

Carterton School Newsletter 1 - 7 February 2017

Dear Parents and Caregivers

What a fantastic start to the year we have had. Everyone has returned feeling full of energy. (It is a pity we have not had much summer weather.) There have been some wonderful adventures over the break and it has been lovely catching up with everyone. The children are all settling down into their new classes. Many of the learning teams have pairs or triples of classes collaborating and working together - so your child may have a specific teacher as a 'home class' but they will be working with one or two other teachers throughout the day. This has proved to be very effective in providing flexible and targeted teaching and learning. Please come in and say hello to your child's teacher/s if you have not already done so, you are welcome to spend some time in class too.

Each learning team is planning some activities over the next few weeks when you will be able to meet each other and get together. It will be great to see you!

If you have any questions at all about the start of the year please come and see your child's teacher, or team leader, or pop in and see me.



We have welcomed **two new permanent teachers** to our staff this year. **Veronica McNaughton** will continue teaching in Team Kawakawa, and **Nathan Hill** has returned as Team leader in Team Kowhai. Veronica has extensive experience in teaching and leadership and we are lucky to have her on our team. Nathan has been travelling and teaching abroad over the last year, and is bringing special knowledge and experience in maths teaching to

our school.



A special welcome to the new families who have joined our school this term, and also to any siblings who have started school this year! We have a special **powhiri on Friday 10 February at 9.10am in our hall** to officially welcome you to our school community. **All new families and family of any child who has started school since the powhiri last term are invited to come along.** Tea and biscuits will be served in the staffroom for adults after the powhiri.

Our **new Year 7 & 8 uniform tops** look fantastic and identify our senior leaders. They have a sense of pride wearing them. We hope you have found uniform shopping at New Zealand Uniforms a positive experience. Please let us know how it is going. Many thanks to the PTA members who opened our school second hand uniform shop at the end of the break.

Our joint project with Victoria University - the design and build of a new seating area near the Akonga classes & netball court - is underway this week. Massive

thanks to John Monstra, who is our consultant builder on the project! The seat should be ready in a week or so.

Parking around school - Please keep moving if you have to drive into the school car park (by the tennis courts). If cars stop along the drive way it is dangerous and makes coming in and out of school difficult. If at all possible please drop your child a short distance from school so s/he can walk into school. The car park gets very congested very quickly. There are children moving around and we would hate there to be an accident. You are able to use the Events



Centre car park, the car park opposite the Event Centre or any of the surrounding roads. Many thanks.

PTA Meeting Thursday 9 February 7.15pm in the staffroom. Everyone welcome!

Class Organisation Information

Andrea Harvey	Snr Tch Tm Kawakawa	Rm 5	Yr 2/3
Lesley Kennedy	Snr Tch Tm Kahikatea	Rm 14	Yr 6/7/8
Lesley Standish	Snr Tch Akonga Maori	Akomanga Tahiri	Yr 1/2/3
Nathan Hill	Snr Tch Tm Kowhai	Rm 9	Yr 4/5
Kirsty Hull		Rm 10	Yr 4/5
Raewyn Harnden		Rm 13	Yr 6/7
Melanie MacGregor		Rm 12	Yr 6/7
Jo Taia		Akomanga Rua	Yr 3/4/5/6
Rose Adams		Rm 6	Yr 3
Veronica McNaughton		Rm 4	Yr 1/2
Kristi Hiles		Rm 3	Yr 1/2
Lesley Schofield		Rm 2	NE/Yr 1

Learning Team Kahikatea - Leader – Lesley Kennedy - Rooms 14, 13, 12

Learning Team Kowhai – Leader – Nathan Hill- Rooms 9 & 10

Akong Maori – Leader – Lesley Standish - Akomanga Tahiri & Rua

Learning Team Kawakawa – Leader – Andrea Harvey - Rooms 6, 5, 4, 3 & 2

Swimming - please send togs and towel in a waterproof bag to school every day. Even if it is not an 'official' swimming day for your child - teams sometimes have a cool off swim at lunch time.



School Stationery — Packs are available to buy in **Room 8** or send along the money in an envelope for your child to collect during school time when called up with their class. You can also pay by internet banking into School Board of Trustees **ASB account No: 12-3290-0001901-00**. Please note your **child's name**, **Rm No** and type of payment, eg stationery when making payment.

Technology – All Year 7 and 8's go to Technology at Makoura College during the year. The material cost for each child is **\$90.00**. You can pay this when collecting your child's stationery or pay by instalments by internet banking into Carterton School Board of Trustees **ASB account No: 12-3290-0001901-00**. Please note your **child's name** and the word **Technology** when making payment.

School Contribution – Our contribution figure has stayed the same again this year - **\$50 per child up to a maximum of \$150 per family**. This can be paid when you buy your child's stationery or you can make payments in instalments to Carterton School Board of Trustees **ASB account No: 12-3290-0001901-00**. Please note your **child's name** and the word **contribution** when making payment. At the end of Term One all students who have paid the school contribution will go into a **prize draw for a \$60 voucher**. If you file a tax return this contribution is filed under tax rebates as a donation.

School Lunches will start **tomorrow** (Wednesday). See sheet coming home today.



Breakfast club **provides FREE breakfast** for any student who needs a top up or is running late. It is a big help with learning. **Breakfast Club** needs parents / whanau to run the programme in the mornings in our school hall / kitchen. You would need to be at school by **8am** and finish around **9am** on the day you have stated. We provide toast / spreads / milo / weetbix for our students and cook the toast, make the milo and tidy up afterwards. If you can help - please let me [**Lesley Kennedy**] know ASAP. Please let me know what morning suits so I can roster you on with another adult.

GALA: Carterton School Gala will be on **Friday 17th March at 5.30pm**. We will be asking for donations over the next few weeks. Coming home today is a reminder of what items we need and a form to fill out, if you can help on a stall. Please contact **Kirsty Hull (Rm 10)** or on **0276935550** if you have any queries.

Remember to be SunSmart: Wrap on sunglasses. Choose close fitting, wrap around style sunglasses. Not all sunglasses protect against UV radiation, so always check the label for sun protection rating.

Everyone wears a hat with a brim after 9.30 am at school.

Did you know there is a **free Smartphone App** to let you know when Summer sun protection is needed. It is called **uv2Day**. It will show you the current UV index level and its progression throughout the day. The UV index measures the levels of

ultraviolet radiation from the sun. The data from the app is provided by NIWA. Download the free uv2Day app from **Google Play or the App Store**. Attached to this newsletter is a poster about Safer Journeys for School Children. On this poster is several tips for keeping your child or children safe to and from school.

http://education.nzta.govt.nz/data/assets/pdf_file/0014/25223/HikeBikeScootSkate-it-2013WEB.pdf



Conservation message for this week is: **Use reusable plastic containers or snap lock bags in lunch boxes instead of wrapping food items with plastic wraps**. They are better for the environment.

Have you seen someone doing something amazing in or around our school? If you have then fill in the **JNS nomination form** and put it into the green mailbox (house) in the office area. Nominations will be recognised in the end of term school newsletter or in the end of term whole school assembly.

Yours sincerely

Alison Woollard,
Principal

Community News

Ceroc dance classes - Every **Tuesday** from **14th February**. **8pm** in the Carterton School Hall. Contact **Mandy** on **021 2384 230** for more details or check out our Facebook group '**Ceroc Wairarapa**'.

Shoe Clinic Senior & Junior Closed Tennis Tournament – Saturday 18 & Sunday 19 February 2017 at **Masterton Tennis Centre** 147 Dixon St, Masterton. See attached information sheet.