

***Congratulations to all of the Board of Trustees, staff and students at Carterton School*** who hosted three members of the **Education Review Office** so wonderfully last week! The team were very impressed with our focus on the wellbeing of our students, the way our relationships are focused on learning, and our collaboration across the school. They identified a positive learning environment where most students achieve at or above expectations in reading, writing and maths. The direction the Board is setting with the revised charter was another positive aspect commented on.

There were a few practical aspects of our operation which the ERO team suggested could be updated, these are outlined below. (Medications and Police vetting)

The ERO draft report will not be with us for a few weeks. Thanks to everyone who contributed to the time the team were here.

#### **Medications at school – Update**

We will no longer be able to administer any medications at school (eg Pamol), even with your permission.

If your child needs specific medication (eg antibiotics) while at school please bring it to the office, where you will complete a form explaining when / how much etc is to be given.

**Police vetting for volunteers.** While our school systems meet legislation for police vetting of people who work with us at school, the ERO team informed us that the most recent 'best practice' includes vetting all school volunteers. This will be fully discussed at the next BOT meeting, but we have already adopted updated procedures.

From now **ALL parent volunteers will need to have a completed Police Vet Check** prior to attending trips and visits, helping at school etc. (If you already have a Police Vet from another organisation we can accept that for our school.)

The safety of your child is our prime concern, so we are sure you understand the need to update our process to the best of our ability.



**We are a SunSmart School!**



It is great to see everyone wearing a hat with a brim after 9.30am each day at school. Our sun can be very fierce and we take as many precautions as we can to keep everyone safe from the harmful rays, eg sitting under trees for shade at lunch time. You are welcome to send your child to school with sunscreen in their bag to apply during the day (especially after swimming). We do have sunscreen at school, but are not able to provide it for every child every day.

With school swimming sports coming up (Wednesday 28 February) it will be vital that children have T shirts to wear when not swimming.



Our Road Patrol Trainees were passed by Constable Julie - with Excellence! Her first school where everyone has passed with such a high mark!

### **Carterton School Swimming Sports Event**

Our annual swimming sports will be held at the Carterton Town pools on Wednesday the 28 February 2018. The postponement date is Friday 2 March. The competition is for year 4-8. (Some year 3 students who are 7 years old at the 1st Feb and are able to swim a length are also invited to attend; your child's teacher will notify you)

The championship races will be lengths of the main pool. This part of the programme will held first from approx 9.30am. Those swimmers participating in the non-championship events (widths of the main pool) will commence that part of the programme from approx 11.30.

We invite all whanau/ family to join us in presenting our aquatic skills. If you are able to assist as a timekeeper/ Marshall it would be greatly appreciated. Please contact Whaea Jo 027 410 9939 or [jtaia@carterton.school.nz](mailto:jtaia@carterton.school.nz) if you can help.

Full programme times will be on website and team FB newsfeeds by end of this week



Have people got spare eggs they could drop into the office for Ronny Tankersley to make desserts etc for the Gala? We also need sugar, flour, jellies, canned fruit and baking goods. Please bring any donations to the office

Book club orders were sent home last week. All cash orders to Kristi Hiles in Room 3. Ordering online is easy, just search for your child's Teacher's Name and follow the prompts. All credit card orders to be completed online and cash orders to be sent to Kristi Hiles in Room 3. The website is on the order form. Last day to order is **9am this Friday** (23 February). Any queries please see Kristi in Room 3



### **Music Lessons**

Courtney Valerie's Music Academy will be available to provide private music tuition within the school from week 5 onwards. The instrument lessons available are Guitar, Piano, Ukulele, Drums and Vocal/Singing lessons. The cost of these lessons for term 1 are \$60 for group lessons (5 weeks) or \$100 for individual lessons (5 weeks) and this cost needs to be paid BEFORE week 5. Spaces are limited and if you are interested in securing a space you can pick up an enrolment form from the office. For more information you can call Courtney on 0211641282 or email [courtneyvaleriemusic@gmail.com](mailto:courtneyvaleriemusic@gmail.com)

**Vision & Hearing Testing 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> March. Please contact your teacher if you would like your child tested. Pamphlet also attached to this newsletter from Public Health.**

# PTA Update - 20 Feb

*Yay, only 4 more weeks to go until Gala!*

## Some highlights from this week:

- Each class room this year is going to host a stall or game, so teachers are getting kids to be creative and come up with a plan this week – it will be a great learning opportunity as well as fun!
- Barry, Lawrie and Verity have been sorting out the observatory and finding lots of treasures for our pre-gala Trademe auctions.
- We're getting some amazing raffle & auction prizes coming in from local businesses!



## We need parent help to make this Gala happen!

### Yummy Afters

Please help Ronny by bringing donations of the following to your child's class as soon as possible:

- Sugar
- Flour
- Eggs
- Jellies
- Canned fruit
- Baking Goods

### Donations:

Do you want to support Carterton School and promote your business? Please ring Kimberley Gates on 021 0604775 for donation options, big and small.

### Gala Garage Sale:

**Spare stuff?** - Having a clean out? Please drop off in room 7 or ring Verity on 021 365 655 for a pick-up

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### *Thank you*

To the following businesses who have pledged to help so far: [Almo's books](#), [Ange Wither Photography](#), [Beauty within Boutique](#), [Cheers Auto](#), [Clareville Nursery](#), [GardenBarn](#), [Kiwi Bees](#), [Paua World](#), [Premier Beehive](#), [Repco](#), [South Wairarapa Vets](#), [Strongpoint Electrical](#), [Supercheap Auto](#), [Take Note](#), [Video Ezy](#),

**Community News:**

JAB Pre season training has started. 5.30pm on Wednesdays at the Rugby Grounds. Bring shoes and a drink - all welcome.

**St John Penguins and Youth**

Carterton St John penguins – every Tuesday at 4.30 p.m. in the Events Centre Youth Wing.  
All 6 – 8 year olds welcome. Contact Ronny Tankersley 0274105731

Children's Art Club – Free Sessions (see attached)