

NEWSLETTER

Friday 24 March 2017
Term 1 Week 8

Junior Campus

Dates to Remember

Fri	31 Mar	P&C Disco
Mon	03 Apr	Athletics Carnival (Notes went home this week)
Week 10		Scripture in Schools
Tues	04 Apr	KM & Pelican's Teddy Bear Picnic
Thurs	06 Apr	KS & Rosella's Teddy Bears Picnic
Fri	10 Apr	Anzac Day Assembly --POSPONED--
Fri	10 Apr	Last Day Term 1
Wed	26 April	First Day Term 2

A message from Sally Alexander

Athletics Carnival in Week 10 - Monday 3rd April

P&C Disco Night - Friday 31st March

This has been a very full term, with many thanks to everyone for providing the children on the Junior Campus of Caroline Chisholm School with a rich and diverse opportunity to learn.

I would like to acknowledge the work of our staff in the Front Office and Building Support Officers and our Learning Support Assistants all of whom are dedicated to providing a wonderful environment for all of the children to learn and grow and to keep them safe. The support they give to teachers enables us to provide all of the opportunities to learn that are offered at Caroline Chisholm School.

Many Thanks!

We have a number of new programs off the ground and running, Miss Marx gymnastics and gross motor, Mr Weedon music, Mrs Jones Digital Technology, and Mrs Waugh a new Chess program. Thank you to Ibu Ramesh for the Indonesian program, Mrs O for her continued growth of the library program that now extends to all classes from preschool to year 5 and the Learning Support Units. Thank you to Miss Crilly for assisting with the IMP Year 5 Band.

During break times, staff are offering supervised activities on different days of the week, craft, board games, wheels days and gymbaroo. Next term we are intending to add gardening and STEM activities. These activities are optional but many children are taking up the opportunities. Our playgrounds are supervised by staff in orange vests. This is to assist students to locate us and seek out help. Children are walked around the boundaries of the school at the beginning of the year to remind them of the school in-bounds areas and they are free to play within these areas. All students

and staff are required to wear a hat on the playground and follow our Sunsmart Policy. Our Positive Behaviours for Learning (PBL) team are looking at the rules and behaviours to ensure all outside areas of the school reflect and uphold the values of the school. More details will come as the program develops over the year.

I would like to welcome Roz Thomson to our teaching team, she is now full time on the Senior LSU class. Many thanks to Kristie Ryan who will remain a member of our teaching team particularly in the year 2 area and Jodie Pang for joining our Preschool team.

Congratulations to the year 4 and 5 team for their camp and non-camp experiences this term. I had the pleasure along with Mr Pepper to go and visit the camp and see first-hand how the camp was going. I think it was summed up beautifully by a child when asked what they were enjoying most about camp. Their response was very enthusiastically ...“all of it!”

Many thanks to Sym and Kathi for joining us on camp, and giving up their time (and sleep) to support staff and students.

Mrs O has begun setting up a respectful learning space just outside the library, this is intended to be a quiet space to reflect and support our learning about our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture. It is also an opportunity to enjoy our beautiful Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander mural.

We continue to grow our classroom reading programs. We accomplish this through

1. home reading including the take home readers
2. quality literature selections borrowing from the library
3. Chief Minister's challenge

These all support student learning and grow the love of reading as well as the practical side of reading skills and comprehension. Online Reading Eggs and Mathletics support students to sharpen their skills.

You may hear about something called MYMC – Middle Years Mental Comprehension, these are strategies that enable children to calculate efficiently and deepen their understanding of number and applied mathematics.

NAPLAN is coming up in term 2, week 3. This is for years 3 - 5 on the Junior Campus and 7 - 9 on the Senior Campus. If you have any concerns please speak with your child's teacher. We do have some children who become very anxious or have special needs that need to be taken into consideration. This year most of the testing is done online rather than the paper and pencil test situation. More information will be coming out shortly.

TERM 1 REPORTS

This time of the year we send home a very short report to inform you of how your child is settling into school for the year. On the bottom of the report is an opportunity to let your child's teacher know you would like a more in depth report in the form of an interview. If you are requesting an interview please return these as soon as possible to allow time for the teachers and yourself to make appropriate times.

