

# NEWSLETTER

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Welcome to the 2023 school year, the school's 38<sup>th</sup> year of providing learning and teaching experiences for the local community!

2023 promises to be another amazing year at CCS with many exciting things happening! Over the break we have been fortunate to complete some upgrades including new flooring in the SC science labs, painting of the outdoor education and art rooms on senior campus and ongoing smaller upgrades to our outdoor spaces.

This year we are upgrading the cabinetry in the senior campus science labs, finalising our outdoor play space on the senior campus and constructing a brand new front office on JC. There is much to come and we are very excited to share this with you.

It has been an absolute pleasure to touch base with so many families over the past week. I would like to extend a warm welcome to all of our families who have recently joined the Caroline Chisholm community and look forward to getting to know you and your children. I would also like to extend a very warm welcome to all of our educators and students; I have already enjoyed hearing of the many adventures our students and families have had over the past six weeks.

### Staffing 2023

Further into this newsletter you will find photos of our teaching teams for 2023. We have a number of new staff who have joined our team and I extend them a very warm welcome.

Our front office team on the JC this year is changing from today. Our wonderful Sara has won a promotion working in ACT Education! My sincere thanks to Sara for her incredible work in the front office. We have welcomed Vicki from Mt Rogers Primary School to our JC front office this week to complete a hand over with Sara. Vicki will work alongside Debbie for the next six months. Please join with me to welcome Vicki to CCS. The team are available to support you between 8.00am and 3.30pm; for support beyond these hours we ask you to contact the senior campus front office. On the SC this year we have Sharon Gosling, Elissa East, finance officer Beth Skinner and business manager Sonia Jamieson.

### Junior Campus

Continuing in our JC deputy principal role is Nicky Smith. Joseph Jennings is also continuing in our P-10 wellbeing deputy principal role and is also located on the JC. The JC executive team includes:



Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2023  
TERM 1 WEEK 1

## DATES TO REMEMBER

### TERM 1

#### WEEK 2

**MONDAY 6TH February**

\*Outdoor Ed 101  
Erindale pool swim  
test 12:40 – 2pm

**FRIDAY 10TH**

\*Outdoor ED 122  
Pool Swim test 11am –  
12:20 pm

#### WEEK 3

**TUESDAY 14<sup>TH</sup>**

\*Outdoor ED 103  
Swim test 11:20 am –  
12:40 pm

**THURSDAY 16TH**

\*Outdoor ED 103  
Erindale pool swim  
test 10am – 11:20am  
\*YWCA Self Esteem  
Group 12:30 – 2:30 pm

#### WEEK 4

**MONDAY 20<sup>TH</sup>**

\*JC All day – “Get to  
know you” interviews.  
11:30am – 3pm

**Tuesday 21st**

\*JC All day – “Get to  
know you” interviews.  
\*P & C Annual general  
meeting - 6pm

- Preschool to year 2 – Jennifer Heywood and Nicky Smith
- Year 3/4 and 5/6 – Phil Perkins
- Release teams and literacy – Smriti Sharma
- LSU – Joseph Jennings

### *Senior Campus*

Our senior campus deputy principals Shane Mitchell, Terrie McHardie and Gavin McClory continue in 2023. This year we have six executive on the senior campus including:

- Learning executive – Tatjana Radulovich
- Teaching executive – Gavin McClory and Hillary Swan
- Strategy executive – Timothy Hawke
- Wellbeing executive – Michaley Phokos and Kim Rice

We ask that if you need to meet with a member of the executive, that a time is made through the front office or via email. As always, the team are happy to meet with you to provide any support you may require. Our meetings this year are on Tuesday (campus specific), Wednesday and Thursday (P-10) afternoons, these meetings are a priority as we focus on ensuring our practice is aligned with current research and student needs. We also value community partnerships and we will endeavour to be available after school to meet with families.

### **Keeping Up To Date**

We understand how important and complex it can be for families to keep up to date with school events throughout the year. To assist you to stay informed, we have a number of key channels that you can access:

- the calendar on the school website which you can sync with your calendar on your mobile devices, the school FaceBook page 'Caroline Chisholm School'
- emails directly to your nominated email address for events directly involving your child/ren
- the school newsletter which is published fortnightly (odd weeks) provides a wealth of information about shorter term events and updates which are noteworthy for the fortnight ahead; the newsletter is emailed directly to your registered email address and is also available for download from the school website.

We look forward to continuing to support families to remain informed and involved in our students' lives.

