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PRINCIPAL NEWS

Make Some Noise
It is getting close to our big event at the Town Hall on Tuesday 17th November. Hopefully, many people in the community have bought tickets to come along and support our wonderful drumming bands, The Carrington Public School Port Waratah Drummers and The Carrington Rhythm Hunters as they entertain and demonstrate their talent. It is going to be a wonderful night of entertainment. Performing students will be travelling to the Town Hall on the morning of the concert for rehearsal in preparation for the 6.30pm show. All tickets are on sale at Newcastle High School for a cost of $15.00.

Remembrance Day
As Connelly Oval has been pre-booked and is not available this year, our Remembrance Day Service will be held in the School Hall starting at approximately 10.35am. There will be a morning tea offered in the Library after the assembly. All members of the community are invited and welcomed. I do hope you can join us.

Uniform Update
We are continuing to move forward in the organisation of uniforms for next year. We have been informed that Lowes have recently changed their policy and will now cater for small schools. This would be a very positive direction for us to take as the process will become simpler, easier to manage and more efficient. We are receiving samples of all the pieces we have decided on for the school uniform within the next 10 days. If we move in this direction there would be several benefits. Firstly, 5% of all sales are returned to the school in commission. Secondly, if you become a Lowes member you also receive a 5% discount on every purchase. In addition, three times a year, Lowes runs a 20% discount on all uniforms for all Lowes members. This will reduce the cost dramatically and as a result, they would be much cheaper than what the school could sell them for from other providers. Lowes also allows you to Lay-by and has the advantage that stock will always be on-hand. Membership is free and Lowes will notify you directly when the sales are on. If we go ahead with this option, then the school will run a second-hand uniform clothing pool starting in 2017. I will confirm our arrangements after I view the sample pieces. Thank you for your patience during this process. I am confident that the new uniforms will look very smart.

Great Achievements
It was with a heavy heart this evening that I accepted the resignation of Jane Hunt from the position of President of the P & C Committee. Jane has held this position for the last 2 ½ years and also for about a year before she and her family moved to Switzerland for a time. Under Jane’s presidency the P & C have achieved and established some amazing fund raising events for the school, including Spring Fairs, Trivia Nights, Carrington Village Markets, Roving Dinners etc., etc. While indeed these events have only been so successful because of the hard work and input of the whole community, there can be no denying that Jane’s eye for opportunity, her effort, initiative and drive has been inspirational. Thank you so very much Jane for all your hard work in this role and for your continued commitment to the students of Carrington Public School.
Phil Simpson Memorial
I am pleased to report that the memorial items that we have ordered in memory of our valuable friend and colleague, Phil Simpson, are just about ready for delivery. In Phil’s memory, the P & C have purchased “Phil’s Buddy Bench” as well as a plaque to be attached above the door of the shed. The maintenance shed will then be forever known as “Phil’s Shed”. We are hoping to hold a memorial ceremony on the morning of Thursday 26th November; however, I will confirm this date once I have heard back from Phil’s family.

Warm Regards
Meredith Lindsay

K/1 Honey Bees
Congratulations to kind K/1.
Last week we celebrated the many acts of kindness we see in our classroom. The Kindness Fairy catches students speaking nicely, helping others, sharing and taking turns throughout the day. If you are one of those people you place a pompom into the kindness cup. When the kindness cup is full, we have a Kindness Party and celebrate!

This year we celebrated by preparing our own treats. Students made iced Humpty Dumpty biscuits. They were delicious and colourful. We played games such as statues and musical chairs. We all had a wonderful time!

This week we have a focus on addition and subtraction. We are learning how to bundle groups of ten. We have learnt how to model a number using “ones” and “tens” columns!

Cheers  Mrs Turner

Class 1/2
This week we have been learning about using formal units to measure the lengths of objects, and about the properties of three-dimensional objects. We discovered that using uniform, informal units became too time consuming when measuring the length of objects, and found it was much easier when we used a metre ruler. We explored the ruler and found that 100 centimetres is one metre. We then estimated the length of certain objects in the playground; we then tested our estimation by using the metre ruler, end to end, to measure to find out the actual length.

