Please note the following dates in your diary

**TERM 4**

**Tuesday 18th December**
End of Year Picnic 5pm to 7.30pm

**Friday 21st December**
Assembly 12.50pm—General Assembly area
End of Term—Early Dismissal 1.30pm

**TERM 1—2013**

**Thursday 31st January**
9am School Commences Grades 1-6

**Friday 1st February**
9am School Commences Preps

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**PRINCIPAL’S REPORT**

**GROWING WITH THE COMMUNITY**

We are here to support the academic, social and emotional development of our students to be resilient to the challenges of a rapidly changing society.

**END OF YEAR PICNIC—5PM TONIGHT**

In the best traditions of Carnegie PS we hope to see all families tonight under the trees by Kokaribb Road for our annual picnic concert. Bring a picnic rug or deck chair and picnic and drinks. The PFA will have sausages and soft drinks for sale. Our short concert will go from 6.30pm to 7pm. See you there!!

**SPECIAL THANKS TO ALL**

THANK YOU

Where has another year vanished to? It seems hard to believe that the end of 2012 is just around the corner. Carnegie Primary School has continued to grow in 2012 and 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 break with your family and friends. Thank you:

- To all the staff for their professionalism and dedication to our students throughout the year
- To the School Councillors for their input and support in running our school
- To all members of Parents and Friends for their amazing fundraising efforts throughout 2012
- To the parents and members of the school community who have supported our school in many ways throughout the year
- To our students for achieving much throughout the year. You should be very proud of yourselves

Special acknowledgement needs to be made to:

- All the helpers in our grades for reading and literacy assistance. We value your support highly
- Leesa Needham, our amazing Parents and Friends Committee President
- Susan Harper, our School Council President.
- Sharon Atkins, Kristen Howell and Monique
DELANEY for running our uniform shop.
• Rosalie Ouslinis for once again overseeing our 2nd hand uniform sales
• Sue Camm for our great newsletters each fortnight
• Kelly Grant for overseeing our student Book Club.
• Liz Millikan for being our resident horticulture guru
• Rebecca, Stefan, Lili and Judy for their passion and support for our instrumental music programs

Kelly Grant and Liz Millikan are leaving our school community at the end of the year as their children are transitioning to secondary college. I would like to particularly acknowledge their support over a number of years as well as Karen and Mark Thompson’s generous contribution to PFA and fundraising.

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 who may be moving to new schools in 2013, all the best.

STAFF NEWS
Today we can announce that Mrs Marg Jeffery will be leaving us next year to take up an appointment at Noble Park Primary School. We thank Marg for her leadership this year in the grade 2 and grade 1 area and wish her all the best for the future.

As previously mentioned, Grade 1 teacher, Miss Elise Shanley, will be taking leave for next year and Mrs Melinda Gledhill will finish her contract in Grade 3. Next year we will welcome two new teachers, Miss Sarah Lockett and Miss Katie McLachlan and we look forward to the return of Miss Kate Lawerson after a year’s leave and Miss Amanda Dowsett who is returning from family leave in a part time role.

Grade placements will be announced tomorrow and children will have a short session with their new teachers. We trust you will support our highly considered decisions in placing children most appropriately.

SCHOOL CLOTHING
If you have any good quality second hand school uniforms that no longer fit your children or if you no longer require your uniform (year 6 students), it would be appreciated if these could be left for use at our school’s second hand uniform shop. Thank you.

LAST DAY OF TERM & HOLIDAY BREAK
Term 4 ends on Friday 21st December at 1.30pm. There will be a final assembly at 12.50 pm on this day so we can farewell those leaving us.

School commences on Thursday 31st January, 2013. Looking forward to seeing everyone back as we commence another great year at Carnegie Primary School. Prep students commence on Friday 1st February.