### **Allergies and Nut Aware**

Caroline Chisholm is a Nut Aware School. This means that we ask that no nuts are brought to school, including in sandwich spreads, as a raw snack or within muesli bars etc. We know that families go to great lengths to check ingredients lists to avoid sending products with nuts to school, we greatly appreciate these efforts. We do have a number of children across the school with increased sensitivity to the smell of nuts and contact (rather than ingestion) with any nut based products. As such we ask that if your child has had a nut based spread or product before coming to school, that they wash their hands and face prior to leaving home. These actions significantly reduce the possibility of cross contamination. We do have a number of children with other allergies across the school also, class teachers will be in touch regarding any other foods to be aware of in your child's class. We take allergies very seriously, ensuring all staff are trained in the safe administration of auto injectors. We ensure that all action plans and necessary medications move with the relevant child as they move through the school. If you have a child with an allergy, please ensure all action plans are up to date, your contact details are accurate, and all medicines required are on site.

### **Get to know you interviews for the Junior Campus**

Our JC Get to Know You interviews are scheduled for the week of 20 February (week 4). Bookings will be made through a new online booking system that we are launching in the coming week. Learner Profiles will be sent home for families to complete and bring along to the interview. These Profiles support us to get to know your children and assist us to meet their learning needs. We look forward to learning more about your children and family over the coming weeks.

### **Before School Supervision**

Before school supervision commences at 8.30 am when a school staff member commences playground duty. We encourage students to have a calm and quiet start to the morning and therefore do not permit running games or ball games before school and students are required to 'walk their wheels' as they enter school grounds. On JC the bell will ring at 8.55am and students will line up and move straight into their classrooms. This will ensure that we maximise

learning time in the mornings when students are alert and well rested. On SC, students will move to their CC classroom by 9.00am.

### **Sign In/Out JC and SC**

Each year we revisit procedures to ensure we are following the appropriate guidelines. If a student arrives late, (more than 5 minutes) or needs to leave early during the school day, parents and carers are requested to inform the relevant campus front office via phone or email [chisholm.absences@ed.act.edu.au](mailto:chisholm.absences@ed.act.edu.au). Students who are late or are leaving early need to attend the front office on JC and Connect on SC and sign in.

### **Student Attendance**

As part of the ACT Education Act; it is the school's responsibility to ensure students attend school on a regular basis. If your child is absent from school please ensure that you inform the school as soon as possible; the preference is to receive this information in writing. There are a number of options available including completing an absence slip at the front office, sending an email to your child's teacher or the front office, or a phone call to the front office. The school will send out daily SMS notifications to families when their child or young person is absent from school. Each term, any unexplained absences will be sent home with a covering letter requesting information to explain the absence. Should you have any questions or concerns about this process, please don't hesitate to touch base.

### **Student Injury - Insurance and Ambulance Transport**

The ACT Education Directorate does not provide any insurance cover for injury, disease or illness to students resulting from school activities or school-organised excursions. Claims for compensation are met where there is a legal liability to do so. Liability is not automatic and depends on the circumstances in which any injury, disease or illness was sustained. As there is no automatic insurance cover for personal injury if your child is injured at school or during a school organised activity/excursion, you should therefore consider whether taking out personal insurance cover for your child is warranted. This insurance might cover contingencies including medical/hospital expenses, ambulance transport outside the ACT, and cancellation of transport/accommodation or loss of/damage to luggage. The ACT Ambulance Service provides free ambulance transport for students who are injured or suddenly become ill at school or during an approved school organised activity within the ACT.

### **Working with Vulnerable People – Volunteers in Schools**

With the easing of current restrictions, we are beginning to welcome volunteers back on the school grounds. Where you have organised with our P&C or a member of the executive to volunteer at school, please make sure that you check carefully that you are signing into the correct folder. For those who hold a Working with Vulnerable People Card (WWVP), please make sure you have this card on you and that your number is recorded next to your signature. For volunteers and visitors without this card, you will need to sign into the non-registered folder. If you are a regular volunteer, that is volunteering more than 7 hours in a semester, you must have a WWVP card. If you exceed these hours you are in breach of the Working with Vulnerable People (Background Checking) Act 2011 which commenced on 8 November 2012. This also puts the school at risk of breaching the act and being fined. We certainly appreciate all of our volunteers and your support in this matter is appreciated to ensure we are keeping all of our students safe. If you have any questions around the registration process, you can call Canberra Connect on 13 22 81. For more information: <https://www.accesscanberra.act.gov.au/>

### **Staying COVID Smart in 2023**

Being COVID Smart remains a priority for all ACT public schools in 2023.

