

NEWSLETTER

Friday 8 September 2017 **Senior Campus Term 3 Week 8**

Dates to Remember

13 Sep Wednesday	JC Canteen NOW OPEN WEDNESDAYS-----Available Preschool Wednesday only
13 Sep Wednesday	JC Learning Journey
13 Sep Wednesday	Fete Subcommittee Meeting-----@ 7pm, Senior Campus Staffroom
19 Sep Tuesday	JC Graduation Fundraiser
22 Sep Friday	Last Day Term 3
27 Oct Friday	Preschool Subcommittee Meeting-----@ 9am in the Preschool Family Room
30 Oct Monday	P&C General Meeting-----@ 7pm, Senior Campus Staffroom
17 Nov Friday	Twilight Fair-----@ 4pm - 8pm, Senior Campus

Message from Ms Sally

Dear families

We are very quickly coming to the end of term, to help us celebrate the children's learning there will be a Learning Journey next Wednesday between 8.15-9.30 am. Children show their families their learning and set new goals for Term 4. If you are unable to attend at this time, please make a time with your child's teacher to come in at an appropriate alternative time.

We have been very proud of our students attending Limelight, excursions, incursions, competitions and special days. They have all represented the school very well demonstrating their respect and responsible behaviours. Thank you to all of our teachers for the hard work and organisational skills required to get our students to so many activities. It is fabulous to see so many children riding responsibly to school, helmets on and then walking their bikes through the school. Please remind them not to ride until they are off the school grounds, being particularly mindful of the preschool area and small children.

Over this term we have handed out lots of reading awards, thank you to everyone who reads with and to their children at home. Developing a love of reading is as important as developing the skills of reading and we encourage both! Books that we label 'Take Home Readers' are directed at developing the skills of reading, fluency and accuracy. Enjoy reading with your child.

Thank you to all the families who assisted and contributed to the recent working bee. We were very fortunate with the lovely weather that day. The work in the preschool, kindergarten playground and sensory room is very much appreciated. We are looking forward to seeing the gardens grow.

Just a little reminder that we are a sun smart school, this means it is time to see all children and staff wearing sun smart hats. If your child/children need a new hat we do have some in the uniform shop that are very appropriate.

We have had a number of children at school as early as 7.50 am. We do not have staff here officially until 8.30 am. If you need before school care Communities@work are interested in running before school sessions please contact them on 1300 212 273.



Have a great weekend
Sally

Acacia News

What an incredible Book Week celebration we had! The JLSU and kinder students did a wonderful job both dressing up and performing their rendition of 'Sleeping Beauty' at the Book Week Assembly. In addition we saw super audience behaviour from the children as they watched the wonderful and imaginative telling of the short listed book "Gary".

The JLSU has been practising enriching texts by adding adjectives to what start out as the very plain and simple book; 'What's in the Lake?' We have learned that sometimes the same words can be used to describe many different things and that there are many different words that can be used to describe the same thing.

The JLSU has just completed our science unit, 'Spot the Difference', which had some challenging lessons involving ice blocks, spaghetti, chocolate and popcorn. While it was difficult to make spaghetti towers, it proved even more testing to melt chocolate and pop popcorn. Our observations included seeing, smelling and touching, but not tasting (mainly because we had put our hands on the materials☺).

More satisfying, the JLSU has been cooking up a storm. So far we have shopped for, measured and mixed, chilled and heated the following snacks: pancakes, mini pizzas, sugar cookies, mac and cheese, apricot trifles, and muesli ball, all with varying levels of success. The children have also been helping to clean up after cooking, so they can be helping out at home as well.

Hopefully, your children have been interested in seeing, comparing and maybe even adding up various combinations of coins, as money has been a maths focus across the unit. A great way to reinforce these skills is to give your child some coins to add up and spend at the shops on your next visit. A fun game is to have your child identify various coins and maybe allow them to keep the ones that they can correctly name. This is a great way to help them value their learning, as well as to clean out your coin purse.