IMPROVEMENTS TO OUR SCHOOL
It is timely to reflect on the changes that have occurred over the previous year. Some of the improvements at our school this year have included:
• New senior play equipment
• Shade sail structures outside learning centre and PE storeroom
• New retaining wall and garden bed in main asphalt area and fence outside the BER
• New external seating and trees planted to enhance our grounds
• New line marking including extra down ball courts
• Continued access to some great extra-curricula opportunities in the form of chess club, lunchtime games, choir & library, sustainability club, our instrumental music ensembles; strings, guitar, violin and keyboard
• Purchase in excess of $6000 worth of literacy and numeracy resources to support the classroom programs
• A commitment to ongoing provision of an ICT rich learning environment to best support our students as 21st century learners. We have purchased 28 new Ipads and 45 laptops, TV screens for our foyer and Learning Centre, upgraded our server and subscribed to many new applications to support student learning.

We look forward to sharing many positive changes in 2013 to continue to support our students and their learning.

WORDS OF WISDOM –
Now is the time to keep your promises to yourself and others

Linda Jones & Michael McCarthy
BIRTHDAY BOOK CLUB
Josh M. – Prep A  Thidwick The Big-Hearted Moose
Alexis V. – Prep A  The Jellybeans and the Big Book Bonanza
Ben L. – 5A  Charlie and the Chocolate Factory
Leila M. – Prep B  Belle the Birthday Fairy
Alana S. – Prep D  Billie B Brown-The Big Sister
James M. – Prep A  That’s Not Funny
Theodora P. – 1C  The High Street
Poppy D. – Prep B  Maya the Harp Fairy

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

STUDENT OF THE WEEK.
Week Ending 14/12/2012

Saskia K.
Prep A  For being so resilient with her friends and always being so delightful to have in our classroom.

Harvey E.
Prep A  For being so persistent with his reading. It is so wonderful to see you sounding out harder words. Good boy.

Isabel S.
Prep A  For being such a responsible ‘babysitter’ to our pet guinea pigs! They must love your beautiful smile and gentle nature!

Leia H.
Prep A  For becoming a confident reader and writer. I am so proud of your achievements this year! Well done.

Kristiana V.
Prep A  For being an absolute pleasure to teach this year! You’re a wonderful friend to all the Preps! I will miss you next year.

Finn M-J.
Prep B  For his wonderful Prep year. Finn, you are a champion.

Rajveer K
Prep B  Showing a wonderful attitude to your learning. We will miss you next year.

Prep C  For a spectacular year of learning together! Thanks for your positivity, kindness and creativity!

Pujan K.
Prep D  For his confident approach to all his Maths learning this year. Well done, Pujan.

Anirudh S.
1 C  Being a fabulous student this year. Your kindness and caring nature makes you a star!
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<td>2 B</td>
<td>For using great strategies in his maths work. Well done.</td>
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<td>Tex K.</td>
<td>2 C</td>
<td>For being a wonderful student at Carnegie. All the best at your new school in Sydney!</td>
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<td>Matilda B.</td>
<td>3 A</td>
<td>For written procedure on our flower experiment. Your instructions were clear and your predictions and discussion well thought out.</td>
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<td>George A.</td>
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<td>For his improved attitude towards his learning. I’m really proud of your effort, George.</td>
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<td>Peter H.</td>
<td>3 B</td>
<td>For always trying his hardest and making improvements in his reading. Super effort, Peter!</td>
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<td>Liam C.</td>
<td>5 A</td>
<td>For your research you carried out with your personal inquiry.</td>
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<td>Lachy P.</td>
<td>5 A</td>
<td>For being a responsible model to all students in your role as class captain in 2012.</td>
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<td>Taylor L.</td>
<td>5 A</td>
<td>For your great sense of humour and the wonderful friendships you have developed.</td>
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<td>Eila J.</td>
<td>5 A</td>
<td>For your wonderful work ethic in all curriculum areas. You have worked so hard all year.</td>
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<td>Adam A.</td>
<td>5 B</td>
<td>For showing such amazing determination in all areas of school and always having such a positive attitude.</td>
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<td>Isabelle K.</td>
<td>5 B</td>
<td>For always bringing a smile to everyone’s face with your sense of humour and bringing a mature outlook to all classes.</td>
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<td>Alicia L.</td>
<td>6 A</td>
<td>For her outstanding leadership in 2012. You are a mature and inspiring young lady.</td>
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<td>Jackson M.</td>
<td>6 A</td>
<td>For his efforts and enthusiasm throughout his final year of primary school.</td>
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<td>Dennis C.</td>
<td>6 A</td>
<td>For his new and improved confidence! We are loving your confident approach towards everything you do!</td>
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<td>Alex C.</td>
<td>6 B</td>
<td>For being a wonderful school leader and a caring, considerate and fun-loving role model to your peers.</td>
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<td>Oliver H.</td>
<td>6 B</td>
<td>For shining on stage with your guitar and producing a wonderful, descriptive recount of our production. Well done!</td>
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<td>Yann Li FC</td>
<td>6 B</td>
<td>For having such a fantastic first year at CPS. Your gentle, kind nature has made you a pleasure to teach. Yann, you are a star!</td>
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Arts News - Well done artists.

