

# NEWSLETTER

Friday 10 February 2017

Junior Campus Term 1 Week 2

## Dates to Remember

Tues-Thurs	14-16 Feb	Preschool Parent / Teacher interviews (Week 3) from 5.30 pm
M-F	20-24 Feb	Preschool Parent / Teacher interviews (Week 4)
Mon	13 Feb	Kinder Parent / Teacher interviews
Wed	15 Feb	Kinder Parent / Teacher interviews
Wed	15 Feb	Student account opening morning (8.30am – 10.00 am)
Wed	15 Feb	GWS Giants are visiting CCS Years:K-5
Wed	15 Feb	Meet the Teacher BBQ – DG Square (5.00 pm – 6.00 pm): Information attached
Wed	15 Feb	Parents Camp Meeting (5.30 pm – 6.00 pm)
Fri	17 Feb	SCHOLASTIC <u>orders due today</u>
Fri	17 Feb	Kinder Health Check <u>notes due today</u>
Mon	20 Feb	Canberra Raiders Respect Assembly Years: 3-6
Tues	21 Feb	12 years and under Swimming Carnivals: Information attached
Fri	24 Feb	Whole School Assembly 2:15pm

## Principal's Report



Hello new and returning Caroline Chisholm School families.

I am glad to see everyone back safe and sound from the summer break with lots of fantastic stories to share. The students have settled in wonderfully, ready to learn new things and take on new challenges.

We continue to grow in student numbers at CCS, being approximately 25 students larger than this time last year. Thanks to all staff that were at the forefront of transitioning our students into preschool, kindergarten, Year 6 and Year 7. I have received a lot of positive feedback and the students are settling in wonderfully.

I would like to welcome the following staff to the senior campus:

- Tegan Gaukroger (Year 6)
- Matthew Nogrady (SOSE/English)
- Cassandra Hart (SOSE/English)
- Elysia Teh (Indonesian/SOSE)
- James Weeden (Music)
- Fiona Norris (Executive Teacher – Student Wellbeing)

I would like to also like to welcome Nathan Pepper back to the Junior Campus, filling a newly created third executive teacher position.

### Uniform:

I would like to thank the P&C, Karen and our new uniform shop manager, Jude, for the great start to the year. We now have added a number of new optional selections to our uniform including the addition of our house hats. These hats have been modelled by our senior campus house captains and are already selling fast from the uniform shop. Our students all look wonderful in their school uniforms and show great pride in wearing them.

### STEM:

I have spent some time over the break and during the first couple of weeks of the school year continuing to provide advice regarding the new Centre for Innovation and Learning to be built at Caroline Chisholm School this year. The

building will have a strong emphasis on Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) particularly focussing on the skills of collaborating, creative thinking and complex problem solving. This multi-million dollar building should begin construction in March this year and I will provide more information as I am allowed to release it. This is a very exciting project for Caroline Chisholm School as well as schools in the Tuggeranong network and I am looking forward to it advancing.

Kind Regards,  
Kris Willis

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## A message from Miss Sally

Welcome to 2017, we have had a wonderful start to the term, even though we have all been a little bit warm! We are encouraging children to drink plenty of water during the day and when they are outside to wear a sun smart hat. Sun block is available for students in every unit - thank you P and C.

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce you to our teams.

Lyn and Lisa in the front office are the first point of contact. They are the people you can leave messages with, ask questions about anything we are doing here at school and point you in the right direction for the answers. We can't thank them enough for the great work they do.

Catching all of our staff for a photo has proved tricky.

Marg Denne, Kate Wishart, Karen Syphers are wonderful supports to our children. You will see them helping in the classrooms and working with many different students across the school. Deb Brice continues with us in the preschool doing a wonderful job with are very young students. Lyndon works hard maintaining our school and doing a great many jobs for us.

David Cleverly is our School Psychologist working with many families across P-10.

Providing alternative curriculum and release for classroom teachers we have, ( See right) Anissa Jones who provides Digital Technology to our 3-5s. Anissa teaches on the Senior Campus.

Jacqui Ramesh teaches Indonesian, K-6. Jacqui is also providing some in-class support to enable additional supports to be given for literacy. Irene Ovchinnikov provides library literacy time P-5. Irene is also providing some extension time to children in our *Ignite Their Thinking Philosophy groups*.



You may also hear the name James Weedon, James is a music teacher and will be working with year 3 each week. He will also be working with some of our other grades and their teachers.

In our P-1 team lead by Sarah-Jane Brown.

(See right) We have in the back row Beck Verdon (preschool), Sarah-Jane Brown and Nathan Pepper (year one), front row Shiri Marx (kinder), Clair Sturgess (Kinder) and Rachel Dawson (year one)

Shiri is providing a gross motor, gymnastics program K-3. Alannah Rose is supporting the JC to do this.

