



Caroline Chisholm School
Preschool to Year 10

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NEWSLETTER

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Term four has been off to a great start with the exciting book week celebrations last week on both campuses! My sincere thanks to Mrs O, Amanda Caddick on SC and the team for coordinating some very enjoyable whole school opportunities. It was wonderful to celebrate with our students as a whole school, it has felt like a long time in between events!



World Teachers' Day

Did you know that Internationally World Teachers' Day is celebrated annually in October and in Canberra, will be celebrated today, Friday 30 October? This initiative provides a great opportunity to thank a teacher for all that they do in the holistic development of your child or young person. Our teachers enrich the lives of children in many ways, from providing daily education at school, to attending camps over several days and nights, to planning enriching experiences through excursions. Our educators who work across the school are also an integral part of our teaching teams and we also acknowledge their contributions to the lives of all young people. Why not drop your young person's teacher or educator an email, send in a note or just tell them about the difference they make in your child's life!

Voluntary Contributions

On behalf of CCS and the School Board I would like to extend my sincere thanks to families who have contributed to the school through their voluntary contributions. We acknowledge that the year has provided many complexities and pressures for families and your ongoing willingness to support our school ensures we are able to provide the learning opportunities for our students to continue to grow. For families who may be considering supporting the school through a voluntary contribution, we will be sending out updates for families in the coming days. We appreciate any contribution you are able to make.

Transitions at Caroline Chisholm School

Preschool 2021

Preschool 2021 transition visits will take place on Tuesday 10 November (2021 Pelicans) and Thursday 12 November (2021 Rosellas). The preschool information session will be held on Wednesday 4 November and will be available from this date online. We are also updating our transition website and further information can be found at: <https://carolchisholmschool.wordpress.com/>

Preschool to kindergarten

Our preschool to kindergarten transition processes are underway. Our preschoolers will commence the formal transition program on Tuesday 3 and

Friday 30 October 2020

TERM 4 WEEK 3

DATES TO REMEMBER

NOVEMBER

- 5 SC Basketball @ Erindale College
- 6 Outdoor Ed: Ms Rees Mountain Biking
- 9 Outdoor Ed: Mr Davis Mountain Biking
- 9 Middle Years Girls Touch Football
- 10 Middle Years Boys Touch Football
- 10 JC LSU Yarralumla Play Station
- 11 Senior Years Girls Touch Football
- 12 Senior Years Boys Touch Football
- 13 Outdoor Ed: Ms Rees Canoeing
- 13 SC The Unit National Gallery
- 19 Outdoor Ed: Mr Davis Canoeing
- 24 JC Books For Life Incursion K to Year 6
- 27 SC The Unit Tidbinbilla

Thursday 5 November. We have planned three orientation sessions between 3 November and 19 November. Students will participate in a range of experiences at this time including literacy, numeracy and art. They will also have the opportunity to tour the school and meet other educators across the campus. My thanks to Rachel Burke, Jodie Pang and the kindergarten team for their coordination of this process. If you have any questions about the transition to kindergarten please touch base with Rachel.

The 2021 Kinder information session will be held online on Wednesday 25 November. Information has been sent out to families earlier this week. We are also updating our transition website and further information can be found at: <https://carolchisholmschool.wordpress.com/>

Year 6 to year 7

Our 'Middle Years Mash-Up' went ahead on Thursday 29 October. Students were grouped in mixed groups and they were involved in mini lessons including English, maths, visual arts, team building, challenge and initiative games and activities. They also have had the opportunity to meet our 2021 year 7 coordinator, Daniel Downes, and other class teachers. Students also had a school tour and participated in a variety of hands-on activities designed to support students to connect with their peers, educators and our school community. If you feel your child needs additional supports or visits for their transition into year 7, please touch base with Michaley Phokos, Daniel Downes or Joseph Jennings. My thanks to Michaley, Dan and Joe for their leadership of the transition.

Year 10 to year 11

Our staff are currently working with all year 10 students to formalise pathways beyond year 10. Many students are engaged in work experience placements and transition visits to college. My thanks to Livia Tigwell for her ongoing support of careers transitions at our school and to Joe Jennings for coordinating transitions for students with additional needs.