As part of the Carnegie Main Street Christmas Fair, the Carnegie Main Street Traders Association invited children to make posters. Many Carnegie students designed posters depicting what Christmas means to them. These posters are decorating the stores and windows in the main street.

At Assembly on Monday morning it was my pleasure to award books, from the Traders Association, to four of our students for their artistic talents. Congratulations to:

Mali P. - 1 B          Nishita A. - 1 B
Tahlia D-M - 4 B       Viki A. — 4 B

If you would like to get your drawings back, you are welcome to ask the shopkeepers to take them down from their displays.

Thank you to our community!

We have been very lucky all year at Carnegie P. S., to have such caring families who provide us with materials that are used in the Arts Room and our classrooms every day.

Thank you to all the families who have kept us well stocked with:
• colourful balls of wool used recently by the Gingerbread Preps!
• egg cartons for paint and construction. The Prep bees were buzzing!
• magazines for lettering and photographs,
• costumes from Spotlight,
• supplies from the Reverse Art Truck,
• buttons, used recently to make sprigs for our clay sculptures,
• material scraps,
• tiles for our mosaic works,
• cardboard,
• plastic containers that are used and re-used for paste, P.V.A. and paint,
• old towels that are cut into eighths and used for cleaning and drying little hands.

And finally, thank you very much for the donation of a roll of carpet to protect the knees of our Hip Hop dancers at our Picnic celebration.

Thank you, Caitlyn.

Thank you to our brilliant Arts Captain, Caitlyn J. Caitlyn, I have enjoyed your company immensely this year. You are an amazing organiser and a brilliant artist. You take on any task with a big smile and are such fun to be around. I will miss you enormously next year. I wish you and all of your peers every success in the future. Come back and visit us next year!

Art Smocks

This week all students will be bringing home their Art Smocks to be washed. Please ensure that all smocks return to school with their names on the front of the smock.

Merry Christmas everyone, Suzy Bolger.
Thank You One and All

Well it’s been a massive year for the PFA. Through our different functions and fundraising we have been able to implement improvements around the school which otherwise we may never have had funding for.

The members of the committee would like to thank all the parents, and sometimes aunties, neighbours and grandparents in our school community who have donated goods for Fete stalls or Silent Auction items for the Trivia Night, Spinning Wheel prizes for the fete, bottles of wine for the fete stall, home made goodies for cake stalls or craft stalls or plants for the plant stall, etc., etc., etc., (PS—Next year’s Fete is scheduled for May in the 2nd Term if you want to get an early start on those home-made preserves or crafts!)

Additionally there is the time donated by our wonderful school community, not just the PFA members but also there are a lot of parents that just come and help out at functions and fundraisers without attending a meeting—thank you to all of you.

Special thanks to our PFA Office Bearers:-
Vice President—Lisa Anastopoulos
Treasurer—Karen Phillips
Secretary—Carrie Fowler
Correspondence—Maddie Newell
And to all the PFA committee members.

