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Community Newsletter Wednesday 2nd April 2008

Dear Parents & Caregivers

A little rain at last! Soon our lawns will be green again. You may have noticed some developments in the school garden outside the administration offices. A small group of students have taken over the development of the garden – with the support and advice of a couple of parents. What a great job they are doing. They have weeded the complete garden. They have begun planting, and have an interesting mixture of plants growing. It will be great to watch this garden develop over the year, as the plants flower, and further plantings are added.

Our school vegetable garden has moved on too. Todd Portsmouth has dug out the old bark chip in the garden area next to the mound (behind our library building). In the not too distant future, we will have soil added to the area and then we can think about what each class wants to plant and grow.

On an entirely different topic. Last week we had a visit from Carterton balloonist Dan King. He talked to the children about ballooning and the Wairarapa Balloon Festiva. He and his crew also inflated his balloon (Generation IV). It was a fantastic sight to see a hot air balloon tethered on our back field. All our children were able to get up close and inspect the balloon. This is the first time in years that a visiting pilot has been able to inflate their balloon when visiting us. Usually it is too windy. This year we were lucky.

Rod O'Leary
Principal

PARENT SUPPORT GROUP

AGM – Their Annual General Meeting will be held on Thursday 17th April 2008 at 7.30pm in our school staffroom. **All executive positions are available (President, Secretary and Treasurer) to be filled.** Everyone most welcome to come along.
Easter Eggs – A big thank you to the families who have sold and returned their Easter Eggs and

money. Please could we have any other money from sales, returned to school, as we are wanting to award the prizes for our best sellers.
Disco – We will be having an end of term disco on Friday 18th April in our school hall from 6.30pm – 8.30pm. Gold coin entry. We will be selling new “glow items” on the night along with lollies, drinks etc. See you there!

AWARDS for week ending 28/3/08

Junior	Cameron Braggings
Senior	Casey Howatson

THE IRON BRION BBQ ROADSHOW

On Wednesday 30th July we have the Iron Brion BBQ Roadshow visiting our school for Years 1-6. They will arrive at school at 12.30pm, the show starts at 1.30pm, and the BBQ at 2.30pm.

We will require approximately four parents to help with the food preparation please. You will be cutting tomatoes, washing lettuces etc. If you would like to help out, please leave your name with Mrs Scully. So far only one parent has put their name forward.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

CARTERTON PRIMARY SCHOOLS NETBALL

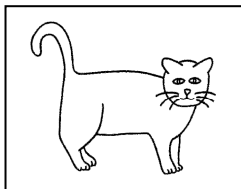
All netball players are to attend the skills and drills sessions to be held at Carterton School from 3.15pm – 4.15pm on :
Monday 7th April Years 5/6 & 7/8
Tuesday 8th April Years 3 & 4
Please have the correct footwear and a drink. Registrations can still be taken at this session. Cost is \$40 for the season. Any questions, please phone Trish Trass on 379 9236.

PARENTING SKILLS (Tips & Ideas)

Gain tools and skills to help make parenting from birth to teens easier, positive and fun. Evening classes are to be held on Monday nights for five weeks starting on Monday 5th May, 7-9pm at the Education Centre, 22 Dixon Street, Masterton. There is NO CHARGE. Enrolment is essential. Please contact Kim on 377 1379 or Wairarapa REAP on 9247327.

SPCA SPAY/NEUTER CAMPAIGN

Once again the Wairarapa SPCA in conjunction with the local vet clinics is holding a spay/neuter campaign. The campaign is from 1st April through to end of May. Cost are \$100 per dog regardless of gender and \$20 per cat regardless of gender. Vouchers can be purchased from vet clinics and from the SPCA. This is considered a lifesaving situation whereby unwanted kittens and puppies are not born to suffer.



WRIGHTSON – Give Back To Schools Campaign

Any farmer who purchases and uplifts selected Balance fertiliser from PGG Wrightson Rural Stores anywhere in NZ, between 17th March and 30th May 2008, will qualify for a \$2 cash back offer to go to the school of his/her choice for every tonne sold. If you have fertiliser to purchase, please consider nominating our school. Thanks.

CARTERTON GYMNASTIC CLUB

This is their 40th year. Lessons are held at the Parkvale Hall, Carters Line starting on: Monday 7th April – boys/girls 8 yrs & up Friday 11th April – boys/girls 4-7 years. All sessions are 4.30pm-5.30pm each day with the cost being \$3 per lesson. Coaches are urgently required. For further information please phone Pauline Aplin on 379 7574.

Dates to Remember for Term 1 – 2008

3rd April	Wairarapa Swimming Sports
10th April	Board of Trustees Meeting
17th April	Parent Support Group AGM
18th April	School Disco 6.30pm-8.30pm
18th April	Term One ends
5th May	Term Two begins

Room 4 - WRITING

Three years ago I was playing tackle rugby at Carterton School for South End. There was a boy who was running with the ball. He was about a metre away. I was going to jump and tackle him around the legs, but I accidentally pulled his pants down. I bet he was embarrassed. Everyone was laughing at him, but he still got a try. In the end we got through and won. We had three or four tries, they had one or two tries. I think in the future, I would like to play rugby.

by David Sammons

Inside Dan King's Balloon Photo by Seth, Rm4