CAREY PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL AND CHILD & PARENT CENTRE CHATTER

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4 November 2025 (Week 4)

Interschool Carnivals

The first part of the Interschool Athletics Carnival is being held today at Eaton Primary School, with the Year 4 to 6 students representing Carey Park in the jumping and throwing events. The running & team games events for the Years 4 to 6 students will be held **this Friday** (***November 7***) at the Hay Park Athletics Complex, commencing at **10:00am.** We welcome all parents and carers to attend and see our highest achieving athletes in action. Our students have been training under the guidance of Mrs Blee and are looking forward to representing Carey Park and proudly wearing the Carey Park sports uniform.

Faction Athletics Carnival - Fantastic Community and P & C Support

The School Faction Athletics Carnival across Weeks 2 & 3 was a huge success, with many families coming along to cheer on their children. Although we had to postpone Friday's events just after recess due to rain, we were able to complete the remaining events on the following Monday. This made the carnival a truly unique experience — and one that was still very enjoyable and successful for everyone involved.

Congratulations to **Gold Faction** for winning this year's shield, and to our **champion and runner-up boys and girls** from Years 4 to 6.

A big thank-you to all the families who came to support the students and helped the **P&C** by purchasing icy poles and lolly bags on Monday — raising valuable funds for much-needed school resources. Thanks also to **Mrs Blee, Mr Dillon and Mr Joliffe** for their excellent organisation, and to all staff who worked so hard to make this year's carnival such a memorable event.

P & C Meeting

The first P & C meeting for Term 4 will be held on **Friday** of this week (***November 7),*** where we will be discussing the up-coming Colour Fun Run fundraising event on November 28 and also planning for 2026 events and activities. Please come along to support our P&C Team.

Non-Returning Students in 2026:

To assist us with our planning for 2026, we are requesting families of those children who are **NOT** returning to Carey Park Primary next year (***with the exception of the current Year 6 Students***) to let us know. This will greatly assist us in planning our class structures for next year. If you are not returning, please contact the front office on 9796 2900 or send us a message via the PBIS Rewards App.

2026 Kindergarten Enrolments:

Carey Park Primary School are still taking 2026 Kindy enrolments for children born between ***1 July 2021*** and ***30 June 2022.*** Enrolment packages can be picked up from Administration. Limited places are available.

Physical Activity:

As the weather gets warmer and the afternoon light stays with us longer it is a great time to ensure your child is out and being physically active. Findings from research conducted by the *Department of Sport and Recreation* show:

- There is a positive link between physical activity and academic achievement.
- Physical activity leads to improvements in maths and reading.
- Physical activity improves memory, behaviour, concentration and reasoning.

These are all great reasons to ensure your child is at school on time each day to participate in our Morning Fitness Program, and to schedule at least three or four sessions a week being outside and physically active.

The Power of Reading to your child for just 20 Minutes a Day:

Reading with your child for just 20 minutes a day is one of the most valuable habits you can develop at home. Regular reading builds vocabulary, strengthens listening and comprehension skills, and sparks imagination and creativity. It also deepens the emotional bond between parent and child, creating a calm and positive daily routine. Over time, these small moments add up — more than 120 hours of shared reading each year — giving children a strong foundation for learning and a lifelong love of books.

Phil Greenmount
Principal

Merit Certificate Winners - 31 October 2025

TA 1 Jeremy & Theodore
TA 2 Clayton & Ivy
TA 4 Brooklyn & Pritisha
TA 7 Ruan & Doris
TA 8 Jayden & Cambell
TA 10 Demi & Laith
TA 12 Fatima &Logan
TA 14 Lilly & Jigme
TA 15 Dre & India

PBS Award Winners

TA 1 Mariam
TA 2 Christian
TA 4 Mystique
TA 7 Natalie
TA 8 Poppie
TA 10 Muhammad
TA 12 Patrick
TA 14 Nate
TA 15 Paris

Specialist Award Winners

Phys Ed - Beau - TA 8
Art - Faith TA 10 & Rachael - TA 10
Performing Arts - Brock - TA 12
Japanese - Darren TA 15
Science - Tara - TA 15

From the chaplain....

I have noticed that our Library Officers are working very hard to clear old stock and accessioning new reading material. Your children may be bringing home books to read.

Life is busy, but do you know why it is good to read with your children?

1. **Builds concentration** – Focusing on a story, characters and plot is good practice for a child and an interactive way to develop focus.
2. **Improves memory** – To follow a story you need to be able to remember it. Reading an extended story over a number of nights you'll build on your child's memory skills.
3. **Expands their world** – Reading, even more than film and tv, is a window to other worlds and times. This is because a child creates the world they're reading about in their head as they read. Instead of simply telling a child 'what is what', a storybook invites the child to construct a universe in their own mind.
4. **Develops empathy** – The more we know about our emotions and feelings, the better we can empathise with others and relate to their point of view.
5. **Expands vocabulary** – Just 20 minutes of reading time a day will improve your child's literary skills.
6. **Boosts critical thinking** – comprehension skills and analytical thinking skill are built when we read more.
7. **Helps build positive self-image** – reading reveals different people of different shapes, sizes and colours and this too is important for children. Sometimes we don't always see relatable images in mass media, reading is a place where we see that there are different types of people in the world, ones to whom we can relate.
8. **Better performance in school** – Reading can improve a child's results and performance at school.
9. **It is fun and will help you build stronger relationships with your children.**

Most of this information was taken from: https://www.learninglinks.org.au/resources/benefits-of-reading/

Happy reading and kind regards,

Nena McKenzie
Chaplain

PBISR Family App

- *Receive an invitation from your child's teacher to download the App.*
- *Download the **PBISR Family App** from the App Store on your phone or iPad/Tablet*
- *Scan the QR Code that will take you to your child's PBIS Rewards group at Carey Park Primary School.*
- *Join your child or children's class/es.*
- *Note that each child will be given a separate invitation for you to join their class, so you may receive more than one invitation if you have more than one child at the school.*

What's happening in Term 4…

7 November - Interschool Athletics

7 November - P & C Meeting 2pm (Library)

21 November - Assembly TA 7—End Of Semester Certificates

24 November - Year 5 STEM excursion (NMSHS)

27 November - Year 6 Student Leaders—Parliament House Excursion

28 November - Colour Fun Run

Child and Parent Centre Carey Park

Parenting children with additional needs can be challenging — but you don't have to do it alone.

No NDIS plan, formal diagnosis, or ongoing commitment is required — just come along when you can.