Dear Parents & Community Members,

Welcome back to the 2014 school year and I hope everyone enjoyed a very happy and relaxing holiday. We have started the school year with 22 very enthusiastic students and as you can imagine, staff are very busy with programming and classroom organisation. Our successful Magical Musos to Maestros, Active After Schools Sports and Carroll Sparklers programs will again be place this year, as well as a new, very exciting Trash to Treasure program—the brainchild of Trudy Fry - highly creative and talented mum of Zak Fry.

I would like to extend a big thankyou to Tara Snieder (Frankee’s mum) who kept the lawns watered during the hot weather over the holiday period. Her efforts were very much appreciated.

We welcome two new families to our school this year. Next week we will include an official welcome and photos of our new students, who have come to school both beautifully dressed and with beautiful manners. I thank all parents both old and new, for the immaculate presentation of your children in their school uniforms. All look very smart.

This particular newsletter will only contain information pertaining to dates, events and activities as known to date, for the school year.

Newsletters will again go out each Friday to keep you informed of class happenings and upcoming events and activities. Each newsletter will also contain an updated calendar (if need be) of these events. It may be a good idea to place this calendar on your fridge and replace each week if necessary.

Until next week,

Christine

Christine Patison (Principal Carroll Public School)
SCHOOL TIMES: 8.30 - 3pm (Monday, Wednesday & Friday)
8.30—4.30pm (Tuesday & Thursday)

SPORT DAY: Every Friday

We are very fortunate this year to have Melissa Ward coming in to run a sports program with the children. Melissa is a great sportsman and for a number of years, has taught sport to different groups of children in the Gunnedah area. As all of you are now most likely aware, I am not at all very skilled at teaching sporting skills so I am so grateful that Melissa will be delivering a great program during 2014.

2014 EXCURSION

Due to the increase in school numbers and new families it has become necessary to change the date of our proposed 2014 excursion to Sydney. Our new date will be:

TUESDAY 24TH JUNE—FRIDAY 27th JUNE, 2014 (This is the last week of Term 2)

Fundraising efforts have been very successful. To date we have raised close to $2000. Further fundraising ventures have been planned. A big thankyou to Michelle Horvatt and step-dad, Steve who organised and manned two barbecues at Bunnings –Tamworth, during the school holiday period.

Our next fundraiser will again be at Bunnings on:

Thursday 20th FEBRUARY, 2014. 8.30am - 2.30pm.

If you are available to help out on this day, please let us know.

INTENSIVE SWIMMING INSTRUCTION — STAGE 1 STUDENTS (Kindergarten, Year 1 & 2)

Commencing next Friday 7th February from 3-4pm, our younger students will be involved in an intensive swimming program under the instruction of Barb Williams. Barb is a fully qualified swimming instructor and also one of our mum’s. Barb will be assisted by teacher, Mr Barry Butz. Please refer to the attached advice on this program. The program will run for a period of five weeks.

DATE: COMMENCES: FRIDAY 7th FEBRUARY, 2014
CONCLUDES: FRIDAY 7th MARCH, 2014

Our Stage 2 & 3 (Years 3, 4, 5 & 6) children will commence swimming instruction in Term 2.
MAGICAL MUSOS TO MAESTROS PROGRAM

Our magical Musos to Maestros program will commence next week. There has had to be a change of days from Tuesday to Friday. The format of this program will remain the same with Mr Brown taking whole group sessions (no cost) and well as providing individual instruction in singing and piano.

The cost of individual tuition at the school is $20 per half hour session. This is very inexpensive as usually the cost of individual tuition ranges from $30 to $40.

If you would like your child to commence individual music instruction in either piano or singing, please let the school know by next week.

ACTIVE AFTER SCHOOL SPORTS

Our Active After School Sports Program will commence next week every Tuesday and Thursday afternoon. The Riley Brothers—Connor and Kurtis, have been employed this term to instruct the children in the art of RAP Dancing. Afternoon tea will be provided for the children. On these days, please collect your children from the school at 4.30pm please. This program is free to all children of Carroll Public School.

COMMENCES: TUESDAY 4th FEBRUARY and THURSDAY 6th FEBRUARY

DURATION: The program this term will not run for the full length of the term due to the cost of hiring two instructors per session and travelling costs (the boys are travelling from Mullaley). We will keep you informed.

CARROLL SPARKLERS

This program is for any 4 year old who will be commencing kindergarten at Carroll Public School in 2015. The school has employed Mrs Ruth Norris to work with these children on a formal pre-school program each Tuesday from 9am - 12pm.