As spring springs at CCS, we hope you enjoy the lovely weather and the many trees bursting forth with beautiful flowers!

Shiri Marx, Claire Sturgess & Michele McCarthy
Kinder & JLSU



Kurrajong News

Year 1 have been "Past Detectives" this term by investigating artefacts from the past. Mrs Dawson collected three 'Chat Boxes' from the museum for us to have in our classrooms this term. In our 'Chat Boxes' contain artefacts from 'daily life' in the past such as toys, travelling, cooking, school and bathing items. Students were fascinated as they handled items and made predictions about what they may have been used for.

It certainly has been very interesting looking at these items and comparing them to objects that are used now. Some observations of artefacts from the past from our students have included:

'Toys from the past don't have batteries and kids needed to use their imagination to play.'

'Because there wasn't any electricity in houses in the past, people had to work harder in the kitchen to mix and chop food.'

'School was very strict and if people were naughty they would be punished with the cane!'

'No hot water! No lights! What did they do?' (The teachers then explained about how wood heaters were used to heat water for baths).

On Friday 22 September (the last day of term) students in Year One will be dressing up in 'olden days clothes' and the teachers will be running the day similar to how school was run in the past with games (marbles, knuckles, hop scotch) and no technology! Mrs Dawson, Miss Brown and Miss McDonald are looking forward to this exciting day!

A QUICK MESSAGE FROM MISS BROWN

Learning Journey - The year certainly is flying by! Next week is our 'Learning Journey' on Wednesday 13 September from 8.15am-9.30am. The Learning Journey is an opportunity for students to share their learning with their special guest, whether that is a parent, grandparent, older sibling or friend!

All classrooms from K to 5 will be open for you to visit and participate in a range of activities with your host student in their classroom. We look forward to seeing you there.

WOOLWORTHS EARN AND LEARN CLOSERS 19 SEPTEMBER - Stickers have been flying through the front office door and our box is filling up fast! The more stickers we receive the more cool educational resources we can order for our school that are ABSOLUTELY FREE!

Sticker sheets are located in the Front Office on the note stand if you would like to collect your stickers on a sheet. Otherwise simply pop your stickers in the box and we will place them on the sticker sheets for you!

A huge 'THANK YOU' to everyone who has been collecting stickers, I can't wait to see how many things we will be able to get this year!

HOME READING - There are still plenty of book prizes for students who reach 100 and 200 nights home reading. Home Reading is an opportunity for students to read for pleasure and to practise their fluency when reading out loud. As I say to my Year 1 students, our aim is to read like a 'sliding snake' not like a 'jumping kangaroo'!

Rachel Dawson, Sarah Brown and Jayne McDonald
Year 1

Melaleuca News

We have had a busy few weeks in the Melaleuca unit! The Book Week Assembly was a great success, and the students in year 4 looked amazing dressed up as their favourite book character. Many of the students in years 3 and 4

participated in the limelight performance at the AIS. Their dedication and hard work really paid off, and they sounded fantastic on the night.

In class, the students in year 4 have been learning about forces in science. We have been looking at the effect of gravity and friction on different objects. We will be starting our history unit on the arrival of the First Fleet in the coming weeks. The students will be conducting their own research in order to learn more about the people who arrived on the First Fleet.

Anna Connell and Katelyn Lindsay
Year 4

Grevillea News

Hi everyone

In the SLSU we have been learning about things that produce heat in our science unit. This has evoked wonderful discussions about the things around us that produce their own heat and what is warmed up by another source.

We have been learning about our brain and which parts of the brain are working when we do different things. We have made a Play Doh representation of the brain. This included the Prefrontal Cortex, Cerebrum, Cerebellum, Amygdala, Hippocampus and the Brain Stem. As part of this learning we have been discussing growing our brain like a muscle and how our growth mindset helps our brains grow.

