**Dates to Remember**

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<td>Kinder Info Morning and Year 1 to Year 5 Parent Info Evening&lt;br&gt;Kinder &amp; RLSU@8:45am, Year1 &amp;2@6:00pm, Year 4&amp;5@6:00pm, Year 3 &amp; ALSU@6:40pm</td>
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**Principals Report**

I would like to warmly welcome our new and continuing families to the 2015 school year.

We start the new school year with approximately 70 extra students. This is a strong indication of the excellent reputation Caroline Chisholm School has within the local and broader Tuggeranong community.

I am delighted to be able to continue to offer our students a range of programs in addition to the core subjects. The additional programs available to the junior campus are the Developmental Music Program for Pre – Y4, Instrumental Music Program for Y5, Indonesian, Gymbaroo, Gymnastics and Chess.

The Senior Campus Ignite English and Mathematics selective programs have now been expanded to Ignite Science for Y7-10 and the Ignite Sports program for Y9-10. Participating students demonstrate an aptitude and sustainable commitment to their learning and the rigours of the programs.

The new Strength and Conditioning room has quality equipment and is an important element of the training program for our Ignite Sports men and women. The staff who train the students have certification in Level 1 Strength and Conditioning. I would like to thank our P&C for its financial support in the establishment of this exciting resource. Our Trade Training Centre courses in Hospitality, Wood Construction and Horticulture offer students up to Certificate 1 and 2. These nationally recognised courses which we offer to our Y9 and 10 students are highly valued. The Arts at Caroline Chisholm School has always enjoyed high student demand and this interest is reflected the Band continuing to flourish with approximately forty interested students. These students are to be commended for their commitment to take on further study in their own time. The Chess club has a strong student following and will recommence on Friday afternoons after school.

It is therefore with great pride that I can announce our first national title.

Melody McKenzie

She is to be congratulated for achieving 3rd place in the Australian Junior Under12 Girls Lightning Championships.
Another group of students who deserve recognition are our senior campus House Captains (Y10) and junior campus House Leaders (Y5) for 2015. These students were elected to this leadership position by students and staff because they demonstrate commitment to our school values – Trust, Freedom through Responsibility, Respect, Honesty.

Y5 House Leaders
Jumbana – Nicole Vea, Olivia Fatua
Mullaya – Chelsea Lemon, Ryan Small
Karingal – Charlotte Mitchell, Brodie Cheng
Cooinda – Pauli Punou, Sara Burridge

Y10 House captains
Chilandu Mambwe, Zoe Podmore
Pierre Morallos, Emily McNaught
Joshua Harper, Emma Wilesmith
Karlie Turner, Isaac Heslop

At Caroline Chisholm School we commence the ‘Reporting to Parents Process’ from next week. –

- The Middle Years Meet and Greet (Y6-8) will be located on the senior campus in Main Street on Wednesday 18 February, 4-6pm
- The K-Y5 Information sessions will be held on Thursday 26 February. Refer to the junior campus newsletter for the specific times
- Term 1 Progress Reports will be sent home by week 9
- Term 1 Parent-Teacher Interviews for senior campus students will be held on Thursday 9 April, 4.30-6.30pm.

Please note these events for term 1 in your diary and attendance with your child is highly valued by our teachers. Should you require a meeting with your child’s teacher, Year Coordinator or member of the executive team prior to these event, please contact the Front Office to organise an appointment.

Included in your newsletter is a Staff List for each campus to support you in your discussions with your child about their teachers. I would especially like to welcome the new staff – Michele McCarthy, Natalie Vrankovic, Jacqui Ramesh, Jessica Crilly, Emma Smith, Leonie O’Loughlin, Julia Chere-Masopa, Gemma Fiddian, Bec Taylor, Michaly Phokus, Adrian Kirk, Mark Bassett, Georgie McHardie.

I am indeed fortunate to have a highly capable Executive team who are also great contributors to our school improvement process. They are as follows-

Deputy Principals:
Sally Alexander-Junior Campus; Kris Willis-Senior Campus

Executive Teachers:
Jenny Robinson- Preschool to Y2 Sarah Brown- Y3 to Y5
Shannon Cameron – HPE; Middle Years Terrie McHardie – English; SOSE; Middle Years
Phil Perkins – Mathematics; Professional Practice Shane Mitchell – Music; Senior Years
Gavin McClory – Arts; IT; Senior Years Trish Marton – Student Relationships
Chelsea McGlashan – Pastoral Care Coordinator Jenny Mosessen – Business Manager

The launch of the new junior campus uniform has proven to be well supported, thank you. This new style is in a ‘phase in’ stage as we completely accept there are students who still need to grow out of uniforms that parents have purchased for them in previous years.

I would like to acknowledge our wonderful P&C for their sustained work on the school uniform in both design and provision through the uniform shop. Having the uniforms so readily accessible through our own uniform shop is such a bonus for our very busy families.

The school community is fortunate to have active involvement via the School Board, Preschool Parents Association and the P&C. I encourage you to consider attending the meetings and can assure you that you will learn so much more about your child’s experiences at school.

Research by Harvard Graduate School of Education states ‘…the academic achievement score distribution or range of scores for children whose parents were highly involved in their education was substantially higher than that of their counterparts whose parents were less involved.’

I have included the link should you wish to read the entire article.
http://www.hfrp.org/publications-resources/browse-our-publications/parental-involvement-and-student-achievement-a-meta-analysis

Kind regards

Wendy Wurfel
Early Years
Dear Parents and Carers

A warm welcome back to all of our children and families from 2014 and we hope that our new students feel welcomed. The Early Years Team (Preschool to year 2) has had a fantastic start to the 2015 school year. We are set for another exciting and fulfilled year of learning. All of our classes have commenced with enthusiastic students and we look forward to ‘hooking into’ this positive attitude to maximise learning.