Students, staff and visitors are reminded to:

- Stay home if unwell and get tested for COVID-19
- Stay up to date with your vaccinations
- Practise good hand and respiratory hygiene
- Physically distance from others when in public places

Individual schools may implement additional measures to manage COVID-19 if deemed necessary in a particular setting. Any changes will be communicated to parents and carers.

**If your child has COVID-19, you must let the school know.** We recommend keeping your child home for at least five days.

RATs are again available from the school for students in term 1 from the front office.

**You can read more about how we are being COVID Smart in ACT public schools at** <https://www.education.act.gov.au/public-school-life/covid-school-arrangements>

## Safe parking around schools

The start of the school year is a particularly busy time in our school carparks and surrounding streets. It's important that we park safely and legally to support the safety of students.

Parking on a footpath, nature strip or roadside verge can:

- Cause safety risks for pedestrians as they are less visible to oncoming cars
- Increase the risk for vulnerable members of our community like children, people who are visually impaired, and those using a wheelchair or pram
- Restrict the line of sight for other road users
- Restrict access for emergency services vehicles.

Parking on nature strips can also damage trees, footpaths, gutters and underground pipes and cables. Please also remember not to park across driveways or block neighbouring residents' properties.

As students return to school remember to also slow down and stick to the 40km/h limit around our schools between 8am and 4pm.

Parking inspectors regularly patrol school zones to support safe parking and keep students safe.

If you cannot find a car park in our school car parks, we suggest parking a little further away and walking or riding the rest of the way – it's a quick and easy way to get in some exercise too.

Let's all work together to keep our kids and community safe!

More information about travelling safely to school is available on the [Transport ACT website](#).

Thank you for your ongoing support!

Jen

## JUNIOR CAMPUS STAFF

### Admin Team



Grant Robinson, Deb Brice, Sonia Jamieson  
Amanda Caddick, Vicki Steele

### BSO



Kerrie Prutti



## Pre-School Team



Kristie Ryan, Nour Tabaja, Sian Phillips, Jill Downs  
Jen Heywood

## 1 /2 Team



Jen Heywood, Jessi-Lea Freund, Sharon Stevens, Chloe Tsekenis

## Kindy Team



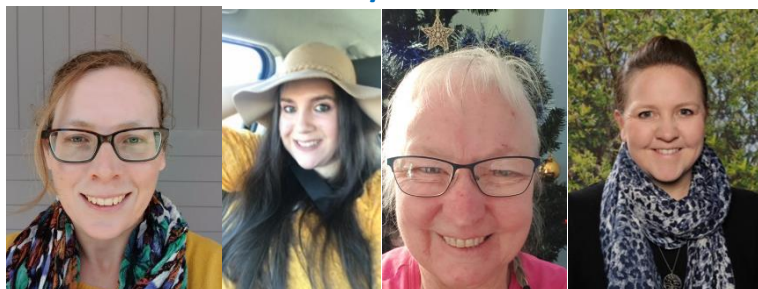
Emily Tanner, Jen Heywood, Courtney Long

## LSU Team



Hector Wilke, Rebecca Brown, Claire Shepherd, Jacob Reid,  
Varinder Kaur

## 3 /4 Team



Emily Hocking Greta Idowu Marjorie Waugh Rachel Salter

## 5 /6 Team



Andrea Irving, Phil Perkins, , Hannah Skinner Laura Condon

## Release Team



Smriti Sharma, Jordan Rodger, Kristie Ryan, Jo Herstik



## Senior Campus Staff

### Admin Team



Sharon Gosling, Mark De Rooy, Beth Skinner, Amanda Caddick,  
Grant Robinson, Heidi McDonald, Sonia Jamieson

### BSO



Mark De Rooy

### Youth Support



Adam Taylor

### School Nurse



Phillipa Kim

### Maths Team



Isaac Van Bockel, Tatjana Raduovich, Safia Saboor,  
Insir Mustansir, Brahmjot Kaur

### Arts Team



Adrian Davis, Miriam Miley-Read, Cassie Hoolihan,  
Yooga Uthiakumar, Laura Macafee, Gavin McClory  
Tatjana Radulovich



## English Team



Laura Macafee, Matthew Wray, Adam Crowther  
Hillary Swann, Dylan Cannell  
Cassie Hoolihan, Kira Omernik, Kaitlyn Catchpole

## TECH VET Team



Jade Reid, Kim Rice, Tim Hawke, Daniel Granado,  
Samantha Briggs, Jonathan Hartley

## Science Team



Insia Mustansir, Bruce McFarland, Julian Pratley, Jason Fleming, Taz Whan, Nicholas Tugwell.

