Welcome Back!

Well here we are at the end of Week 2 and nearly half way through February! We have had a great start to the school year and I thank you all for your support in getting our students so settled early in the term. I know the staff at Carenne have been working very hard to prepare for the new school year to ensure all our classes get off on the right foot. A very warm welcome to our 10 new students and their families! It is not always easy either starting school or starting at a new school but I am sure you will find Carenne to be a very supportive, energetic and productive environment. For any of our families, I would like you to feel you can contact me whenever you need to. I wish you all the best for the school year ahead.

Coming to School

Please be aware that if you arrive late or need to take a student out of school before the end of the day, you need to go to the office to sign in or out. It is important that we know where students are at all times. Please contact the school or let the class teacher know if there are any changes to your child’s routine for the day that we need to be aware of. Your child’s safety is our priority.

Driveway Safety

Another safety issue is our driveway which is a very busy place at the start and end of each day. Please follow the directions of staff on duty, all vehicles must come to a complete stop before students can get in or out, where possible do not get out of the vehicle and stay in a single line of traffic. If you need to talk to a teacher about anything you should park your vehicle, and walk in to the school.

Information Needed

The beginning of the year is very busy and there are a lot of forms sent home requiring information and signing. All of this is important to student participation in many of our programs and we appreciate you providing updated information where necessary for our files.

PBL at Carenne

Positive Behaviour for Learning continues to be one of our most important programs. Our focus for term one will be looking at safety in the classrooms. More information about PBL will be in future newsletters. Take care, Neil.

PRESENTATION DAY

RAFFLE RESULTS

- Draw 1 – Red/White/Blue Crochet Rug
  - Kerrie Pearce
- Draw 2 – Black Crochet Rug
  - Melanie Meers
- Draw 3 – Lavender Embroidered Cushions
  - Shirley Neff
- Draw 4 – Christmas Gift Pack
  - Lorna Minogue
- Draw 5 – Green Crochet Rug
  - Steve Turty
- Draw 6 – Ladies Gift Pack
  - Shirley Neff
- Draw 7 – Towel Gift Pack
  - Lorna Minogue
- Draw 8 – Kids Sports Pack
  - Chloe
- Draw 9 – Handmade Tile
  - Lochie Kelly
- Draw 10 – Painting
  - Linda
- Draw 11 – Boys Bike
  - Fay Crowe

Congratulations and a big thank you to everyone who supported the raffle.

CALENDAR DATES

Wednesday, 20th February, 2013
School Swimming Carnival

Carenne School—Being Safe, Being Respectful, Being Learners!
Supporting children with Intellectual Disability, Down syndrome & Similar Chromosomal Disorders in the School Setting.

A Practical Two Day Workshop for all Staff & Parents/Carers
Presenter: Anne Squire (Down Syndrome SA)

KEY FOCUS AREAS OF THE 2 DAY!

TWO FULL DAYS—PRACTICAL
- Latest Information & advice reflecting Current Research & Practice
- Practical Teaching Strategies
- Specific Resource Material on display (order form will be available)

TOPICS COVERED:
- Medical Issues/Characteristics/specific learning styles
- Positive Behaviour support/playground/classroom/transitions
- Right to Know program—Friendships
- Comprehension through shared texts
- Reading getting Started/Moving on
- Prewriting/handwriting/Spell to write
- Utilising Technology
- Maths/Number skills/Spatial positional concepts/measurement
- Introduction to time concepts—clocks
- Money skills (adapted from the Clarke Road Money Program)

Class News

Class Mc— Welcome to our new kindergarten students: Riley, Kaiden, Charlotte, Ellie and Jasmine. Everyone is learning a lot about school life at Carenne and how we make new friends.

Class C— All of the children in Class C have settled in well to the new school year. We are working hard and enjoying being back with our friends.

Class K— All the students of Class K have settled well into their new room and routine. We have been working hard already in class with tub work and other activities.

Class J— We are all enjoying being back with our friends. We have celebrated Rose’s birthday, cooked cakes and started our workbooks. Class J are very good workers.

Class F— Everyone is settling in to our new class routine and doing lots of work.

Class D— Class D would like to welcome Colin, James, Sage and Colin to Carenne. We are enjoying getting to know our new students.

Class H— Class H are looking forward to the school swimming carnival. We have had a good start to the term. We are all working hard.