COMMUNITY REMINDERS

We do not formally supervise children before 8.30 am. We have a number of students who are regularly turning up before this time. If you have no alternative please ensure your children are safely in DG square and remain there until it is time to go into class. Staff are concerned that as the weather turns cold the children are quite uncomfortable before 8.30 am and a few of them have been returning to the car park to play. Our car park continues to be unsafe particularly at certain times of the day. Specifically **DO NOT LEAVE** your car in the drop off zones at drop off and pick up times. Please drive with child safety in mind.

PLEASE NOTE: Communities @ work have in the past sought support for before school programs. If this would be helpful for you please contact Comms@work on 1300 212 273.

If your child is riding to and from school they need to follow the road rules and wear a safety helmet, fastened under their chin not around their handle bars.



A big "Thank You!" to everyone who has joined or re-joined the P&C team for 2017. The P&C provide so many supports for our school from Canteens, uniforms and fundraising that supports the wonderful school environment P-10. This year is a Fete year there will be a meeting on Monday 27th if you cannot make the meeting but are willing to support in anyway please leave your name and number with either of the front offices or email the P&C. We cannot go ahead without the support of our community.

Have a great weekend everyone,
Sally Alexander

Acacia News

Greetings from the amazing Acacia unit! The kinder classes and the Junior LSU are keeping up a steady pace toward the end of our first term. Take a moment each day to ask your child what their favourite class activity was that day. Encouraging a discussion will help them develop their communication skills and ability to verbally express themselves and reinforce new vocabulary and grammar skills. Best of all, it will offer you both some quality time together to share something they are excited about.

Speaking of quality time, teachers strongly encourage you to read to your children every day. While some students are bringing home readers daily to read to you (also very important in developing their reading skills), often these books, by necessity and design, are simple and repetitive and meant to increase reading confidence and beginning reading skills (sight word recognition, decoding, using picture clues and literal and inferential thinking). The value of listening to quality literature is immeasurable. It is through hearing 'the language of literature' that children's love of reading is cultivated. This is also where they hear proper grammar and elevated language. Children learn, through rich texts, about things such as predicting, cause/effect relationships, sequencing, descriptive language and character and even setting development.

Housekeeping Notes:

You should have, by now, received your child's permission slip for our Athletics Carnival. Please return these to the front office ASAP. Take time to completely read the information included to ensure that they have everything they need on the day. We're hoping for beautiful weather and expecting green grass after the recent rains!

Now that the weather is cooling, please be sure that your child's personal possessions including jumpers, hats, book bags, water bottles, lunch boxes and other food containers, have their names in or on them in a clearly visible place (i.e. on the collar tag). This will avoid items getting lost. If names are on things they can easily be returned to their owners. If an item does stray, lost property (beside the canteen) is the place to look!

As always, on time arrival at school is imperative to ensure that your child, and their classmates and other classes in their unit, receive a full day of uninterrupted instruction. All classes begin at morning assembly and students should be in their class lines when that begins daily at 8:55 am. Instruction begins in all classes immediately following morning assembly.

Continuing on the subject of morning arrival, please be aware that students are not intended to be in the units prior to class. They should be entering with their class following morning assembly. Part of school education is for children to become self-sufficient. One of the most effective ways to achieve this is to have them take care of their own belongings and responsibilities in class. In all classes, part of the morning routine is to put their things away and take care of their home readers. These are things they are very capable of doing and it is for their benefit that you allow them to do so independently when they come into the unit with their class. As always, we thank you for your support.

Shiri Marx, Claire Sturgess and Michele McCarth.

KINDER and JUNIOR LSU

Kurrajong News - What's news in Year 2!

Year 2 is having a very busy term. Highlights included the swimming carnival and the Bullying No Way Day.

Students have been steadily improving their reading and writing by reading fantastic books such as, 'The Diary of a Wombat' by Jackie French. The focus for writing this term is on writing recounts. Ask your child about the 5 W's and other features of a recount text.

In maths students have explored measurement, addition and subtraction and how they relate, doubles and near doubles facts and counting to 1000.

Year 2 students have produced beautiful artwork this term including Mondrian style hearts in honour of Valentine's Day and a stunning painted sunset with themselves in a balloon overlooking a famous landmark such as The Sydney Harbour Bridge. Make sure you come in and see these artworks displayed in the classroom.

In science we have been investigating the properties of mixtures with students exploring mixtures in their homes and at school. Students have been busy writing up their experiments such as making slime and playdough. They have been making predictions then recording what will happen if fizzy drink is mixed with Mentos lollies and if vinegar is mixed with bi-carb soda. Ask your child what happened to the balloon on top of the bottle when we did this. Many students have gone home to complete their own science experiments and brought these in to share with the class which has been excellent.

