s fears, insecurities and anxieties, and instill a sense of confidence that these can be overcome. Using a mixture of coaxing, coaching and cajoling, parents need to find a way to impart in children a sense of courage to put themselves in new or potentially awkward social situations; to have a go at activities where failure is a real option; and to contribute to the wellbeing of others, which reduces anxiousness and fear.

2. Build developmental knowledge
Many challenges parents experience with their children are due to a developmental mismatch. That is, parents raising their ten year old as if they are eight. The nuances of parenting are age-related, yet due to inexperience we so often don’t read the cues. Recently, I witnessed a mum and dad tearing their hair out trying to communicate with their nine-year-old son. For the first time he was saying no to them. They thought him stubborn and disobedient. I thought him normal, as nine can be a problematic age, where usually malleable children suddenly start changing. Puberty is stirring. When this couple’s second child turns nine she will experience the benefits of her elder brother paving the way and breaking her parents in for her.

3. Swim against the tide
Listen to talkback radio, read the headlines of a newspaper or watch a current affairs TV program and you’ll realise that, right now, we live in an incredibly judgemental society. Parents are harshly judged as well. Allow your kids to walk to school and you risk being judged as negligent. Drive your kids to school and you risk being told that you are spoiling them and neglecting their physical wellbeing. It takes a strong parent to swim against the tide of popular opinion. It also takes a strong parent to deny her child say a mobile phone when every other child has one. It helps to say “This is the way we do it in our family.”

4. Be brave
Perhaps the biggest challenge facing parents, and their children, is the ability to let go of their parental reigns and give kids the freedom they need to develop autonomy. It’s relatively easy to develop children’s independence at home as the stakes aren’t as high. If they can’t cook a meal then you just have to do it for them. However, developing children’s independence outside the home is a different story. Granting kids freedom has an element of risk; that’s why parents need to be brave. Having the courage to let go is a basic requirement of parenting. It won’t stop you worrying, but that’s part of the game.

5. Add emotional intelligence to your parenting mix
With kids experiencing mental health challenges at a depressingly high rate it’s time to add some emotional intelligence to the parenting mix. While many schools are now introducing emotional and social programs on the curriculum, it’s important that parents develop a deep understanding of how emotions work: how emotions can be recognised; how they can work for us and against us; how we can regulate our emotions so they don’t overwhelm us; and how to recognise and respond to the emotions of others. These sound like life-changing skills that if learned, are capable of impacting significantly and positively on future generations.

BIRTHDAY BOOK CLUB

Thank you for these great books and many happy birthday wishes from all at Carnegie Primary School.
Lila McMahon-Johnson  Rosa and Galileo

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The Great Community Art Mash Up-
Carnegie Primary School have accepted an invitation to join 'The Great Community Art Mashup', which is a community art collaboration project that brings together students and artists of all ages and levels of ability. The results are stunning from both an artistic and community point of view.

Students in Grades 1 to 6 have participated in the 'Mash Up'.

The Glen Huntly Community festival will be a key event for the Art Mashup, with activities before, during and afterwards. The Festival date is 14th March, 2015. Learn more at: www.glenhuntlyvillage.com.au/artmashup2015 or come and have a chat anytime. See you in the Arts room! Suzy Bolger.

Art Smocks!
Just a reminder to all students that an art smock is required for all arts classes to protect our uniforms from getting messy.
Art smocks are available in the CPS Uniform Shop in our house colours to make it easy for students to find them in their class tub.
Saskia from 5A brought in her summer kimono to share. Japanese show and tell is most welcome.

Many students showed an interest in Sumo wrestling: parents wishing to share students’ learning may like to find a YouTube clip of some Sumo highlights to show at home. Similarly, students will occasionally bring home work as a discussion point for families to share or interested parents may like to search for some fun Japanese apps to download. A nice one is “Learn Japanese with Tic Tic” on iPad.

よろしくお願いします（Thank you for your support）

-Tess Yoshida / Japanese Coordinator

By now all grades have had their first lessons of Japanese. Students have been very excited with the new furniture and set up, with many thanks to the Second Hand Uniform shop for donating last year’s profits to the purchase of new resources.

Our other exciting news is that we have been in contact with Mori Higashi Primary School in Yokohama with a view to establishing a sister school partnership. We look forward to being in contact with students there soon for email swaps and hopefully video conferencing.

During our Japanese sessions we have had a brief introduction to Japan, finding it on the globe and then finding where north is, in relation to our school.

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“Enrique’s confidence has increased enormously over the last few years thanks to Drama Time.” Parent, Brighton Beach PS

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Teacher Talk with....

Mrs Minniece

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 Prep A’s teacher April Minniece.

This week’s photo is by Nikola in 6A

How long have you been at CPS? And which grades have you taught over the years?
Since 2001
Grade 3 / 4, Grade 2, Prep, Prep and more Prep!

What do you most enjoy about being a teacher?
One of my favourite moments of being a teacher is going along to the Grade 6 graduation. Nothing beats seeing the gorgeous little Prep children we taught standing up on the hall stage looking so proud of themselves and so grown up after all their successes, fun and with their friends that they have made along their CPS journey. I always pack a lot of tissues for that event!!

You’re a very chirpy happy person. I can’t imagine you ever getting angry at anything. Does that actually ever happen?
I get really angry (upset) at anyone or organisation who is cruel to animals.

Who was your biggest influence when you were at school and why?
My P.E teacher in Year 8 said to me, “Never give up playing sport even if it feels like everyone is starting to stop”. I’m glad I listened to that advice….stick with playing sport girls, especially in High School!

What do you enjoy doing with your family on the weekends?
We love going away in our caravan the most.
Usually to the caravan park at Torquay, Barwon Heads or Wye River. The Minniece family also like playing Lawn Bowls on a Friday afternoon after school.

