

NEWSLETTER

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

It feels good to be back! I know it has taken some time but it is certainly worth celebrating that we are back on school grounds and are genuinely excited to see our students returning. We understand that there will be mixed emotions within the community about safety and wellbeing for all. We appreciate the concern and want to echo we are working hard to minimise risks for all. Families will have received an email on October 15 with the key changes for the term. While some of the Health restrictions have eased slightly since then, the messaging remains the same. By working together with the adjustments we need in place, we can do our best to keep everyone safe. My thanks to you all for the support to keep the CCS community safe.



Week five has certainly flown by with all classes now returning to onsite learning! It is hard to believe that we are halfway through the last school term for 2021. We have seen such amazing growth in our students over the past few weeks. The rest of this term is undeniably busy, but it is worthwhile to take a moment and reflect on all that your young person has achieved this year. We are sure you will be amazed and very proud!

End of Year Events

It has been wonderful to hear that graduation ceremonies for years 6 and 10 and the year 10 formal will be able to go ahead. We are in the process of preparing correspondence for families about the adjustments that we will have in place, however you can expect that it will be similar to the 2020 end of year events.

Graduations

Both graduations will be held on the SC as the hall is bigger, this will allow for physical distancing between families. The year 10 graduation will be held across two sessions as they were last year to ensure appropriate distancing can be in place.

Presentation Night

The SC presentation night will be held during the day and this will be a student and staff attended event. We appreciate that families may be disappointed by this however we look forward to communicating all awards and sharing photos through our regular platforms.

Friday 5 November 2021
TERM 4 WEEK 5

DATES TO REMEMBER

Tuesday 9 November
P&C Fundraiser:
P to 10 Wear Team
Colours Day



Formal

The year 10 formal will occur at the offsite venue on Thursday 9 December at the Red Hill Federal Golf Club. More details will come however we do anticipate that arrivals will go ahead with some restrictions in place.

Music Under the Stars

I know that this event is much loved within the school community however at this stage the restrictions required mean that many families would not be able to attend this event, and that is not something we want to happen to our community. As such, we will coordinate a different end of year celebration that all families can enjoy. Please watch this space!

Educational Partnership

Over the past term we have written to families about the importance of online safety, understanding the legal ages for access to a variety of social media platforms, and being aware of your child's online interactions. We have had a number of concerns from families in relation to concerns about ongoing negative interactions between young people and a variety of other people (including other students, young people in Canberra and across the world). From a school perspective, safe online behaviours form a critical part of our curriculum, proactively supporting our young people to make safe online choices. At times negative online interactions spill over into school life. We respond to these concerns through speaking with the students involved, unpacking safer behaviours and restoring relationships between students. When negative interactions occur online, outside of school hours and school managed platforms, this limits our sphere of influence beyond what I have described above.

I appreciate that families can become frustrated if the interactions continue beyond this; we feel the same way. The best way for us to combat online bullying is through the school and families working together, we certainly need you to be part of the solution. Positive ways families can influence in this space is to:

- speak openly with young people about their online interactions
- discuss what is appropriate to occur online and what is not
- consider keeping the phone out of bedrooms over night (to avoid broken sleep due to FOMO)
- have a plan of action if anything negative does occur online (unpack this, discuss what is appropriate i.e. blocking or reporting to the E Safety Commissioner).

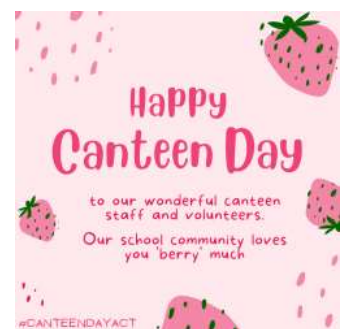
We really appreciate your support in keeping our young people safe. By working together, and being patient, remembering they are learning too, together we can ensure positive outcomes for all.

