

# 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



**EVERY STUDENT SHOULD:**  
✓ **HAVE A REFILLABLE WATER BOTTLE. EVERY DAY**

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



**Friday 28<sup>th</sup> February**  
It's School Council election time once again and we encourage parents, to nominate for our **School Council. Nomination forms are available at the office.**

**Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> March**  
Unconditional Love Foundation (animal therapy) F-3

Hockey Clinics -whole school



**Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> March** 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!

**Friday 7<sup>th</sup> March**

School Council Nominations Close 4pm

**Monday 10<sup>th</sup> March**

**Labour Day**

**Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> March**

Unconditional Love Foundation (animal therapy) F-3

**Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> March**

Knox Division Swimming for qualified swimmers



NAPLAN testing window begins (Year 3 & 5 only) until the 24<sup>th</sup> March

**Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> March**

Whole school Music incursion and lessons

Term 1 - Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> Jan – 4 <sup>th</sup> April	
Wed. 19 <sup>th</sup> March	2025 Badge Ceremony
Wed 19 <sup>th</sup> March	Issue 2 Scholastic Book Club closes
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> March	Winter – inter-school sport
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> March	First Aid in Schools (whole school)
Wed 26 <sup>th</sup> March	Spirit Day/harmony Day
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> April	End of Term 1 - 2:30pm finish

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# STAR STUDENT

presented at assembly  
Wednesday 5<sup>TH</sup> March 2025



**Words from our Principal on the job** – Brett Speed

We have hit the mid-point of the term with 5 weeks having now passed. Classrooms are a hive of learning activity with hands on activities at the core. If you are yet to visit your child’s classroom, please feel welcome to come in and look at the learning occurring each day. Our displays are being updated frequently showcasing the work being done in classes.

### CURRICULUM DAY:

Staff spent the day working with Cassie from Real Schools building on our restorative practice knowledge. It was great for staff to have additional strategies and supports to implement within our school. Next Friday Cassie will return to Carrington to support both students and staff in classrooms working through circles, affirmations and conflict resolution strategies.

### UNCONDITIONAL LOVE FOUNDATION:

It was fantastic to welcome back Leah and Pippen this week for our animal-based therapies. Students in Foundation-Year 3 spent time discussing emotions and reactions and even had the opportunity to role play. There were a lot of giggles at some of the overexaggerations. We look forward to having Leah and Pippen work with us each week until the end of Term 1.

### BAYSWATER DISTRICT SWIMMING:

Senior students from Carrington participated in the Bayswater District Swimming Carnival last week. Levi and Ashley represented the school very well and competed against strong opposition from local schools.

Levi T



1<sup>st</sup> in 11-year-old Breaststroke  
1<sup>st</sup> in 11-year-old Butterfly  
2<sup>nd</sup> in 11-year-old Backstroke  
3<sup>rd</sup> in 11-year-old Freestyle

Ashley



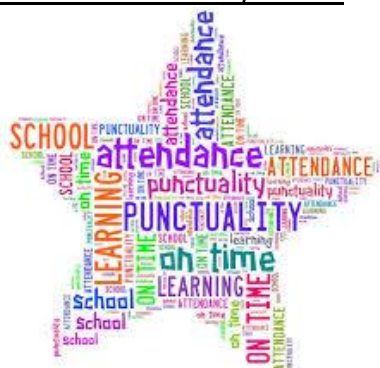
5<sup>th</sup> in 11-year-old Freestyle

<b>F1C</b>	<b>Ethan</b> <i>For demonstrating great determination through all his work.</i>
<b>23N</b>	<b>Angus</b> <i>For his amazing weekend recount about going to the racetrack.</i>
<b>45M</b>	<b>Hunter</b> <i>for using his personal best to complete all tasks and actively help whenever he can.</i>
<b>6M</b>	<b>Danbi</b> <i>For her hard work and determination during learning.</i>
<b>STREAM</b>	<b>Paval</b> <i>For showing great imagination when creating a model of the solar system.</i>
<b>PE</b>	<b>Kassius</b> <i>For displaying strong movement skills, and his behaviour has been exemplary throughout the start of this term</i>
<b>ART</b>	<b>Xavier 4/5-</b> <i>for his commitment to getting his art work completed and the beautiful work he makes.</i>  <b>Thomas F/1-</b> <i>for having a go at all artwork and his positive attitude.</i>  <b>Addy 2/3-</b> <i>for their careful colour mixing and table printing. You created some interesting work.</i>
<b>MUSIC</b>	<b>Chase 6-</b> <i>for his positive attitude to visual and performing arts. What an awesome attitude.</i> <b>Madilyn F/1-</b> <i>for the awesome questions and singing you put into every music class.</i>

Congratulations to both students for having a go. Levi will represent the school at Division Swimming in the coming weeks.

### ATTENDANCE:

Our classes continue to compete for daily 100% attendance. It is great to see the excitement at assemblies when the leading class is announced. At the end of term the class with the most days will win a special reward. Everyday counts! 😊  
Current leader – Foundation/Year 1



### Building positive attendance habits

You can help build positive attendance habits by:

- helping your child learn the importance of punctuality and routine
- making sure your child arrives on time from the start of the school day, ready to take part
- making sure any holidays or medical appointments are taken outside school hours where practical
- working with the school to encourage and support regular attendance.

