Principal’s Message:

Dear Parents/Carers

As we head towards the two weeks of winter holidays, I’d like to take the opportunity to congratulate the students, staff and community for a productive first semester. As a learning community, we successfully implemented many new programs that have benefitted our students. We had our ‘Open Day’ inviting families to witness first hand some of the programs. It was extremely pleasing to see 35 people who seized the opportunity to visit their child’s classroom. I encourage parents to attend all school events whenever possible.

Following are some information that I would like to share with the community:

**Assistant principal**
Beginning of this term, I convened a panel for the position of assistant principal at our school. Subsequently, Mr Chris Haywood has been appointed to this position through the merit selection process. Mr Haywood comes to us from Peakhurst West Public School and he brings skills and expertise that will greatly benefit our students. Mr Haywood will also be the classroom teacher of 5/6L starting next term.

With the appointment of Mr Haywood, we have to say goodbye to Mrs Lim who has done a wonderful job on 5/6L. In her short time at Cartwright Public School, she has made an impact on students’ learning and as such she will be missed by the staff and students. We wish her the very best for the future.

I would also like to thank Ms Hayes for taking on the relieving assistant principal role in Term 1 and Term 2.

**Uniforms**
Most students are coming to school in full school uniform. However, there are still some students who arrive to school in different coloured jumpers. Some children come to school with no warm clothes. It is important for children to be warm as we head towards cooler months next term. Please ensure that the jumpers are either school jumpers or plain navy blue. If you need any assistance with uniforms, please see the front office.
**Attendance**

Our attendance is gradually improving and there is a small decrease in the number of students arriving late to school. There are a number of students who are late on a regular basis. It is important that you bring your child to school on time every day.

**Parking**

The school car park is for staff only. Please do not enter the school car park to drop off or pick up your children. You may use the car park if you are picking up a sick child or have permission to park inside the staff car park.

**Road Safety**

I continue to urge families to be safe around the crossings and front gates when you come to drop off or pick up children. I have had a number of complaints from parents regarding reckless driving and illegal parking. Please be mindful and courteous in ensuring the safety of our children.

**Keep brains ticking over these holidays**

If your child is working on a personal project or a school assignment these school holidays (or you want to make use of the break for a little revision), don’t forget www.SchoolAtoZ.com.au has lots of information and fact sheets to help with homework.

For students polishing their spelling skills, the free Spelling Bee mobile app also allows them to record a list of their own words and then test themselves. You might even want to challenge them with a list you create. Here’s where you’ll find the free app to download: [http://bit.ly/Q9ez0G](http://bit.ly/Q9ez0G)

**Banish the “I’m bored” complaints these holidays**

It’s harder in winter to keep kids occupied with anything other than a small screen. Here are some websites that have great tips for things your family can do these school holidays, whether you’re staying put or taking off on a holiday across the state:

- Winter school holidays Central Coast  [http://bit.ly/1IngSwX](http://bit.ly/1IngSwX)

Finally, I wish everyone a safe and warm winter break!

Manisha Gazula
**Year 4-6 Camp**
Final date for total payment of $260 being due Monday 1st September 2014.
There are places available if you now wish your child to attend.
Please see Ms Hayes with any questions.

**Carter Club**
If your child is starting Kindergarten in 2015 at CPS then come along to our school readiness program.
Carter Club will be running two sessions on Monday and Tuesday. First session will be between 9.00-11.30am and the second session between 12.30-3.00pm.
Any questions please see Mrs West.

**Bell times**
Just a quick reminder that school starts at 8.55am and students need to be here on time to take part in all of the Morning Routine.
School finishes at 2.55pm and children need to be picked up at this time, unless prior arrangements have been made with the office.

**Dentist forms**
Please return all dentist forms to the office before the end of term.

**Canteen News**
There will be no hot food available on Friday 27th of June.

**CPS Leadership Tree Planting Event**
On the 17th June, Steven and I went to the BMX track to plant some of the most amazing trees ever. During that afternoon we had not only been planting, we also learnt about scientific names and the different types of trees. We were successful in planting many trees and got a lot done. **Jada Williams**

On Tuesday 17th of June, Mrs West, Jada and I went to the BMX track near Liverpool Catholic Club. When we arrived we met two special people from the Liverpool Council. While we were there we given information about our environment. Such as how eucalyptus trees are such an enormous size. **Steven Nguyen**
All parents and carers are invited to our 100 Days of Learning celebration.

Please join us on Tuesday 22nd July 2pm under the COLA.