

Carterton School Newsletter 8 – 2 December 2014

Child's Name..... Rm#.....

Dear Parents and Caregivers

Can you believe it...Only this week, one full week then three days until the end of the 2015 school year?! **Report files** will be coming home next week to give you an over view of your child's progress and achievement over the year. If you would like to meet with your child's teacher to discuss this please get in touch with them.

Sadly last weekend some idiots smashed a lot of glass in our playing area and on the grass. This has taken a lot of clearing up and there are still shards of glass in the grass. Sad timing - but we have our school **security CCTV cameras** being installed this week. These will hopefully deter people from damaging our property. We are very lucky as we usually have little damage, but hope cameras will stop any more.

Today your child will have brought home a note saying which **class s/he will be in next year**. This is *almost* final, as we are never sure what may happen over the holiday break.

Tomorrow 6-7pm in our hall we will be holding a **2015 Information Evening** for parents. Come along to hear an overview of school next year, including our digital progress, EOTC programme, akonga maori developments and more. After my introduction each learning team will say a few words about their focus in 2015. You will then have the opportunity to mix and mingle with a cup of tea. Teachers will be available to talk with you and class lists for 2015 will be available to view.

Recently I have become aware of lots of discussion in the community about our school. Much of it is very positive and the support we receive is fabulous, however I know there are some of you who are worried or concerned about certain aspects of school. If you ever feel that way *please* get in touch with your child's teacher, the team leader (**Lesley Schofield** lschofield@carterton.school.nz, **John Le Grice** jlegrice@carterton.school.nz, **Lesley Kennedy** lkennedy@carterton.school.nz, **Brent Ballantyne** ballantyne@carterton.school.nz) our deputy principal **Wendy Taylor** (wtaylor@carterton.school.nz) or me (principal@carterton.school.nz). You can also **phone 3794010** and we will get back to you as soon as we can. Your child's learning, safety and wellbeing are of priority to all of us. If you feel there is something hindering any of these it is really important you let us know. We are unable to act on things we don't know about.

Postponement of **Whanau Hui** today. New date to be set.

Friday this week we are having a **SPORT THEME MUFTI DAY** to help support **Matthew R (in Studio 2)** to get to Sydney in January. Matt is representing New Zealand in sprint and long jump. **Well done** Matt on your selection. Bring along a gold coin and see what others are dressed as on Friday (watch out for the teachers' synchronised swimming team!!!)

Tomorrow we have our **Helpers Morning Tea** at 10.20am in the staffroom. Please come along for a cuppa if you have helped out in any way this year. We could not offer all the extras at our school without your help.

Stop press from **Wellington regional athletics...Matthew R** has **WON** the 80m sprint and the 150m sprint. Our Year 4 boys and our Year 6 boys came second in the relay! Way to go Carterton!!

Rooms 1,2,3,4,& 5 wish to thank all of the parents and family members who supported our AAA day last Wednesday, (and the **R 6** families who came for the athletics). We were thrilled to see so many people coming to help us celebrate some of our learning this term. We made over \$400 from the art work! This will be used to help purchase resources for your children. You are wonderful!

Softball - Carterton Green Sox game - **6pm - Grass diamond**.

Home Garden Judging is on today **Tuesday 2 December**. If any gardens have been missed then please contact **Mrs MacGregor** in **Rm 12**.

Twilight Hockey draw **Wednesday 3rd December**

Carterton Cuties - 4.40pm

Carterton Comets - 4.40pm

Carterton Bulldogs - 5.20pm

Carterton Crusaders - 6pm

Carterton Conquerors - 6pm

School Uniform Shop will be open on **Friday 5 December** from **8.15-9.00 am** and **2.45-3.15 pm**.

Missing from Senior Camp last week is **Jordan McG's** large **black backpack**. It has lots of pockets and has clothes, torch, insect repellent, school hats etc inside. Please return to **Jordan** in **Room 13**.

Congratulations to: *Blake M Rm 4, Emma H Rm 11, Jesse T Rm 1, Piper Rm 11, Ben Rm 11, Jayden F Rm 10, Paige S Studio, Rose C Rm 1* who are our latest winners of Mahi Pai good behaviour rewards.

Kapahaka Tuakana Celebration, Performance and Award Ceremony:

Thursday 11 December in our school hall at **6.30-8.30pm**. **The Kapahaka**

Tuakana, will be doing a performance to our whānau; family and friends and then we will be having certificates and presentations for the Tuakana Rōpu, and sharing supper together afterwards. We want to have the opportunity to share and celebrate

our amazing skills and learning in kapahaka performing arts, and to especially celebrate our year 8's final performance and contribution to kapahaka over their years at school. All whanau are welcome to come and see our performances and celebrate the wonderful commitment and hard work these tamariki put into kapahaka performing arts.

