

## Carterton School Newsletter 2 – 14 February 2017

### Dear Parents and Caregivers

The term is settling down really well, and classes are beginning their regular programmes. (Although the swimming lessons do impact on a lot of school time while it is running.) The start of the year is a vital time, when students and staff get to know each other. Developing positive routines and working relationships now will pay off as learning challenges students as the year goes on. It has been fantastic to see so many parents and caregivers around school so far this term - do pop in and say hello if you have not been able to already.

Over the next couple of weeks learning teams are organising events to provide the opportunity for you to connect with the teachers and each other. Some teams are arranging **home visits**, some are having an **information session at school**, some are having an **open afternoon**. As well as these events Teams Kawakawa, Kowhai and Kahikatea will be holding short **'interviews' after school** later this term, to ensure they have been able to speak with you individually about your child and her/his learning. These will be on **3.30-8pm Wednesday 8 March and 3.30-5pm Thursday 9 March**. Appointments can be made online – next week we will give you the website and code so you can book your appointments. Akonga Maori teachers will be visiting all families at home.

If you ever have any **questions, concerns or ideas** about school please contact your child's 'base / class' teacher in the first instance, or the learning team leader. I am also always happy to catch up with you - please feel free to email ([principal@carterton.school.nz](mailto:principal@carterton.school.nz)), phone or pop in. Teachers are not always available before and after school due to duties and meeting commitments, but we will try to see you as soon as possible. No issue or question is too small - it is important to us that your child is happy at school, please keep in touch.

Coming home with the newsletter today is a **'Cyber Safety' information page**, prepared for you by **Raewyn Harnden**, our IT lead teacher. It is a fact that many children and adults use social media and the internet without always realising the negative impact of what they say or do. Sadly sometimes they intend to hurt others. On line issues which start in the evenings or weekends sometimes spill over into school. We will always let you know if we discover anything relating to your child. Contact your child's teacher if you have any questions.

**Music lessons at school.** **Courtney Naera** is available to provide half hour music lessons in **piano, singing or beginner guitar / ukelele**. If you would like your child to take part please return the note coming home with the newsletter to the school office as soon as possible. Courtney will contact you directly.

It has been great to see **Barry, our caretaker**, busy around the grounds and buildings this year - tidying up seats and pool shed, completing maintenance tasks

etc. We are so pleased that our appointment process resulted in us gaining such a dedicated and creative caretaker. Go Barry! (Or, as known by some students, 'Uncle Barry'!)

This year we are further developing our **intermediate year 7&8 programme**. One aspect of this will be collaborating closely with **Kuranui College**. Specialist teachers and resources (eg Arts, Science) will be available to us, and the Kuranui Leaders will be connecting with our school leaders. Yesterday we took our Year 8 **House Leaders** to experience the first Kuranui College assembly of the year, where the school was introduced to their 2017 leaders. It was fantastic to see several ex-Carterton School students taking a leading role. **Amber Spicer** - Head Girl, **Abby Saywell** - Junior leader, **Joseph Larsen** - Events leader. Later this term our House Leaders will be joining me for a Leadership Day in Masterton.

Yesterday the house leaders were invited to attend the Leaders Assembly at Kuranui College - it was their first assembly. We saw the head girl and head boy. They introduced themselves to us and the year 9s. There was head girl of culture, head boy of culture also deputy girl and deputy boy, head girl of sports and head boy. They showed us a video of Aroha, one of their values, and were going to show us a video of their stage challenge but that didn't happen. The head girl told us that they won trophies at last year's Stage Challenge. This year our school is going to be working closely with Kuranui College to have a Transition Programme and the leaders we met yesterday from there will be coming to see our assembly as well. We all enjoyed our first experience at Kuranui College. **Bonnie, Jayde, Maia, Erika, Bruce, Phoenix, Ross & Toby**

**A note from the BOT** - Many thanks to the families who completed the **BOT survey** (Survey Monkey on line) at the end of last year. The Board members are carefully reviewing all responses, and will use the information to help plan future initiatives and reviews.

**GALA:** The annual gala is on **Friday 17th March**. Please look in your child's school bag for a notice. We are still looking for people who could help with the stalls on the night. Please fill out the form and return to **Kirsty Hull Room 10** asap. Over the next couple of weeks there will be notes coming home for particular items such as sugar, books and items for the trash and treasure. If you have items for the gala you do not have to wait for the notes to come home. You can put the items in **Room 8** by the area marked 'DROP OFF ZONE'. We also need items for raffle prizes and a donation of a pig or lamb for the spit. Are there any hunters out there? We are well known for our venison burgers and would love to have them this year but we need the venison (we will pay for processing). If there are any queries please contact **Kirsty Hull Room 10 027 693 5550**

**Dates this term:**  
**Thurs 16 Feb**

5-6pm Team Kowhai parent event

<b>Tues 21 Feb</b>	7.15pm PTA meeting in the staffroom
<b>Wed 22 Feb</b>	7pm BOT meeting
<b>Fri 24 Feb</b>	Akonga students to Citizenship ceremony
<b>Wed 1 March</b>	Team Kawakawa Open Afternoon
<b>Wed 8 March</b>	School swim sports - Carterton Pool
	South Wai Swim Sports - Featherston
	Interviews 3.30-8pm
<b>Thurs 9 March</b>	Interviews 3.30-5pm
<b>Fri 17 March</b>	SCHOOL GALA!!!

We have been asked to let you know the 2017 Science Roadshow is returning to our area this term with support from the **Ministry of Education and the Science Alive Trust Board**. This is an exciting and entertaining learning programme of two live shows and over 60 hands-on exhibits that broaden students' knowledge of science, technology, engineering and mathematics. The programme lasts for 80 minutes and **costs \$8 per student**. Bookings can be made online at [www.roadshow.org](http://www.roadshow.org), by email at [info@roadshow.org](mailto:info@roadshow.org) or by **phoning 04 499 7865** for the Masterton session on **Monday 27th March**, at **Masterton Intermediate**. Please let your child's class teacher know if you will be taking you child during school hours.

**Help!!** Rooms 2, 3 and 4 would like more things to "tinker" with on their "tinkering table"! Do you have any old 'machinery' we could take apart? Printers, irons, toasters etc. We would love them in Room 2.

### Sports Round-up

**Cricket after school** - If you are interested in playing in this Cricket league, Please see **whaea Jo**, to record your interest and we will see if we have enough interested students to make up a team. If we are a few players short we could join with another school

**School Swimming sports** are on **Wed 1 March**, pp 3 March. The sth wai swim sports are **Wed 8 March**, held in Featherston

**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** this Thursday 16 February 7.15pm in the staffroom. Everyone welcome!

**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 Lunches** every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

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.

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.

**Masterton A & P Show Saturday 18 February at Solway Showgrounds: Kids cook with Al Brown**

Al Brown is the big attraction this year and he will be cooking with the kids at 11am. It would be great to get along all those aspiring cooks to join in the fun!

**Kids Entertainment Zone**

There'll be a designated family picnic area next to the kids entertainment zone with a mechanical bull, jumping castles, free face painting, a magician, little animals, sack races and the like.

**It is a fun day out for the whole family!**

The popular Culinary Marquee is back and this year features Al Brown. There will also be live music throughout the day (including Kiwi legends Rodger Fox with Ray Wolf and Erna Ferry), the Battle of Solway II tug o'war with \$1000 in prize money and more.