Message from the Principal

Dear Chisholm Families

We have come to the end of another busy term full of many learning highlights. The Junior Campus Learning Journey on Tuesday was a great way to celebrate children’s learning and the following inclusive statement on the JLSU student’s passport by Ms Jovy DiGio, I believe faithfully defines our entire school:

‘This is our [school]. We are of different ages and year levels but we believe that working together despite our differences makes learning better.’

Our Parent Community

Our highly energised P&C have contributed to the school on many levels this term. The Preschool Working Bees have resulted in a refreshed playground, the purchase of the much loved cubby and the new look classroom décor. Additionally, our preschoolers and K to 5 students have enjoyed their much anticipated discos, with special guest Blue Foo, aka Willow’s dad, a real hit with our 4 year olds. The K-5 children and I’m sure their dads, appreciated the carefully selected delights from the ever popular Father’s Day stall. Thank you P&C!

Julie Crimmins is handing over the reins of the Senior Campus Uniform Shop to Ms Karen Tazreiter from the start of term 4. Karen is very familiar with our school as she has children on both campuses. I would like to acknowledge Julie’s hard work and management in establishing the Uniform Shop. Julie has worked tirelessly to improve uniform quality and access for all students. Julie will continue as the P&C President and will now focus on delivering another successful Chisholm Carnival for 2015.

Our Students

Chess - Congratulations to our chess players (and their coach) on their outstanding achievements this year. Please refer to Mr Stephen Sengstock’s Chess report for the exciting details.

Dance Festival - I congratulate Ms Kate Beasley on her achievement in preparing two dance teams for the annual Canberra Dance Festival. The students’ performances at the Canberra Theatre were outstanding.

Waterwatch - Our science teacher Ms Medveczky’s ignite Science students have taken on the community based project Waterwatch. Recently, our Waterwatch radio stars – Sarah C, Charmaine D, Kai K and Ms Medveczky – were very impressive in the manner in which they represent CCS on the The Waterwatch radio show on 2XX 98.3FM.

WELLNESS Week – the senior campus students celebrated the end of the term through the Wellness Week activities. Many students and teachers have participated in activities that promoted the ‘Five Ways to Wellbeing’ – connect, give, take notice, keep learning, be active.

Gold Awards – the following students have been recognised for their exemplary performance in either their academic or community endeavour. Congratulations students. 

Gold Academic

Maggie A
Lalida K
Mary O

Gold Participation

Erin C
Kay L
Felicity M
Nathan F

Farewell

We farewell Colette O’Hare our Junior Campus canteen manager for 5 ½ years and thank her for her service to our school community. Colette brought a much appreciated flair to making healthy food look very appealing to our students – faces on boiled eggs were a real hit! We wish Colette every success in her new endeavours.

I thank my wonderful staff for their willingness to connect, give and be active with Caroline Chisholm students in order to provide them with positive learning experiences beyond the classroom.

I wish you a safe and restful holiday.

Wendy Wurfel
This term we learnt about our environment. We learnt that environment can be man-made/built or natural. We went for walks around the school to identify the built and natural environments that exist around us.

We also learnt that environment in the past was different from environment in the future. We visited Tuggeranong Old Schoolhouse to learn more about our past environment.

Smriti Sharma

There was only one game - one, single, tiny little game - between the overall first and second-placed Primary Girls' teams playing off to represent the ACT in the Australian Interschool Nationals at the end of this year...

The playoffs were held all day yesterday and today, at Campbell High School. Our girls - Melody McK (Yr 5), Niamh W (Yr 6), Gisela V (Yr 5), Amelia V (Yr 5) and Niamh F (Yr 5) - had to play a double round robin against the three other highest performing ACT girls' teams in interschool chess this year: Turner, Curtin, and Ainslie Primaries.

In these playoffs, individual games can last for up to two hours, because the players get a time limit of one hour each in which to make all of their moves. If you get a win, you get 1 point. You earn .5 for a draw and 0 for a loss.

Anyway... at four o'clock Sunday afternoon, after a year of being narrowed down to the top four interschool teams out of more than a hundred in the ACT, after a weekend of five rounds of super competitive, exhausting games by every player in every team, there was just one more round to play....

