FROM THE PRINCIPAL

END OF TERM

Today is the end of Term 1, and to say that it has been a strange term would be an understatement. What began as a normal start to the term, has finished in the most unusual of circumstances, with kids working online and only seeing their friends through their screens.

May I take this opportunity to thank the Carinya community for the way you have supported the school during this time of great disruption. We thank you for the many messages of support and thanks that you have expressed to us, as we have moved to a blended learning platform. We know that it has not always been easy, but we know that parents and students have been working faithfully and doing their best in unusual and trying circumstances. We thank you for helping your child to do their best. Keep encouraging them in their learning, education is too important to let go. If you or your child needs extra direction or advice, please email, or phone your child’s teacher. We are here to support families as we provide engaging and valuable online, Christ-centred learning experiences that help your child to “read, write and count”.

An encouragement as you head into the holidays

There is a real sense that children need their parents in a way that wasn’t the case a few weeks ago. Parents will need to provide some calmness and order in their lives (even though you might be churning or screaming on the inside). As you head into the holidays, please use the time with your children to enjoy being with them. You may have been planning to go to the beach and that is no longer possible. Why not talk to your kids about what you can do this holiday:

- A special project?
- A gratitude list?
- How can you care for, or show kindness to, others in your street?
- Skyping your friends or your grandparents?

Given that much of the learning for children has taken place “on screens”, it would be beneficial to reduce screen time in the holidays, especially personal screen time. Enjoy time off screens, outside in the garden, reading a book, or riding a bike. Just keep in mind all the rules regarding social distancing in NSW.

This holiday will likely be very different to other holidays. Please help your children understand what is happening and why people need to physically “keep their distance”. Keep caring for your children: in this time of uncertainty and upheaval, they need you, their parents, to provide security and comfort.

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"He is not here; he has risen!"

Luke 24:6
Easter

Next Friday is Good Friday. When Jesus was on the cross 2000 years ago, three words rang out: “It is finished” (John 19:30). But what was finished? Jesus finished all that was required to save His people. By His death, Jesus paid the price for sin, so that sinners can go free. There is nothing left to be done, no further sacrifice, no further deed or action to add. Jesus secured forgiveness for His people - Hallelujah, What a Saviour!

But on Easter Sunday, Jesus rose from the grave! By rising from the dead Jesus showed His control over death, for Himself, and His people. For Christians that means our fear of death is taken away and our hope of heaven is made certain.

The death and resurrection of Jesus is central to the educational philosophy of Carinya and the communal life we enjoy as we serve Jesus in the education of children. We want our students to know that we do not follow a religion or a denomination, or a tradition, or merely a set of Christian “values”; important as these may be. We serve a personal, risen and sovereign Lord, who became a person like us so that by His death and resurrection we could become like Him, and be with Him forever.

This is why Easter is such an important time in the year to remember, with renewed passion, that “He is risen” and He is returning one day to take His people home.

Christians believe that:

1. “God shows His love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.” (Romans 5:8)
2. God raised Jesus from the dead and “gave Him the name which is above every Name” (Philippians 2:9)
3. Therefore Christians rejoice that “at the name of Jesus every knee shall bow and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord to the glory of God the Father”. (Philippians 2:10-11)

This Easter, may I commend the Lord Jesus to you and encourage you to reflect on this most significant event in human history.

Term 2

Term 2 commences for students and staff on Monday 27th April (Week A). At this stage we are uncertain what school will look like at the start of Term 2.

Towards the end of the holidays, I will communicate with you via SMS, email and on our website to let you know what restrictions will be in place regarding return to school.

Staffing

We have a few staff who are leaving us at the end of this term, for wonderful reasons!

Mrs Jane Carter has been teaching Senior English classes for the past few years and will be taking maternity leave from the start of Term 2. We rejoice with Mrs Carter and her family as they wait for the birth of their new baby.

Mrs Jessica McDonald is also taking maternity leave, as she and Mr Aaron McDonald rejoice in the birth of their first child. Mrs McDonald has been teaching in the PDHPE Department for 4 years, teaching PE and CAFS.

Mrs Carter’s classes will be taught by Mrs Kylie Turnbull, and Mrs McDonald’s classes will be taught by Mrs Kate Hampstead (PE) and Mrs Arna Jarrett (CAFS).

Children are a wonderful blessing from the Lord and we rejoice with both families in God’s goodness to them. We are thankful to Jesus for the contributions both teachers have made in the lives of the students at Carinya.
7-11 Interim Reports
Due to the COVID-19 disruption, the Year 7-11 Interim Reports will not be sent home at the end of the term. These reports will now be sent at the beginning of Term 2, with the Year 12 Half Yearly Reports.
Parent/Teacher Interviews for Year 7-12 are scheduled for the Week 3 of Term 2. Information will be sent home next term as to how these interviews will take place. We would still like to meet with parents to discuss their child's progress, however we must be mindful of health advice about how the interviews will happen. Thank you for your understanding in these matters.

Uniform
School is scheduled to resume on Monday 27 April and winter uniform usually commences at that time. However, we know that it may be difficult for some families to get a new winter uniform. Therefore, from the beginning of Term 2, students may wear either their summer or winter uniform. Uniforms should not be mixed (eg. wearing part summer and part winter uniform). Further information about winter uniform changeover will be advised early next term.

CONNECT Magazine
The next edition of CONNECT Magazine will be sent to families at the start of Term 2, and will be released as a digital version only. A link will be emailed to parents and carers, and the magazine will be available to view on our website at www.carinya.nsw.edu.au/connect-magazine.

David Jones
Principal

2021 Term Dates
TERM 1
Wednesday 27 January to Friday 26 March (9 weeks)
TERM 2
Monday 19 April to Friday 18 June (9 weeks)
TERM 3
Monday 12 July to Friday 17 September (10 weeks)
TERM 4
Tuesday 5 October to Tuesday 7 December (9.5 weeks)

BY APPOINTMENT ONLY

Uniform Shop

APRIL SCHOOL HOLIDAY HOURS
Tuesday 21st April, 9am - 4pm
Thursday 23rd April, 9am - 4pm
Friday 24th April, 9am - 4pm

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