

Caroline Chisholm School

Preschool to Year 10

An ACT Public School

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NEWSLETTER

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

As our school year comes to an end, it's important to take a few moments to reflect on the year that was 2021. Together we have again faced the challenge of COVID-19, lockdown and learning from home. And together, we have once again worked in partnership to support each other. As the year comes to a close, I know many families have been impacted in different ways, some families are still in isolation as the school year is ending and some young people are missing the end of year graduations and celebrations. For all families, we are thinking of you all and are hoping that you have a restful break when it comes.



2022 promises to be another big year. We anticipate returning with similar health and safety measures in place to which we have had this term. We will send some information out to all families in the new year with details for term one. We do have some big projects planned for 2022, the community bike track will be installed over the break around the back of the amphitheatre, this space has been deliberately designed to sit outside of the school fence line to allow community access. The SC fence will likely be finished over the break also, please remember access to the courts remains for families at all times. Also, the SC science labs are being renovated early in term 1 and we look forward to sharing our new design brief in the coming months. Our JC has been fortunate to have a lot of work done over the last two years and we look forward to sharing our final plans for the new front office design.

Farewell to staff and welcome to new staff

I would like to extend my sincere thanks to Kayla Catling for her commitment to teaching and leading at CCS for the last five years; Kayla will join Charles Weston School from next year. My thanks also to Laura Condon for her teaching at CCS this year, Laura will be moving north at the end of the year. I wish these staff all the best as they transition to their new schools in 2022. I would also like to wish Karon Campbell all the best as she is on leave for 2022.

Next year we will welcome to the JC Jordan Rodger from Arawang PS, Joanne Herstik (science) and Samantha Lubcke from South Australia.

We will also welcome to our SC Adam Crowther (English/PE) and Laura Macaffee (English/Dance) who are new graduates to teaching and Chris Moon from Maribyrnong Primary (LSU). Kim Rice will also join the executive team on the SC; Kim joins us from Lanyon HS.

Friday 1 December 2021
TERM 4 WEEK 9

DATES TO REMEMBER

MON 6 DECEMBER

Final day to purchase
P&C Raffle Tickets

WED 8 DECEMBER

Year 10 Graduation
P&C Raffle drawn

THU 9 DECEMBER

Year 6 Graduation
Year 10 Formal

WEEK 11

JC & SC Canteens Closed

TUE 14 DECEMBER

Year 6 Grad Excursion

FRI 17 DECEMBER

Last day of term 2021

MON 31 JANUARY 2022

Preschool, Kinder and
Year 7 commence

TUE 1 FEBRUARY 2022

All continuing students
return

TUE 15 FEBRUARY 2022

P&C AGM

In our educator team, we are farewelling Rachel Brice who has worked in the preschool as she heads to Bonython PS; my sincere thanks to Rachel for her support. We will also farewell Nick Tugwell who has been working on our SC as he moves with his family interstate, my thanks to Nick for his incredible work this year.

Finally I would like to thank Graham Mackay and Angie Mosely our school psychologists across both campuses. Similar to our teachers, there is a rotation schedule for psychologists which means there will be a change at CCS for 2022. The role that a school psychologist plays is crucial in schools to support students, families and staff to meet individual learning needs and I know we are all grateful for the partnership in education. Next year we will welcome Ms Ellen Sheridan (JC) and Ms Katrina Reese (SC).

End of the Year

As the end of the year approaches, educators will be maintaining regular class programs as much as possible. Our literacy and numeracy groups have now finished for the year at the end of last week. There are however some special end of year events and jobs such as library stock take, graduation assemblies and classroom clean-ups that will require additional flexibility and patience. We seem to, at this time of year, have an increase in tiredness around the school. We ask that wherever possible students maintain regular school night bedtimes and routines and be considerate of one another. If there are any concerns please don't hesitate to contact class teachers or one of the school executive.