Our year 2-3 team lead by Nathan Pepper,  
(See right) Meg Row (year 2), Annette Harasymiv (year 2) Marjorie Waugh (year 3), Nathan Pepper, and Kayla Catling (year 3)



In the back row: Smriti Sharma (lead of Disability P-10) and Jenny Robinson (lead of the 4-5 team), Kristie Ryan (Learning Support Unit Teacher) Sara Kuar (Support for LSU), Jess Crilly (year 5)  
 Front row: Andrea Irving (year 5), Katelyn Lindsay (year 4) and Anna Connell (year 4). Michele McCarthy is in the Junior Learning Support Unit.



Names of the units:

- *Acacia Unit* - Kinder and JLSU
- *Kurrajong Unit* - Year 1 and 2
- *Melaleuca Unit* - Year 3 and 4
- *Grevillea Unit* - Year 5 and SLSU

Important things to know about term 1, 2017

- Camp – most of the year 4 and 5 students will be attending a camp on the 15, 16 and 17 March. Families sending their children on camp are invited to a half hour information session on Wednesday 15 Feb 5.30-6 pm
- Meet and greet with teachers – on Wednesday 15 Feb from 5 -6 pm we will be having a Meet the Teachers BBQ. All welcome!
- Making individual appointments – if you need an individual appointment with a teacher this would be a great opportunity to organise a time for you to come in.



- We will be having 2 carnivals this term, Swimming and Athletics. Notes have been sent home.

We are all looking forward to working with you this year and having wonderful outcomes for your children.  
 Have a great weekend and a wonderful year at Caroline Chisholm School.  
 Sally Alexander  
 Junior Campus Principal  
 Caroline Chisholm School

**Our Newsletters are going paperless!**

From Week 3, Term 1 2017, the Junior Campus we will be moving to paperless Newsletters. Please update or provide the Front Office with your current email address ASAP.  
 NOTE: A paper copy will still be available to collect from the front office each week for your convenience.



Parent/Carer Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE RETURN TO THE FRONT OFFICE**



## Saver Plus

Saver Plus is a free financial education program delivered by The Smith Family that can help families on lower-incomes pay for school costs like books, uniforms, laptops, and excursions, by matching their savings, dollar for dollar, up to \$500.



## Stressed about school costs?

Would \$500 help pay for uniforms, books, excursions, tutoring, a laptop or tablet?

Saver Plus matches your savings for school costs, dollar for dollar, up to \$500!

You may eligible if:

- you have a Health Care or a Pensioner Concession card and,
- you or your partner have some regular income from work such as full-time, part-time, casual or seasonal work.

**Contact Kathleen Watson**  
**your local Saver Plus Coordinator:**  
**02 6283 7606 / 0448 730 305**  
**or [kathleen.watson@thesmithfamily.com.au](mailto:kathleen.watson@thesmithfamily.com.au)**

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- To find out more about Saver Plus visit <https://www.thesmithfamily.com.au/programs/financial/saver-plus> or contact the ACT Saver Plus Coordinator, Kathleen Watson, on 0448 730 305 or [kathleen.watson@thesmithfamily.com.au](mailto:kathleen.watson@thesmithfamily.com.au).
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## P&C NEWS

Welcome to all our new and returning families, we hope everyone has had an enjoyable start to 2017.

### Constitution Amendments:

Last year, the P&C committee continued our focus on compliance of committee documentation and procedures. Part of this process included a review of our P&C Constitution and several items requiring amendment were identified. This week all members were provided with proposed amendments for consideration. The consultation period for these proposed Constitution amendments ends at COB on **Monday 27th February, 2017**. All parents and carers are considered a member of the P&C and therefore able to contribute to these important changes.

Comments can be lodged in writing at the Front Office of either campus or through the Survey Monkey portal at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/DRKNNRR>

### CCS Twilight Fete:

It will soon be Fete time again with our biennial Fete booked in for **Friday 17th November 2017**. We need many helpers for lots of different tasks; from assisting with organising by being a part of the Fete sub-committee, to working with stall holders and even helping on the night. Please see the attached form for more ideas of how you can be involved. We need everyone's support to make our Fete a success again this year. Please complete and return your form to the P&C box in the front office or you can email [ccs.pandc.contact@gmail.com](mailto:ccs.pandc.contact@gmail.com) or call 0405 357 425 if you have any specific questions/concerns.

### Uniform Shop News:

Uniform Shop hours have now returned to normal after our extended hours in January.

☞ The Uniform Shop operates on **Tuesday 8am-10am** and **Thursday 3pm-5pm**, each week during school terms. ☞

We have new **house hats** available through the Uniform Shop. The coloured bucket hats conform to the ACT Public Schools and Cancer Council ACT sun safety guidelines and there is a choice between 2 colours for each house. Hats are \$20 each.

The **Second hand Uniform service** is now up and running and the Uniform Shop always welcomes more donations of clean, good quality second hand items. Items can be sold on consignment if you wish, please speak to the Uniform Shop staff for further information.

