

KINDERGARTEN INFORMATION SESSION

Last Thursday evening we held our first ever 'Kindergarten Information Session' via Zoom. It was a fabulous opportunity to engage with new families who will be joining us next year, as well as a chance to touch base with families who already have children at our school.



If you, or friends or neighbours, have a child starting school next year, please make sure you finalise their enrolment as soon as possible.

CANTEEN

Our school canteen will continue to operate from **Wednesday to Friday only** at this stage.

We will update you if there are any changes to this information. However, at this stage the canteen will not be open on Monday or Tuesday.

P&C MEETING

Our last P&C Meeting for 2021 will take place this week. The meeting will be held via Zoom and all details are below.

P&C Meeting

Tuesday 16 November at 7:30pm

Zoom link:

https://au01web.zoom.us/j/6333201342?pwd=UElxb2ZKTjVhOHkrdHNOckN1ZWl4UT09&fbclid=IwAR14k2I9YxI8uOj8zI-N01JvEFBdDD3_eNtFUS-sau45t6wYg9XWe6qdKk#success

ASSESSMENT INFORMATION

Over the coming weeks our students will be engaging in a variety of different assessments with their class teachers. We use this information to make informed choices around the learning needs of every child in our school. Teachers will spend time with your child to discover their strengths and areas for growth when they implement these assessments. Our K-2 students will be involved in a variety of literacy and numeracy assessments one on one with their class teacher which may mean a different teacher takes the class for the day so this can happen. Our 3-6 students will complete an online test called the Check In Assessment and the details of this assessment are explained below.

Check-in assessment for Years 3-6

Year 3-6 students are currently participating in a reading and numeracy Check-in assessment.

The Check-in assessment is a NSW Department of Education online reading and numeracy assessment available to support schools to assess and monitor student learning.

The assessments can supplement existing school practices to identify how students are performing and to help teachers tailor their teaching more specifically to student needs.

Students should bring headphones or earbuds that plug into a computer to enable them to hear audio during the assessment. Earbuds used for mobile phones or other portable devices may be suitable for use during the assessment. The type of computer connection needed is a jack or USB.

If your child needs earbuds provided by the school, please contact the class teacher.

Year 1 Phonics Screening Check

Over the coming weeks, Year one students will be participating in the Year 1 Phonics Screening check

What is phonics?

Phonics is the relationship between letters and sounds and is vital in learning to read. Some children struggle with learning to read so it is important that these children are identified quickly so teachers can plan for any specific support they may need.

What is the Year 1 Phonics Screening Check?

The Year 1 Phonics Screening Check is a short, quick assessment that tells teachers how your child is progressing in phonics. Your child will sit with their class teacher and will be asked to read 40 words aloud. These words include 20 real words and 20 nonsense words. The test normally takes a few minutes. If your child is struggling the teacher will stop the check. The check is carefully designed not to be stressful for your child.

Why use nonsense words?

The assessment includes pseudo or nonsense words to see if the student is able to use their knowledge of blending to read a word rather than their memory of having seen that word before.

If you have any further questions, please talk to your child's class teacher.

MAP Growth Testing Catch Up

Many of you would have received the report showing the growth of your child throughout this year. There were a few students who did not complete these assessments at home. Mrs Matthews has been very busy chasing up these children so the reports will be available as soon as possible. Please email Miss Morrison carlton-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au if you haven't receive your child's report and one will be provided for you.

If you have any questions around assessment, you can email Miss Morrison carlton-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au and she will get back to you.

Jenny Morrison

Deputy Principal

2022 CLASS STRUCTURES - repeat

During the last weeks of Term 4, we will begin our planning for the 2022 school year. To do this accurately, we need to know of any student who may not have enrolled in Kindergarten yet and anyone who is leaving our school at the end of this year. Please contact the school office by phone (9587 3717) or through an email: carlton-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au to advise us of any of these situations.

When we are planning the class placement and structure of classes for 2022, there are a number of factors that we consider. Organising classes for the next school year is something our staff spend considerable time on to ensure the best mix of students and the most effective learning environment for them. Besides the Department's guidelines about the numbers in each class at different year levels we also consider, academic achievement levels, additional learning and social needs of students, their EAL/D phase (how many years a student has been learning English), relationships that should be split or continued, (teacher-child, child-child), behavioural issues or concerns, relevant family issues, students receiving funding support, current referrals to the Learning Support Team and the gender balance of classes and grades – just to name some.

If you have specific concerns or issues about the placement of their child for 2022, you need to outline this issue in writing addressed to the Principal. We always undertake to do the very best we can by every student and we require your support to be able to do this.

Please note that requests from parents for specific teachers are not one of the factors that we consider.

Draft classes will be developed before the end of the year, however we will be unable to move students into classes until we have confirmed our numbers in the early weeks of the 2022 school year. We will communicate more information about this closer to this time.

Have a great week and remember – ***'The idea of respect is more than just being polite'*** – Bruce Glassman

Steve Mead

Principal



Do you want to make a difference in the life of a child?

Local foster carers needed

The NSW Department of Communities and Justice is seeking people in your area to become short-term and crisis foster carers in order to provide a home for children and young people aged anywhere between 0-18 years-old. We are also interested in people who can care for siblings.

Foster carers come from all walks of life and their families reflect the wider community we live in. They can be single, in a relationship, identify as LGBTQ+ and be with or without children of their own.

Aboriginal, Torres Strait Islanders and people from culturally diverse backgrounds are also encouraged to apply. All carers receive training, ongoing support and financial assistance. If you are interested in making a difference in the life of a child, please call 8303 7644 or email our Foster Care Team:

 **Communities & Justice**

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4PM TO 8PM, YEAR 6 TO YEAR 10**

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