We explored three-dimensional objects by forming them using play dough. We created cones, cubes, spheres, cylinders and triangular and rectangular prisms. We documented how many faces objects have, what two-dimensional shapes we can see on their faces and whether they roll or slide.

1/2 would also like to thank Col, Jasper and Marina’s grandfather, for coming into our class on Monday to be interviewed by us on what family was like when he was our age. We had lots of questions about who was in his family, the celebrations they had, what games they played, etc. The boys and girls could see that some things have stayed the same in families and also that some things have changed over the years. Thanks again.

Mrs Cunningham
Class 3/4

Year 3-4 have been enjoying their Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) lessons. This week we are learning to think before we talk because we can control what we do and say. The children watch a video on an inspirational young American boy. He calls himself the Kid President. He believes we all need a little encouragement every now and then. Understanding this, he has put together his thoughts to spread some encouragement. His motto is “It's everybody's duty to give the world a reason to dance”. With this in mind, I gave the children the task to promote this week’s PBL focus. The children had to write and then present 3 to 4 lines to encourage others to think before they talk to ensure that we all speak to others in a positive way. The children could do this in the form or a poem, a jingle, a song or however they would like to share their message with the world. I have some very creative children in Class 3-4. We look forward to sharing some of these with others.

Ms Skehan

Mrs Durie’s Dynamic Dependables

This week in Literacy we have been working on improving our editing skills and have been rewriting our narratives, adding adjectives, adverbs and similes to make our writing more interesting. I would like to share Edward’s first paragraph both before and after editing…….

Before Editing …… I was half asleep when someone in first class screamed out that there was a floating island. Everyone gasped at it. It had a scary church and a clock tower. The plane zoomed around it quietly. The captain said “We are going to have to land.”

After Editing…… I was half asleep when someone in first class screamed out “Look, a floating island” as they pointed out the window. Everyone on board the plane gasped in astonishment. It appeared to have a scary church and an enormous clock tower positioned on the centre of it. The plane zoomed around it cautiously.

Suddenly, the plane started gravitating towards the floating island, as if it were a giant magnet.

This week we have been learning that when adding a suffix beginning with a vowel, to a word ending with a ‘y’, you change the ‘y’ to ‘i’ before adding ‘es’, ‘ed’, ‘able’, ‘est’, ‘er’, ‘ance’ or ‘ous’. We have also been completing comprehension assessments and have demonstrated a huge improvement overall.

Mrs Durie

SCHOOL SURVEY

Next week I will be sending home a school survey so that we can do some reflection on what’s working well and what needs improving and gain greater insight into the wants of the community. I would greatly appreciate if you could take the time to complete the survey and add on your thoughts and thinking for the school’s direction.

Your input is most valuable. Thank you very much indeed.

Meredith Lindsay

Office News!

Payments for Excursions/Sport etc.

A reminder to parents that payments to school can be made by cheque, cash or through the Parent on-line Payment system which can be found on our website under the heading “Make a Payment”. All money must be placed in a plastic zip lock bag with your child’s name, class, amount and payment particulars clearly marked on the front and given to the classroom teacher. If money is not enclosed adequately sealed and labelled, the school cannot be responsible for any discrepancies. Please be advised that the office is unable to give change. Thank you for your cooperation.
P & C News

Father’s Day
In September the P & C held its annual Father’s Day Stall. I would like to recognise the wonderful help that was provided from all the volunteers who were able to help on the day. It was so lovely to see some new faces come along. Your help was greatly appreciated. I would also like to acknowledge the generous donations for the stall from 3P Pharmaceuticals and the gift bags supplied to the stall by MGH Packaging at cost price. Every bit helps. We were able to raise $327.50 in contributions to the school. A job well done. Thanks everyone!

Rachel