Special mention to Mark Thompson, a long-term committee member who has been generous to a fault (especially volunteering Karen’s services—’my wife can peel and chop those 5kgs of onions’). No really, Karen & Mark, your ‘can do’ attitude and generosity will be missed next year.

Don’t forget our wonderful Picnic tonight and yes, thank you to those that have volunteered to man the barbeque and sell cans of drink.

And finally, because Leesa didn’t write this, a huge thank you to our fearless leader Bear Grills AKA Leesa Needham—PFA President Extraordinaire, for whom no fundraiser or function holds fear, no obstacle too high, no challenge too great for her to sail through—with a smile!
Welcome to Carnegie Primary School OSHC

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

Contact Information:
For bookings ring Vicky (co-ordinator) on 0402 043 810
For accounts or queries/concerns about the program ring Sally (Area Manager) on 0402 347 432. Or email Admin@ylvinc.com.au

Prices for the Program:
Before School Care
Permanent Booking: $11.50
Casual Booking: $12.50
After School Care
Permanent Booking: $14
Casual Booking: $15

Last day of Term is Friday 21st of December. School will be finishing at the earlier time of 1.30pm. After School Care will also operate from this earlier time.

The January Holiday Program will commence on Monday 14th of Jan till Friday the 25th of Jan. To book your child into the program please fill out the booking form which is available at the service or through our website at www.ylvinc.com.au and forward to the service, or email it to the company’s email address which is: admin@ylvinc.com.au

We will also be operating on Tuesday the 29th of Jan and Wednesday the 30th of Jan as Curriculum days before the children commence school on Thursday the 31st of Jan. The cost and operation of these days is in the same format as the Holiday Program.

Lastly I would like to wish all our families a lovely Christmas and a Happy New Year and we will see you all, nicely refreshed in 2013.

OSHC TEAM
Dear Parents,

Have you considered keyboard or piano lessons in 2013. The instrumental program is running at your school and enrolments are open to student in grade 2 upwards.

Lessons are held in a group of 5, in a group of 2 or private lessons. Enrolment forms are being handed out & are also available from the school office. Please contact the Music Melodies office on 0438 901146 to speak to Lili for more information.

Or Email lili@musicmelodies.com.au

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Violin Lessons 2013

at Carnegie Primary School

Thinking about learning an instrument? Why
not start the violin?

Learning to play the violin is a challenging and rewarding experience but
not to mention fun!

2013 students from grade 1 – 6 are eligible to learn the violin!

Those interested in taking up violin in 2013 please contact
Rebecca or Amelia Bannister on 95693607 or pop into the
School Office for more details.

CHRISTMAS DAY DINNER 2012.
Christmas is a time for families to come together to celebrate the Birth
of Christ. However, for a variety of reasons, some people are unable to
do this.

A traditional Christmas Day Dinner will be held in St. Anthony’s Hall,
corner Neerim and Grange Roads, Glen Huntly at midday on Christmas
Day for those not celebrating Our Lord’s Birthday. If you would like to
come and join us, we would be very happy to see you there, so please
collect a yellow invitation at the school office.

If you would like to help with the Christmas Dinner, please fill out a
green form, also available at the school office, and return it to St.
Anthony’s, 74 Grange Road, Glen Huntly 3163.

We invite everyone to join us in praying for the success of the Dinner. If
you would like more information please ring Gwen Fitzgerald on
9569 2099.
GIRL SOCCER PLAYERS WANTED

Ashburton Women’s Soccer Club is currently seeking GIRL players for their UNDER 8, UNDER 9, UNDER 11, UNDER 12 and UNDER 14 teams.

Beginners welcome. Learn to bend it like Beckham!!!

Please ring Michael Gurfinkel on 0409 235 641 for details, or email info@ashburtonwsc.org.au or register your interest on our website.

www.ashburtonwsc.org.au