Playground Upgrades

The JC playground upgrade commences on Monday 2 November. Please be aware that there will be temporary fencing on the oval for the coming month as the playground and shade cover are installed and the fence line is extended. Modified playground experiences will be on offer while the installation takes place. We can't wait to share this work with you!

Classes for 2021

This term we will be working as a staff to plan our classes for 2021. A great deal of time and effort is involved in planning our classes each year. Staff have an in-depth knowledge of ways to enhance learning and they will use this knowledge to support the placement of students in classes for 2021. This information is combined with student strengths, personalities, friendships and student support requirements. Students on our junior campus will be asked to complete a sociogram where they are asked to list five children they feel they work well with. Students will then be placed into classes with at least one child from their list. We work closely with our preschool educators to best plan for kindergarten placements as well. If you believe your child's placement needs special consideration please let me know in writing as soon as possible. This can be done via email Jennifer.howard@ed.act.edu.au or by making an appointment through the front office. It is imperative that all requests are made directly to me so that I am able to ensure appropriate considerations are made. Please remember that requests cannot be made for specific teachers. Junior Campus families will be informed mid-January through teacher introductory letters as to staffing arrangements and class placements for 2021.

In relation to our senior campus students, Gavin McClory is coordinating electives for students moving into year 9. Gavin will meet with the current year 8 students in the coming weeks; students will be presented with an overview of the elective choices and they will be asked to make their final decisions through an online system. Students currently in year 7 will be able to make their elective choices later in the term through a similar process. If you have any questions about this process, please reach out to Gavin.

Thank you for your ongoing support!

Jen

NEW INDIGENOUS EDUCATION OFFICER

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Families,

I would like to introduce myself, my name is David Beran, I have Waanyi/Garawa connections, I was born and raised on Yuggera country in Brisbane and now live on Ngunnawal Country in Canberra.

I would like to introduce myself as a new Indigenous Education Officer at Caroline Chisolm School.

The focus of my role here at Caroline Chisolm is primarily to support the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students with their education holistically whilst also connecting and engaging with the families/caregivers, also support the school with sharing and celebrating Indigenous culture

The IEO role in schools is to support schools to build their Cultural Integrity. A main aspect of my role is to link the school with its Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community. In the coming term I will be focusing a lot of time and energy into connecting with our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander families and community and building these relationships.

Another feature of my role is to look at areas for improving our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander knowledge and perspectives within the school and curriculum and work closely with teachers to build their knowledge.

I am looking forward to meeting the Caroline Chisolm Schools Community. Please feel free to come in for a chat. I have a space located on the Senior Campus in the Daramoolen Warranbul, room, but I am more than happy to meet on Junior Campus, Monday to Friday.

David Beran *IEO, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Education Officer*

Waanyi descendant

YEAR 7

Year 7 Wellbeing Enrichment

Once a fortnight this term, Year 7 have been participating in a wide variety of Wellbeing enrichment activities. With 2020 bringing a lot of challenges, it is great to see our students positively interacting with each other and engaging with some of the activities we have on offer. It is a well-deserved opportunity for our students to take a mental break, have some fun and to reflect on the achievements that they have accomplished this year. Below are some photos to highlight the Wellbeing enrichment program from Week 2 this Term.





YEAR 5/6 GREVILLEA UNIT

What a term to look forward to! We have started with soccer clinics, technology days and middle years mash-up. The students are focused and keen to get through term 4 with positivity, enthusiasm and fun.

Soccer

This term, the students have enjoyed learning soccer skills with Ivan from Canberra United Football. They have dabbled in dribbling, passing, 1 vs 1 games and small group games.

Health benefits of playing soccer:

- increases aerobic capacity and **cardiovascular** health.
- improves **muscle tone**.
- builds **strength, flexibility** and endurance.
- increases muscle and **bone strength**.

Samantha (Yr 6) *"I enjoy learning soccer skills as they can be challenging"*.

