Students start the year with surfing, fishing, birthdays and cooking......
could school actually be better than holidays!!!!!!!
Happy New Year!

Now that Christmas is over and New Year’s resolutions have been started and tossed aside (don’t worry the Ab-pro tucked under the bed is our little secret) it’s back to business. That is unless you are a Carnegie Student! After a few days of orientation we will be making our way up to the Otway Retreat for our annual Surf Camp.

These camps seem to be getting better each year (I know it’s cliché but I have to say they really are) and this year will be no exception. Surf camp is an important start to the year. It is an important introduction to our personal development program and instrumental in developing student relationships and setting good intentions and habits for the year ahead.

2013 is an exciting year and we have a lot to look forward to. After over a year of restructuring the last box has been unpacked from our move from Peel St. We are ready to move into 2013 with a focus on the development of our Café, Well Being and Rural Campus. With the High St Campus now fully operational we can look forward to developing our many programs.

With this will come a stronger focus on family workshops and relationship building and we look forward to have more time spent on developing family relationships and a sense of community within the School.

This year we will also be welcoming some new students and we trust our continuing students will be open and kind to these new comers. Because we were all new at one point (except for Hana Groves I think she was here before Jon!)

We would also like to celebrate the fact that Hannah Bevan will be continuing her placement at the Carnegie School. She will continue to develop the wellbeing and pastoral care program at the school as well as get Jon into the full lotus position (that’s a yoga move) by the end of the year!

So sign up for Yoga now!

FROM THE FOUNDER

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In terms of our school, these giants are many and varied. There are our immediate family, our friends, our heroes and those whose deeds have become the centre pieces of our modern curriculum. As a reader of biographies, there is one thing that never ceases to amaze me about these giants. Despite their varying achievements there is one thing they all share in common. They were almost always laughed at in the early stages of their ventures. In many ways, public scorn goes with the territory of breaking new ground. People are loath to change and even more loath to find out their previous beliefs may have been wrong!

As each of you move forward into this year, I’d like you to ask yourself the question; ‘am I prepared to prove others wrong this year? Am I prepared to go the extra mile and risk the scorn of public failure in order to feel the massive sense of achievement associated with doing that which others assumed you could not?’

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**Surf Camp**

Don’t miss a chance to see your classmates make an absolute fool of themselves either falling off a surfboard or dangling upside down at the ropes course.

Surf Camp is our introductory camp to the year. It is the best camp because it’s a great bonding experience. There nothing to hide when you are in a wetsuit!!

Surf camp runs in the second week of term and takes us to the Great Ocean road and to our rural retreat, the Otway retreat.

Please be aware camp payments will be invoiced in the first week of Term. We require prompt payment of the fee to ensure the camp is a success. We appreciate your assistance.

**DECV and Work Submissions**

All students will continue to submit work through the Distance Education Centre of Victoria.

All students and parents will have received the first week of submissions via email. We ask that this work be completed before the commencement of Term 1.

This will ensure we ease back into school work, form good habits and allow us to ensure a suitable subject selection and workload.

VCE submissions will commence in the first week of Term 1. So be prepared.

For Year 7-10 there are two week of orientation and assessment in which we will tailor the best program suited to student study abilities and needs. The completion of the work set in the holidays will ensure we are able to do this to best suit students.

Please be aware that all submissions and deadlines set must be adhered to. We will expect students to catch up work at lunch times and after school to meet deadlines.

**Book List**

By now you will have received an invoice for the Semester 1 Booklist. We ask that all items required for your child be purchased for the booklist.

In order to ensure your child has the materials they need when required and to minimise the need to replace items throughout the course of the year we will purchase all items on the booklist and distribute as required during the course of the school year.
PARENT INFO EVENING

Parent Orientation will be held on Thursday 31st January 7:30 pm-8:30 pm
226-232 High St Kew.

Please inform the school with confirmation of your attendance.

Orientation will include information regarding:
Camps, ILP’s, Paid Work program, School Philosophy, Future directions, Otway Retreat, Farm Weekends

CAMPS AND ACTIVITIES

Camps offer your child the chance for transformation, self-development and self-awareness in exciting and challenging environments. Camps help them see their own situation more clearly and offer them a chance to appreciate what they have in life.

Camps are an integral part of our curriculum, personal development program and school culture. Camp is an important part of laying foundations for learning and cementing the concepts we explore in class time.

Our school camps are important in strengthening relationships within the student body and between staff and students. Our camp program is something that sets our school apart as we run interstate and overseas camps that include the entire school. The school group gets to share these experiences as a whole and as such they are important in developing a sense of community within the school.

This Year we will be running five camps Surf Camp, Valley Camp, Queensland trip, South East Asia trip and Road trip.

All our camps (with the exception of Thailand) and activities are compulsory and we expect your child’s attendance. A camp deposit of $450 is payable at the commencement of the Year or on enrolment. This ensures that all our camps will run and that your child will not miss out on this valuable and unique program.
2013 Bring it on...

After we get our wet suits on the right way..