

Carterton School Newsletter 2 – 18 October 2016

Dear Parents and Caregivers



Many thanks for supporting **Pet Day** last Friday. It is a special, and very traditional, time of the year. It was great to see such a variety of pets here. The children were very knowledgeable and caring. Thank you to everyone who put the time and effort into getting your pets to the day. **Mrs Kennedy** did a fabulous job of organising the day. We really appreciate the time our judges gave us. Good luck at the A & P show if you are entering there!

Today we had a **small fire in the hall kitchen** at the beginning of morning tea. The flames were put out quickly. Our fire alarm sounded and we all gathered on the village green. The speed this was completed in showed the benefit of our regular fire alarm practices. The fire brigade came and helped to clear the smoke. Barry, our new caretaker, has spent a lot of time clearing the powder from the extinguisher, and once the walls etc are wiped down the kitchen will be up and running again. We were able to use the hall this afternoon.

In discussion with their classes after the event several teachers found that some children **were not able to say their address and phone number**. This is a really important skill. If a child needed to phone the fire brigade they need to say where they are. We recommend that you review your safety plans at home, and help your child to learn your address and phone number.

Thankfully all has ended well today, with everyone safe and only surface damage.

You may remember earlier this year that we partnered in a design project with **Victoria University Architecture School**. They presented us with 6 project ideas for seating near the netball court / studio area. A vote was held, with students, parents and staff voting for their favourite design. The winner was seating and storage furniture based on a **taniwha shape**. The winning students have been working to adapt their design to a workable project. We are now at the stage of sourcing the materials (decking timber) and skill (carpenter / builder) to build the seating. The time line is now very tight to get the project completed. We have some funding available but will **need some help to build the seats**. If you might be able to help with this could you contact us at school as soon as possible - we would love to have you on board! Please give me ring if you would like any more information. The project co ordinator is available to meet later this week. THANK YOU!

HAT REMINDER. We are a 'Sun smart' school. Navy blue bucket or 'aussie' style hats must be worn **at all times when children are outside after 9.30am**. (Even if it

is cloudy). Adults must wear a hat too. Our sun is very fierce and we need to protect ourselves. **No hat = No play**. Children without a suitable hat on will have to sit / play on the deck under cover, outside Rooms 7 & 8.

Some children are wearing different colour / style hats - by **Monday** next week they must wear a navy blue, school style, hat.

Proposed changes to school funding. You may have heard about the governments suggestions for changing the funding system for schools. On **Friday this week**, at the end of the day the NZEI information bus will be on our netball court. Please pop in to find out what is happening. Staff will be there too.



Last week some star students from **Room 4** came to show me the investigations they had been doing into a range of animals. They had used the internet to collect information and then put it into their own words to demonstrate that they had understood what they had read. Ka pai! Fabulous work!

Book Club - Lucky Book Clubs order forms will be sent home this week. All **credit card orders to be completed online** and cash orders to **Kristi Hiles in Hub Two**. I have had great feedback about ordering online and how easy it is. These orders also get delivered to school. Last day for orders is **Friday 28 October**.

Brooklyn Exchange - there will be information going home this week about our annual Brooklyn Exchange on **Wednesday the 26th** - in Week 3. This year we are going there for the day to play sports. We will be travelling by bus and do not expect to return to school until around 4 / 4.30ish. This is mainly for the Years 7 and 8 students - but we will be asking some younger students in our team to come along as well. There will be a **\$5 charge** for the bus

Change of date and venue for South Wairarapa Athletics Event:

Our **Interscholar Athletics** event will now be held on **Monday 14 November**. The postponement date will be Tuesday 15 November. The venue has also been changed to The **Masterton Sports Bowl** which has the all-weather running track. We will need 6 supporting adults to help on that day as we are the host school. Please contact the school office or **Whaea Jo** if you are able to assist. Our school event will be held on **Friday the 4th November** at **Carrington Park** and the postponement day is Monday 7th November.

Each year a dedicated group organises and runs the **Carterton Town and Country Garden Trail** as a fundraiser for Carterton School. This year we require some help with supplying baking, sandwiches or rolls for a garden stall where the visitors can stop to buy something yummy to eat. If you can help by supplying some food items please fill in the attached form and send to **Mrs MacGregor** in Room 13. Thank you.

