Principal's Message:

Cross Country
I would like to begin by congratulating Liam Armstrong for his recent success at the Green Valley Zone Cross Country. Liam came first in his age group and represented Green Valley Zone at the Regional Cross Country Carnival. Well done to Liam and we wish him the very best for future carnivals.

NAIDOC Week
The school will be celebrating NAIDOC (National Aborigines and Islanders Day Observance Committee) next week. NAIDOC week is celebrated across the nation to cherish Aboriginal history, culture and achievements made by Aboriginal Australians. This year the theme for NAIDOC week is – Sacred Ground: Learn, Respect and Celebrate. The theme was chosen to celebrate the ‘handback’ of Uluru to its traditional owners thirty years ago. Students will be involved in various activities specifically designed for NAIDOC week. This is a great opportunity for our students to continue to develop a solid understanding of Aboriginal culture and their appreciation for the oldest culture on this planet.

As a great start to the celebration, students in year 5 and 6 had the opportunity to meet local Aboriginal Elder, Uncle Steve and Mr Mervyn Bishop, news and documentary photographer. It was a very informative session where students had the opportunity to ask plenty of questions and were rewarded with some funny and informative responses.

The photos of local Elders taken by Mr Mervyn Bishop are displayed in the school library. Please feel free to visit the library during the following times:

19th June – 3.00 pm to 4.00 pm
24th June – 3.00 pm to 4.00 pm
25th June – 3.00 pm to 5.30 pm
Parent Teacher Interviews
We are looking forward to this opportunity to discuss your child’s progress. If you haven’t made an appointment, please contact the school to do so. I encourage all parents and carers to visit your child’s classroom and meet the classroom teacher.

We have continued with our successful teaching and learning programs that were established last year. It has been very pleasing to see the impact of this on our students. I am sure the teachers would like to share with you some of these success stories.

School Ambassador
A new model of the School Ambassador Program was initiated this year. Local principals from the Liverpool area are coordinating this program. It is directed at enhancing students’ leadership, organisational and communication skills. Danny Nguyen was nominated to represent Cartwright Public School. We wish him all the best in his new role.

After School Clubs
This term we established the Art and Writing Clubs. Both clubs run after school on Mondays and Tuesdays respectively. The clubs are designed to encourage students’ skills and interests in an informal environment which encompasses educational and recreational factors. Students who participated this term have enjoyed the experience and have learnt new skills. Next term, we will continue with the clubs, inviting students from different year groups. Both clubs are free and are run voluntarily by teachers.

I would like to thank Mr Leech, Mrs West and Maleeka Gazula for giving up their time and for their commitment towards the success of these programs.

Parents & Community (Cartwright P&C)
It is with regret that I would like to inform the community that the Cartwright P & C has dissolved. Unfortunately, there were not enough members to take on key roles on the committee. With our own family and work commitments, it is quite often very difficult to take on roles on committees. It is therefore with great appreciation; I would like to acknowledge the work of the P&C in the past two and half years. During this time, all members of the P&C have given up their time and have worked hard to raise funds for our students. I would like to thank all those parents and carers for their commitment towards Cartwright P&C. A special mention to Ms Michille Andrews and Mr Max McPherson for taking on key roles on the committee since its establishment in 2013.

The Cartwright P&C have raised funds to subsidise Year 2 Swim Scheme and Year 6 T-Shirts. The P&C also organised Mother’s Day and Father’s day stalls, Easter and Christmas raffles and of course the always popular BBQs.

On behalf of the students, staff and community I would like to extend a big thank you to all those community members who in some capacity or the other have contributed towards the school through Cartwright P&C. My best wishes to all those parents and carers.

C-Wright for Kids
The school community is great resource and most people are more than happy to support their local school. Fundraising activities have a twofold effect; they are good to raise money for the school and secondly they bring the school community together where everyone has the best interest of the students. With this in view, we are establishing the C-Wright for Kids group. The main purpose of the group will be similar to that of a P&C, however, it will be run by the school. Mrs West will be coordinating this group. We want to keep this group fluid as such there is no formality or membership requirements. Community members are encouraged to support the group in any form that they are
comfortable with. We shall inform the community of any upcoming events where your support will be greatly appreciated. We believe that this model will be effective in getting more community involvement. We look forward to seeing many parent and carers in all future school events.

Lastly, I would like to end by wishing everyone very happy and safe holidays. I shall be taking some time off during the first two weeks of Term 3. If there are any concerns or issues, please see Mrs West or Mr Haywood in my absence.

Manisha Gazula
Principal

Woolworths Earn & Learn 2015

This year we will be participating in the Woolworths Earn & Learn program. Through this program we will be able to get new educational resources for our school– and all we need you to do is shop for your groceries at Woolworths.

From Wednesday 15th July to Tuesday 8th September, we are collecting Woolworths Earn & Learn Stickers. You will get one Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker for every $10 spent (excluding liquor, tobacco and gift cards). Place the Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker onto a Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker Sheet and when it's complete, the Sticker Sheet can be dropped into the Collection Box here at the school or at your local Woolworths.

At the end of the promotion, we'll be able to get some great new equipment. The range is extensive and offers lots of items ideal for our students – including resources for Maths, English, Science and some fantastic fun supplies for Arts & Craft, Sport and for our library. If you'd like to know more visit woolworths.com.au/earnandlearn

PACER

Students from our school will soon be undertaking an education tour of the national capital. Students will be given the opportunity to participate in a variety of educational programs with a focus on Australia’s history, culture, heritage and democracy.

The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit the national capital as part of their Civics and Citizenship education. To assist families in meeting the cost of the excursion the Australian Government is contributing funding of $20 per student under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate program towards those costs. The rebate is paid directly to the school upon completion of the excursion.

Carter Club

If you or someone you know has a child ready for school in 2016 enrolments are now open for Carter Club.
Carter Club is a school transition program aimed to prepare students entering Kindergarten in 2016 at Cartwright Public School.
This year Carter Club will offer Thursday and Friday sessions from the beginning of term 3.
If you would like further information please speak to Mrs Loh or Mrs West.
Here is a glimpse of some of the exciting work done by our students in 1C!

These students have been working very hard with Mrs Randhawa and were very proud when they were all 100% successful in writing their camera words correctly!

Volunteers required!
If you are interested in joining the C-Wright for Kids and would like to support us in our first fundraising activity, please contact me directly at the school or you can call the office on 9607 7979 and leave a message. We will be holding our Athletic Carnival on the 28th of July. Information and notes will go home next term. The school will be running a BBQ during the carnival. If you would like to help with the BBQ, please contact me.

Mrs West