



# Carlton School

Hands on Learning

## Newsletter

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Greetings, Kia Ora, Fakaalofa Iahi atu, Malo e lelei, Talofa lava, Taloha,  
Ki a Orana Ni Hao, Buenos Dias, Ciao, Malo ni, Habari Dobar Dan, Namaste, Salam

### Principal's Message

Dear Parents/Caregivers

#### Late Newsletter

Please accept our apology for sending the newsletter home today. We had computer problems last week which affected the whole school.

#### Welcome

We would like to warmly welcome new families and staff to our school. Mrs Collinson (Room 14) and Mr McMullan (Room 1) are the two new teachers at Carlton.

Mrs Collinson wears two hats. She is also the Assistant Principal – responsible for the Junior School. Formerly Mrs Collinson worked as a Literacy Advisor for Massey University.

#### Changes

#### Gates:

Our new fence and gates look fantastic. They add that extra level of safety and security which is so important for our site. From today onwards, all our staff will walk with children as they exit the school.

One of the main goals for doing this is to ensure that our children leave safely. It is also an opportune time for teachers and parents to mix and mingle! Parents who come on site are most welcome to keep doing so. It would be great if you joined us walking out as a group. But if you are in a hurry you can take your child ahead of the group at 3pm.

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### New Staff



We welcome Mr Scott McMullan and Mrs Debbie Collinson to Carlton.

### Head Girl & Head Boy



Carlton School Principal, Paul Petersen, standing with the 2012 Head Boy and Head Girl Sophie Cohen and Keelan Tui. Congratulations to you both. A photo of the new School Leaders is on Page 3.

# Principal's Message Continued

## Gate continued:

Ms O' Connor will walk with children and families who exit via Smithfield and everyone else will exit via Carlton Avenue gates from where we will farewell each other.

Could everyone please use the crossing so that we set the example for our children? (Plans are afoot to build a drop-off zone – which would make things even more safe for our children. We are awaiting Ministry approval for this project to proceed.) Children who need to wait for mums or dads who may be running late, can do so at the office where we will keep an eye on them.

## Security:

No doubt you will have noticed a huge improvement to security on our site. One of the reasons behind this, is to ensure student safety. We also need to know who is coming on to our grounds and where they are heading. Could all visitors please go via the office first? This will help us to ensure that staff know who is on site for legitimate business. If you collect your child during school time for an appointment etc, please could you sign them out at the office.

The Office Block is locked during morning tea. Children who require medical attention report to their duty teacher first, failing which they report to the staffroom where we are able to assist them. All visitors to the site at that time, are asked to come to the staffroom for assistance.

## New Habits of Mind Artwork:

New artwork will be erected on the buildings and in the school hall over the next few weeks. The artworks are portraits of successful New Zealanders. This is all a part of our drive to instil the habits of successful people into our children. The art will be changed each year. If you have any comments on it or ideas for the next set of portraits – please let me know.

## Fitness:

The whole school is engaged in 15 minutes of fitness in the morning. Please encourage your child to participate by speaking positively about the benefits of being healthy.

## Office:

Mrs Collinson's office will be located in the Office Block as of today. Mrs Benton and Mrs Wilson (before school/after School and lunchtime) will work from the main reception desk.

Mrs Collinson, Ms O'Connor and I have an 'open door policy'. Please feel free to make an appointment and come and see one of us about anything you wish to discuss.

Kind regards

Paul

*No School Lunches  
are available to be  
purchased on  
Mondays*



*Have you changed your address,  
phone numbers or emergency  
numbers over the holidays?  
Please contact the office to  
advise any new information or  
send a note along with your child.*

## 2012 School Leaders

# Congratulations!



These are our new School Leaders. From left: Azaara Khan, Grace Whyte-Aplin, Leticha Ryland-Annabell, Sophie Cohen (Head Girl), Paul Petersen (Principal), Keelan Tui (Head Boy), Charith De Silva, Te Waoriki Tawaroa and Isaiah Scurr

## Assessment Programme Term 1

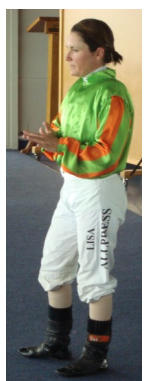
Over the next 3 weeks all students are undergoing a range of assessments to help us determine their current needs. This enables teachers to target their teaching to individual learner needs. Where there is any area for concern teachers will make time to discuss these with families.

| WHO          | WHAT   | DESCRIPTION  |
|--------------|--|--|
| Whole school | Writing sample   | Students write a recount of a recent experience under controlled conditions.               |
| Whole school | Running record   | Students read a portion of text to the teacher who is recording their reading behaviours   |
| Year 3-6     | STAR   | A standardised 20 minute reading test covering vocabulary and sentence knowledge.          |
| Years 3-6    | BURT   | A word recognition test that gives an indication of approximate reading ability.           |
| Years 4-6    | Progress and Achievement test of Reading Comprehension | A standardised test of students ability to understand written text.                        |
| Years 4-6    | Progress and Achievement test of Reading Vocabulary    | A standardised test of students vocabulary knowledge.                                      |
| Years 3-6    | Progress and Achievement test of Listening             | A standardised test where students listen to a text being read and respond to questions.   |
| Whole school | Basic Facts test                                       | Students regularly tested as they progress through the Carlton School Basic Facts "hands". |

## Room 6 Goes to the Races

Recently Room 6 attended the races at the Wanganui Racecourse. They watched four races from the Celebrity Lounge while also meeting leading jockey, Lisa Allpress (photo: far right).

Some of the children were lucky enough to spend time in the commentary box with Mike O'Sullivan. The middle photo shows Blake La Roche in the box. The children also experienced life in the Trackside truck while also sneaking on to the television before Race 3.



On Thursday, 16th February from 5pm until 7pm  
Carlton School will be holding their annual



## COMMUNITY SCHOOL PICNIC

Bring your whole family along together with your tea and join the school staff for a fun evening.

## BEACH EDUCATION PROGRAMME

This week your child will be taking part in a Beach Education Programme with Surf Life Saving at Castlecliff Beach.

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| Juniors (Rooms 9, 10, 12, 14) | - | 14 <sup>th</sup> February |
| Rooms 1, 2, 3                 | - | 15 <sup>th</sup> February |
| Rooms 4, 5, 6, 15             | - | 16 <sup>th</sup> February |

A separate notice went home last week with all the details.  
Please ring the office if you need another notice.

## **P T A MEETING**

*(includes Annual General Meeting)*

**Everyone is welcome.**

**Monday, 20th February**  
**@ 1.30pm in the school library**

## **Wanted to Rent**

We have a school family who are desperately wanting a 3—4 bedroom home to rent.

Please contact the office (345 0335) if you know of a home to rent.

## **Real Estate Consultant**

Some of you may recognise Paula Thompson as a member of the school Board of Trustees or your children may know Paula as the Mum of Alexis and Chelsea.

Paula recently took a new career path after working in retail and she has now become a licensed Real Estate Sales Consultant for Harcourts, Wanganui. Paula said "I'm really looking forward to this new role and new challenge ahead".



If you or someone you know is looking to buy or sell and maybe seeking to have a free property appraisal, give Paula a call. Contact numbers: 027 335 1797 or 06 344 5060 (after hours)