Welcome Back

Welcome back to another school year. It has been great catching up with students, staff and parents this week. The first day assembly was a wonderful opportunity to meet and start the year, welcome new families and be reminded that all things are “from Christ and for Him”.

At Carinya we believe that all knowledge, all the gifts and abilities of students, everything that has, and will ever exist, comes from Jesus. We consider it a privilege to “open” God’s world to children from the youngest of our students, to those preparing for their HSC. We look forward to what 2020 brings for our students in their learning opportunities as they discover more of God’s amazing world.

New Students

This year we welcome 67 new students into the school from Years 1-12, with 50 students starting in Kindergarten, 38 beginning in Gumnuts and 50 in Prep. It has been exciting to see so many families joining the school community and to welcome back the families that have been a part of Carinya for many years.

New Staff

There are a number of new staff to the school, in various roles. We are thankful to the Lord for his provision of new staff, and look forward to the impact they will make in the school.

Teaching:

- Mrs Janet Pope: Learning Support Coordinator - Gumnuts to Year 12
- Mr Markos Misikos: Kindergarten
- Miss Sonja Bajema: Gumnuts
- Mrs Mishelle Brown: Junior School
- Mrs Heidi Fragar: Junior School
- Ms Sophie Cottrell: Secondary English
- Mrs Jane Carter: Secondary English
- Mrs Leona Erasmus: Secondary English
- Mrs Kylie Turnbull: Secondary English, HSIE and ILP

Non-Teaching:

- Ms Jess Morrissey: Learning Support Aide
- Mrs Katie Cook: Uniform Shop Manager
- Mrs Erin Carter: School Chaplain
- Mrs Samantha Stokes: Receptionist/Office Assistant
Connect Magazine

Today, all school families should receive a copy of Connect Magazine. It will come home with the oldest child in the family at the school. It is a new magazine that will come out at the start of each term, and will give you an insight into some of the things happening around the school, as well as providing you articles of interest about education, parenting or other relevant topics. We trust that you will enjoy the magazine (perhaps with a cup of coffee)!

The Magazine is also available for online viewing at www.carinya.nsw.edu.au/connect-magazine.

Home and School Together

Home and School Together is a powerful combination in the lives of children. There are many formal events that occur during the year and we would love to see you at them. If you ever have any concerns about your child, please don’t hesitate to contact us.

David Jones
Principal

As was advised by email this week, this year’s swimming carnival has significantly changed, due to the current drought conditions. The carnival will be run during the school day for competitive swimmers (no novelty events etc). Please read the details on the email and advise if your child would like to compete at the carnival. Further details will be advised when the final number of students competing is known. All parents welcome to attend.

TERM 1 REGULAR OPEN HOURS

Tuesdays 1:00pm - 4:30pm / Thursdays 8:00am - 11:00am

Appointments are available outside these hours, on these days.
Ph: 6762 0970 | E: cookk@carinya.nsw.edu.au
www.carinya.nsw.edu.au/uniform

WEEKLY MUSIC LESSONS

Carinya offers Individual Music Tuition for students. If you would like to find out more information about what music tuition is offered, costs, times, etc, please contact Mrs Debra Batley via the school office.

ABSENTEES: It is important that music teachers know in advance if any students are not at school on the day of their lesson. Please contact your child’s teacher directly to advise of any absences.

FLOWERS / GIFTS

All students and parents are reminded that Carinya will not receive flowers or gifts for students on any day, including Valentine’s Day, under any circumstances. Nor should Carinya students bring flowers or gifts to give out at school. Drawing attention to ourselves or others in this way is unhelpful and unnecessary in the environment of a school. Your support of the school policy is appreciated.
The Homework Club is designed to provide the opportunity for students to set specific time aside to get homework, or other school work (such as assessment tasks) done for the following week. It is not meant to replace time spent on homework at home, but to help develop the habit of giving dedicated time to meeting their responsibility to complete their homework. Experience confirms that routine and habit is one of the most effective way to complete school work.

**HOW IT WORKS:**

- One Registration must be completed for each session that a student will be attending; if a student would like to attend both Tuesday and Thursday, two Registrations must be submitted via one of the methods listed on the right of this page.

- "Blanket" registrations will not be accepted (ie. "all week/month/term"). This enables the school to supervise attendance more accurately.

- Students must bring sufficient school work (homework/assessment tasks) to last the entire session and students are only permitted to use computers for this purpose.

- The club will commence at 3:15pm sharp and conclude at 5:00pm. Parents may collect students from the Library Office from 4:30pm onwards. It is important that students are picked by parents on time. Students will be in the Reception Foyer from 5:00pm.

- There must be a **minimum of 3 students** registered for each session in order for the club to run. If a session needs to be cancelled, parents will be notified by 1:00pm that day.

- **Afternoon tea is provided**
PLEAS READ THE INFORMATION BELOW VERY CAREFULLY. WITH SO MANY CHILDREN IT IS VERY IMPORTANT THAT EVERY EFFORT IS MADE TO KEEP EACH CHILD AS SAFE AS POSSIBLE.

1. SCHOOL STARTING TIME
The first bell for the day goes at 8:47am and students in K-12 should arrive at school before that time.

