

Carrington Chatter

News from Carrington Primary School Knoxfield



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Children are supervised only between the hours of 8.45am and 3.45pm unless attending the Carrington Outside School Hours Care Program. Registration forms for this program are available from the office. Please ensure you update your records at the school office and also with OSHC staff. OSHC Mobile 0419 889 253

Wednesday 19th February

Bayswater District Swimming Trials – selected Year 4-6 students-
Croydon Memorial Pool from Noon-



Tuesday 25th February

Unconditional Love Foundation (animal therapy) begins F-3

Friday 28th February

Curriculum Day



EVERY STUDENT SHOULD:

✓ **HAVE A REFILLABLE WATER BOTTLE. EVERY DAY**

✓ **BE WEARING THEIR SCHOOL HAT WHEN OUTSIDE, AS WE ARE A SUNSMART SCHOOL**



Every Wednesday in February Prep (Foundation) students do NOT attend school.



is back every **Wednesday** and **Friday!!!** in the **school staffroom**. Doors open for service **8.30**. Come and have a delicious Breakie

with your friends! See you there!

Term 1 - Monday 27th Jan – 4th April

Tuesday 4 th March	Unconditional Love Foundation (animal therapy) F-3
Monday 10 th March	Labour Day
Tuesday 11 th March	Unconditional Love Foundation (animal therapy) F-3
Wed. 12 th March	Knox Division Swimming
Wed. 12 th March – Monday 24 th March	NAPLAN testing window (Year 3 and Year 5 only)
Thursday 13 th March	Whole school Music Incursion and lessons
Wed. 19 th March	2025 Badge Ceremony
Friday 21 st March	Harmony Day
Friday 21 st March	Winter – inter-school sport
Monday 24 th March	First Aid in Schools (whole school)
Friday 4 th April	End of Term 1 - 2:30pm finish



STAR STUDENT

presented at assembly
Wednesday 19th February 2025

F1C	Lachy <i>For showing great determination and persistence in his letter writing.</i>
23N	Isla <i>For consistently trying to do her best in all that she does and for being an amazing teacher assistant in the mornings.</i>
45M	Xavier <i>For being determined to do his best in all subjects</i>
6M	Luke T <i>For his warm, caring and welcoming attitude, especially to our new students</i>
STREAM	Chase <i>For demonstrating great determination in creating a car out of K'nex.</i>



Words from our Principal on the job – Brett Speed

It has been a very busy start to the year with classrooms a hive of activity. Routines and structures are clearly in place with students eagerly arriving each morning to commence their learning day. Please come in and look around your child's classroom before or after school to see their learning environment and the work being completed each day.

We have had some hotter days in the past few weeks and as a result modified the learning timetable to ensure students can access a break at the cooler part of the day. Please continue to support your child wearing appropriate clothing for the conditions and having access to a water bottle each day.

PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS:

It was great to see so many families engaging with our Parent/Teacher interviews this past week. These opportunities build the home-school partnership and provide an open communication channel. There will be additional opportunities to

discuss your child's progress throughout the year.

ATTENDANCE IN FOCUS:

This year we are focusing on 100% class attendance each day. When a class has everyone on-site, a token will be created. The classroom with the highest number of 100% days at the end of term will win a special reward! This has generated quite a buzz around the school. Everyday counts!

We know the importance of being at school each day – learning new skills, developing social relationships and working collaboratively with others. We are also aware that there are situations and events they can affect daily attendance. If your child is going to be absent for a medical appointment, illness or family reason, please contact the office on 9763 9600 or enter the absence through the Parent Portal on Sentral.

STUDENT LEADERSHIP:

Students across the school have been busy writing letters and preparing speeches for our 2025 leadership positions. A wide range of roles have now been finalised, with several still to be appointed. Thank you to all the students that have applied thus far. We will be holding our 2025 Badge Ceremony later this term. Congratulations to the following students:

TRIBE Captains	
Wurundjeri	Jai
Boonwurrung	Hunter
Taungurung	Arina
Kurnai	Ollie
Environment Captain	Soph
Art Captain	Miles
Junior School Council President	Ashley
Junior School Councillors	Micah Vera Mackenzie Xavier Rena

KINDNESS:

In our classes our staff and students have been talking about the positive impact that kindness can have on others through circle time. Words and actions play a big role in social development, with kindness a key component. We highlight students in class and within the yard being kind to others by sharing, helping others or displaying gratitude through our classroom dojo rewards.

CURRICULUM DAY:

On Friday 28th February CPS staff will be having a professional learning day (Curriculum Day) around restorative practices. This will be a great opportunity for staff to connect with Cassie from Real Schools to further strengthen the work we have been doing.

If you require OSHC on this day, please ensure you contact the school office to arrange a booking. If there is minimal interest to run the program, OSHC may not be offered.

STAFFING:

As outlined in previous communications we welcome two new staff to Carrington for 2025.



Miss Brittany McGinley joins us in the Mental Health and Well-being Leadership role and will work across the school to support new initiatives, policies and procedures.

Miss Akshara Vivekananthan (Miss V) has also joined the team, releasing curriculum leaders on Thursday and also working in the Foundation/Year 1 classroom on a Friday.



