Caroline Chisholm School Preschool to Year 10

An ACT Public School

Hambidge Crescent Chisholm ACT 2905 Australia Junior Campus Web: www.chisholm.act.edu.au E-mail: webmail@chisholm.act.edu.au Ph; (02) 61423555

Senior Campus

NEWSLETTER

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE



It certainly has been a busy fortnight at CCS! Our JC students thoroughly enjoyed the Cross Country Carnival last week. It was wonderful to see students encouraging each other to have a go and to achieve their best! My thanks to Hannah Skinner for organising this wonderful whole of campus event. My thanks also to Robin, Fiona and Amanda for organising the P&C special lunch; we are very fortunate to have such a dedicated P&C team. While the rain beat us this week, we are looking forward to the SC Cross Country next week and the ever popular year 10 BBQ fundraiser.

Students across both campuses had the opportunity to purchase from the P&C Mother's Day Stall on Friday 6 May with \$200 raised by our P&C. I am grateful to Amanda, Fiona and the many volunteers who assisted to make the stalls such a success. If you would like to become part of our school P&C and join in the many ways that they enhance opportunities for our students, please reach out to Amanda through email on: <u>ccs.pandc.contact@gmail.com</u>

Changes to processes

On Friday of last week all families were emailed the changes to the school covid safety assurance plan. This document outlines key changes to restrictions which have been in place across the year. I ask all families to read through this information and ensure they are familiar with the details. This assists with school processes running smoothly and it allows us to support families in the best possible ways. If you have any questions please just touch base. We will continue to update our calendars on the website and reminders of events through Facebook now that most school activities have resumed.

Workload reduction days

All parents and carers were emailed last week about two planning days which are scheduled for this term which has been supported by The ACT Government. These days will provide public school teachers with some extra space to complete student reporting and lesson planning. While these responsibilities are part of our core work, the impact of COVID-19 has changed and increased teacher workload in ways that we could not have anticipated. In determining the scheduling of these dates we consulted

Friday 13 May 2022 TERM 2 WEEK 3

> DATES TO REMEMBER

TERM 2 WEEK 4 TUESDAY 17 MAY Kinder Health Check

THURSDAY 19 MAY Yr 7-10 Cross Country Yr 10 BBQ Frundraiser

FRIDAY 20 MAY Naplan Ends

SATURDAY 21 MAY Election Day Yr 10 Fundraiser -Sausage Sizzle

WEEK 5

TUESDAY 24 MAY Tuggeranong U12 Cross Country

FRIDAY 27 MAY National Reconciliation Week starts with our School Board, P&C and Staff. We also looked closely at attendance data and ways to reduce the impact on families.

Therefore our school will hold staff planning days on:

- Friday 3 June 2022 (week 6)
- Thursday June 30 2022 (Week 10)

Where possible, we ask that students do not attend school on these days. We appreciate your support as we continue to navigate through the school year.

Transitions for 2023

As you know, enrolments for the 2023 school year are now open! While we are not holding an information night this year, we understand the importance of transitions at all levels and ages. As such, we have prepared a transitions website for families which has key information about our school, transition days and sessions to be held later this year, and key information about school life at CCS. For new and continuing families seeking information about transitions (preschool, kindergarten, year 7), we encourage you to head to the links below:

- Main transitions website: <u>https://carolchisholmschool.wordpress.com/</u>
- Transition to Preschool: <u>https://carolchisholmschool.wordpress.com/starting-preschool/</u>
- Transition to Kindergarten: <u>https://carolchisholmschool.wordpress.com/pre-k/</u>
- Year 6 to 7 Transition: <u>https://carolchisholmschool.wordpress.com/transition-event/</u>

If you have further questions, please just email or call the front office team and they will direct your enquiry to a member of the senior executive team.

NAPLAN

NAPLAN testing has been scheduled during weeks 3 and 4 of this term for students in years 3, 5, 7 and 9. Due to the remote learning period, some of the testing for year 5 will move into week 5 also. There continue to be several tests for each year group – Reading, Writing, Language Conventions (Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling) and Numeracy. While NAPLAN is a point in time test, it can provide some valuable information about student learning growth over time along with insights to inform teacher planning for learning of particular concepts, skills and knowledge through delving deeper into the data. For some students, it is important to remind them that NAPLAN is nothing to be worried about – these tests should not be daunting for any student, and I encourage you to reassure your children that our aim is to make students comfortable to do their best. Putting in their best effort and having a go is all we ask of them. To support the testing, if your child is in year 7 or 9, please ensure their Chromebook is fully charged each day.

