Words of Wisdom from the Boss

Welcome to our first ever Community Newsletter. We hope that by distributing a community newsletter each term, we can keep everyone informed of the great things happening in and around our school-things that they may like to get involved in.

For those of you who are not directly involved with our school, it is simply one of Newcastle’s best kept secrets. We are a small school with a great community atmosphere. We have fantastic teaching staff and very happy kids. There are many programs on offer - music, debating and drama, just to name a few.

In this newsletter, you will see an overview of things that have been happening over the past few weeks. We also have lots of up-coming events such as Book Week, The Federal Election, Father's Day, a new hall, a new garden with a wood-fired pizza oven and a Spring Fair in October. We have a calendar on our website with all the dates.

As part of Book Week the school has launched its first “Read-a-thon” for many years. We are trying to raise money to purchase a class library for each classroom, new, high-interest books that the kids can use for their daily quiet reading. We are also after special guests for “story-telling”, so if you have a connection with a celebrity of any type, sporting, T.V or radio, please contact the school. We try to make learning as exciting and enjoyable as possible.

I hope you enjoy our first newsletter and remind you that the school always welcomes community volunteers. So if you have a bit of spare time, we would love to hear from you.

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Our Numbers Swell!

We are now taking enrolments for next year and are well and truly planning our class structure for 2011. We have already received many enquiries and to help us to be well prepared for next year, we ask if you have a child or know of a neighbour or friend who has a child of school starting age, i.e. turns 5 by July 31st 2011, please contact the office for an enrolment package.
Carrington Public School National Tree Day 29th July, 2010
National Tree Day is a day that schools, community groups and individuals plant trees and shrubs native to their local area. It is important for all Australians to help out by planting and caring for native trees and shrubs to improve the environment.

Bunnings donated thirty trees to our school for us to participate in National Tree Day. All the children were involved in the planting with the assistance of Will, Jenny and Rhiannan from Bunnings. Our students had a great time planting our trees at the front of the school. The native plants provided were Banksia's, Paperback and Bottlebrush trees. We were also presented with fertiliser, Seasol, four spades and watering cans to help with our future gardening projects.

Two Carrington Stalwarts receive recognition
A very big congratulations to Heather Murray and Shirley Smith on receiving Commonwealth Government Volunteers Awards last Wednesday. The award ceremony was held at South’s Leagues Club and the awards were presented by Federal Member for Newcastle Sharon Grierson. The girls were nominated for the tireless support they give our school.

Please join with the school in congratulating them.

Carrington Community Supporting our School!
A very big thank you to Jacko and his crew from the Seven Seas who organised a social touch footy day recently, which raised in excess of $1000.00 for our children. Our very own Principal was the referee and Miss Lindsay starred in a team (watch out Benjie Marshall). Mrs Blatchford had a swear jar which also produced quite a substantial profit for the school. As well as a footy day, regular raffles are held and proceeds ($150.00) from them was also handed over to Mrs Blatchford.

Thank you!
Thank you very much to Courtney Sewell, a Carrington community member who found a tennis note and $10 belonging to one of our students on the path near the Criterion and returned it to school. It is wonderful to see such honesty! Thanks again Courtney!

Tim Tam Tuesday!!
Tim Tam Tuesday (formerly Homework Club) has started at our school on Tuesday afternoons’ from 3.00pm until 4.00pm. We have a wonderful student teacher Mr David Drews supervising the students. There is help completing homework, accessing the computer for research and educational games. Students can also access the library for reading. Local community members are welcome to come...
and access the computers for research or to simply sit and read a book to the children or better still have them read to you! Please bring some afternoon tea. Places are limited so please contact the school on 49693707 to register.

The Army Comes To Town!!
Recently our students had the opportunity to get up close and personal our front line weapons used in war. Two **Black Hawk** helicopters landed on Connelly Oval to deliver troops. The army is completing training exercises off Nobby’s and will be using Connelly as a base to land the helicopters. “We love coming to Newcastle, the people are so friendly and Carrington is such a beautiful place. I wish I lived here”, an Army spokesperson said.

Our Students Shine at Regional Education Week Ceremony
Four CPS students played significant roles in the recent Education Week Ceremony held at Christ Church Cathedral. Laura, Cheyenna, Jake and Jett took on the role of ushers and were part of the offering ceremony. Mrs Coburn transported the students and she was very proud of them all. We saw Mr Metcalf and he was also proud and a little bit jealous!

“Muddy Tintig”
Education Week saw the newest member of the Carrington PS family officially opened. “Muddy Tintig” (Awabakal for Crab) is a huge mosaiced crab perched on top at 7m shipping stanchion. Local artist Angie Parkes created the sculpture and our students were responsible for the mosaics. Newcastle Port Corporation donated the pole. We now have 1 bunny, 12 fish and a whopper of a crab!

Book Weeks
Yes that’s right, we have that much on we have to spread it across two weeks. Week 1, Monday 16th August we have a Read-a-thon launch. On Tuesday Author D. C. Green visited the school to talk to budding young authors on tricks of writing funny, witty books. On Thursday August 19th some students from Kinder to Yr 2 attended a performance of “Wombat Stew” at the Civic Theatre. P.J. Day is Friday 20th, on this day all students and staff wear their PJ’s to school and bring along their favourite book. So, if you saw us in our PJ’s, we haven’t just gotten out of bed!
The following Tuesday we have our annual Book Fair and parade. Students will come dressed as their favourite book character and visit the fair where they have the opportunity to purchase books (and even one for the school).
Students in Kinder to Year 2 are taking part in a colouring competition while students Year 3 to 6 are designing a poster to advertise Book Week. On Thursday 26th and Friday 27th our students are visiting the Regional library to see a play and talk to an illustrator. As you can see we are always very busy at CPS.

Athletics Carnival!
Finally last Friday, August 13th (on the fourth attempt) we got to have our Athletics Carnival. The day was sunny albeit cold and windy. The students had plenty of strong competition in the races and lots of fun in the novelty events. There was the hammer throw, obstacle race, discus and javelin. Many thanks to our hard working P&C for organising a cake stall and hot spag bol. and soup to purchase for lunch. Jorji was named Junior Girl Champion; Justin was named Junior Boy Champion, Cheyanna Senior Girl Champion and Tom Senior Boy Champion. We had a pre-school race, a parents and even grandparent race. Congratulations to all who participated with great enthusiasm and a big thank you to Mrs Lisa Hoar for organising the day.

What age does the program cater for?
KU Inner Newcastle Supported Playgroups provide programs for children aged from birth to 6 years of age.

How much does it cost?
No fees are charged for your participation in this program.

Do I need to stay with my child at the program?
Yes, you must remain with your child while they are involved in the program.

Operating hours and locations:
We are located in 4 Inner Newcastle Local Primary Schools:
Mayfield East, Carrington, Tighes Hill, Islington.

Please contact the Coordinator for further information.
T:0407493227

Our Staff answer the tough questions!

Name
Megan Asquith
Position
Kinder teacher
Where were you born?
Sunny Cessnock
What is your favourite food?
Chocolate, chocolate and chocolate
Childhood Hero
My mum
Favourite Holiday
Snowboarding.
What do you like most about Carrington School?
I love the close community involvement.