### WORK EXPERIENCE:

We are currently hosting a Secondary School placement for work experience each Friday. Alannah will be working throughout the school building skills and knowledge in preparation of future studies. Please make her feel welcome.

### PARKING REMINDERS:

There have been several close calls with students running through the car park before and after school. The car park is not a safe entrance, nor should it be used by families during drop off and pick up time. As a small school, we have ample parking surround the school along Laura Road, Rickards Avenue and Harley Street Noth. Please be mindful, courteous and patient to ensure the safety of all students, parents and staff.

### STUDENT LEADERSHIP:

It was great to see our **School Captains** – Charlotte and Pavel – lead their first assembly at Carrington. They were fantastic role models to our school community, and we look forward to seeing them build upon their skills throughout the year.



**Junior School Council** surveyed and actioned a range of lunch-time clubs for students to participate in. Posters have been created and will be shared with families to ensure children know date, time and location of each club.

**Sports Captains** were busy creating a summary of sporting events and highlighting future ones. In the coming week they will be arranging equipment for students to borrow/return each break time. They will also be supporting lunch-time clubs including Madhouse.

### THE 2025 COUNCIL ELECTION PROCESS.

Nomination Forms may now be obtained from the school office and must be lodged at the office no later than 4pm on Friday 7th March.

Following the close of nominations, a list of nominations received will be posted. An election will then be conducted (if the number of nominations exceeds the number of vacancies). The terms of office, membership categories and numbers of positions in each membership category open for election are as follows:

#### Parent Member

Number of Positions: 4

Term of Office: From the day after the declaration of the poll in 2025 to, and inclusive of, the date of the declaration of the poll in 2027.

## DET Employee Member

Number of Positions 1

Term of Office: From the day after the declaration of the poll in 2025 to, and inclusive of, the date of the declaration of the poll in 2027.

## Continuing Council Members

The following Members will continue to serve on School Council throughout 2025:

Principal / Executive Officer: **Brett Speed**

Parent Members: **Rebecca Doyle**

Co-opted Member: **David MacLeod**

DET Members:

**Jennifer Marsden & David Michalowsky**

Please consider supporting Carrington Primary School in becoming a representative on school council. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask.



## Sports Report by Chase & Levi

The students that went to Swimming were Levi and Ashley. They both did a great job representing our school. Ashley competed in freestyle and came 5th. Levi placed 1st in breaststroke, 1st in butterfly, 2nd in backstroke and 3rd in freestyle.

IN PE and SPORT THE 4,5 AND 6s HAVE BEEN DOING...

Pickleball, T-ball, Netball and Soccer.

We are practicing for our inter-school round robin coming up on March 21st.

- Tee-ball: we have been setting up hitting and throwing drills, and playing mini games.
- Soccer: foot coordination and passing skills, and playing mini games.
- Netball: going through the rules of netball, stopping, passing and shooting.

The juniors have been playing mini games that help their hand - eye coordination in the hall.

## PE Report – Mr Walsh

Term 1 Week 4 & 5

Our students in Grades 4 - 6 have been completing activities contributing to Interschool



Sport practice. The students will compete in Tee-ball, Soccer and Netball on Friday 21st March. We are focusing on teamwork, fair play and game sense development throughout all sporting experiences. Well done to all for a great start to the term.

Our students in Grades 1-3 (preps will start PE on Wednesday's next week!) have been practicing their Fundamental Motor Skills, refining their skills and executing them with a focus on hand-eye coordination to get the year started!



Again, well done to all students for a great start to the term!

## STREAM SNAPSHOT – Miss Colla

In STREAM, grade 6 students developed their knowledge of the planets in the solar system. They created different demonstrations of their understanding of movement via K'nex, iPad or drawing and labeling.

Grade 4 and 5 students explored how night and day are created with both the sun and rotation. They had great discussions on earthquakes and tornados and developing the understanding that rotation does not create those.

In STREAM for 2/3 students, they have focused on different materials. Students have developed their knowledge of all materials and sorting them based on its colour characteristics.

Prep/1 students have been investigating materials and developing their knowledge of what makes different items around the world. Students looked at different items – made up of metal.



It is so exciting we are finally back in the OSHC room. Kane and I have been very busy redecorating our room and putting our wildlife plans into place.

This week we made fruit smoothies and green pancakes for special breakfast.



Over the next coming weeks, we will be making sloths, arctic foxes, and turtles.

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.

Regards, Kane & Jane

## 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

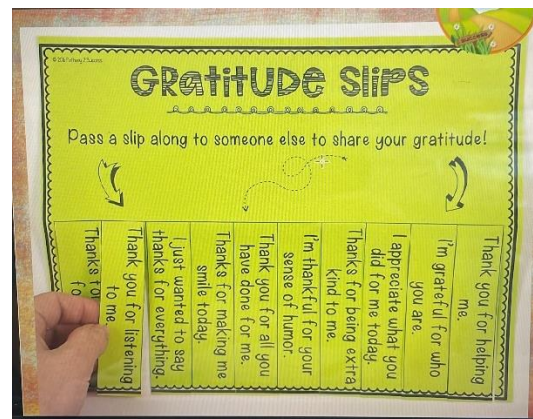
## Wellbeing Snapshot – Miss Jane



Gratitude! What is it?