Assessment and Reporting - Semester 1 student reports

With the middle of the school year fast approaching our teachers will soon be preparing student reports for semester 1. This semester we will be providing students with an overall A-E grade, and an assessment of achievement standard statements on a 5-point scale.

While semester 1 reports won't include detailed teacher comments, parents and carers are encouraged to speak directly with their child's teacher(s) if they have any questions or concerns about their progress. Our teachers will also continue to communicate directly with you when there are any concerns about student learning or other classroom updates.

JC parent/carer/teacher interviews will be going ahead in week 9. SC interim reports and interviews will take place in term 3 as per our regular reporting schedule.

Enrolments 2023

Remember to complete your child's application for enrolment before June 3, 2022 to ensure you receive an offer in the first round of offers (from 25 July 2022). Applications made after 3 June will receive an outcome for their application later in the year.

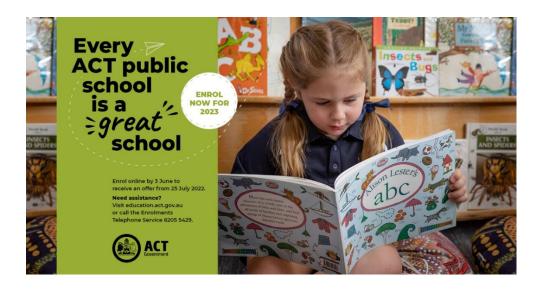
For CCS families:

- Students currently attending CCS preschool who are in area are automatically enrolled in kindergarten at CCS. Families do not need to take action unless they are out of area for CCS and are looking to continue into kindergarten at CCS; in this case families need to apply to enrol in kindergarten.
- Students currently attending year 6 at CCS continue on automatically into year 7, families do not need to apply unless living out of our priority enrolment area.
- Students currently attending year 10 at CCS should consider contacting the college in their priority enrolment area (for most this will be Erindale or Lake Tuggeranong College) and complete the online application for enrolment.
- Families with students in specialist programs such as the JC or SC Learning Support Units will need to apply for enrolment through the same online platform. There is no central placement panel for 2023 for students with disabilities as all schools from 2023 will have LSU facilities. The current Enrolment Policy supports all families to apply for their priority enrolment area school LSU program.

Further information, including the enrolment portal and calculator to check your child's grade level is available at the following link: <u>https://www.education.act.gov.au/public-school-life/enrolling-in-a-public-school</u>

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Jen.





For student absences please send an email to: <u>Chisholm.absences@ed.act.edu.au</u>

YEAR 7

<u>HPE</u>



During Weeks 6 and 7 Mrs Reid and Mrs Bindley's HPE class focused on kicking. These photos are from our penultimate lesson where we had two games running with students self-referring, self-scoring, and subbing. We are proud of their progress, skills, sportsmanship, and teamwork.







Team building activities





<u>Science</u>





Students have enjoyed building their science skills throughout the Ecology unit in Term 1. Some key highlights were testing at Fadden Pines where they learnt about different water tests and what they mean for water systems in their local surroundings. Students also completed a flower dissection (as seen in the images), where they learnt about the anatomy of a flower. On another occasion the classes tried to solve a cold case from CCS's dark past....They were given a bunch of evidence and worked together to test samples of different water to be the best detectives they could. Ask your child if they solved the case?



Year 7 Coordinator Update



At the end of Term 1, I had the pleasure of celebrating the success of 27 Year 7 students. Their teachers awarded them for a variety of reasons in correlation to our school values: Respect, Responsibility and Perseverance, thus far at CCS senior campus. I was so proud to see how well they had done, I decided to cook them breakfast as a treat. Together on the last day of term, we enjoyed Ham & Cheese Croissants and Hot Chocolates while playing some fun Kahoots.



I would like to congratulate Amaya, Mylo, Laycie, Aaron, Owen, Johnny-Vy, Nikola, Connor, Tyler Rae, Bastian, Cesc, Reta, Misa, Ada, Cassy, Lauren, Marnie, Jharal, Justin, Oscar. V, Ryan, Brendan, Isobel.G, Max.M, Regan, Mal & Oscar. S. Keep up the good work legends!





THINGS COMING UP FOR YEAR 7:









- Week 3 = Thursday 12th May First Whole School Carnival Cross Country.
 Your child is encouraged to wear their house colours!
- Week 3 = Friday 13th May Term 3 Camp Expression of Interest note is due.
- Week 6 = Thursday 2nd June Swing into Life Excursion.
 A note was sent home and is due back Tuesday 24th May.

