PRINCIPAL NEWS

BANDFEST
It was such a wonderful treat to watch the Carrington Rhythm Hunters perform at the annual BANDFEST competition at Warners Bay on Monday. They were truly impressive. The control and the discipline, the delivery and the rhythm were faultless. To quote the judges, “We are blown away!” The rhythm Hunters, even though not winning their overall category, have certainly left their mark on the performance world in Newcastle. Congratulations to our wonderful Miss Juanita and her talented ensemble.

We were awarded two certificates in our category which no other school achieved. Our first certificate was for Highly Commended and our second award was a Certificate of Excellence. This is a HUGE achievement in our very first year of practice and competition. I am both proud and thrilled. Well done, to the whole ensemble. This is a great achievement for Carrington Public School.

Student Enrolments
We currently have an enrolment of 102 students for next year. 104 is the magic number to secure another classroom and teacher. If you know of anyone in the area who has a school aged child who hasn’t enrolled, could you please ask them to contact me. Thank you.
I would like to thank the Ramsay, Hunt and Passmore families for giving up their time in the school holidays to deliver brochures promoting our school, throughout the area. Your assistance and time in undertaking this task is greatly appreciated. Thank you.

Application for Year 7 selective high school placement in 2017
Applications are now open for selective high schools for 2017. Parents must apply on:
www.schools.nsw.edu.au/shsplacement
Applications for entry in 2017 can be made online between 13 October 2015 and 16 November 2015. Applications will not be accepted after 16 November 2015.
All applicants are required to sit the Selective High School Placement Test to be held on Thursday 10 March 2016.

Warm Regards
Meredith Lindsay

Kinder Orientation
It was so lovely to meet all the wonderful little people who will be starting at our school next year. We warmly welcome their families to our community and look forward to a wonderful 7 years ahead.

We have 17 eager Kindergarten students for next year. Our Year 5 Buddies did a wonderful job in assisting them during this orientation process and making them feel welcome and comfortable. Congratulations to all those students.
**K/1 Honey Bees**

Has a fortnight really gone by! Eventful weeks tend to do that. I think the Art Exhibition was wonderful. I hope families enjoyed the event and felt proud of their child’s and our school’s achievements. My family were amazed by the musical and artistic talent showcased on the night. Congratulations boys and girls!

Our Spiny leaf insect, Crystal, started laying eggs this week. How exciting. So far she has laid 11 eggs. This special event will provide endless counting opportunities as Crystal can lay up to 300 eggs! As one student commented, “Crystal is a Mummy now”. Congratulations Crystal and K/1 for their excellent care of our classroom pet.

Cheers Mrs Turner

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**1/2 Wonders**

We have jumped right into our Science unit with enthusiasm this week. Our first two experiments for our Push-Pull unit have involved investigating the forces of gravity and water. We started by listening to the story, Mr Archimedes’ Bath by Pamela Allen where Mr Archimedes discovered that water rises when objects are placed into it. We used buckets of water to see what would happen when we added objects of different sizes and objects that weighed differently into the water. We found that when you push a hollow object down into the water the force of the water pushes back.

We also discovered that when we hold heavier or solid objects in the water they do not feel as heavy as when they are outside of it. This is because the water takes some of the weight.

We continued with water experiments on Tuesday when we had to predict what objects would float and what objects would sink. Almost all of us thought that a paper clip would float because they are small and light. We found that they actually sink and realised that they are made of solid metal. So even though some objects may be small and light, floating depends on what objects are made of and their weight according to their size.

Mrs Cunningham
Year 3-4

This term, in the Speaking and Listening strand of English, the children made connections between Standard Australian English and different methods of communication, including sign language. We are beginning to learn some of the Auslan signs and the alphabet.

Auslan is the sign language of the Australian Deaf Community. The name Auslan is from Australian sign language. Did you know the name is written as Auslan, not AUSSLAN because it is not an acronym? Auslan is the primary or preferred language of the majority of deaf people who have been severely or profoundly deaf since early childhood.

We have posted several links to YouTube clips on the class blog so the children can practice at home. http://msskehan.edublogs.org/

In Maths this week, the students have been combining many areas of maths to solve questions about the volume of shapes. We have constructed rectangular prisms, drawn them, counted blocks and used multiplication to work out the volume of these shapes. I am so happy with the effort that Class 3-4 are showing.

Well done, Class 3-4.

Ms Skehan

Mission Impossible (Ben Crump)

"Your mission," said Dad to hero “if you choose to accept it, is to achieve victory using only cunning, daring, ruthlessness and water balloons”.

What he really said was,

“I threw them off the balcony .....drip.....drip.....drip.....whoosh SPLASH!!!!. "Yah gotch ya” I said.

Then, I just realised my old neighbours have moved out. We’ve got new neighbours!

I said “When did you move in?”

He said "A week ago!!”

Mission accomplished

Mrs Durie’s Dynamic Dependables

This week in maths, we have been revising decimals and have learnt how to add and subtract decimals up to three decimal places. We have also learnt how to convert between fractions, decimals and percentages. Our focus this week in spelling has been on words ending in ‘age’ and this week’s generalisation is for words ending in ‘te’, ‘ce’ or ‘se’, we drop the ‘e’ before adding ‘ion’. We have completed this week’s 100 Word Challenge on Night Zookeeper and some student’s writing has been posted to the site.

On Monday, our class participated in, or were spectators at Bandfest at Warners Bay Performing Arts Centre. The Carrington Rhythm Hunters were amazing! All students were extremely well focussed and performed brilliantly.

This week we had a visit from some Newcastle High School students who talked to us about multiculturalism and how we should embrace and respect different cultures. One of the students, named Lucy, talked about the uniqueness of different cultures and she showed us a PowerPoint presentation of three different cultures; the Japanese, German and African cultures. We then completed a craft activity with the students. It was a very interesting and rewarding presentation.

Mrs Durie
# AWARDS

**K/1 T**  
Finlay  
Benjamin

**1/2**  
Ellie  
Jasper

**3/4**  
Ben Nash

**5/6**  
Hannah  
Alan

## Assembly Awards

Xavier  
Kiara

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## P & C News

### Sale

School shirts  
Buy one get one free!  
Get your new shirt for Presentation Day  
Please see Jane or Ruth

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### Grandparents Day

**Thursday, 22nd October**  
9am - 11am  
Carrington Public School will be celebrating

**Grandparents Day**

Grandparents and Grandfriends are invited to join us on this special day for some good old fashioned family fun, a delicious morning tea and a chance to be fussed over by your adoring Grandchildren!