Hi everyone,

You may have noticed that there was no article from me in last week’s Newsletter. I didn’t forget!!! We have decided to include my article in every second newsletter. So here’s the next instalment!

**Merricks Camp**

I visited our 5/6 campers on Tuesday morning and they were all looking fit and healthy – a few were a little bleary eyed. I was there for room inspection – somehow the boys’ rooms didn’t score quite as high as the girls’ rooms – with one exception!!!

I was impressed with the facilities and the grounds and the activities. The kids won’t have time to get bored – that’s for sure!!! After getting the instructions for the session they headed off to raft making and orienteering.

**School Council Elections**

I am pleased to announce that School Council membership for 2016 has been finalised and that the number of nominations matched the number of vacancies, meaning that there is no need to run an election.

Welcome to Louise Childs and Sophie Simpfendorfer and welcome back Michael Ioviero, Melissa Galland,
Emily Egan and Mandy Carmichael.

Jaime Rae, Kate Kennedy, Marcus Mulcahy and Steve Watlings are starting the second year of their term of office.

I would like to acknowledge the retiring Councillors - Scott Rosicka, Lisa Chapman and especially Janette Coates who has been the School Council President for the past two years.

Thank you for contribution to our school community over the years and your dedication to improving the education of our students.

We will be thanking our retiring School Council members and welcoming the new at our First Meeting of School Council on Wednesday, 9th March at 6.30pm.

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**Information from the Department**

**Personal Goods Brought to School at Owner’s Risk**

Personal property is often brought to school by students, staff and visitors. This can include mobile phones, calculators, toys, sporting equipment and cars parked on school premises. Please note that the Department does not hold insurance for personal property brought to schools and it has no capacity to pay for any loss or damage to such property. Private property brought to school by students, staff or visitors is not insured and the Department does not accept any responsibility for any loss or damage. Please consider this carefully if intending to bring unnecessary or particularly valuable items to school.
Student Accident Insurance

Schools are reminded that the Department does not provide personal accident insurance or ambulance cover for students. Parents and guardians of students, who do not have student accident insurance / ambulance cover, are responsible for paying the cost of medical treatment for injured students, including the cost of ambulance attendance / transport and any other transport costs.

In some circumstances, medical or other expenses will be paid by the Department where it is assessed that it is likely that the Department is liable for negligent (careless) acts or omissions of its staff / volunteers.

Student accident insurance policies are available from some commercial insurers. These cover a range of medical expenses not covered by Medicare or private health insurance. They can be obtained by parents for individual students.

The Department cannot advise parents/guardians on whether to purchase accident policy / ambulance cover, or which policy to purchase. It is recommended that assistance is sought with an insurance broker or a suitable personal accident insurer in the Yellow Pages or online.

Fundraising

The monies from recent and future fundraising events are being assigned to the payment of a “Friendship” seat to honour Alana O’Neil. The anticipated cost of this seat is around $3000. Since the start of Term 4 last year we have already raised just on $1300. Monies raised at the upcoming ‘Welcome to 2016 Family Night’ and the ‘Beach-a-Thon’ will enable the seat to be erected as soon as possible. The School Council Fundraising subcommittee will decide by the end of this term what the next project for school fundraising will be. Watch this space!!!
Information Nights
Thanks to all parents who came to the Information Nights held over the past couple of weeks. I hope you found the information valuable. Remember that our staff value the link between school and home are keen to work with you to support your child so please contact them (or myself) if you have any queries.

Essential Items Payments Reminder
To date, we have received 68% of the Essential Items payment that was a part of this year’s booklist. If you have not already done so, could you please contact the office to arrange payment.

This money supports our Computer/ICT program, whole class materials and the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden. These are all programs that help identify Carrum within the community and they need to be amply resourced to continue at the standard that we are proud of.

Cheers, Lois Weldon. Acting Principal
Three Cheers for our Birthday Stars!

15/2  Jack 12J
     Phoenix 34W
17/2  Mitch 56S
19/2  Maddison 56S
21/2  Gus 12D
     Max 34F
     Gabbee 56C
WELCOME TO 2016!

Carrum Primary School
Friday, 26 February
5pm-8pm

Hey folks, you’re invited to our Carrum PS ‘WELCOME TO 2016’ Celebration on Friday, 26 February from 5-8pm. It's a Massive BBQ Cook-Up, Disc Spinning DJ, Cakes & Bakes, Break Dancing Goats, Kids, Families. It's a big Carrum PS 2016 kick-start! Join us!!
Beachathon 2016

Our annual Beachathon will be held on Thursday the 10th of March in front of the Carrum Surf Life Saving Club.

Sponsorship forms will be sent home this week. We would appreciate it if you could collect Sponsors before the Beachathon.

If you know of any businesses that would like to help out by sponsoring us, please let Marianne know at the office. Peter Sjaardema has volunteered to co-ordinate the sausage sizzle so if you would like to help him please leave your name at the office.

Happy Sponsor Collecting!

Zac Vansittart & Julie Shaw
Book Club

Reading has never been more fun!

Book Club is up and running again. If you would like to purchase something from the catalogue please have your order and money returned to the office by Friday 26th of February.

CARRUM CRICKET CLUB GIRLS T20 BLAST

For all girls aged 8-16, bring a friend or two

When: Tuesday 1st March  
Where: Roy Dore Reserve Carrum  
Time: 5pm  
Contact: John Mitchell (Junior Cricket Club President)  
Email: jwmkff@outlook.com

Register via the above email or SMS John on 0420770966

Free sausage sizzle for all participants

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Friday 4 March
Friday 11 March
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