Other Reminders:

- Please ensure your child is attending school organised with their equipment; Chromebook (fully charged), pens, books, and food for the day.
- Uniform As it begins to get colder, we encourage students to wear their school jumpers and add layers underneath. They can wear layers under their school shirt if it is our school colours.
- From week 3, the students will be required to get changed for practical HPE lessons. The red shirt and black shorts can be purchased from the uniform shop. Any questions reach out to your child's HPE teacher.
- The Contact Class Teachers are your first contact for any questions or concerns:
 - ~ Jumbanna Jabiru's (purple & blue) Tanya Turner
 - ~ Mullaya Magpies (green) Dylan Cannell
 - ~ Karingal Kookaburra's (pink & red) Jonathan Hartley
 - ~ Cooinda Currawongs (yellow & orange) Susan Peachey & Alice Abraham

Wellbeing Lessons:

Every Monday week B, the students participate in their personal development wellbeing lessons. This term we are focussing on our motto "Being a Good Human". In Week 2 the students undertook a lesson about having "Safe and Supportive Classrooms". The students reflected on their favourite classroom spaces and how they could contribute to a supportive environment, as well as how it looks for them to be 'ready to learn'. They were also able to share compliments about their fellow peers. Throughout the remainder of the term, we are hoping to work with the year 7s to help grow their capacity in positive communication and learn how to best treat their peers with respect. We highly encourage you to continue the conversation at home around how to speak to other humans, as well as how to best deal with conflict. Thank you for your team work thus far and please reach out if you need any support.

JC CROSS COUNTRY

We had a great day at our Cross Country Carnival on Wednesday. Unfortunately, the weather wasn't on our side – meaning that we had to run our final two races on Thursday. We were thrilled to see parents and carers supporting the students from around the course.

The 5/6 students enjoyed cheering on both the kindergarten students and some of the 3/4 students during their races. Well done to all our students for participating and doing their best. A big congratulations to our winners in each age group.

The first five students from each race (8 years old and up) have qualified for the Tuggeranong Regional Cross Country – which will be held at Stromlo Forest Park on Tuesday 24 May. Notes will be going home to students soon.

7 Years and Under	8 Years Old	9 Years Old	10 Years Old	11 Years Old	12 Years Old
Boys:	Boys:	Boys:	Boys:	Boys:	Boys:
1 st Sebastian H	1 st Flynn M	1 st Eddie C	1 st Saxon H	1 st Martin F	1 st Jordan B
2 nd Zach H	2 nd Xavier R	2 nd Perrie T	2 nd Tadgh O	2 nd Lachlan L	2 nd Logan S
3 rd Ollie W	2 nd Albie W	3 rd Finn S	3 rd Todd N	3 rd Nick W	3 rd Oliver R
4 th Charlie W	4 th Kaleb M	4 th Ambrose A	4 th Cooper M	4 th Colby S	4 th Luke A
	5 th Eli S	5 th Lewis M	5 th Clay H	5 th Atelea V	5 th Liam S
Girls:	Girls:	Girls:	Girls:	Girls:	Girls:
1 st Tilly L	1 st Alexi J	1 st Lacey C-B	1 st Lily K	1 st Ella M	1 st Zoe B
2 nd Valelia V	2 nd Izabel S	2 nd Meg M	2 nd Keyara M	2 nd Iyla B	2 nd Matilda M
3 rd Mila C	3 rd Alisa M	3 rd Hannah S	3 rd Grace W	3 rd Paige F	3 rd Maddie S
4 th Naba A	4 th Miller B	4 th Violet L	4 th Abi S	4 th Dakshita T	4 th Isla B
	5 th Eleanor B	5 th Helena S	5 th Cleo G	5 th Mia-Rose F	5 th Che'lea C













YEAR 5/ 6

Cross Country



Last week our 5/6 students put on their running shoes and participated in our Cross Country by completing a whopping 3km course!

Our school leaders had the wonderful opportunity to cheer on and support our kindergarten students during their first Cross Country Carnival.

A big well done to all students that participated and congratulations to our 5/6 race winners!



Literacy

This term in writing, students will be focusing on persuasive text by creating a Rostrum speech during weeks 1-5. The Rostrum Primary Schools competition has been running for nearly 50 years for schools in the ACT and surrounding NSW. Each school is invited to enter one competitor into the competition after running a selection process in their own school. Speeches will be conducted by the 5/6 students in week 5 and a unit winner will represent Caroline Chisholm at the quarter finals later this year. The topics 5/6 get to choose from are 'Pay It Forward', 'Teamwork' or 'My Least Favourite Thing'.

League Stars

This term some of the 5/6 students have the opportunity to participate in an after-school Rugby League program. During this program students will not only keep fit and active, but they will also learn fundamental social, teamwork and collaborations skills. The program is offered once a week for an hour after school and is delivered by professionally trained Game Development Officers.



