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Caroline Chisholm Connections

From the Deputy Principal

Senior Campus Report

Hello, my name is Gregg Renneberg and I am the Deputy Principal of the Middle Years Program on the Senior Campus. I am here for 12 months to lead the development of Curriculum from Pre School to Year 10, and particularly for the Middle Years Program. The amalgamation of the school has resulted in lots of opportunities to develop a coherent and consistent culture of learning and mutual respect over the full 12 years of a child's schooling. I have been delighted by the staff and students here. They have been very responsive and welcoming. I like the respect amongst the students and staff here at Chisholm. It is a great school where teachers have a high level of commitment towards their students as people and learners.

The Middle Years Program starts for our students in year 6 and progresses through to year 8 when they graduate to Year 9 and 10 and the Senior Years Program. This allows for a graduated transition from a primary model of teaching and learning to a secondary model. Teams of teachers follow a cohort of students through the Middle

Years and Senior Years programs to graduation and the award of a School Certificate. Teachers share staffroom space and have ongoing dialogue about students academic and social progress. The Caroline Chisholm sub school setting ideally suits a Middle Years Program.

9am start on the Senior Campus from Tuesday 10th of June

This change to a 9.00 am start time has resulted from discussions with members of the School Board, the P&C, staff and students. From the June long weekend our day on the Senior Campus will start at 9am. This brings our start and end time in line with the Junior Campus. It meets the departmental requirements for face to face teaching time for students and is common to many other high schools across Canberra. The table below shows the new timetable.

Session	Start time
Time block 1 – 75 minutes	9 am
Recess 1 - 20 minutes	10:15am
Time block 2 – 70 minutes	10:35am
Recess 2 – 15 minutes	11:45am
Time Block 3 – 70 minutes	12 noon
Lunch – 40 minutes	1:10pm
Time Block 4 – 70 minutes	1:50pm
End of school day	3pm

NAPLAN Success

Our Year 7 and 9 students put in a great effort last week when they sat for the NAPLAN tests. NAPLAN stands for National Program for Literacy and Numeracy Assessment. This replaces the old ACTAP testing. The new tests are sat by students across Australia. The results are due out after August 26th.

Middle Years Program transition for Year 6 and 7 2009.

I have been busy over the last few weeks organising the transition program for our new students coming into Year 6 and 7 in 2009. We have visited our local primary schools talking to student about High School life. This is followed up by an OPEN NIGHT next Tuesday the 27th of May starting at 5 pm. Later this term we will be

Important Dates

May

Tuesday 27	Open Night & Yr 6 Information Night - 5-7pm
Thursday 29	Lake Tuggeranong College Open Night 5.30 - 7.30pm

June

Mon 2 - Fri 6	Reconciliation Week
Mon 2 - Fri 13	Excursion Free
Wednesday 4	Renaming Ceremony 9-11am
Wednesday 11	Board Meeting 5.30pm P&C Meeting 7.30pm

bringing Year 6 students from our local primary schools to have a 'Taste of High School' for a morning. They will be presented a range of classes across our school. The closing date for applications to enrol for 2009 is the 20th of June.

Naming Ceremony

I would like to welcome all members of our school community to join us on the 4th of June for our naming ceremony. The amalgamation has created our new school, Caroline Chisholm School and this will be a good opportunity to celebrate the opportunities that this important change has created for the Chisholm community. Andrew BARR, the Minister for Education will be joining us for the celebration. Of course, like all birthdays there will be a cake to cut and a small gift for all our students. Students from Pre School to Year 10 will participate. For catering purposes should you wish to attend the assembly, please inform the Front Office staff on 62057277.

Students Participate in Vocational Programs

Well done to these students. I know the experience they have will stand them well for their futures. The following students have commenced an ASBA (Australian School-based Apprenticeships): Ashley Costuna (Certificate II in Hospitality), Grant Kelly (Certificate II in Landscaping), Anastasia Kostovska (Certificate II in Business) and Jessie Dodd (Certificate II in Beauty). The following students have been offered an ASBA with the BISEP (Building Industry Skills Enhancement Program) program Ryan Henderson, Luke Jarman, Ryan Hayes, Emma Maher and Chris Johansen. They will complete the Certificate I in Construction.

Cold weather on us again

It is worth mentioning that now that the cold weather is on us, that students need to come to school dressed for the cold. The number of students still arriving in t-shirts is surprising. We are committed to the students being in colour code and are appreciative of your support in this matter.