If your child is enrolled in this program, it is very important that the school be told of any known absences on any Tuesday, as this program is subject to limited funding.

CARROLL SPARKLERS WILL COMMENCE TUESDAY FEBRUARY 4, 2014. 9am—12pm
As we now have a good number of families at the school, it would be great if we could organise a P & C committee.

Next Wednesday a meeting will be held at the school to discuss this possibility. All mums, dads, grandparents and community members are invited to attend.

**P & C MEETING: WEDNESDAY 5th FEBRUARY, 2014 at 3.15pm**

The Eisteddfod dates for 2014 have just been advised -

Instrumental - 16th to 18th May
Music - 22nd to 24th May
Speech and Drama - 26 to 29th May
Dance - June long weekend

You will be advised of practice / session times and further details closer to the time!
This year the children will be involved in the ‘Trash to Treasure’ Program. This program will hopefully encourage the children to repurpose & recycle items, that can then be sold at the Gunnedah markets to raise money for the P & C.

It is hoped that along with giving the children a chance to get all arty and creative, they will appreciate that their efforts in making these items can be rewarding too! Along with recycling items they will also undertake art & craft projects for special occasions.

We will be needing recyclable materials during the year, and would appreciate everyone supporting our cause and bringing any of the following items into school.

- Black foam meat trays all sizes - washed please (we can use these for both art/craft but are also very handy for batching up muffins/slices and cakes for any cake stalls)
- Any hard plastic containers - meat/chicken/ice cream containers etc.
- Yoghurt/cream cheese/ butter containers with lids - washed please
- Ring pull cans, all sizes, with the lid and puller thing intact - washed please
- Old candles (or what is left of any candles)
- Picture/photo frames - it doesn't matter if there is no stand or hook
- Material - any size, colour or texture (scraps are fine)
- 2 litre drinking bottles with lids - washed please
- Cardboard tubes & toilet rolls
- Milk cartons/sour cream containers - washed please
- Egg cartons / old CD's
- Newspapers, magazines, paperback books and wrapping paper offcuts too!
- Zips (doesn't matter if they don't work)
- Mirrors and clocks - any size or shape
- Wire, string or thick yarn, lace
- Squeeze sauce bottles - washed please
- Foil type lolly/chocolate wrappers
- Marbles - all sizes, shapes and colours!
- Old cutlery - forks/spoons/knives

If you have any items (in any condition) that you are intending to put in the rubbish or take to the dump - could you please let Trudy know and she will see if there is anything that can be repurposed (or that she may want to buy from you!)
Dear Parents,

Swimming instruction for Stage 1 children (Kindergarten, Year 1 & Year 2) will commence next Friday 7th February, 2014.

Could you please read the following details carefully and return the permission note by Monday, 3rd February please.

WHAT: Intensive Swimming Instruction

INSTRUCTOR: Barb Williams (Qualified swimming instruction)

SUPERVISING TEACHER: Mr Barry Butz. Ms Patison will be remaining at school with the Stage 2 & 3 children

WHEN: Friday 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th February, 2014 and March 7th, 2014

TIME: 3.00—4.00pm

WHERE: Gunnedah Memorial Pool

DEPART CARROLL PUBLIC SCHOOL: 2.30pm

COST: $1.70 per child

BRING: Children to bring swimmers, towel & sunscreen to school on this day.

TRANSPORT: Private transport. We have 10 children in Stage 1. We will need mums or dads to transport these children to Gunnedah Memorial Pool where they will meet up with teacher, Mr Butz. Children will need to be collected from the pool also. I will need to know by Monday if you are unable to collect your child from the pool so that we can organise to have him/her transported back to Carroll. Parents will then have to collect their children from Carroll Public School. Gunnedah parents are to collect their child directly from the pool, please.

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INTENSIVE SWIMMING INSTRUCTION

I give permission for my child to participate in the Intensive Swimming Program at Gunnedah Memorial Pool on The following dates: Friday, 7, 14, 21 & 28 February and March 7, 2014. I understand that transport is by private vehicle.

Child’s name: _____________________________

Parent’s signature: _________________________

TRAVEL TO GUNNEDAH OPOOL: I can provide transport for _______ (number) children.

TRAVEL FROM POOL TO CARROLL: I can provide transport for _______ (number) children.

THE SCHOOL WILL NEED TO ORGANISE TRAVEL FOR MY CHILD: YES / NO
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