Please make them both feel welcome when you see them.

STREAM SNAPSHOT – Miss Colla



In STREAM, students co-created class expectations and how we are going to treat each other. Using student voices, they provided different topics and lessons they would like to see happen in STREAM. Students then showed off their creativity using K'Nex, Lego, Bluebots or building blocks. It was wonderful to see great teamwork and determination across the school.



Over the term the different classes will investigate different topics.

6M: Space and Planets

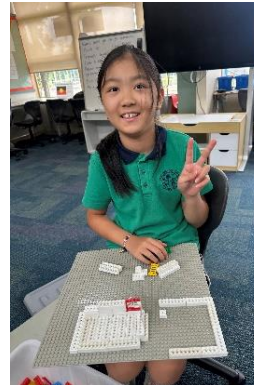
4/5M: Day and Night

2/3N: Characteristics and uses of materials

P/1C: Materials in everyday life



I look forward to watching the students' curiosity blossom and explore the world of science over this term.



Have a nice Weekend



What been happening OSHC since term has started. We are still in the staff room and library but it looks e will be back in the OSHC room soon.

Thursday morning is Special breakfast Thursday's at OSHC.

This week we made waffles....

In the past we have made Chinese New Year Pancake snakes, savoury muffins, cheese scones, and pancakes. We are open to suggestions.



If you would like to book in to come along to OSHC. Please book in via Playground or pop in and see Mrs Hartley in the office.

Thank you, Kane & Jane



If you have a question no matter how small please do not hesitate to ask. Sue in the office will find the answer.

Wellbeing Snapshot – Miss Jane

What an exciting start to our wellbeing groups.



We have started with "What makes a good friend?"

All the girls came up with some great responses.

"Someone who can keep a secret!"

"Someone who helps me if I'm hurt"

"Someone who tells me the truth."

"Be kind."

Over the next couple of weeks we will be looking at gratitude and how to show it.



In the coming weeks we are going to experience some very warm weather. Please ensure your child is dressed appropriately for the conditions and has a water bottle each day. In repeated hot weather the school will change the timetable around to support the students and staff. School hats are to be worn outside and are available for purchase from the office.

- Slouch (wide brim)
- Reverse bucket (bucket)

CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)

School camps provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors. Excursions encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works while sports teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are a part of a healthy curriculum.

CSEF is provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. A special consideration category also exists for asylum seeker and refugee families. The allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student is:

- \$154 for primary school students
- \$256 for secondary school students

HOW TO APPLY

New applicants should contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from the website below.

If you applied for CSEF at your child's school last year, you do not need to complete an application form this year unless there has been a change in your family circumstances.

You only need to complete an application form if any of the following changes have occurred:

- **new student enrolments:** your child has started or changed schools this year.
- **changed family circumstances:** such as a change of custody, change of name, concession card number, or new siblings commencing this year.

Check with the school office if you are unsure

Supporting Anxious Children



**Does your child worry, feel anxious or seem stressed at times?
Gain a greater understanding of anxiety and strategies to support your child.**

Parents, carers and early childhood professionals are invited to attend FREE online information sessions.

Presented by Anxiety Recovery Centre Victoria, this session will cover:

- Understanding anxiety and normal childhood development
- Identify signs and symptoms in your children
- Types of anxiety disorders
- What's helpful and not helpful
- Methods and strategies to support your children
- Where to go for more information/support



Time: 7.30pm – 8.30pm

- **Monday 17th February** – for parents and carers of children aged 0-6 years
- **Thursday 20th February** – for parents and carers of primary school aged children
- **Wednesday 5th March** – for parents and carers of secondary school aged children

Booking required.

www.trybooking.com/CXQDN

For further information

Michelle Lehmann

Family and Children's Services

earlyyears@yarraranges.vic.gov.au

1300 368 333



The Junior School Snapshot

Welcome back to the Junior School Snapshot. It has been fantastic to see all the students' smiling faces back at school. Across the school, they have settled back into classroom routines amazingly. Miss Nink and Miss Colla are so proud of how they have all returned. We look forward to the year ahead. We would like to welcome our new families into our community with Foundation students beginning their first year of school. Some new faces have popped into 2/3 as well including international students. Many friendships have blossomed between new and old peers. It has been amazing to see everyone showing our school values, both in the classroom and in the yard. Students have shown great determination in their classroom work, ensuring they are displaying their personal best. Please ensure to check the newsletter for any upcoming dates or updates.

