

We have reached the end of Term 1 already. A lot of exciting learning opportunities and experiences have happened over the past few months. Teachers and students have been getting to know each other and have been building on relationships from last year. New families, students and staff are now well into the routines of school. Many thanks to all of you who have called in or contacted school to lend support at any time. It is wonderful to be part of a positive learning community like ours.

Wishing you all a lovely break with your children.

Term 1 ends at 3pm Friday 13 April, and Term 2 starts 8.55am Monday 30 April.

Next term I have been awarded sabbatical leave, which means I will be away from school all term. I am preparing some resources around coaching and mentoring during my time away, and will be visiting friends and family in UK. While I am away, Wendy Taylor (DP) will be acting principal, and some of our other teachers will take on some of Wendy's responsibilities for the term. It is great to be able to leave the school in such safe hands while I am away. Please get in touch with Wendy or the team, if you have any questions or worries at all. Alison

I am looking forward to accompanying 6 of our senior to an Enviro Day at Kuranui College on Thursday this week. The day has been organised by the students in the Kuranui Enviro Club. We will be taking part in workshops, and listening to amazing speakers, including Reuben Tipoki who will be talking about his enviro journey. It is great for our students to be able to be part of these joint ventures.

We will be having a **Powhiri** to welcome all new students and families to our school, on the first Monday back next term. This will be held in the school hall at **9.10am on Monday 30th April.**

Early next term 3 of our senior students will take part in a joint inquiry day with students from all over the South Wairarapa. This is part of our **Kāhui Ako / Community of Learning** work. We want to gather the student's views on what is great about our schools, and what might be improved. We had 37 students from Carterton school (Years 5-8) who expressed an interest in being part of this Inquiry Group. They will all have the chance to feed in their ideas, but three will attend the group day in May. We can't wait to hear what they come up with!



Please send all photo orders to the office by the end of this week.

ANZAC Day 25th April. This falls in the second week of the school holidays. Any children who wish to march with and represent the school, are to meet Mrs Kennedy at the school at **10.30am on Wednesday 25th April.**

New School App – Skool Loop

We are currently in the process of changing to a new school app. The new app still provides the Absentee service, the ability to send push notifications to parents, access to the school newsletter, and calendar. As well as these functions, it also provides a facility for us to send permission slips for you to sign and be returned electronically to your child's teacher.

To download the app, search the App Store for "Skool Loop", and then choose Carterton School.

Please contact Belinda in the office if you have any questions regarding the new app. The official changeover will happen during the holidays and from next term we will be using Skool Loop only.

Bikes in Schools

We have been given the opportunity to be involved in the national 'Bikes in Schools' project.

Check out this link to see some examples of eth project in action.

<https://bikeon.org.nz/bikes-in-schools/>

The scheme provides 50 bikes to a school (and a helmet for every student), a large track is made near the school, and 'pump' and 'skills' tracks are made too. The project is a joint one with Wairarapa Road Safety Council, Bikes in Schools and we are in early discussion with Carterton District Council, as the track could use some of the edge of Carrington Park.

We will need to find some funding towards the project. I was planning to take three student to visit the track at Lakeview Schools today, but the weather has conspired against us, so we will visit soon. We will keep you updated on developments.

During the middle weekend of the break (20-22 April) a National Cycle Race will be taking place based in Carterton. Our school grounds will be used for some parking. Please take care around the area on those days.



WANTED: A basketball coach for our Yr 7 & 8 team that play in the afterschool league on a Wednesday. Starts week 2, Term 2. Please contact Whaea Jo 027 410 9939



PIES!

Pie order forms came home in your child's bag last week. Please send orders back to the school office. These are delicious family size pies, and great value. Extra order forms are available at the office.

Baseball Tournament 5 April (last week)

Well done to our two year 5 & 6 teams that competed at this inter-school event. Thank you to Eliza Simpson and Brodie Green for supervising/coaching our teams. Our players showed great team skills and sportsmanship. They scored a few wins and a couple of losses.

Rippa Rugby After School Tournament (Thursdays)

This tournament is now complete. Well done to those players who signed up to participate in the three week tournament and were committed participants. Thank you to the following whanau who supervised and coached our tamariki: Kristy, Rowena, Lana, Anna. Also a special thanks to Emily, Freddie, Eliza and Brodie who also supervised and coached teams.

A special thanks to Doug Bracewell and the MIS students who organised the tourney.

I would like to also mention how important it is for the smooth running of an event such as this, that we have whanau support. We also need to know if players are not able to make it to the game. Please check all information that is on a sports event newsletter if your child wishes to participate. There are numerous sporting events and opportunities that we offer to our students at Carterton School. However, we are not able to participate without whanau help and support.

Congratulations to last week's Mahi Pai Draw Winners: Amelia W Rm 4, Sophie B Rm 5, Briar-Rose Rm 4, Jacob Rm 14, Rose Rm 5, Reese Rm 14, Ricardo Rm 14, Addison Rm 10, Paityn Rm 3, Sam Rm 3.

Community News

PIFA Holiday Programme

Date: Monday 23rd & Tues 24th April

Where: Trust House Memorial Park Turf, Dixon Street, Masterton

Time: 9am - 12pm.

Price: \$45 a day or \$80 for the 2 days

Register online at www.pifa.co.nz

DALEFIELD JUNIOR HOCKEY CLUB

Registration for all new and current players at Clareville Trust House Hockey Complex, Carterton

All players Year 1- 8

Wednesday 11th April

3.30-4pm for 6 Aside

4.00-5.00pm for 11 Aside

Followed by a BBQ

For further information contact: Gail 379 8341 or Murray 379 9233

PTA update

10 April 2018

- **Gala News** –We are very pleased to announce we made a whopping \$12,000!! Thanks again to all the volunteers, donors, helpers and people who attended the gala – YOU MADE THIS POSSIBLE!
- **Now how should we spend the money?** We would like your ideas! A form will be going home in bags this week, which you can use to submit your ideas, big or small, for the PTA to consider.
- **Gala feedback** – The PTA held a meeting last Thursday to reflect on how the gala went and what we could do better for next time. Lots of ideas including refining the food menu (but keeping the popular lamb burgers) and moving the auctions to earlier in the evening. Thanks to all the people who submitted via Survey Monkey. We will be keeping all this information to make next year's gala even better! Congrats to Joelle for winning the restaurant vouchers.
- It is with regret that we announce that **Leanne Carlton** has resigned from her role as Chairperson for the PTA to concentrate on her new role with Professionals in Carterton. Leanne took on the job of chairperson a year ago when we were a relatively new PTA and has done a great job leading us while we have found our feet. We all wish Leanne well with her new and exciting role.
- **Pie orders!** Get your yummy pies! Orders in by Wed 2nd May please.
- **2nd hand uniform shop** – We will be open this Thursday morning (12th) from 8.40am – 9am, if you would like to stock up before the holidays. There is a heap of winter clothes, trackpants, thermals, fleeces etc. For term 2 we are planning to open every Monday morning between 8.40am – 9am. If you want to if you have any uniforms you want to donate, please drop off at the office.



PTA members after the Gala feedback session. Standing from left - Wendy Taylor, Leanne Carlton (Chairperson), Sarah Clarke, Meredith White, Alison Woollard, Karen Herrick (Treasurer), Kristy Hunter (Vice-Chairperson). Sitting from left – Verity Turner, Rob Stockley. Absent from photo – Kimberley Gates (Secretary), Lesley Schofield.