The Oxford dictionary "The quality of being thankful; readiness to show appreciation for and to return kindness."

In well-being over the past 2 weeks we have been exploring how we show gratitude to others without wanting anything back. We have set the 5-finger gratitude challenge and made gratitude slips.



All our participants understood the meaning of thankfulness.

I hope they have been sharing their learning with you.

## 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

# The Junior School Snapshot

Wow how time has flown by this term. We can't believe that we are already halfway through Term 1. Miss Colla and Miss Nink are so proud of all the students and how they have been showing persistence in all their learning. Over the last 2 weeks, there have been many highlights in the classroom, and we welcome you to come in and see all the wonderful work up on display. Both classes participated in procedure writing by creating caterpillar cookies. Students were introduced to Pippin from the Unconditional Love Foundation. Pippin the dog will be visiting us for rest of the term on Tuesdays. Over the next couple of weeks we will be have various PE clinics including hockey and basketball to look forward to. For our grade 3 students, Naplan will be on in the next few weeks. Any questions, please don't hesitate to contact us. We look forward to the rest of term.

Here are some other highlights from our classroom:

## Literacy

- Listening Larry
- Reading routines in the morning
- Persuasive writing
- Recounts
- Letters o, f, c, k, e and r
- Procedure – Caterpillar Cookies

## Numeracy

- Counting – focusing on counting in patterns of 1s, 2s, 5s, 10s
- Place value – creating understanding of the place value columns

## Integrated Studies

- Respectful Relationships – Emotion Literacy
- Zones of Regulation – Yellow and Blue Zone
- School Values – Determination and Inclusion
- Buddies
- Unconditional Love Foundation – Animal Based therapy



# Senior Snapshot

In **Reading** we have been exploring the more elements of narratives. Students have also looked at what good readers do.



In **Writing** we have continued to look at narrative writing. Students have had a chance to plan and write narratives. Additionally, we have also reinforced the use of capital letters and boundary punctuation in our sentences.



In **Maths** students have been building their understanding of place value. This core mathematical concept underpins the entire number system. Students have also practiced their multiplication skills as part of their homework and in warm up activities.



**Integrated Studies** has seen us continue to revise the Zones of Regulation and different calming strategies, as well as look at our school values. Students have started to explore food production and where food comes from, which will start to be a focus later in the term.

In **Senior Sport** students have participated in a range of sports, including tee ball, netball, soccer and pickleball. Tee-ball, netball and soccer teams have been created for interschool sport, and the teams are currently practicing their skills in the lead up to the event.



**Homework** was distributed last week for the first time, and was due back on Wednesday. We are extremely impressed with the efforts of students with their homework. As a reminder, homework is handed out on a Friday and is due on the following Wednesday. Diaries are still checked on a Friday for reading.



# FORM 2: NOTICE OF ELECTION AND CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

(Formerly Schedule 4: Notice of Election and Call for Nomination)

An election is to be conducted for members of the school council of Carrington Primary School.

**Nomination forms may be obtained from the school and must be lodged by 4.00 pm on:**

**07/03/2025 (insert day, month and year).**

The ballot will close at 4.00 pm on: 21/03/2025(if necessary).

Following the closing of nominations a list of the nominations received will be posted at the school.

The terms of office, membership categories and number of positions in each membership category open for election are as follows:

MEMBERSHIP CATEGORY	TERM OF OFFICE	NUMBER OF POSITIONS
Parent member	From the day after the date of the declaration of the poll in 2025 to and inclusive of the date of the declaration of poll in 2027	4
School employee member	From the day after the date of the declaration of the poll in 2025 to and inclusive of the date of the declaration of poll in 2027	1

If the number of nominations is less than the number of vacancies, a notice to that effect and calling for further nominations will be posted in a prominent position at the school.

Brett Speed  
Principal

# HOOK in 2 HOCKEY!

## KNOX HOCKEY CLUB

FIRST SESSION IS FREE!  
ALL EQUIPMENT PROVIDED!



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



**Knox Hockey Club** - Wantirna Reserve  
61 Mountain Hwy, Wantirna



Janita Hackett  
0438 844 489

[hookin2hockey@knoxhockeyclub.com.au](mailto:hookin2hockey@knoxhockeyclub.com.au)

SCAN ME





**nab AFL Auskick**

**GOOD CLEAN FUN**

**PLAY.AFL/AUSKICK**

**Rowville Knights / Scoresby Auskick Centre**

<b>Fridays 5:30pm</b>	<b>Saturdays 9am</b>
<b>Starting May 2nd</b>	<b>Starting May 3rd</b>
<b>Scoresby Recreation Reserve</b>	<b>Liberty Reserve, Rowville</b>