We strive to prepare our students to grow in confidence and engaged learners, and active and successful citizens of tomorrow. Our school values of **Honesty, Respect, Trust, Doing your best and Freedom through responsibility** will help guide students to strive for quality learning.

Our strong team consists of Lizzie Wilson, Debbie Brice, Rachel de Feyter, Marjorie Waugh, Marg Denne, Lisa Rodgers, Shiri Marx and Annette Harasymiv, and we are are joined by three wonderful new teachers on our team, Rebekah King, Michele McCarthy and Natalie Vrankovic. We are all looking forward to working in partnership with you. Hope to see Kindergarten to year 2 families at our parent information evening on Thursday 26 February (time to be advised).

We understand how challenging commencing or returning to early morning routines are and we thank you for your support—it's really appreciated when your child/ren arrive to school on time for morning assembly.

On behalf our team, kind regards

Jenny Robinson
Executive Teacher Early Years

NEWS FROM MISS BROWN…Welcome back to a jam packed year of learning together in years 3-5!

We have had a very settled start to the school year where learning is the focus. All of the students have had the opportunity to reflect on their individual strengths and set SMART goals to work towards the areas they would like to improve. I am extremely proud of all of the students in years 3-5 as they consistently demonstrate the values of our school in their behaviour and commitment to ‘having a go’.
The team value the vital role you play in your child’s education. They look forward to building positive home-school partnerships and working with you so that your child can achieve their full potential.

I would like to introduce the amazing team of professionals who will be assisting your children to achieve their learning goals in 2015.

We look forward to meeting you all at the ‘Parent Information Evening’ on Thursday 26th February 6pm -Year 4-5 and 6.30pm – Year 3.

On behalf of the 3-5 Team we welcome you and thank you for your continued support and commitment to your child and our school.

Ms Sarah Brown 😊
Email: Sarah-jane.brown@ed.act.edu.au

Introducing the years 3-5 Team for 2015!
From left to right: Sarah Browning, Jess Crilly, Emma Smith, Jake Bindley, Alinta Turner, Nathan Pepper, Claire Sturgess, Jacqui Ramesh, Irene Ovchinnikov, Sara Kuar, Leonie McLoughlin, Lisa Rodgers

Library News
Welcome back everyone!
It is very exciting to see all the students come back looking older and taller!

All students will spend some time with me in the library where we will be looking at different authors, learning research skills, hearing stories and of course borrowing books. It would be great if every student could bring a library bag to put their books in. It can be a plastic shopping bag, cloth bag or anything else to help protect the books. I have some cloth bags for sale for $3.

Students are able to borrow the books for 2 weeks. Kinder students can borrow one book, years 1 and 2 two books and years 3,4,5 three books. Borrowing usually happens during the library lesson, but I am happy for students to come at lunch or recess if they would like to borrow or return a book without waiting for their library day. Library days are as follows:
Monday – 4S, 4/5C, 1H, 1M
Tuesday – K, 3S, 3P
Wednesday – RLSU, 2V, 2M
Year 5 and ALSU are yet to be decided.

Once again I am asking for parent helpers to cover new library books with contact. In term 1 particularly, I purchase a lot of new books and need help with this job. Please come and see me if you’re able to help.
Irene Ovchinnikov

P&C News
Bushwahzee BBQ
On Tuesday the children will be performing for the Bushwahzee. Prior to the performance the P & C will be holding a BBQ. Sausage sizzle & drinks will be available. Helpers are needed for the BBQ – there is a roster on the sandwich board near the front office if you are able to offer some time. Any helpers are appreciated.
Prices: Sausage sizzle $2.50, Bottles of water $1, Cans of soft drink $2
Uniform shop

Helpers are needed for the uniform shop. Currently the shop is open 8.30-9.30am on a Tuesday morning and 2.30-4pm on a Thursday afternoon.

It would be great to have a number of helpers that can go onto a list and a roster could be put together to call on you when required. If you are able to help on either day please pop over to the uniform shop to see me or leave your details at the front office. Any help is appreciated.

Winter stock orders are also being taken, and if possible please try to get your orders done sooner rather then later to ensure we have stock available.

I would like to thank you for your patience with the current orders – as stock arrives I will contact you.

Thank you

Karen

Our school has signed up to the very exciting Ride or Walk to School program for the next 3 years.

Take a look at this short video about the program [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aD86fP4Sc9I](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aD86fP4Sc9I)

Before we start implementing we need to survey parents so we can understand what barriers our school might have and give everyone a chance to have input into the program.

Please take a few minutes to complete this short survey: [https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/PPParent2014](https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/PPParent2014)

Simpson Hill – Message from the local Volunteer Group.

Dates to note:

- Next Schoolhouse open day Sunday 15th February
- Chemcert course Saturday 28 February
- Clean Up Day Sunday 1st March

Look forward to seeing you on the hill sometime!

We have about a dozen prostrate rosemary cuttings that could be planted near the flagpole. We could plant out some of the native mint plants. There are still plenty of woody weeds to clear. We have an open invitation to join in some of the Park Care activities at Tuggeranong Homestead. We are trying to set up a regular Tuesday morning work session – if only the weather would cooperate! We also try to meet on the Sundays when the Schoolhouse is open. Their next day is 15th February. We are registered for Clean Up Australia on Sunday 1st March. Put it in your diary, and register online at cuad@newsletter.cleanup.org.au. And Parkcare Volunteer Coordination are offering a free one day Chemcert course on Saturday 28th February for Parkcare volunteers. Contact Jasmine Foxlee at Jasmine.Foxlee@act.gov.au if you are interested in taking up the opportunity.