Crazy Hair Day

The P & C organised a crazy hair day earlier this term. The year 5/6's were quite creative with some of their crazy hair interpretations. Here are some of our crazy hair creations.







Online Learning

From Wednesday this week, 5/6 students commenced remote learning. They have all been participating in morning meetings successfully online with their class and are completing spelling, reading, writing and math activities independently. The teachers are very proud and impressed with how the students adapted to the change and look forward to their return next Wednesday.

PRESCHOOL

The preschool children have settled well back into the routine. They are increasing their knowledge, understanding and explanation of their emotions. We have been focussing on identifying emotional well-being and what we can do to make sure we are calm, happy and safe. We are ensuring we are ready to learn by engaging in welcome circle at the beginning of the day. Throughout the day we also come to together and get ourselves ready for learning using a variety body awareness activities.



In our outdoor environment, we are starting to enhance the garden area in front of our cubby as part of a grant we received. During this planning phase, the children have been investigating the best position of the new stepping stones to maximise jumping between stones. They are also helping suggest possible placement of plants. Children will be researching and investigating the size the plants will grow to ensure the placement of the plants is suitable.



The children have also been exploring changing Autumn leaves, comparing sizes, shapes and colours. They have also been exploring the leaves in the best way- raking them up and jumping in them!









CCS LIBRARY NEWS

Chief Minister's Reading Challenge



Every year, tens of thousands of students across the ACT participate in the Chief Minister's Reading Challenge. The Challenge aspires to allow every young person in the ACT to discover the joy reading can bring. Caroline Chisholm School is proud to have over 250 children registered in the Challenge.

The 2022 Chief Minister's Reading Challenge ambassadors are local authors Jack Heath, Tracey Hawkins, Irma Gold, Harry Laing, Stephanie Owen Reeder, Tania McCartney, and Emma Batchelor. CMRC Ambassadors will share their experiences as writers, story tellers and readers. The Challenge is grateful for the support of the event sponsor, Paperchain Bookstore-Manuka.

To find out more about the Challenge ask your teacher, CMRC Coordinator our librarian Amanda Caddick or go to: bit.ly/ChiefMinChallenge.

Magazine Donations

Did you buy a fashion magazine last month that is off to the recycling bin? Do you have a car enthusiast in the house that prefers to read only once and throw away? We are looking at getting in some magazines into the libraries for some quick lunch break reading. If you have magazines you think could be useful, please drop them off at either campus.

Book Covering

We have had a lot of donations of books come into the library lately, it has been amazing! But there's just too many to put on the shelves. Could you spare a couple of hours contacting some new books? All contact is provided, and a lesson can be given if you are keen but not sure.

P&C

Hi CCS Community,

Firstly, I hope that all our mums, carers, staff, and special people had a wonderful Mother's Day! Everything would be impossible without you! We want to thank you all for your support with the Mother's Day Stall. To the mums that answered our call out for volunteers so quickly - thank you! You saved the day Danielle and Amy! And also to Dani and Fiona that switched volunteer roles for us so that we could still open the canteen for the day. I'm so pleased to announce that this Mother's Day Stall was our most successful ever! It is never our intention to raise a profit for the Mother's Day Stall. The most important thing is always that our Mums feel special on the day and that our little people choose something they think you'll love. In these trying times though, it is exciting that we were able to get some profit though. So thank you for that support, it really means the world to us.



Our Loose Change Challenge is going really well! Thank you students for bringing in that change. We have so far raised just over \$140!! This is really exciting! Remember it's a year long fundraiser so there's plenty of opportunity to get your class in front. The current leader board is below. Special mention to 1/2W in 4th place!



Cookie Dough Fundraiser goes live today!! Purchase your Cookie Dough online, share with your family and friends and earn prizes along the way. Your students should be coming home with a catalogue today or early next week. Have a look and see how many tubs you are going to buy for winter holidays. Just in case you can't decide which flavour to get, in term 1 our Special lunch order included a cookie made from the Triple Choc dough, we received comments all day from staff and students about how good it was.

As always, thank you for your support, it means so much to us!

The P&C Committee.

COMMUNITY NEWS

The Gielen/Barneston family have installed the wonderful bike track seat, which they made. Below are some photos that they have taken to share. We think this is an incredible example of support from our school community.









THANK YOUTHANK YOUTHANK YOUTo the Caroline Chisholm School CommunityMany thanks for your very generous donations to our Food Pantry.
We were overwhelmed by your support and
already we have been able to assist families in need.Blessings from the Good Shepherd Community(Lutheran)Church, Chisholm