Principal’s Message

I trust everyone had a wonderful holiday and lapped up the sunshine and warm spring weather while enjoying quality time with family and friends. My family and I had spent a few days together in the beautiful south coast suburb of Windang and attended a family wedding. The holidays always seem to go very quickly but so does each term. It’s hard to believe we are in the final term for the school year. This term is traditionally an extra busy term every year and this one won’t be any different.

We are beginning term 4 with a bang on a couple of fronts - On Tuesday morning the excitement began with the successful operation of a new Before and After School Care service. I’d like to thank David and Janette Elwell and Primary OOSH Care and their staff who worked tirelessly over the holidays to ensure everything was cleared out and ready for business on Tuesday. It was an extraordinary achievement by so many and a real achievement for the whole school community during a challenging time.

Congratulations to Jessica Dutton who has been promoted to the service coordinator. Jessica is thrilled to have been offered this opportunity and is looking forward to developing additional skills and to meeting the challenges of her new role. The whole school community couldn’t be more thrilled for Jessica and all the other members of the team whose talents have been recognised and employment continued with the new providers.

This weekend we have two important community events - On Saturday I’ll join with David Taffa, staff and 2014 kindergarten students and their families to welcome our Kindergarten cohort for 2015. We will picnic between 9.00 and 11.00am in the junior playground. Remember Kindies to bring your teddies.

On Sunday we will meet again at the Car Boot sale. This has been a major talking point in my household as my children have been busily cleaning out their bedrooms looking for items to sell on the weekend. Thank you to the P&C executive and all the parents who have formed the organising committee. No stone has been left unturned. A great day will be had by all, so please tell your neighbours, family and friends to pop in for a bargain, some baked goods, gelato or lunch from the food stalls. Pre-loved school furniture will also be for sale, at $5.00 a student table and $2.00 a chair.
Next week we meet again as a whole school community for the Creative Arts Festival – Thursday 16th October, 5.00-7.15pm. On this night we will showcase students’ strengths and talents in the areas of dance, drama, music and visual arts. A BBQ will be available for families to purchase their dinner. More information about this is in the body of the newsletter. I’d like to thank Meghan Ryan (Creative Arts Coordinator) and staff on the Creative Arts committee for all their efforts in organising this opportunity for students and families. I look forward to seeing everyone there and enjoying what’s set to be an enjoyable evening of entertainment.

Thank you to Mai Quintal (class teacher 1/2Q) and all the staff and parents who helped her organise the fabulous walk-a-thon we had last term. Every parent and student I spoke whilst completing my laps was exploding with praise and enthusiasm for the event and all expressed their hope that this would be an annual event. It was a positive experience for everyone and I’m sure it will happen again … I don’t think Miss Quintal will need too much encouragement to organise it again next year, as she was one proud teacher at the end of the event. Thank you to all the families who have supported their children in collecting donations. So far we’ve raised $1200.00.

Thank you to Campsie Rotary who have agreed to support the Special Education Outdoor Learning Playground Project to the tune of $10,000. Please read the article, which was published in Rotary’s last newsletter, in the body of the newsletter. You’ll notice there’s an error about the number of classes we have at the school and Mr Lay’s surname but these were typos and the Rotary secretary had already published the article prior to sending it to us so there wasn’t an opportunity to make changes. It’s a good news story for us and we are incredibly grateful for Rotary’s support with this project. Thank you too, to Kristy Do Canto (Assistant Principal Special Education) and Robert Lay (classroom teacher 2-6L) for their wonderful presentation on the night.

**Staffing Update**

This term Sadie Davies (classroom teacher 5/6D) is on Long Service Leave for the first two weeks. Kim Santarossa, a well-respected and long-term casual teacher will be teaching 5/6D in week’s 1 and 2.

Jennie Hanna will also be taking long service leave for two weeks beginning next week and Leanne Cullen will replace her in the front office. Please make Leanne feel very welcome.

Welcome back to Melissa Saunders (School Learning Support Officer) who returns from part-time maternity leave to work fulltime this term. Melissa will be supporting students in mainstream and Special Education classes.

Kiranjit Randhawa (English as an Additional Language teacher) also returns to work fulltime this term having had part-time leave every Wednesday throughout the first three terms.

Annamarie McKay (School Learning Support Officer) continues to work with us this term supporting students with additional needs in mainstream classes.

Amanda Kenny returns from maternity leave in week 3 of the term, to work part-time for the remainder of the year.

I thought I’d end my contribution to this newsletter with an excerpt from a beautiful message written by one of families who’ve left our community having bought a home in another suburb.

“It is very sad for me to see my daughter leave Canterbury Public School as I believe Canterbury is a great school with great values amongst teachers and students. I hope her new school will be just as good. I am thankful for the time that my daughter has spent at Canterbury and grown as a person.”

I couldn’t agree more with this statement. Canterbury is a great school and made all the greater for the passionate contribution and strong partnership between students, staff and the community.
There’s an opportunity at next Wednesday’s P&C meeting (7.30pm in the LIBRARY – we have moved the venue so we can set up for the art show on Thursday) to make a contribution as I will spend a small amount of time after the meeting gathering your thoughts about the next areas for development (strategic directions) for our school. Your input and information is vital and will be used at the Staff Development Day that will be held on Saturday 25th October at the Botany Bay Environmental Education Centre Kurnell, 9.00am – 2.30pm. On this day staff and representatives of the parent body will work together to determine our school's directions over the next 3-5 years. If you are interested in representing the P&C on this day please let David Taffa (P&C President) or me know as soon as possible.