## Hass Team



Jonathan Hartley, Matthew Wray, Yooga Uthiakumar,  
Hillary Swann, Tanya Turner, Chelsea Rolls, Michaley Phokos

## Support Staff



Joseph Knezevic, Jessica Stevens, Judy Mann,  
Nikki Mann, Sarah Tabaja, Ashley Winn,  
Matthew Jolley, Peyton Jenkins.

## Support Staff continued....



Jake Hadley, Bridget Brian



Harrison Croucher



Karen Syphers

## Flex space Team



Livia Tigwell, Danielle Van Kemenade, Joseph Jennings





## WE WANT YOU FOR THE CCS BOARD!

School boards work in partnership with the principal and school communities. They have specific responsibility for endorsing and overseeing the strategic direction and priorities of the school; monitoring and reviewing school performance; developing, maintaining and reviewing curriculum; approving budgets for the effective use of school resources; and management of financial risk. If you would like to work with other board members to ensure the school functions in the best interests of its students, Caroline Chisholm School would be grateful for your nomination.

The following positions will be vacant on the Caroline Chisholm School Board in 2023:

- ❖ **2 students** - 2 year tenure if in Year 9, 1 year tenure if in Year 10
- ❖ **1 member of the school staff** (does not have to be teaching staff), 2-year tenure
- ❖ **1 parent/carer, 2-year tenure**

Appointments commence **1 April 2023**. There are generally 2 meetings each term on a day to suit the members.

Nominations open: 11am Monday **6th February 2023**

Nominations close 11am Monday **20th February 2023**

Nomination forms may be collected from either the Junior or Senior Campus front office during normal business hours (8:30am – 3:30pm Monday - Friday) or requested through the Assistant Returning Officer.

You must submit your nomination before the closing date by either:

- ❖ Hand delivery to the box at the CCS Junior campus or Senior campus front office.
- or
- ❖ Email to [info@chisholm.act.edu.au](mailto:info@chisholm.act.edu.au) with "CCS Board" in the subject space.

Further information: contact the Assistant Returning Officer, Livia Tigwell, on 6142 3547 (direct), 6142 3550 (switch) or email: [livia.tigwell@ed.act.edu.au](mailto:livia.tigwell@ed.act.edu.au)



# CANTEEN NEWS

## Junior Campus Canteen

- Wednesday – Friday
  - K-6 Break 1 for lunch orders and Breaks 2 for counter service.
  - Preschool lunch orders only on Wednesdays only.
- Robin is the JC canteen operator

## Senior Campus Canteen

- Tuesday - Friday
  - Breaks 1 & 2 for both counter service and lunch orders.
- Robin works Tuesday and Lyndsay Sweeney works W-F.



## For student absences

please send an email to:

[Chisholm.absences@ed.act.edu.au](mailto:Chisholm.absences@ed.act.edu.au)



## COMMUNITY



**Nick's Tutoring & Literary Works**

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# JOIN THE FUN!

## CANBERRA GIRLS ONLY AUSKICK CENTRE

Every Monday starting 20th Feb (excluding Canberra day) for 4x sessions @ Phillip Oval

Each child will receive: Auskick Drawstring Bag, GWS GIANTS Cape, Pencil Case, Fidget Spinner, Footy Cards, Footy Pump, AFL Auskick Football for \$50!

Note: participant will receive \$50 registration voucher if they choose to sign up for club Auskick in 2023 after this program!



SCAN ME

Register Now!

To register, visit [Playhq.com](https://playhq.com) and enter 'Canberra (Girls Only) Auskick' then click Register OR Scan the QR Code

To receive FREE tickets to GWS GIANTS home games, make sure you select YES to become a GIANT'S RECRUIT!



[play.afl/auskick](https://play.afl/auskick)

For more information contact: Jessica Connor on 0417 559 190 or Email: [Jessica.connor@afl.com.au](mailto:Jessica.connor@afl.com.au)

# VALLEY DRAGONS COME AND TRY DAY FOR AGES 5-16



KICK THE FOOTY. HAVE FUN.  
PLAY SOMETHING GREAT.

SUNDAY 19TH FEB

9:00-12:00

GOWRIE OVAL



Valley Dragons JRLFC Official