Last year the student leadership team, in consultation with the P&C, reviewed the CCS uniform and as a result of that process we will be adding some options to the existing uniform in the coming weeks. Please be assured that these items are options IN ADDITION to the existing uniform choices. They are not replacing the current uniform range, just adding options to better cater to our uniform needs as identified by students, families, and the new Directorate policy. More information will be provided as the options are delivered, though cotton content short sleeve polo shirts for Senior campus and Junior campus are already available.

We have a new Uniform Shop manager, Jude Bates. If you have been into the Uniform Shop in these first weeks of school, some of you may have already met Jude. If not, please say hello next time you're in the Uniform Shop. Soon we will say goodbye to Karen, who is leaving us to focus on her own business interests. The P&C and the Caroline Chisholm School community wish to say an **enormous thank you** to Karen, for the considerable time and effort she has put in to turn what was just an order service with a sizing kit, into the fully fledged, efficient shopfront that it is today. Thank you Karen and best wishes in your future endeavours.

### Canteen News:

The Canteen is open each Thursday and Friday, please find the menu included with this newsletter. Volunteers are always welcome; please add your name to the roster next to the canteen door with your preferred date. Reusable lunch bags are available at the canteen in a variety of colours for \$10 each.

Keep informed of all the latest P&C information, through our Facebook page.

You can find us at <https://www.facebook.com/ccspandc> or search Caroline Chisholm School P&C when you are logged into Facebook. Like our page to always keep up to date.

Reminder: Our AGM is currently scheduled for **Monday 20th March, 2017**, pending completion of our annual audit. Why not come along and find out more about how to be involved in your children's school?

If you would like more information about the P&C, please join us at our next P&C meeting on **Monday 27th February, 2017** in the Junior Campus staffroom at 7pm, everyone is welcome.

# Caroline Chisholm School

## 2017 Fete

Friday 17 November 2017

4pm to 8pm

**After the HUGE SUCCESS of our 2015 Fete our P&C have undertaken the challenge again! This will be our major fundraising event for the year. We need everyone's support (large or small) on the day and during the planning stages. Please complete and return this form indicating how you may be able to help.**

- I would like join the Fete Committee
  - Attend meetings prior to the event and be involved in the preparations.
- I would like to help run a stall on the evening
  - A number of stalls such as the BBQ, chocolate wheel and ride ticket booth require volunteers
- I would like to book a stall
  - Stalls will cost \$40 (plus optional donation of your service/product)
- I know a business that can donate an item/voucher (describe below)  
\_\_\_\_\_
- I've got a great idea (please list idea)  
\_\_\_\_\_
- I have a skill that can be utilised (i.e. graphic designer, public relations, carpenter, electrician etc...) (please list skill) \_\_\_\_\_
- I would like to help but don't know quite how yet. Please keep me informed via email of any help that may be needed.

**Forms can be returned to the P&C box located in the Front Office on the Junior or Senior Campus:**

Name: _____
Home Phone: _____
Mobile: _____
Email: _____

## SCHOOL BANKING 2017

Welcome back for another year of school banking!

School Banking Information packs were sent home this week. The school banking program fosters children's savings habits and for each deposit, students are issued tokens which they can redeem for cool "rewards" for their efforts. This year's theme is Future Savers with our first 2 rewards released in Term 1 - Cyber handball and Colour Change markers. The school also benefits through commissions paid by the Commonwealth Bank for every new account opened and every deposit made, so it's a great fundraiser for the school too.

For parents interested in starting their children with the School Banking Program, we will be holding an

### **Account Opening Morning:**

**Wednesday 15th February, 8.30-10am** in front of the hall on the **Junior Campus**.

All parents from our school are welcome to attend, even preschool students. All you will need is photo ID for yourself. Susan Summers from CBA will be there to assist parents.

### **Did you know.....?**

If your child is an existing account holder at the Commonwealth Bank, you can participate in the school banking program? Just bring your yellow deposit wallet along on **Friday** mornings, & drop it off at the Front Office before 9am. Students are eligible to bank at school until they turn 16 years old. Wallets on the Junior Campus (K-5) will be returned to students in their classrooms. Preschool students can hand their wallets to Miss Beck on their banking day and parents can collect them from student's home pocket at the end of the day. Students from the same family may bundle wallets together with a rubber band.

### **Handy tips for student bankers:**

Always fill in the deposit slip as it's important for us to see how much should be in your wallet. You only need to fill in your name, student number, date and amount (the rest can be left blank). It's a good skill for students to learn. Use the Velcro compartment to keep the money in otherwise it may get lost.

A common query we always get is: *Do we need to have the exact amount enclosed for each banker in our family? For example, we have 2 children we wish to make \$5 deposits for each; can we give a \$10 note?*

*The answer:* Yes! As long as the total of the deposit slips for your family equals the total amount of money enclosed, we're happy. As Mums of larger families ourselves, we understand that sometimes it's just not possible to always have exact change for banking day.

Happy Banking  
Debby and Fiona  
School Banking Co-ordinators