...and you could have thrown a blanket over the top three in the standings. Only one point divided them going into the last round:

ACT Primary Girls playoffs - Round 5 standings (With one round to go...)
Turner Primary: 11.5, Curtin Primary: 11, Chisholm Primary: 10.5, Ainslie Primary: 9

It might appear pretty grim, but the good news was that this was our turn to play the last team in the standings: the slightly out-of-form Ainslie Primary. Turner and Curtin were playing each other.

What our girls needed to do was defeat Ainslie as well as possible, then hope that Turner and Curtin would share the points...

For some reason, our girls' games finished quickly in the final round. After about 40 minutes, we had defeated Ainslie Primary 3-1!!!!

By the time our games had finished, Curtin and Turner had finished three games. Turner had won 2, and Curtin had won 1. With just one game to finish between the top girls of Curtin and Turner Primary, here were the new standings:

ACT Primary Girls Playoffs - Round 6 standings with one game to finish...
Chisholm Primary: 13.5, Turner Primary: 13.5, Curtin Primary: 12, Ainslie Primary: 10

Our girls' destiny was in the hands of these two girls from Curtin and Turner. If Saffron, the player from Turner, won the game, Turner would be driving off to Adelaide next month to represent the ACT against all the other States and Territories leading teams. If the win went to Curtin Primary's Celina, who is almost the top-ranked female player in the ACT for her age, Curtin would move to 13 points, and Caroline Chisholm School, in its first ever attempt, would likely win the playoffs on countback...

Ladies and Gentleman... I can now report...... That... Finally...

After an exhausting, two-hour game and with all three teams, their coaches, and their parents on the edge of their seats...

Saffron, the Turner player, quietly called 'checkmate', thus catapulting her school into first place in the ACT representative playoffs. Saffron's team, Turner Primary, defeated ours by a solitary point, after a such a long, competitive and dramatic weekend.

Despite the agonising end result, I simply cannot begin to explain how proud I was of our school's latest chess superstars. They were the first Chisholm team ever to qualify for these playoffs. They played their absolute best chess in every game. They performed at a level of focus and strategy this weekend that I must confess I didn't fully anticipate.

If you see these girls at school or in social settings over the next few days, please give them a super high five in congratulations. This was an amazing achievement and we can be so very, very proud of their collective efforts this year.

Yours in Chess, Steve Sengstock

P.S. A huge thank you to Year 5's Mr Bindley, who attended the event most of Saturday afternoon and lifted the girls' spirits tremendously to begin their comeback after a nervous start.
Lake Burley Griffin turns 50 on Friday 17th October and Canberran families are invited to get on their bikes and join in the celebrations!

Pedal Power and ACT Government are holding a family cycling event on the shores of the Lake and you are invited along anytime between 5pm – 7pm.

The ride will include an exciting ‘clue hunt’ taking in historic landmarks along the way with volunteer guides bringing the history of the lake to life. There’ll be prizes and goody bags for the kids as well as family entertainment at Regatta Point - plus a VIP will be cutting the Lake’s 50th Birthday Cake!

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A separate note has been sent home with your child today.
Canteen News
As you all know Colette has decided to leave the Caroline Chisholm School Canteen this term. We would like to say Thank you to Colette for all her hard work over the years and we wish her a Happy and Safe Future. She will be sadly missed by the children but I am sure she will take with her many happy memories of their smiling faces.

I would like to introduce Kym Brown as our new Canteen Manager. Please help me in making Kym feel very welcome. If you would like to introduce yourself to Kym or offer any assistance please feel free to wander into the canteen on any Wednesday, Thursday or Friday.

Fundraising News
Congratulations to the Fundraising Team for running a very successful disco. I understand the kids had a blast!

Fete News
CCS Fete preparations for 2015 are underway! Our Fete will be Friday 30th October 2015. Our first Fete Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 12th November 2014 to be held in the Snr Campus Staffroom @6.30pm. The more helpers we get the more successful it will be. All Welcome

Wishing you all a Happy and Safe Holidays
Julie Crimmins
P&C President

Fundraising
Thank you for all the help and support at the Disco. We raised approx. $1200 which is an amazing effort. We would like to thank Coles Chisholm for all their support they are offering our school.

PSW
PSW only open for 3 more weeks. All items in store are 50% off so a great opportunity to get school items cheap.

Joanie van der Plaat

If you are interested in working in the Uniform Shop please contact Julie Crimmins, P&C President on 0403214202.

Joanie van der Plaat