

Carterton School Newsletter 1 - 21 July 2015

Dear Parents and Caregivers

'Learning Together To Achieve Success'

This is our school motto, which was revised by the Board of Trustees at the end of last year after community consultation about what is important to people about our school. It is exciting to revisit this motto from time to time as it reminds us of why we are all here at school. At our welcome back assembly on Monday we thought about the motto and how it describes the fact that we are all here (children and adults) to learn and grow. Of course our focus is on every student gaining solid understanding in core curriculum areas of reading, writing and maths, but we also pay attention to the other aspects of the New Zealand Curriculum which contribute to enjoying our lives and experiences of the world around us. Last term our focus was on Science, this term we are participating in the Primary Enterprise Programme (PrEP) - developing our own school economy, culminating with an exciting whole school Market Day at the end of term. Next term our learning will be based around the arts, drama and dance, as we link in with the amazing Kokomai Festival. Underlying all we do are our values of: Respect, Excellence and confidence, Leadership, Innovation & inquiry, Community & participation and Sustainability (from our School Charter and NZ curriculum).

Adults and students are all learners here. We put a lot of time and effort into helping everyone challenge themselves in their learning, and into supporting them to develop new understandings and skills.

What 'success' is may look and feel different for each of us. We aim to encourage everyone to find their talents and skills, and to enable them to be successful in their learning so they can take their place in the exciting world we live in with confidence. Learning **together** is becoming more and more important - as the worlds of technology and communication grow at a rapid pace we need to connect with others in our school, our area, our country and worldwide to access the opportunities available to us.

These are stimulating times - especially in education. I am proud and excited to be the principal of a school that is forward looking and in a community that is committed to doing our very best for our young people.

Welcome! Haere mai! This week we have welcomed new teachers Janelle Wilson (Mrs Wilson) to Room 5, Tara Woodhouse (Ms Woodhouse) to Room 8 and Nathan Hill (Mr Hill) to the Studio. Rose Adams (Rose) is here for three weeks supporting Team Kawakawa and Pam O'Neill is here this week to help in the office. Janelle has been overseas in UK for several years with her family and has returned to the Carterton community. Her daughter is in Room 8. Tara has taught in a range of schools and has been a relieving teacher here for a while. Nathan taught at Fernridge School for 2 years, at the beginning of 2015 he went to teach in the

South Island, but has now returned to the Wairarapa. Rose is training to be a teacher, she has three children at our school.

A very warm welcome to our new students and families (some returning!) who started school this week. We hope you all have a wonderful and successful time here at Carterton School.

In the next few weeks the PTA will be hosting a 'Fish and Chip tea' at school when the families who have been new to the school over the past few months are welcome to come and meet other members of our school community.

Farewell. We will be fare-welling Emma Ballantyne as one of our classroom release teachers this term. Emma is about to do some travel and has decided to step back for her role here. We wish her all the very best for whatever her exciting future holds.

PTA Meeting. This Thursday 23 July 7.15pm in the staffroom. Everyone is welcome to come along and meet the group of parents who teachers who support your children.

Wanted for PrEP for the Storage Barn - Cardboard boxes to store PrEP supplies. We would like large boxes like banana boxes. Please send the boxes to Room 12. Thank you.

Remember to order **your Sausage and Juicies outside Room 12 each Friday. \$1.50** for a **Sausage** and **\$1.00** for a **Juicy**. Fundraising for Year 6-8 students.

The last day the **Dental Bus** will be at school will be **Tuesday 4th August**.

Entry forms for **Sewing** and **Handcrafts for the Wairarapa A&P Show** on 30th & 31st October, 1st November are now available at the office.

Rippa Rugby Registration Forms

NZRU registration forms were given to students during the last week of Term 2. Thanks to all families whom have returned these already. If you have not done so already, please complete and return to Whaea Jo in Room 10. These registrations enable our local community access to funding.

Year 5 and 6 Mini Ball

This competition begins on the 29 July, which is next Wednesday. It is held at the Kuranui College gymnasium. Teachers have collected names of interested students. If your child has not put forward their name yet, please remind them to do so.

Te Wiki o Te Reo Māori (Māori Language Week) 27th July-2nd August

The kaupapa is: Ngā Mātua; Whāngaihia te reo Māori ki ngā Mātua (To support parents to share language to their children). We will be doing lots of fun activities next week. Look in your child's homework and the newsletter.

Take Action - From Room 12: We should pick up rubbish that others have dropped, so it doesn't get in our streams.

By Dylan

Yours sincerely

Alison Woollard,
Principal

COMMUNITY NEWS:

Big Brothers Big Sisters is a Youth mentoring service in the Wairarapa. We now have some fantastic mentors in the Wairarapa that are police vetted, trained and ready to mentor **children** aged between 7-13 years.

We are a non-profit organisation that matches children and young people with police vetted and trained mentors in professionally supported one-to-one relationships.

Becoming a Big Brother or Big Sister mentor is fun!

If you like to have fun—then being a Big Brother or Big Sister is one of the most enjoyable and rewarding things you'll ever do. As a Mentor, you get to be a kid again by being a friend to one of our fun-loving kids.

one hour. once a week. one life.

For further mentoring inquiries please contact the coordinator Anna Campbell:

Ph: (06) 379 5407 (ext 7)

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Or visit www.bigbrothersbigsisters.org.nz

Ready to RUN CROSS COUNTRY Programme

Want your kids to improve their ability to run Cross country or train for the primary schools cross country, then join Mark Harris and Andrea Lambert, Wairarapa's only internationally qualified specialists and learn how. A fun unique programme based around the IAAF and Athletics New Zealand's developmental programmes.

Time = 3.45pm – 4.30pm

Days = Tuesday and Thursday

Venue = Pelorus Trust Athletics Track, Masterton

Lead by the Mark Harris and Andrea Williams

Contact us on 06 378 6384, mats@maharris.co.nz or refer to www.maharris.co.nz