

Newsletter #5 21 August 2018

This term we have seen a range of wonderful talents demonstrated by your children as they have taken part in a variety of opportunities in the local area.



Team Kawakawa performed 'Pacific Voyage' twice at the Carterton Event Centre last week. Both performances were sold out! The 5-7 year olds were so professional, they had learned so many dances and songs and all of them contributed to the show. The costumes and props were gorgeous. Huge thanks to the teachers of Team Kawakawa who took on this challenge. You did it! Tears of pride and joy were seen in a few eyes during the show! Massive thanks to everyone who helped make the show a success, support staff, family members, whānau, community members – most of all the wonderful performers!

Last week was MATHS WEEK across New Zealand. On Friday morning the older classes moved from room to room to take part in fun maths activities with different teachers. There was a lot of laughter and a lot of learning happening! We also had teams in the **Matharapa** competition. Well done to our team members: Madison D, Josh H, Harrison W, Tora Q, Ella R, Jack W, Oscar R, Shaun D and Jordie F We did not have a winning team but everyone did well, and we were certainly a school which showed respect for others – demonstrating excellent behaviour at all times.



Yesterday two tutors from Aratoi came to spend the day at school. They shared stories, followed by practical workshops. Again – our students were commended for their positive engagement in the activities, and their respect for each other and the tutors. In some workshops tuakana teina (older and younger working together) supported the learning. Poi and korowai (cloaks) were made during the day. Thanks Aratoi! There are some super photos on team Facebook pages to check out.

Our term **Celebrating our Cultures through the Arts** is teaching us such a lot! Thanks to whānau and community members who are sharing resources and knowledge. We love having you at school!



We are fortunate to have the opportunity for some additional eye screening at school with the support of the Mr Foureyes Foundation and the Lions Club. This will take place at school on Friday 14th September or Thursday 20th September. The screening is aimed at detecting eye problems which may make learning more difficult. Some other schools in the area have also had this opportunity. (The hearing and vision tests performed regularly at school are to detect problems with seeing distance, similar to what we have for drivers' licences.) If you are happy for your child to take part, all you need to do is read the information sheet attached. If you don't wish your child to be screened, please let Wendy Taylor know through the school office (ph 379 4010, admin@carterton.school.nz).

Illness & Absences

It is that time of the year, with the change of seasons, that we see an increase in the spread of colds and other bugs. To prevent the spread of these illnesses, please keep your child away from school if they are unwell, and also remind them of the importance of regular hand washing.

If your child is away sick from school, please contact the office each day they are away (unless you can foresee them being absent for a period of time and let us know, or have a medical certificate). You can contact the office by phoning and leaving a message on the answerphone, texting the school phone on 027 263 0770, or through our Skoolloop app. It is part of our daily procedure to follow up with any unexplained absence, to ensure the children's safety eg. Nothing has happened to the child on the way to school.

Carterton School Vacancy – Fixed term cleaner

We are needing a reliable cleaner, to start Monday 27 August through to Friday 16 November, from 3-5pm during term time.

If you are able to work independently and have good attention to detail, please bring your contact information to the school office this week. Include the names and numbers of 2 referees.

Student Led Inquiry - Update

The last Student Led Inquiry Meeting was held in Carterton School hall. Harrison W, Reese M and Tim R helped set up the meeting. Tim organized the food whilst Harrison and Reese setup tables and chairs. When the students arrived Harrison gave the health and safety briefing about what to do in case of a fire or earthquake. After that we looked at the results of our surveys. We looked at the answers of the questions, then put them into groups. We ran short of time though, so we will be continuing this in our next student led inquiry on Friday this week.

A range of **sporting events** are happening this term. We have had teams at a soccer tournament recently, and coming up soon is a RIPPA tournament. It is always great to see our students outside being active (even on some of the coldest, wettest days!). Physical activity is good for the body and mind.

We have 8 RIPPA teams going to the event at Carrington Park on **Wednesday 29 August**. Each team needs an adult alongside them as they move around the competition. If you might be able to help please contact Jo Taia <u>jtaia@carterton.school.nz</u> (Please note this date has changed.) Thank you!

LOST PROPERTY is in the school office area. We have several fleece tops and jackets at the moment (and some lunch boxes!). Please help us to return your items by *naming* each of your child's uniform items. Do come and check if your child has lost something.

Something to think about...

Would you put your best plates, cups and glasses loose on the back seat of your car while you drive around town?

No? They could get broken and smashed.

Our children are more precious than our plates and glasses – Please ALWAYS secure your children in the car with a properly fitting booster seat or seatbelt.

Your child's teacher is always willing to catch up with you about any aspect of your child's life at school. Please pop in or let them know if you would like to meet. The team leader is available too. I am often around if you have any ideas or concerns, I'd love to catch up with you.

Roll on Spring! Alison Woollard Principal

Diary Dates for Term 3:

Thursday 23 Aug 7pm PTA meeting

Tues 28 & Wed 29 Aug Yr 7&8 Writing workshop at school

Wednesday 29 Aug Yr 3 – 8 Rippa Tournament (PP date Fri 31st)

Thursday 30 Aug Yr 7 & 8s to Kuranui Science Day

Monday 3 Sept Yr 7 & 8 Immunisations

Wed 5 Sept Brooklyn Exchange (we go there) Yr 7 & 8

Thurs 6 Sept PTA Pop Up Shop

6 & 7 Sept

Sunday 9 Sept

Wed 12 Sept

Thurs 13 Sept

Tues 18th

Year 8 Powell Hut Challenge
Carterton Daffodil Festival

Art Extension group at school

Yr 5-8 Hockey tournament
BOT Meeting 7.15pm

Tues to out Bot Meeting 7. Topin

27/28 Sept Wairarapa Schools Kapahaka Festival

Fri 28 Sept 9.10am Certificate Assembly

3pm End of Term 3



DAFFODIL DAY – FRIDAY 31ST AUGUST

Show your support for Daffodil Day & the Cancer Society. Get your daffodil from the school office for a gold coin donation.

PTA update 21 August 2018

It's all about the POP UP SHOP!

- Your PTA is working hard organising the Pre-Loved Pop up shop, and we're hoping it's going to be big again!!!!
- We have had many great donations of clothes so far, but to make this a big success like last year we need more!!! Please have a clean out donate what you can.
- Phone or text Verity on 021 365 655 for a pick-up around Carterton, or you can drop off at the office or outside the school library.

Have a great week! Regards Verity and the PTA team

DO YOU HAVE SPARE CLOTHES, SHOES OR ACCESSORIES YOU JUST DON'T USE ANYMORE?



SPRING IS ALMOST HERE!!

Have a clean out and de-clutter this weekend and donate to a great cause!!!

Think of all the extra space you will have!

(hehe, you can always fill it up again with new things from the Pop-up shop on 6th September!!)

Get the kids to go through their drawers and pull out all those clothes that just don't fit anymore!... school uniforms are also welcome.