Semester Two Reports

End of year reports are on their way to your email inbox! These reports highlight the achievement and developments made by your child and also provide information on areas that will be focused on in future teaching. The semester two report includes an A to E report that outlines the grades your child has obtained for each subject area. Kindergarten students do not receive an A to E report in line with our Directorate guidelines. It is important to remember that teachers will award a 'C' grade to students who are achieving **at the expected level for their year group**. This is a positive and competent achievement for students. If you wish to discuss the report or any aspect of your child's learning please contact your child's teacher.

Music with the Stars

Unfortunately we couldn't go ahead this year with Music with the Stars. We have however prepared something special for you to celebrate the end of the 2021 school year. This video will be available on the school Facebook page and Instagram page. We do hope you are able to take a few minutes out to enjoy it!

Jude Bates

Our incredible uniform shop manager of four years Jude Bates is finishing in this role at the end of the year. My sincere thanks to Jude for her unwavering support and commitment to the CCS community. It has been wonderful to work together across the last two years and I wish Jude all the best moving forward. Please join with me to thank Jude! Fiona Green is taking on the uniform manager role and I look forward to the continuing focus on supporting our community.

Thank you

As the year comes to a close, I would like to thank all of the educators at CCS for their ongoing commitment to quality public education. It has been such a privilege to work with our entire staff that thrive on providing the best possible opportunities for each and every child. I would also like to thank our executive team for their unwavering support this year. Sincere thanks to our deputy principals Terrie, Shane, Nicky, Joe and Phil for their leadership; their dedication to excellence and high expectations for all learners has been incredibly appreciated. I would like to extend a sincere thanks to our School Board and P&C for their ongoing support and encouragement; the partnership we have shared has been very rewarding.

Finally, I would like to thank all of you, our families. Thank you for trusting us and sending your children and young people to us every day. There is no doubt that this year has presented many challenges which we could not have predicted at the start of the year. By working together, we have ensured our young people have been well supported.

Public Education Awards

I would like to acknowledge our 2021 Public Education Award Nominees! The following staff have been recognised for their ongoing commitment to public education broadly, and specifically within the categories below.

- Shane Mitchell and Terrie McHardie (Dual Partnership) - School Leader of the Year
- Kaitlyn Catchpole - New Educator of the Year
- Tim Hawke (winner) - Leader of the Year in supporting Diversity and Inclusion
- Joe Jennings (finalist) - Leader of the Year in supporting Diversity and Inclusion
- Grant Robinson - Education Support Person of the Year
- Mark De Rooy - Education Support Person of the Year
- Beth Skinner - Education Support Person of the Year
- Jennifer Wheeler - Allied Health Professional of the Year
- Philippa Kim - Allied Health Professional of the Year

These nominees have shown excellence within their category of nomination for a whole range of reasons, with the key reason for quality education and support for our students. We are incredibly proud of all nominees for their commitment to quality outcomes for all students. A huge shout out to Joe Jennings who was a finalist in the leading diversity and inclusion category. I would also like to acknowledge Tim Hawke, WINNER of the leadership in diversity and inclusion. Below is the citation we submitted to acknowledge Tim's leadership.

Tim has fulfilled a variety of leadership roles at Caroline Chisholm School (CCS) since he joined our community in 2011, most recently as an acting School Leader C. He is a deeply committed and deep thinking educator who is passionate about providing meaningful learning opportunities for his students. In particular, he has sought to meet the needs of those students who lack engagement in the traditional school setting, or could be considered at risk in terms of their education, their subsequent employability and/or their ability to make a meaningful contribution in society.

This year, Tim developed and is currently managing a VET Program at school for Senior Years students. Programs are tailored to individual student needs and provide an alternative pathway for the completion of their Year 10 Certificate. The result has thus far been reflected in a reduction in not just truancy, but also in disruption and engagement data. As an example, truancy for Student X in Year 9 was 25 occasions, but in Year 10 this is just two occasions. Tim has built positive connections with the parents/carers of these students and as the program continues to evolve, so too will the network and links with community and industry grow to be sustaining and productive.