Cost: Gold coin per person and or donation (*going towards kapahaka fundraising*).

Each child to bring a plate of food for supper, and we will supply refreshments.

Lesley Standish

Ngati Kahungunu Super Whānau Advisory Group: Kahungunu Iwi have set up a super whanau group, incorporating Early Childhood, Primary, Secondary and Tertiary schools and institutions in the South Wairarapa. The purpose of these hui is to work together to help implement the Iwi Education Strategy, to support schools, and grow Kahungunutanga in the Wairarapa. With our Te reo Māori programme and Ākonga Māori at school, it is vital that we are a part of this. Jo Taia and I have been to one of these hui, and it would be great to have some of our whanau come and be involved also. The next hui is at Kuranui College, today Tuesday 2nd December at 4pm. Let me know if you are interested in coming with us and joining this group.

Lesley Standish

There will be **no more library books issued this year**. Please check at home and return all books to the library.

PTA Christmas Raffle sheets - Please return them to school either **sold or unsold** tomorrow - **Wednesday 3 December**.

A huge thankyou to **Leanne Percy, Dawn Corfield, Angela Stronge** and **Andrea Beckett** who between them sat and sold raffle tickets at New World for the day. Unfortunately, we didn't get the response we needed to fill the timeslots.

Any parents who wish to enrol children **for music lessons in 2015** should contact **Maureen** on **379 7890** or e-mail **maureenashby1@gmail.com**.

Year 7 & 8 social 9/12/14 advanced notice - This year the food committee that is in charge of food have decided that the year 8's are bringing mains. Boys are bringing main such as roast meat while the girls are bringing salads and vegetables to accompany. The year 7 boys are bringing desserts like ice-cream or home-made chocolate éclairs and girls are bringing nibbles like chippies, crackers and dip. If you have any questions please come and see any of the team Kahikatea teachers, **Mrs Macgregor, Whaea Michelle** and **Mr B**.

*******Dates to remember this Term*******

Wednesday 3 Dec: Helpers Morning Tea 10.20 am
Mrs Ashby's music group perform at Carter Court.

Thursday 4 Dec: 6pm 2015 Information Evening.
Monday 8 Dec: 7 pm PTA Xmas Meeting
Confidence Course Competition
School Talent Quest
Tuesday 9 Dec: Yr 8 Leavers Dinner at Events Centre. Yr 7 also attend.
7pm BOT
Wednesday 10 Dec: Report Files home.
Thursday 11 Dec: Kapahaka evening performance
Tuesday 16 Dec: Certificate Assembly
Wednesday 17 Dec: 11am Final Assembly - End of Term - Children home at 12.30 pm

Term Dates for 2015

Term 1 Monday 2 February to Thursday 2 April
Term 2 Monday 20 April to Friday 3 July
Term 3 Monday 20 July to Friday 25 September
Term 4 Monday 12 October to Wednesday 16 December

COMING UP AT CARTERTON HART 4 KIDS

Half Day - Carterton Hart 4 Kids are running half day care on **Wednesday 17th December 2014** from 12.30pm – 5:30pm
For more information or and enrolment contact **Dolly** and **Irene**
On **027 716 5652** or **379 7821** after **7pm**

Holiday Programme - Our **Christmas Holiday Programme** is here **Thursday 18th** and **Friday 19th December 2014**. Two full days packed with Christmas crafts, dress up, games and cooking.
Summer Holiday Programme starts back up on the **Monday 12th January 2015** and runs until school goes back. Fun filled days of swimming, crafts, mystery trips, food fairs and so much more. Programme runs from **8am – 5:30pm** each day except for public holidays. Winz and CYF's approved for more information or an enrolment please contact Dolly and Irene on **027 716 5652** or **379 7821** after 7pm or cartertonhart4kids@gmail.com
Or Pop into Carterton School Hall **after 3.30pm** during term time.

A school fundraising opportunity for all new home loans to **ASB Bank** approved and drawn down by **31 December 2014** for amounts of \$150,000 or greater. Clients must have 20% equity or more in their property. For every loan that meets this criteria, the clients will get a choice of schools for ASB to **donate \$1,000** to.

Yours sincerely
Alison Woollard, Principal