Canteen Day

Friday 5 November marks National Canteen Day! Canteens contribute to a healthy food environment for our young people, with 99% of all ACT Public School canteens following the ACT Public School Food and Drink Policy. We recognise and celebrate our amazing Canteen Manager Janelle and we thank our incredible volunteers including Robyn and Fiona who are incredibly valued at CCS! I would like to say a very special thank you to this wonderful team!

Hats on!

It is critical at this time of year that all students wear a sun smart hat when participating in outdoor physical education lessons, and when out on the playground and ovals during break time. I have noticed a number of caps being worn by some students, particularly in upper primary. Caps are not deemed sun smart due to offering less protection than a broad brimmed or legionnaires hat. We encourage all students to



wear sun smart hats while at school to maximise play opportunities. If your child is in need of a new hat, please contact Fiona in the uniform shop on the SC to place your order.

Classes for 2022

Just a reminder that planning for 2022 classes are underway. If you believe your child's placement needs special consideration please let me know in writing as soon as possible. This can be done via email nicky.smith@ed.act.edu.au or by making a phone/google meet appointment through the front office. It is imperative that all requests are made directly to Nicky so that she is able to ensure appropriate considerations are made. Please remember that requests cannot be made for specific teachers.

A few key points to remember

- If your child or young person is sick, they must stay home. If a sick child comes to school, we are required to keep them isolated until a parent or career collects them. If your child suffers from hay fever, we recommend you provide a letter from a medical practitioner explaining this.
- All adults and students in years 7 to 10 must wear a mask unless they have a disability or are medically exempt. This is an ACT Health requirement. Students in years 3 to 6 are encouraged to wear a mask. Please practice this at home, if you are wanting your child to wear a mask. The changes announced last week mean that students and staff do not need to wear masks outdoors and they are encouraged to be physically distanced when their mask is off.
- Please ensure your child or young person has a jacket. Ventilation requirements mean that windows and doors will be open, no matter the weather. On chilly mornings it can be quite cool.



**CCS
CANTEEN**

CHANGES TO CANTEEN
OPERATIONS

**JC CLICK AND
COLLECT TIME**

ORDERS THROUGH
[HTTPS://WWW.FLEXISCHOOLS.COM.AU](https://www.flexischools.com.au)

One collection time:
11.00am
Thursday and Friday

**SC OVER THE
COUNTER SALES**

11.00am to 11.25am - Year 10
12.20pm to 12.45pm - Year 7 and 8
1.30pm to 2.10pm - Year 9

Thank you for your ongoing support!

Jen

2021 SCHOOL SATISFACTION SURVEY



The 2021 School Satisfaction Survey is open for all families at public schools in the ACT. It is completely anonymous and is very helpful for informing decisions in the school and the Education Directorate.

The staff at CCS deeply appreciates the time of every family that responds to the survey. If you'd like to have your say please visit this link to answer the questions:

<https://bit.ly/chisholmsurvey2021>

FROM THE BOARD CHAIR

Dear CCS Community



The last few months in particular have been challenging for our school, families and children. We all saw how our student's lives were impacted by the recent lockdown and shift to online classrooms.

I want to take this opportunity to shine some light on how the CCS teachers and staff have had to react and implement the many changes introduced by the directorate. From behind the scenes and often with little notice, these dedicated individuals have had to respond to frequent instructions from Government and adapt how they operate and educate. Teachers and staff have been asked to change how they work and implement extra measures to keep students safe. This has been as challenging for them as it has been for our students and families, but they have persisted so that our students can continue to learn in a safe environment.

As we start to recover from the hardships we have all endured over the past months, I would like to thank all members of our community for their efforts to support our students. I also hope that you will join me in thanking the CCS teachers and staff for their continuing hard work to keep our students learning and to keep them safe.