Further examples of Tim's ability to provide alternate pathways to success and engagement with curriculum and learning are Certificate I courses in Furnishing and Sport and Recreation, a Sports Science class and the creation of two strength and conditioning spaces in the school to meet the growing demand of students. His contribution to the CCS community and his leadership in implementing solutions that reflect an approach outside of the traditional curriculum delivery make Tim an exceptional candidate and awardee for the Leader of the Year in Supporting Diversity and Inclusion.



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Please join with me to congratulate all of the nominations from CCS!

I wish you all a safe and happy break. For the last time in 2021, thank you for your ongoing support,

Jen.

HELP SHAPE THE FUTURE OF INCLUSIVE EDUCATION IN ACT PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Do you have an experience or view of disability and education in ACT Public Schools?

We want to hear from you! Students with disability (both current and former), carers, families, advocates, school staff and the broader community are invited to join the 'Community Conversation' survey and help shape how we strengthen inclusive education in ACT Public Schools.

To complete the survey visit

<https://services.contentgroup.com.au/inclusive-education-and-community-conversation>

For more information about the survey and this work visit

<https://www.education.act.gov.au/support-for-our-students/students-with-disability/strengthening-inclusive-education>



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Survey
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IMPORTANT REMINDER

JC Car Park

Keeping our CCS young people safe.



Please do not park in the roped off small dirt car park at the front of the school.

Please do not move the bollards to park in this space.

This is a meeting point for students.

ACT HIGH SCHOOL IMMUNISATION PROGRAM



The ACT High School Immunisation Program is coming out of hibernation soon

Vaccines are grreat, right? The ACT Government offers free National Immunisation Program (NIP) vaccines to all students in Can-bear-ra through the High School Immunisation Program. These vaccines protect our cubs against Human Papillomavirus (HPV) and Diphtheria, Tetanus and Pertussis (whooping cough).

The 2021 program for Year 7 students was put on paws due to the COVID-19 public health response.

There's no need to grizzle though! The Year 7 vaccines scheduled for Term 4 in 2021 will now be given as part of a Year 8 catch-up program in Term 1, 2022. This will run in conjunction with the usual Year 7 and 10 immunisation programs.

Updates and in-fur-mation can be found on the [ACT Health website](#).

Thanks Ken Bearhens for your ongoing support!

PRESCHOOL PATHWAYS PROGRAM

Starting preschool is an exciting time for your child and your family.

Each child's journey to preschool is different. Your child might transition from home or an early childhood education and care service, they might attend a public preschool or continue into their early childhood education and care preschool program.

The Preschool Pathways program is designed to assist you to support your child in starting preschool.

You know your child best – you are their first teacher – and you play an important role in helping them on their education journey.



A set of resources is available under the Preschool Pathways program, including:

- Preschool Pathways map
- Transition to Preschool and COVID-19
- What is the EYLF
- Great books to read with your child
- Talking to your child about their day.

For more information visit <https://www.education.act.gov.au/early-childhood/set-up-for-success-an-early-childhood-strategy-for-the-act/preschool-pathways>

Hi CCS Community,

This is the last newsletter for the year. I was hoping it would be happier. I was hoping we could end on a high, but the times being what they are, the rug was pulled out from us again.



Sadly, a member of our community has become unwell, this means some more of us need to work and learn from home, get tested and isolate. We knew it would probably happen again eventually, but that doesn't take away from the shock. Please know, that the CCS Community is stronger than a virus, more solid than isolating and more resilient than any germ. We wrap all of you impacted into a bear hug and support you all through the next trying couple of weeks and into the remainder of the year. Please reach out to your P&C Committee if needed, we can put you in touch with any of CCS's Executive staff and we can help them to support you through the last few weeks of a tumultuous 2021. There are places we can go to for help, and we definitely should ask for that help as we need it. I cannot stress enough that you are not alone. You are worried about your family, and your children, and your friends, and your school community, and your holidays, and your mental health. It's a big bucket of emotion to carry around, it's heavy, but you aren't the only one carrying a bucket. Talking about it, asking for help, unloading all of those thoughts and emotions into a newsletter article to be read by maybe 700 people, it helps. We can get through this together, I'm sure of it.