Class B— Class B would like to welcome Lili this year. Everyone has settled in well and are working well on their activities.

Class O— We are settling well and we look forward to a great 2013.

Class N— Great to see Dylan back in our class and all the boys loved the football players from Penrith yesterday.

Class A— Welcome to our class: John, Daemon and Jack. We have an all boys class this year who all enjoyed the visit from the footballers yesterday afternoon.

Class L— Good to be back—everyone settled in well—getting used to new responsibilities—enjoying the sunshine.
AUTISM & ASPERGER SYNDROME

Teaching Strategies & Behaviour Support Workshop with Sue Larkey
For Teachers/Assistants, Families, Service Providers, Therapists

Teaching Strategies:
- What is Autism Spectrum Disorder
- Autism Learning Style
- How to Motivate
- Visual Strategies & Social Skills Teaching Play
- Social Skills, Teaching Play

Behaviour Support:
- What are ASD behaviours?
- What to do with special interests?
- Strategies for school (Pre-school, Primary & Secondary) & home
- Sensory issues (clothing, toileting)
- Anxiety.

Monday, 17th June 2013—9:30 am to 3:00 pm
Registration includes morning tea and a light lunch.
Orange Ex-Services Club, 241 Anson Street, ORANGE NSW

Cost per registration:
$135—Early Bird Registration if paid prior to 15th June 2013
$155—Registration Paid after 15th June 2013
**A special rate is available for parents of a child with ASD. Please email Dearne to see if you qualify. EMAIL: dearne@suelarkey.com
PHONE: 0433 660 379 FAX: 1300 656 408
POST: Education Events, PO box 20, ARTARMON NSW 1570

After hours GP helpline—1800 022 222

Operating times: 6pm to 8am Monday to Saturday
12noon Saturday to 8am Monday.
ALL public holidays.
Calls from landlines are free. Mobile charges may apply.

How will the helpline help me?
The nurse or GP may:
- Give you information and advice so you can treat the condition at home.
- Give you information and advice to help you until you can see your regular GP. If so, with your permission, a record of your telephone consultation can be sent to your GP.
- Give you information about after hours services available in your local area.
- Assess whether you need to go to the emergency department at your local hospital.

How do I use the helpline?
Step 1: Call the after hours GP helpline on 1800 022 222.
Step 2: Your call will be answered by a registered nurse who will assess your condition, and provide you with health information and assistance. If necessary, the nurse will transfer you to a GP on the telephone.
Step 3: The GP will talk with you, assess your condition, make a diagnosis and provide further medical advice.
NSW Health will be offering the following vaccines in 2013:

- Diphtheria, tetanus and Pertussis (whooping Cough) vaccines for all Year 7 students.
- Human Papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine will be offered to Year 7 male and female students, and to Year 9 male students, as a 3-dose course over a six-month period (students who commence HPV vaccination in Year 7 but do not complete the course may be offered catch-up doses at school into Year 8).
- Hepatitis B vaccine for all Year 7 students who have never received a course of hepatitis B vaccine when they were a baby.
- Varicella (chicken pox) vaccine for all Year 7 students who have not previously received varicella vaccine or had chickenpox disease.

PARENT INFORMATION KITS will be sent home to parents/guardians. To consent to the vaccination of their child, parents/guardians are advised to read all the information provided, complete the consent form and return it to their child’s school. Please ensure that your child eats breakfast on the day of the vaccination.

HPV Vaccination

HPV is the name given to a group of viruses that affect both females and males. HPV infection usually causes no symptoms and goes away by itself. However, in rare cases infection can cause life-threatening cancers. Almost all cases of cervical cancer and genital warts are due to HPV infection. HPV also causes cancers in other parts of the body.

The vaccine is highly effective in preventing the main types of HPV infection and is most effective when it is given to people before they are exposed to the virus. The vaccine is registered for use from 10 years of age and is only provided free for male students who commence the course in Year 7 or Year 9.

If all the information is included and you would like your child to be vaccinated, please read the Information for you and your child sheet, sign the Consent Form and return the signed Consent Form to your child’s school. If you do NOT wish your child to be vaccinated, do NOT complete or return the Consent Form.

If any information is missing from your Parent Information Kit, please contact your child’s school immediately and a replacement Kit will be provided.