Gregg Renneberg
Deputy Principal

Year 6 News

This term in our Integrated Studies unit we are studying Alpine Ecosystems in particular Thredbo. Please continually ask your child about it as they are learning lots about the plants and animals found in the Kosciusko National Park as well as other relevant facts surrounding Thredbo.

We're finding that lots of the students still do not know their times tables and this is really slowing them down in mathematics because they cannot do a lot of the higher order concepts without that basic knowledge. Please encourage your child to really learn them.

We're also starting to use Mathletics are lot more and are encouraging the students to work on it at home. Each student should have their own log on (tell them to ask one of us for another one if they'll misplaced it) and we'd like them to have more of a go at home as well. They can win some great prizes just by participating.

Some band students are still not bringing in their instruments and the students are being sent back if they do not have their instrument. Also the instruments must be taken home at the end of the day because we cannot guarantee their safety in the school.

We still have students who have not brought in display folders for their portfolio items. Could you please check with your child and have them brought in ASAP.

All students need to have the following items:

lead pencils, coloured pencils, red pens, blue pens, adjustable crayons, erasers, sharpener, ruler, glue and relevant exercise books.

Please check with your child to ensure they have all of these items.

Nathan & Melissah

Yr 7 News

There are lots of tests and assignments going on at the moment. Cathy Bielecka's Science classes should have got their home experiments assignment in. In Narelle VanBeveren's classes there is an assignment given. Students have to prepare a short speech to give to the class and do a poster on Greece. Ask to see the assignment which is due on June 12th. Maths have an assignment with Mr Perkins.

Indonesian classes go out on an excursion this Friday. Science students will have a test in Cathy B's classes in Week 6 on the 5th and 6th June. Start revising.

Bulbs Fundraising from Bulbs Direct should have come home. Please support the fundraiser and put in an order. The bulbs all look lovely and in the past have given super results.

Uniform is still a little worrying. If you are buying your child a jumper or top for winter please make sure that it is Blue or White with only a small logo. Blue bottoms and white or blue top, preferably plain white top, is the go for colour code and shoes with no backs are not allowed.

Lateness is still a problem for many students. After school detentions will be given to those students that consistently are late in the mornings. Parents will receive a letter in the post informing them.

Shannon Stewart is trying to get us all healthy. Please try her \$10 Gym special and look forward to better fitness and health.

Time is flying by this term. Please phone if you have any problems or queries about your child or things happening in this active Year 7 SubschooL.

Cheers.

Cathy Bielecka and the Year 7 Team.

Year 8 Subschool

Class changes have been taking place, trying to accommodate individual students' needs. There will be no further class changes for the rest of the semester.

As of the 10th of June (Tuesday after the long weekend) the timetable changes to a 9am start. This should help some of our students who arrive late due to transport reasons to be at school on time and ready to learn.

USSR occurs every morning for the first 30 minutes of TB1. It will still be continuing with the new timetable. Students are expected to bring a book and read for the duration of USSR. Each semester, in every class, students are graded on how prepared they are (whether they bring a book) and how engaged they are with their reading.

Semester Reports will be distributed on the last day of Term 2. In line with school practice they are only given to students who have been at the school for the entire day. Staff are already working on their reports. Please help staff by reminding your child that they will be reported on the work that they do, and the behaviours that they demonstrate.

The assessment schedule is influenced heavily by the reporting timetable. That means many students now will be having assignments due for several classes. If you are concerned that your child is being overloaded please contact the subschool.

Thanks
Year 8 Staff

Year 10 News

WorkExperience

By now most of our students should have made contact with an appropriate Work Experience Place and provided the administrative details to Sharon Gosling in the front office for her to finalise these arrangements. Please consult with your child to ensure this is correct and you know where they are going. Work Experience is in Week 9 from 23rd June to 27th June. We are hoping that most of our students will be out of the school during this week unless they have their work experience, after school consultation, arranged for another week. Those students who are not on work experience that week are expected to attend school and will be provided with an alternative program. It is likely this would be a research based program that they will negotiate.

Lates and The Year 10 Certificate

It is of serious concern to us that a number of our students are repeatedly arriving late for the first class of the day. This is an important learning time. I have explained to the students that these "unexplained absences" could affect the awarding of their year 10 certificate. I remind everyone that the Year 10

Certificate is awarded based on the success in three areas

- Satisfactory attendance
- Satisfactory grades
- Satisfactory behaviour

The final decision is at the discretion of the School Principal based on the agreed criteria provided by the School Board.