In the life skills program, we have been learning to cook in the Senior School kitchen. The children have been focusing on safe knife skills and preparing delicious healthy food. The Moroccan Pumpkin Soup was a hit and the children really enjoyed learning to make Ham and Salad Wraps. We have begun traveling by bus to Woolworths in Erindale to shop for our cooking lessons every fortnight. The boys have particularly enjoyed riding the bus over speed bumps and going around corners.



May we all keep learning and growing.

Roz Thomson
SLSU

Indonesian News

Hello everyone

We are now about to end another exciting term. It is already week 8 and the children have had opportunities to show off their creative skills in Indonesian. The Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 were given the task of building their own little towns. They were enthused with the idea and got to work with gusto. At this juncture, I would like to thank the many parents who have chipped in to help their children with their major project. Each class came up with a myriad of ideas that literally blew me away. Making towns was the buzz word for the upper levels, while the younger ones were busy learning about body parts and singing the Indonesian version of 'Head, shoulders, knees and toes'. They now know how to match the Indonesian word to the English translation. Plus, they also learnt how to draw their own little monsters listening to instructions in Indonesian. I am really looking forward to teaching additional interesting and engaging topics in Term 4.

Salam
Ibu Ramesh

Message from Ms Jenny

NAPLAN ONLINE - TRIAL OF THE NEW ONLINE ASSESSMENT PLATFORM



You may have heard that NAPLAN online is proposed to be introduced across Australia from 2018.

NAPLAN online will provide better assessment, more precise results and faster turnaround of information. Your child's results will be returned to you faster, within a couple of weeks rather than a couple of months.

Between 11 and 22 September 2017, our school is participating in a trial of the NAPLAN Online platform (the computer system the test will be taken on). This trial isn't 'another' NAPLAN test for 2017; rather, it is a chance for teachers and students to test the new platform in a real-life classroom environment. A selection of our students will

participate in the trial, by undertaking either one or two online tests that include examples of the new NAPLAN online questions. Each of these tests will take approximately 45 minutes to complete.

Participating in this trial is important as it will help us make sure we have adequate bandwidth capacity, wireless connectivity, and are confident with the administrative processes and classroom practices in setting up NAPLAN testing.

Feedback from schools participating in the trial will inform transition to the online assessment as well as provide valuable feedback to shape the final development of the NAPLAN online platform.

Participation in this trial is a key step to ensuring a successful NAPLAN online experience. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact Jenny Robinson.

Further information on NAPLAN Online is available at www.nap.edu.au/online-assessment/naplan-online.



**Being a parent is the hardest job we'll ever have.
All parents at some time experience difficulties and stress.**

Parentline ACT is a confidential and free telephone and face-to-face counselling and information service.

Phone Parentline if you would you like:

- To talk with someone about those parenting issues.
- Help with some ideas on raising children.
- Support in the important job you are doing.
- To know what is available for parents, teenagers and children.
- To build better relationships in your family.
- Help to understand your child or teenager's behaviour.
- Make an appointment for a counselling session.

Parentline ACT | Monday to Friday (except on public holidays) 9am to 5pm | Phone: 6287 3833



Transport Canberra News

RE: Changes to the Transport Canberra Bus Network, Saturday 7 October 2017.

On Saturday 7 October 2017, Transport Canberra will be introducing a revised network and timetable. This change is the first of a series of improvements towards an integrated public transport system in 2018 with the introduction of light rail to the nation's capital.

This information including new timetables and maps are now available for parents and students to view on the Transport Canberra website – transport.act.gov.au

Some dedicated school services have also changed. We ask all parents and students to check their school route timings and maps for changes. This information is available on the [schools page](#).

You can choose to search by *Route Number* or *School Name*.

We would appreciate your assistance in circulating this information to students and parents using your existing communications channels, such as school emails, newsletters or notices to start planning travel from Monday 9 October 2017.

Should you have any queries regarding your school service please call 13 17 10.