Dates for this term:

Wed 19 Oct Kapahaka Festival
Mon 24 Oct School closed Labour Day
Wed 26 Oct Seniors to Brooklyn School exchange, Wellington
6pm Akonga class whanau hui
Wed 27 Oct PTA meeting
Fri 28 Oct Top Team competition at A&P show
Wed 2 Nov Haka world record attempt, Masterton
Fri 4 Nov Year 3-8 school athletics day
Wed 9 Nov Home Garden Judging
Fri 11 Nov Chess tournament here
Mon 14 Nov 12 x Yr 7s to GRIP leadership conference
South Wairarapa Interschool Athletics, Masterton
Tue 15 Nov BOT meeting
16-18 Nov Team Kahikatea Camp
Sat 26 Nov Xmas parade
Mon 5 Dec All Yr 8s to Moving On conference, Kuranui College
Tue 6 Dec 3R WBS inflatable reward day
Wed 7 Dec Confidence Course races & Talent Quest
Thur 8 Dec Year 7 & 8 Social @ Event Centre
Fri 9 Dec Reports home
Mon 12 Dec Kapahaka performance eve
Tue 13 Dec BOT meeting
Wed 14 Dec 9.15am Certificate assembly
Thur 15 Dec 9.15pm Prizegiving assembly
12.00 School closes

Wairarapa REAP Kapahaka Festival. Wednesday 19th October and Thursday 20th October 2016 - 9.30am - 2.30pm Carterton Events Centre. We are performing on **Wednesday: 1.45** Carterton School Akonga Māori Teina. **2.00** Carterton School Te Rōpu Tuakana o Taratahi
Useful information for the day - Doors will open for 5 minutes between performances. You will not be able to leave or enter the Auditorium during a performance. You must arrive at least 10 minutes before your performance to ensure admittance.
St Mary's School are the hosts and will be selling food and drinks and you will be able to purchase.

Pie Fundraiser: Pie orders close next **Tuesday 25 October.**

On **Friday 11 November** Carterton School will host children from the other Carterton Schools for a **Chess Tournament**. It will be in Knockout form so I am looking for people who know chess to help on the day when the children need to know something, and helpers to record the tournament results. Please contact **Ronny Tankersley** if you can help/ phone **3797351** or **0274105731** or mrtankersley@xtra.co.nz

Wanted for an art project: **Light and Dark green** milk bottle lids. Please bring to **Rm 13 ASAP.**

Yours sincerely

Alison Woollard,
Principal

Community Notices

Lions Club of Masterton – Community Fireworks display on **Friday 4 November** at Solway Showgrounds, Masterton. Gates open at **6.30 pm**. \$2 for children over 5 and under 13, Adults and children over 13 \$5 entry fee. Free parking within the showgrounds.

Possum Control operation will be carried out from **mid October 2016** through to the end of **June 2017** in the Holdsworth Carterton area between Tararua Forest Park and SH2 from the Waingawa River to the Waiohine River. Central Districts Pest Control Ltd will be carrying out this work. There will be limited use of Feratox (encapsulated cyanide) which will only be used up trees, out of reach of stock, in bait stations.
Any enquiries to **Tim Brenstrum 06 836 5590 or 027 4496 598.**

Adult Literacy Rural Trust – Free Help with reading, writing and spelling. **Phone 0800 891 339** or check us out on www.adultliteracy.ac.nz

The Forest and Bird Society are doing their major fundraising by selling **calendars and diaries**. Please have a look at the attached flyer. The price of the diaries and calendars have come down to a lower price of: diaries **\$24**, calendars **\$15**. They are a great present to send to friends and family overseas for Christmas. Order by calling **3774882** or **021 2558712**,
If you have any questions please see **Mel in Room 13.**

On **Tuesday 25th October 2016**, 7pm @ **Wairarapa College Hall** is an informative & entertaining evening with **Nigel Latta**. This is aimed at parents with students about to enter their driving careers. This is a **FREE event with seats limited to the first 1200**. There are **FREE buses** booked through transit.