Uniform and Year 10 Shirts

Hooray! At last the very smart Year 10 shirts have arrived and students were quick to don them. I hope this means that we will see a lot more students in school uniform/colour code. Year 10, as the leaders of our school, are expected to represent the values of this community. Wearing blue trousers/skirts white tops and closed in shoes are essential. We are trying to have our students practise behaviours that are appropriate for the work place and for college. Appropriate clothing that also complies with OH and S laws is important. Punctual, consistent attendance is another goal we have for Year 10. Please assist us.

Year 10 Formal Fundraising

After a very successful barbecue at our fun cross country run we have banked \$650.00. Thanks to the hard work of Mr Carson, Tracy Psaila, Year 10 staff and students. It is hard work raising money to assist in the ticket price for this event. If you have any suggestions or help you can offer we would love to hear from you. Any contributions you could provide for raffles or money raising would be great. New electronic equipment, gift vouchers, or other items valued by teenagers could help. Please get in touch with sub school.

Thanks for your support
Year 10 staff

From the School Chaplain

HELLO

My name is Vivian Biancardi, I am the Chaplain at CCS and I would like to extend a warm greeting to all parents of students at CCS. I will be present at CCS on Mondays and Tuesdays. I am part of the welfare team at PC Central and I work across both Junior and Senior campuses. Please feel free to contact me anytime on 6205 -5233.

REFLECTION:

"Raise up children in the way they should go and when they are older they will not depart from it"

Warm Regards
Vivian Biancardi
Chaplain

Pastoral Care Update

Values @ Caroline Chisholm Sschool

Over the last two weeks students have undertaken a variety of activities to enhance their understanding of and the importance of values. In the lead up to our values voting on **'Have Your Say Day'** (Wednesday 28th May) we will be hosting a visit my Michael Milton. Michael will address the Senior Campus linking his stories to the values and characteristics that are esteemed by Australians. Following this address he will mingle with students in the playground at recess, our students will have a first hand opportunity to meet and chat with him. After recess Michael will conduct **'Steps to Success'**, a workshop for Year 9 and 10 students focusing on the skills, habits and characteristics that can enhance resilience and success.

On **'Have Your Say Day'** students and staff on both Campuses will vote for their four key values. After voting all of the votes received from parents, students and staff will be counted to disclose the four values that are most important for Caroline Chisholm School and our community. Our four key values will be announced at our official school launch on the 4th of June.

Any parents who would still like to vote may do so at PC Central (the demountable to the right of the main school building).

Safe Partying

This week sees the start of workshops for our Year 9's. SCOPE and Kylie (our Youth Support Worker) will conduct the workshops over the duration of the term. Students will be educated on the harms associated with a range of drugs and provided with strategies that will enable them to minimise harm to themselves and their friends.

Primary Campus Volunteers

This week we have launched our program for Year 9 and 10 volunteers in the Primary School. Twelve students have volunteered to help with activities such as reading and craft with students ranging from Kindergarten to Year 4/5. This is a great opportunity for our students to gain positive recognition for their volunteering as well as work place related skills – responsibility, showing initiative, following instructions, team work skills. We are still open for new students to join the program and are hoping that we will be able to expand the program to Year 8 students later in the year. If you are interested please see me at PC Central.

Amanda Murtagh
Pastoral Care Coodinator



Sports News

Yr 7/8 Union v Mackillop:

Win Number 1!!!!

Congratulations to the victorious Yr 7/8 Rugby Union Team who played and won their first up Union game on Wednesday 14th May at Vikings Park, Erindale.

Playing down a player with several boys out injured, they played some spirited Rugby shooting to a commanding 28-0 lead relatively early in the match.

Then came the expected comeback from Mackillop as our boys tired and conceded what could only be described as soft points, and the score line became a lot closer at 28-19.

A further try late in the game consolidated our boy's supremacy and they went on to win the game by 35 points to 19.

Competent performance boys, but we will have to do quite a bit of work at training to improve on that.

Good luck in your next game v Karabah on Friday 30 May at Campese field, Queanbeyan 1.30pm Kick Off

Team list:

Anthony FOOKES, Michael FOOKES, Mitchell JOHNSON, Brody BURRELL, Josh BULLOCK and Justin MITCHELL { Yr 7 } and Ene FAVVE, Jordan HIGH, Carl JOHNSON, Regan KNIGHT, Jake RYAN, Lincoln SHRUBB, Jake HROMOW and Washington UNDERWOOD { Yr 8 }

Special mention to our superstar water boy of the day, Blake MURRAY who missed out on playing because of a broken shoulder.

Score rs on the day:

Tries:

Carl 3

Washy 2

Goals:

Carl 5

Team Totals:

For: 35 Against: 19