Aiden (Yr 5) *"Soccer is fun. You get to play with your friends"*.

Cooper (Yr 6) *"Soccer is fun as you are challenged to put yourself outside of your comfort zone"*.

Technology Day (Rockets)

In week 1 we had a technology day where students focused on designing, creating, testing, improving and reflecting on a paper rocket. Their mission was to create a rocket that could travel the furthest using a foot pump launcher. The students had a great day modifying their rocket before the ultimate showdown where Lachlan L was victorious in creating a rocket that travelled the furthest.





Technology Day (Wetlands)

In week 2 we had our second technology day where students focused on planning, designing and reflecting on a multi-use area for the Wetlands. They had 3 design parameters - it had to include a garden, a catchment area for water and a play area. We looked at some of the social, ethical, technical and sustainable considerations that go into design. Students came up with some creative ideas including fruit and vegetable gardens, ponds (including fish for "lunchtime fishing") and obstacle courses.



End of Year Activities

The end of year sparks lots of questions for parents. We are currently doing what we can in preparation for Graduation in the hopes that it will be "as normal as possible" given the restrictions that we must follow due to COVID. We have enjoyed seeing our Year 6 students kindergarten photos - how time flies! Our next assignment is for the students to think about what they want to be when they grow up and their favourite memory of CCS.

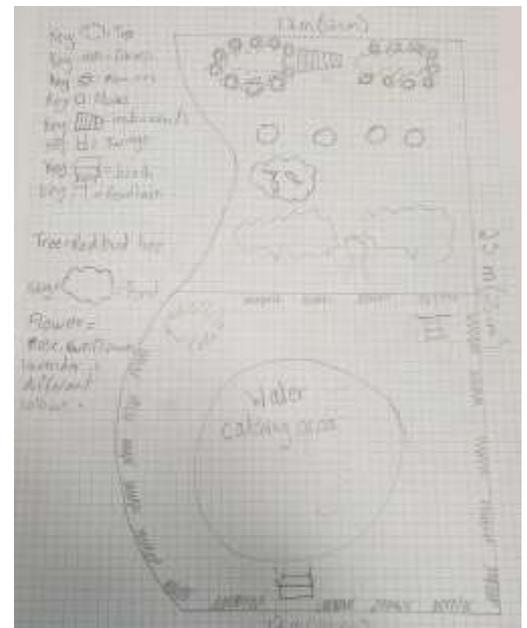
Year 5 students will soon be voting on the design for the 2021 Year 6 shirt which will be ordered in Term 1 of 2021.

We are well on the way in planning the end of year excursion, with details and permission notes to be sent home in the next few weeks.

The following are save the dates and more information will follow as plans are finalised:

December 10 (Thursday Week 9) Year 5/6 end of year excursion

December 16 (Wednesday Week 10) Year 6 graduation



PRESCHOOL

The preschool children have been busy investigating and learning about many of the animals we see in our yard. The birds and insects have been of particular interest. In the classroom the learning has been supported by looking after silkworms. The children have observed they are getting bigger, changing colour and movement.

We have a busy term ahead. We are continuing our visits to the Library, Gymbaroo and gross motor with Ms Kristie and learning about living things and how we look after them. The Preschool children will be exploring the Kindergarten space through visits to the classroom and playground.



JUNIOR CHESS CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP @ CAMPBELL HIGH SCHOOL



On Sunday 18 October at Campbell High School from 10am till 3pm Luay and Lujain A and Don T represented Caroline Chisholm School at the Primary Championships. Due to the COVID restrictions this was held with limited numbers and conditions. Luay, Lujain and Don all enjoyed this opportunity to not only play chess but to make new friends too.

Luay lead the way finishing with 3 points, Lujain 1 point and Don 0.5 points. As this was their first-ever championship and the competition was fierce they all did extremely well.

Although we did not place in the overall competition, Don came home with a trophy for winning the highest scoring Year 1 boys.

I was very pleased that I was able to 'drop-in' for about an hour to see what a great job they were doing.

WELL DONE Luay, Lujain and Don.