And some more unfortunate news, our longstanding Uniform Shop manager Jude Bates has informed us that she won't be returning from her leave. Jude has been working in the uniform shop for over 4 years. Her service to our school and support for staff and students during this time has been invaluable. Jude has not only worked in the uniform shop but has served on both the P&C and the School Board. The P&C Committee, join the community in sincerely thanking Jude for all her assistance throughout the years, and wish her the very best for the years ahead. The uniform Shop will now be managed by Fiona Green.

Onto some of the happier news, I'd like to thank all the committee and employees of the P&C businesses for their continued support this year, it was difficult, we had to make adjustments but we held together and pulled through even though it seemed impossible at times. The roles within the P&C Committee should really be described only as "Be Supportive". We support each other to support the school, and that's about it! If you see one of our Committee members out and about, please thank them. Things got really tough for us this year, and a little thanks from you will mean the world to them. Thank you, Fiona Green, Jodee Marques, and Lisa Nordsvan. You three really are the Dream Team.

This weekend is also your last chance to buy Raffle Tickets!! \$1 each to support your school and possibly win a great prize! Bargain!! You should really buy at least a 5 pack!

Both JC and SC Canteens will not be open Week 11. Last day for operation 2021 is Friday 10 December.

Please remember that when we stay connected, we can do amazing things. Although we are coming to the big break know that we are with you and supporting you.

Until next year, thank you for your support,

Amanda Caddick

CCS P&C President

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SC & JC Canteens
Closed Week 11

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www.holidayhappenings.com.au/online-booklet

CSOT Canberra School of Tennis

SUMMER TENNIS HOLIDAY CAMPS

Join in the Summer of Tennis!

Christmas Camp - Mon 20th - 24th Dec 2021
Week 1: Mon 17th - Fri 21st Jan 2022
Week 2: 24th & 25th Jan 2022

JUNIOR CAMPS FOR ALL AGES AND STANDARDS • CAMPS INCLUDE ANZ HOT SHOTS COACHING AND MATCH PLAY • SQUAD (8-18 yrs) • TENNIS & CHESS CAMP • ALL EQUIPMENT PROVIDED • TENNIS AUSTRALIA • QUALIFIED COACHES • TENNIS COACHING RAIN, HAIL OR SHINE!

8.30AM DROP OFF FOR A BAKE START!

NORTH & SOUTH SIDE VENUES
 Pines Tennis Club, Norriss St, Chisholm
 Gold Creek School (Senior Site), 130 Kelleway Ave, Nicholls
 Weston Creek Tennis Club, Dillon Ct, off Namatjira Dr (Behind McDonald's)

ENQUIRIES
 Email: info@csot.com.au
 Call: 0432 119 204
 Head Coach: Robert Jameson
 Tennis ACT Coach of the year 2021

BOOK NOW!
 Visit csot.com.au for costs & more details

Community Garden

Open every Tuesday,
 10am – 12 noon

Good Shepherd Community Church, Chisholm
 (Cnr Hambidge and Proctor Streets)

COME RING THE BELLS FOR CHRISTMAS

COME SEE OUR CHRISTMAS LIGHTS AND LIFE SIZE NATIVITY SCENE, ENJOY FAMILY ACTIVITIES AND RINGING CHRISTMAS CAROLS ON OUR CHURCH BELLS

Any night between
15 to 24 December | 7:30pm - 10:00pm

St Andrew's Presbyterian Church
 1 State Circle | Forrest
 (Opposite Parliament House)

DECORATE A TREE FOR CHRISTMAS

ST ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH INVITES YOU TO DECORATE ONE OF OUR CHURCH TREES FOR CHRISTMAS

DECORATING WILL TAKE PLACE ON SATURDAY 11 DECEMBER, FROM 9AM TO 2PM AT ST ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 1 STATE CIRCLE FORREST

PRIZE WILL BE AWARDED FOR BEST DECORATED TREE

FOR MORE INFO CONTACT GARETH ROWE ON 0414 384 077 OR standrewschristmas@gmail.com

Register your tree at: <https://bit.ly/3xcTJ39>

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