What is something that few people know about you?
I love to skateboard.

If you could have dinner with 3 famous people, who would they be?
Michael Jackson (I’d love to learn the moonwalk)
Father Christmas (he would have some great stories to hear)
Michael McIntyre the comedian (he is sooo funny!)

If you were left to live on a desert island- what 3 things would you choose to take with you?
• My family
• Our caravan
• And some power!!

Mrs Minniece in 30 Seconds...

Favourite food: Hot chips (yum!)
Footy team: Richmond Tigers
Favourite band/singer: Michael Jackson
Favourite TV show: The Graham Norton Show
Ideal Holiday: Anywhere beachside
Children: Cam (9 years), Ella (6 years), Will (4 years)
Pets: Lizzy (12 years – whippet)
Hobbies: going for walks, basketball, netball, and trying to catch waves on our Malibu surfboard!
Grade 4 and their Zebrafish!

“The door opened and the nervous Grade 4s stepped inside. In the room zebrafish swam and Laura, our Bio-Eyes Teacher was at the whiteboard ready to teach…….. (Theodora, 4A)

Grade 4 is “Alive and Kicking” thanks to Laura and Nick from Monash University who have facilitated an inquiry incursion like no other. The Grade 4s have become parents to zebrafish! They embarked on a scientific inquiry where they performed experiments, formulated a hypothesis and collected data and observations.

Bio-eyes was a fantastic start to our first inquiry “Alive and Kicking”. We learnt about zebrafish, we got to breed them and learn all about embryos. (Jack Mooney 4C)

Did you know that zebra fish share 70-80% of human DNA? (Matthew, 4A)

Bio-eyes was a great experience for us to do with fish. We learnt a lot about fish and get to see how a fish’s body develops. It was really fun and cool! (Tomer, 4C)

I enjoyed watching the eggs hatch and collecting the eggs from the petri dishes. (Tali, 4A)

The embryos looked really cool under the microscopes. (Ben, 4B)

This was a once in a life time experience, seeing the somites under a microscope and looking at the backbone grow and watching the yolk become smaller. (Aaron, 4A)
FETE DAY IS JUST ABOUT HERE!
Thank you to everyone who has volunteered for a shift on all the stalls for Saturday. There are however still quite a few gaps which need to be filled by THURSDAY. Particularly in the kids corner which has been allocated to the grade 1s and the Hamper Raffle which is for the Preps. The raffle just involves standing behind a table selling raffle tickets, so it’s not difficult at all! Please check out the rosters over the next couple of days and pop your name down if you can.

RIDEBAND COLLECTION
Don’t forget you need to pre purchase your ridebands by Thursday if you want it at the discounted price of $30. (they will be $35 on Saturday). Go to trybooking.com/GWNF or pick up a form from the office if you want to pay cash. Ride bands will be available to pick up on Fete day at the ticket booth on the oval.

FANTASTIC ENTERTAINMENT ALL DAY
On the stage which this year will be at the tiered seating area near the hall, we have a fabulous line up of entertainment for the day. Starting with the Carnegie PS keyboards, violins and guitars then a demonstration by Han Su Taekwando, some Indian Dancing by some very very talented Carnegie mums. We will then have our Fete regular Jeremy Gronow (Saskia’s Dad) playing, followed by Velvet Jones who played at last year’s Fete. Velvet Jones is another Carnegie connection, Bob Mileo on guitar is Leila and Evie’s Dad.

WIN A SMIGGLE PACK VIA FACEBOOK!
We have our very own Fete facebook page this year, so check it out for all the Fete news and reminders... www.facebook.com/CarnegiePrimarySchoolFete
“Like it” and share the page with your friends for your chance to win an awesome Smiggle pack!

VERY LAST CALL FOR DONATIONS
Thank you so much to all the donations which have come in so far. We are still looking for some more wine for the wine lucky dip and some raffle donations of pamper pack goodies (Gr5), gourmet food (Gr 2) and chocolates/sweets (Gr 6.) Donations can be left at the office by Thursday at the latest. Thank you!

We look forward to seeing you and all your friends on Saturday for a FANTASTIC FETE!

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After School Care News:

Thank-you to all the parents for submitting a new enrolment form for the year. If you still need to inform the service of your booking statues for the year, a hard copy of the form is available from the service.

Being Term 1 of a school year, children are required to wear a hat and sunscreen when going outdoors. I know a lot of the students keep their school hats in their tubs, so I recommend that you provide a spare hat just for after school care. Also we have sunscreen (Woolworths Home Brand) that we apply on the children. If your child has sensitivities, or is allergic to our brand, please provide them with their own.

A few of the parents, whose children have medical conditions, need to provide the service with an updated medical plan. If your child’s medical circumstances have changed please inform the service.

Also if you have a casual booking with the service, could you please text or ring the service of the day or session that your child will be attending. The number at the service is 0402 043 810.

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Critical Dates

Information Evening Applications close Selection Test
Wednesday 25th March, 2015 Friday 8th May, 2015 Saturday 16th May, 2015
7:30pm in the Library 9:00am – 12:00pm in the Learning Centre. Cost $40.00

2015 COLLEGE OPEN NIGHT
Tuesday April 28th
Commencing 7:00pm
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- What are the three crucial elements of resilience at any age group?
- Is resilience something learned or is it genetic?
- Could developing the building blocks of resilience be an immunisation against depression and mental distress?

Melissa Anderson is a counsellor, pharmacist and the Director of SHINE Academy for Girls and LONGFORD & FRASER Leadership Academy for Boys.

Wednesday 4 March 2015
Rosstrevor Hall, Brighton Grammar School
(Cnr Allee and New Streets, Brighton)
7.30pm - 9.00pm
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