2. STUDENT ARRIVE TIME: from 8:20am when staff supervision commences.

3. a) PARENT / DRIVERS DROP OFF
All parents transporting children morning and/or afternoon must use Raywood Drive (the school road off Calala Lane), even if you have other business at school. The only exception to this is if there is inclement weather (rain), in which case either entrance may be used. Parking spaces are always available in the Boronia Drive carpark for drivers with mobility parking concessions.

The Boronia Drive entrance must be used by staff and student drivers at all times.

Parents coming to school during the day may use either entrance, unless you intend to wait until the end of school to pick up children. In that case, you should use the Raywood Drive entrance and park along the road.

Picking up or dropping off students in Boronia Drive just outside the school or calling your children across the road in contradiction to teachers’ directions, increases traffic congestion in Boronia Drive and the top carpark and the possibility of an accident involving a child. Everyone would agree that keeping students safe must be paramount. If you are dropping off in the morning or collecting your child at the end of the school day, please make sure that you use Raywood Drive.

NB PARENTS: Please do not let children enter or leave the car from the driver’s side of the car unless you are fully supervising them. After dropping children off parents must proceed forward, around the circle of the driveway in Raywood Drive to leave the school.

3. b) ROAD SIGNS AND PEDESTRIAN CROSSINGS
All drivers are reminded that road signs and pedestrian crossing signs are to be obeyed at all times, both on the school road and within the carpark areas.

3. c) WALKERS AND RIDERS
Students who walk or ride home are escorted across Boronia Drive by a member of the Carinya Teaching Staff. When they arrive at Calala Lane those same children are escorted across the road before making their way home.

After students have crossed the road we would encourage ALL PARENTS to speak with their children about going directly home and not lingering around the shopping complex where their safety may be compromised.

4. SPEED LIMITS
40km/h = max speed adjacent to both Drop Off Zones and along Raywood Drive
10km/h = in Drop Off Zones and around all car parking areas
5. ATTENDANCE

a) Late to School
Any student arriving after 8:47am must sign in at the front office, with a note explaining their lateness. Ringing/texting that your child will be late is another option to save you coming to the office to sign them in.

If a parent is accompanying the student, they will be asked to sign their child in.

Your assistance in getting your children to school on time is much appreciated.

b) Daily Absentees: Please ring or text
Please ring, email or text the school office by 8:30am if your child is to be away. If the school office has not been contacted, an SMS message will be sent requiring an explanation for the absence. A return text message or phone call will suffice. This will alert both parents and staff if a child has not arrived at school as expected and enables the school to maintain required attendance records.

Please note that a brief explanation is required.
Parents are not required to send a note to explain an absence if they have phoned or sent a text. The phone call or SMS will be recorded to maintain attendance records.

If a call or text etc. has not been received by the school, an SMS text will be sent requesting an explanation. Following this, if no contact has been made, then an Explanation of Absence will be posted for completion. This also applies to the partial absences and late arrivals.

6 PARENTS / VISITORS SIGN IN/OUT

a) All parents and visitors must come to the school office and sign in when entering the school premises and sign out when leaving.

b) When signed in, parents and visitors will be given a “visitors” sticker to wear while at the school.

7. PARENT / CARER PHOTO IDENTIFICATION

The school would like to have a photo of every parent/guardian on file in order to maximise our duty of care for children. To achieve this we would like all parents to either:

   a) Provide an electronic photo of themselves similar to a passport photo (from the shoulders up). This can be sent to the school at admin@carinya.nsw.edu.au OR

   b) Come to the school and have your photo taken by admin staff.

Anyone who comes to the school to go to a classroom or collect a child after school and who staff cannot easily identify (eg. parents, grandparents, friends) will be required to show some form of photo ID. This also assumes that the school has had prior notification of a change in routine for the child.

8. EDUMATE / PARENT PORTAL

Parent/Carers must use the Parent Portal on the school’s website to update all details, especially medical information, which is vital in assisting the school to fulfill its administrative and duty of care to children.

Please contact the office for assistance if you don’t have internet access.

Please check that your details are correct in the Parent Portal, eg. address and contact phone numbers, email address, etc.
9. MEDICATION REQUEST
If your child needs to take medication at school, please obtain and complete a Medication Request Form. Medication Request Forms are available from the front office or via the school website. Medication sent to school must be in its original packaging and not in a different container. This will enable the school to make sure that the medicine is dispensed in the safest and most effective way.

10. PARENT EMAILS
If you haven’t already given the school your email address, please do this through the Parent Portal, by email, or by calling the office so that you are included in all regular and occasional correspondence. If you do not have the internet available at home, please contact the office for other arrangements to be made.

11. MOBILE PHONES, INTERNET CAPABLE DEVICES and SMART WATCHES (Excluding Years 9-12 Chromebooks)
Students may NOT have mobile phones or other internet capable devices, including smart or tech watches, at school. Parents may seek permission in writing if special circumstances warrant their child having a mobile phone at school. In such circumstances the reason given must be approved by the school and the phone must be handed in at the school office in the morning and collected at the end of the day. Any mobile phones at school without permission will be taken by staff and kept in the school office until collected by a parent. Students in Years 5-12 found with a mobile phone will be suspended out of school for a day.
Student drivers in Year 11 and 12 may leave their phone in their car but may not access it during the day.

Peter Weary
Deputy Principal