Enjoy the last few weeks of term.

Meg Rowe and Annette Harasymiv.

YEAR 2

Melaleuca News

Year 3 has been super busy over the last few weeks! Students recently participated in Bullying No Way Day! The two Year 3 class's created a colourful paper chain of strategies they can use to help prevent bullying at CCS.

In writing, students have finished of some entertaining and imaginative narratives, and have started work on persuasive writing, exploring emotive and persuasive language. In maths, student are working hard on multiplication strategies, enjoying using the numicon as well as learning some new MYMC games and activities to help them with their mental computation.

In inquiry units this term students have been classifying living and non-living specimens in science, and looking at man-made and natural landforms in Australia through geography units.

Students continue to enjoy learning to play the ukulele in music lessons on Friday afternoons, learning some fun new songs. Skills are also continually being developed in gymnastics on Thursday afternoons as part of the Year 3 gross motor program with Ms Marks and our amazing parent helpers.

Kayla Catling and Marjorie Waugh

YEAR 3

Grevillea News

Camp was awesome!!! (...and exhausting!)

Now back to reality and with only 2 weeks left of Term 1 we have a lot to pack in. The Grevillea Unit are doing Earth Hour on Friday 24 March, so we will have to do without lights, smartboards, chrome books, air conditioning and other electrical appliances for 1 hour during the day. We also have reports coming out in Week 10 and have the Athletics Carnival to look forward to.

We would like to welcome Roz Thomson to the Senior LSU class and thank Kristie Ryan for her dedication and effort over the last 8 weeks of the term. Kristie is continuing to work at CCS as part of our relief teaching team.

Jess Crilly, Andrea Irving and Roz Thomson.

YEAR 5 and SENIOR LSU

Year 4 / 5 Cooba Camp

Our camp was amazing and very successful. Student participation was very high and their commitment to positive relationships and team building was consistently elevated throughout. There are many contributing factors to the success of the camp and the camp setting, educational activities and staff certainly helped bring out the best in our student. Given your encouragement and support, every child was primed to be on their best behaviour and make the most of the camp opportunity. As the camp coordinator, I wanted to thank my team publicly for their dedication to all things relating to students on camp while having a fabulous sense of humour and showing resilience. Each and every team member continually gave their 100% and as a result our students had an incredible camp. Student team work and willingness to have-a-go and in most cases complete the challenge was exceptional and greatly due to the team camp culture created by the adults. Thanks to Jess and Andrea for sharing your previous Cooba experience and for being so much fun and consistently inclusive. Thanks to Katelyn for being so proactive, organised and a team player. Thanks to Smriti and Judy for leading and supporting our special needs students and all our kids: your team work was also outstanding.

Feedback from the Cooba Camp staff was consistently high that recognised our students polite and positive behaviour!

Our camp parents were also very supportive of our camp. A huge thank you goes out to Kathi McHarry and Sym Huntly for their generosity in time and kindness, including first aid and taking beautiful photos.

For the non-campers, thanks heaps Anna and Roz for staying back to provide an entertaining alternative program!

We have some camp lost property remaining. It is located near at the side of the canteen awaiting collection. Visit our school Face Book for camp photos.

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Kind regards

Jenny Robinson

Library - Help needed

If there is any parent who is able to spare a few hours at home to cover some new library books with contact I would be very grateful. I will provide the contact and there is no hurry to cover the books, just whenever you have a spare minute or two. Please come and see me in the library if you can help.

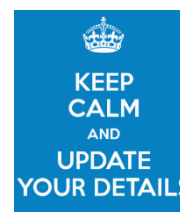
Irene Ovchinnikov

LIBRARIAN

Our Newsletters are now paperless!

To stay up to date with what is happening here at CCS you need to be reading our Newsletter! Thank you to all parents that have updated their contact details with the Junior Campus, Front Office. Please note that paper copies are still available from the front office if required.

If you make changes to your email, phone number, postal address or emergency contacts please let us know.

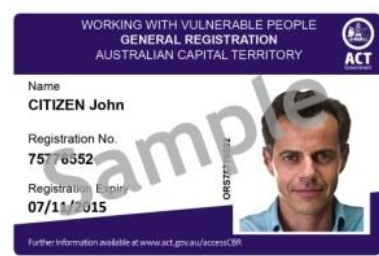


Working With Vulnerable People (WWVP)

Parents and other adults who volunteer or work in an ACT school are required (under the Working with Vulnerable People Act) to be registered with **Access Canberra** and hold a **current card**.