Here are some other highlights from our classroom:

Literacy

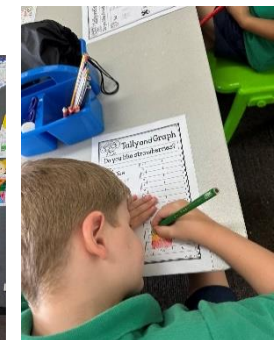
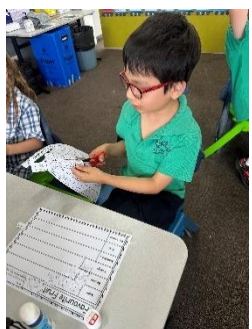
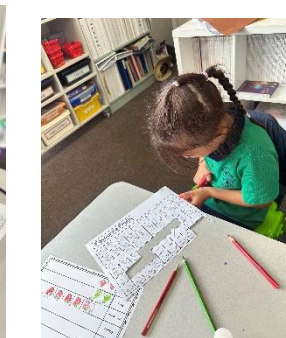
- Listening Larry
- Reading routines in the morning
- Name practice
- Letters s, a, t, p, i, n, m, g
- Procedure – Fairy Bread

Numeracy

- Calendars – focusing on months, days of the week and seasons in a year.
- Graphing – collecting data and demonstrating them in different graph formats.

Integrated Studies

- Respectful Relationships – Emotional Literacy
- Zones of Regulation – Green and Red Zone
- School Values – Personal Best and Respect
- Buddies
- Valentine's Day



Senior Snapshot

Welcome back to another school year in Senior School! We have lots of fun activities and learning to do this year and are excited for the journey we will take together.



In **Reading** we have been exploring the structure of a narrative. Using a range of stories, students learnt how stories can be sequenced and the importance of narrative structure.



In **Writing** we have delved into sentence structure and how to form and create simple, complex and compound sentences. We have revised the required elements of a sentence (a subject, a verb and a complete thought), as well as types of punctuation, conjunctions and adjectives that we can use in our sentences.

In **Maths** students have been consolidating their knowledge of time. This has involved creating timetables, diaries for important dates, time vocabulary and working out elapsed time.

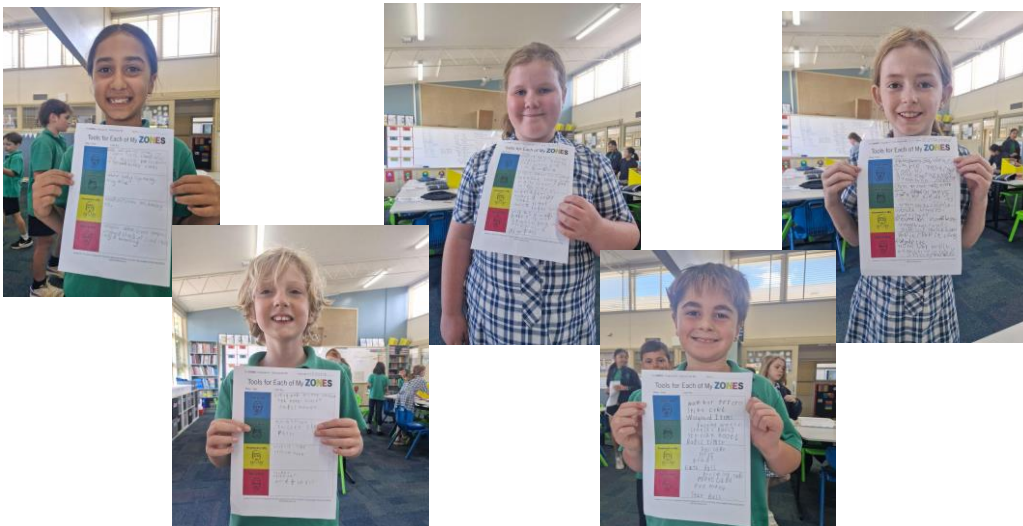


Integrated Studies has started with lots of classroom start of year activities that involve learning routines and expectations that will set the grade up for success, such as room orientation, classroom culture development, as well as 'getting-to-know-you' and relationship building activities. We have also revised the Zones of Regulation and different calming strategies.



This year, **Senior Sport** will take place on a **Monday** to support the student's learning in PE, build school community and help prepare them for a wide range of Interschool Sport opportunities available this year.

We have been fortunate enough to have a handful of International **Students** visit our school from China to start the year. They have been a welcome addition to our classrooms, bringing new and unique perspectives to our school.





Emotion Focused Parenting

A free program for parents of primary school aged children

Would you like tips and strategies to :

- Deal with strong emotions such as anxiety and anger.
- Help your child learn to manage their emotions and deal with conflict?
- Manage challenging behaviours?

WHEN: Tuesdays (6 afternoon sessions)
25th February - 1st April 2025

TIME: 12.30pm - 2.30pm

WHERE: Online - Via Zoom

COST: Free of charge for parents in the Eastern Suburbs of Melbourne

BOOKINGS: [Click Here to Book](#)

QUESTIONS? Contact Julia on 9721 3629
or 0400 866 495

Children with emotional intelligence:

- Have greater success with making and keeping friends
- Show improved concentration at school
- Have fewer illnesses



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Commencing Tuesday, 4 March (6 Weeks)
5:15pm - 6:15pm



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Janita Hackett
0438 844 489

hookin2hockey@knoxhockeyclub.com.au

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Instructors: Toni Coates, Eddie Kadic, Tia Rodrigues, Joseph Vu



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U8 GIRLS *FULL*

U13 BOYS *LIMITED SPOTS*

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U14 BOYS *LIMITED SPOTS*

U14 GIRLS *LIMITED SPOTS*

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