Wolfgang Hertel
Board Chair

P&C NEWS

Hi CCS Community,

We're all back for Term 4 and while excited to be back in the swing of things, your Committee is weary. During the lockdown, while we still had monies outgoing, there was nothing incoming for our canteens and uniform shop so we need your help more than ever!



Support your canteens! Buy your uniforms for next year early!

Support our fundraising efforts next week and encourage your young person to dress in colours for whichever team they support! Whether it's Raider Green, NSW Blue, Wallaby Gold, Cavalry Orange, Brumbies Navy, we want to see them all! We really want to see YOUR TEAM though! Show us the uniform you wear on the weekend when you represent your team. Show us the Junior Rugby League kit, or the Little Athletics running shirt, or maybe the Netball dress, or your Soccer jersey.

Unfortunately, the fete is not going ahead, but stay tuned, we want to bring some End of Year Joy, so information about the End of Year Raffle will still go ahead! Information about how to buy tickets will be out shortly, we are looking into contactless and coinless options. No more digging in the couch for coins means you can buy more chances to win!

As always, thank you for your support!

The P&C Committee



Congratulations on your school's wonderful efforts in this year's SEAACT Science & Engineering Fair!

It has once again been a very successful event and we continue to be impressed with the quality seen in the students' projects.



The following students have gained a winning place (either 1st, 2nd, Highly Commended or Encouragement Award) in this year's Science and Engineering Fair. For media and communication purposes, please check that all project titles and student names are correct.

Project Number	Project Name	Student(s)	Theme
266	Post Proof Parcels	Class	Chemistry
257	Exploring Materials: Designing the Perfect Package with Kindergarten Students	Class	Chemistry

2021 Awards Ceremony Details:

1. SEAACT Science and Engineering Awards Distribution

Each school will receive their physical awards delivered containing a list of all their winners, printed certificates and prizes. This will allow schools to present these awards at the school assembly or their own special event.

2. Virtual Awards Ceremony

Class teachers, students and their families will also be able to access an online presentation announcing all winners in all categories and age groups. It can be viewed here: <https://seaaact.act.edu.au/science-fair/>

The intention is to have all awards materials completed and to you no later than **Friday 5 November 2021**.

Thank you for all of your involvement in the SEAACT Science and Engineering Fair and fuelling your students' passion for science and scientific investigation.

Kind regards,

Paula Taylor and Jo Keogh
SEAACT Science and Engineering Fair Coordinators

**Good Shepherd Community Garden
Open Day**

Tuesday, 9 November

10 am – 12noon

**Please join us as we officially open our
garden to the Community**

**Join us for morning tea and for a meander in the Garden
We have vegie plots and flowers
The garden will then be open every Tuesday for
people to come and potter in, take produce or just relax**

**Good Shepherd Community Church,
Cnr Hambidge and Proctor Streets, Chisholm**

For more information please contact
Sharon on 0402 944 723



This is not quite our garden,
picture for effect

OSHC Enrolments

Rollover (Re-Enrolment): 27 Sept to 4 Oct 2021
New Enrolments Open 19 October



commsatwork.org/oshc-enrolments

Communities@Work



Want \$500 to help you with school costs?

saverplus

Saver Plus is a financial education program for families and individuals on a tight budget to develop life-long savings habits.

To join Saver Plus, you must:

- ✓ Have a current Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card AND an eligible Centrelink payment*
- ✓ Be studying yourself OR have a child in school (can be starting school next year)
- ✓ Have regular income from work (either yourself or your partner)*
- ✓ Be 18+ years old

*Many types of income and Centrelink payments are eligible

Here are some of the school costs the \$500 can be used for:



For more information, please contact your local Saver Plus coordinator:

 Kathleen Watson
 CanberraSP@thesmithfamily.com.au
 0448 730 305

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Find out more at saverplus.org.au

Saver Plus is an initiative of the Brotherhood of St Laurence and ANZ and delivered in partnership with local community organisations. The program is funded by ANZ and the Australian Government Department of Social Services.