To register or re-register, please contact Access Canberra.

This can be done via-



- Phone on 13 2281
- On Line accesscanberra.act.gov.au
- In person at an ACT Government shopfront.

Registration for volunteers is free.

Registration for employees and paid visitors is \$76 for three years.



Holiday Happenings App now available online! Please go to <http://www.holidayhappenings.com.au/canberra.php> for further information or simply download through your play store. Paper copies are available for collection from the Front Office now for Term 1 only. Please note that this is the last time that paper copies will be available.

P&C NEWS

The P&C AGM was held this week and your representatives for 2017 are:

President: Fiona Green
 Vice President: VACANT
 Secretary: Katie Cawdell-Smith
 Treasurer: Angie Kingdom
 Fundraising: Melissa Lansom
 Employee Liaison Officer: VACANT

Preschool subcommittee -

Convenor: Jessica Roberts
 Secretary: Sarah Beatty
 Finance Officer: Amanda Caddick

We all look forward to working with you during the year. If you are interested in filling one of our vacant positions, please contact us via one of the methods below:

Email - ccs.pandc.contact@gmail.com

Facebook page - <https://www.facebook.com/ccspandc>

Alternatively, you can call Fiona directly on 0405 357 425.

Another way to stay up to date with P&C events is to consent to be added to our email database by filling in our Members Information Register form. A copy of this form is included with this newsletter for your convenience. Please note this is just for P&C correspondence and separate to the Front office mailing list which sends newsletters and other notices from school.

Can you help?

We need volunteers for our K-5 DISCO on Friday 31 March and for the canteen at the JC Athletics Carnival on Monday 3 April. If you are available to help, even if only for an hour, we would greatly appreciate the assistance. A reminder to all our lovely parents who volunteer, the Working With Vulnerable People Act requires those who work or volunteer with vulnerable people to have a background check and be registered. A WWVP card is free for volunteers and as easy as completing a form, presenting to Access Canberra to lodge and have a photo taken (just as you do for your driver's licence) For more information please visit:

[https://www.accesscanberra.act.gov.au/app/answers/detail/a_id/1804/~/working-with-vulnerable-people-\(wwvp\)-registration#!tabs-3](https://www.accesscanberra.act.gov.au/app/answers/detail/a_id/1804/~/working-with-vulnerable-people-(wwvp)-registration#!tabs-3)

Junior Campus Fundraising Reminders:

Signed permission notes and payment for the K-5 DISCO, the JC Easter raffle tickets and donations of items for the raffle are all due NEXT WEDNESDAY (29th March) to the Front office.

The Raffle will be drawn at the K-5 Disco.

Preschool Fundraising Reminders:

Polo shirt fundraiser - order forms and payment are due back at school by WEDNESDAY 5th April. We require a minimum number of orders to proceed with printing, if we don't reach our target, all monies will be returned.

Preschool Easter raffle tickets and donations are to be returned to school by FRIDAY 31 March.

Donations are to be left in the basket at Preschool and the raffle will be drawn on WEDNESDAY 5th April at preschool.

URGENT FETE MEETING

We will be holding a FETE MEETING on:

Monday 27 March, 2017 @ 2pm

JC Family Room (first classroom at Preschool)

We need 20 people to attend this meeting and/or register their interest for helping to run the Fete. If we are unable to fill these positions, this year's scheduled Fete will have to be cancelled.

The Caroline Chisholm School P&C has previously conducted two very successful Fetes and the CCS community has said they like having the opportunity to connect with the wider community through holding a school Fete - and it's lots of fun!! For any new families who have joined our school, it's also a terrific way to meet other parents and families from school.

Many parents have communicated they would like to help on the day or closer to the event but unfortunately the interest for the Fete committee has been limited.

We need parents/carers to volunteer for these positions to work together to coordinate and follow through planning for the Fete. The more people we have to take up these key positions, the smaller each person's job will become.

If you are unable to make the meeting but are willing to pitch in, or for any further information call 0405 357 425 or email ccs.pandc.contact@gmail.com.

Please consider being involved in this exciting event, remember – "Many hands make light work!"

Thank you to those parents who have already registered their interest and we look forward to Monday's meeting.

Kind Regards
CCS P&C Committee