Regards

Transport Canberra

Transport Canberra and City Services | ACT Government

496 Northbourne Avenue, Dickson | GPO Box 158 Canberra ACT 2601 | www.act.gov.au



PLAYSCHOOL - Do you have a 3 - 5 year old?

Playschool is a fantastic play-based educational program specifically designed for 3-5 year olds. It is the perfect parent free introductory experience for children in their year prior to preschool.



ENROLMENTS NOW OPEN FOR 2018 - Please email or call for more information

GILMORE PLAYSCHOOL - 2 Henry Melville Cres (opposite Gilmore school) - 6291 9641

ISABELLA PLAINS PLAYSCHOOL - Ellerston Avenue (opposite shops) - 6292 4477

Sessions run in school terms.

Email: tugglink@tugglink.org.au

Web: www.tugglink.org.au

P&C News

Junior Campus Working Bee:

A huge thank you to all the Junior Campus families and staff who toiled in the beautiful sunshine on Saturday to bring some life and colour to our Kinder and Preschool playgrounds. We can't wait to see all the new seedlings that will pop up over the next few weeks.

In particular thank you to the Caddick-Bayer Family, Cawdell-Smith Family, Green Family, Jennar Family, Lansom Family and Manderson Family. Also to Miss Sally, Mr Willis, Ms Smriti, Miss Beck, Mrs Waugh, Ms Debbie and their families for all their assistance on the day.

We are still collecting **plastic lids** for more sensory art designs, so please bring your donations to the Front Office.

Junior Campus Canteen:

Reminder: from **Wednesday 13 September** the JC Canteen will commence trading on a Wednesday in addition to our Thursday and Friday each week. Tania will also be offering the lunch order service to Preschool students **only on Wednesdays**.

Uniform Shop:

Do you have any good quality uniform items that are no longer needed? Why not donate them to the School Uniform Shop for the **Second Hand Uniform** service!

Just bring your laundered, good quality items to the shop during opening hours and leave as a donation or you can choose to sell items on consignment by completing a simple form.

The Uniform Shop operates on **Tuesday 8am-10am** and **Thursday 2.30pm-4.30pm**, each week during school terms.

Father's Day stall:

The Father's Day stall was a terrific success and we hope all the Dads enjoyed the gifts chosen by their children. The P&C especially wish to extend a HUGE thank you to one of our school families, Sym and Nathan Huntly from NPH Painting for their extremely generous donation of over 120 gifts towards our Father's Day stall!

Your efforts were an immense help to the success of the event. Thank you.

Preschool Fundraising:

The picture plates have been ordered and should arrive at school by mid Term 4. The next campaign will be the keepsake tea towels. Notes will go out at the start of Term 4. Tea towels will be \$12 each and will feature a drawing from all the students and staff at Preschool 2017.

FETE, Friday 17 November - DONATIONS NEEDED:

The Preschool are seeking donations of second hand toys/books/games that are in good, clean and working condition to sell at their stall. Small fun items to fill **tombola** jars are still needed also. For example: matchbox cars, hair accessories, marbles, lollies, small chocolate bars, etc.

Please donate your good condition books, CD's, DVD's and records for the Book stall.

Please bring your donations to the Front Office.

If you wish to hold a stall or you have a business that wishes to make a donation, please contact the Fete committee on ccsfete@gmail.com

Save the Dates:

Next Fete Subcommittee meeting - Wednesday September 13 @ 7pm, JC Family Room

Next P&C General meeting - Monday October 30 @ 7pm, Senior Campus Staffroom

Next Preschool Subcommittee meeting: Friday 27 October @ 9am in the Preschool Family Room.

ALL WELCOME!

The CCS Newsletter is the best way to keep up to date with what is happening across our school. Please update or provide the Front Office with your current email address. Should you require any further information regarding the CCS P&C, 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

Kind Regards
Fiona Green
P&C President