I look forward to seeing you at the Teddy Bear’s picnic, the Car Boot sale or at both! And now that my contribution to the newsletter is done I can begin to focus my energy on making my lemon syrup for the lemonade stall and some creative baked treats for the cake! I wonder what other families are making…..

Berinda Cook
Principal

Dance2bfit

This term our school will be having a dance program called Dance2bfit. Dance2bfit is an energetic, innovative and fun way to get fit and funky with the latest dance styles to the hottest music tracks. This is a great program to improve the fitness levels of students while they are having a good time. Dance2bfit has been developed specifically for NSW Primary Schools under the PDHPE syllabus where students have fun learning a new dance each class. The students will be taught a new dance every lesson over the 8 week program. The lessons will take place on Fridays during school time.

Cost : $23 per child—please send money in as soon as possible, if you haven’t already done so.

Thank you.
Canterbury’s Creativity Festival  
Thursday October 16th 2014

Dear Families,

Next week you are invited to the Canterbury Creativity Festival - showcasing the 2014 creative arts highlights at Canterbury Public School in Music, Dance and Visual Art.

The evening will begin at 5 pm with a display of Visual Art in the staff room, revealing the productions made during the RAWART classes from term 3.

A sausage sizzle, cake and drinks ($2.00,$2.00 & $1.00 respectively) will be made available at that time while you peruse our talented artisans’ work.

A performance spectacular will follow at 6pm in the hall in the areas of Dance, Song and Music. A donation on entry is invited, and all students will be represented in these ensembles – many students are involved in a number of items on the program!

Please celebrate in the creative pursuits of our gifted students here at Canterbury, and we look forward in seeing you at the festival.

Creative Arts Committee

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Pure Gelato Excursion

On Wednesday 17th September all of Stage One walked to the Pure Gelato factory in Croydon. The students learnt about the processes used to make gelato and its history. Everyone couldn’t wait to choose their gelato flavour. “Will I have bubblegum, choc-chip, choc-mint, lemon, mango, chocolate….?” There are only 158 flavours to choose from!

Thank you to all the parents/grandparents that helped us escort the students.

Ms G. Valastro, Ms Quintal and Mrs Ryan
Term 3 Principals Morning Tea

Congratulations to these students who attended the Principal’s Morning Tea last term. It was a pleasure to entertain such wonderful young people who are making such a difference in our school community.

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The 2014 Canterbury Public School Walk-a-thon at the end of Term 3 was a HUGE success! All the kids seemed to have thoroughly enjoyed themselves and they also got in quite a bit of exercise in the process too!

A special thank you to the parent volunteers in 1/2Q that helped out on the day at the water and fruit stand, and thank you to all the other parents and relatives who participated in the Walk-a-thon with their children. I am sure we can get more parents joining in on the walk next year! A big thank you to the P&C for providing the fresh fruit at the rest station for the students, and to the parents who helped to cut it all up as well.

To follow through with the successful walk, please help your children collect their sponsorship money that sponsors have pledged. A friendly reminder that all money is due back by the end of first week of Term 4 on the 10th October 2014. It is going towards a great cause to help upgrade the IT infrastructure of our school.

Kind regards,

Mai Quintal
From page 1  an idea of the area to be transformed after the safety measures are completed.

Children with disabilities need carefully tailored learning programs to ensure they can be socially active and independent citizens. They are taken regularly to the gym at the YMCA for physical exercises; to a nursing home where they interact with older people; learn real world skills such as catching public transport and shopping at Aldi to purchase groceries for cooking in the school kitchen and the like.

The sensory garden will provide the stimulation of touch, smell, sight and taste of a range of fruits and flowers. It will provide avenues to learn, explore and grow.

What was apparent is the dedication of Berlinda and her teaching colleagues towards their pupils and the zeal with which they are pursuing this project. Their inspirational example was appreciated by many of us.

David Knight suggested that Berlinda visit the similar garden we financed for the Salvation Army in 2010.

President Wayne and Secretary Helen indicated that the Board had agreed to our in-principle support for this venture and after scrutinising more detailed costings and plans there is a strong possibility of our support for this project in our own patch.

Thank you, Berlinda, Kristy and Robert.
MyTime website

The MyTime website www.mytime.net.au links parents around the country through online discussion groups, regular newsletters, group information and the latest research on parenting.

To find out more:
W: www.mytime.net.au
T: 1800 889 997
E: mytime@parentingrc.org.au

www.mytime.net.au

The Parenting Research Centre is the national coordinator of MyTime on behalf of the Australian Government Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs.

Parenting Research Centre
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An Australian Government Initiative

What is MyTime?

MyTime groups provide local support for mums, dads, grandparents and anyone caring for a child with a disability or chronic medical condition.

Parents can socialise and share ideas with others who understand the rewards and intensity of the caring role.

What will parents get out of MyTime?

Parents and carers can:
- meet others in similar circumstances
- have fun, hear from others and share experiences
- find out about available community support
- get extra parenting information and skills development
- make time for themselves while children play, supported by a play helper or other staff.

How does MyTime work?

Groups can choose topics and activities to discuss and explore with their group facilitator, while a play helper keeps children busy and active.

Topics might include: taking care of yourself, getting the right support, your child’s development and play ideas. Each group will have at least four parents and will usually meet once a week for a couple of hours.

Who can join?

Parents and carers – including mums, dads, grandparents and the principal carer – who are eligible for the Carer Allowance (Child) for a child with a disability or chronic medical condition.

For more information about eligibility, visit www.centrelink.gov.au.
**Dates for your Diary**

**Garden Committee Meeting:**
Thursday 9th October 7.30pm
CHPRSL

**Car Boot Sale:**
Sunday 12th October 10.00am - 2.00pm

**P&C Meeting:**
Wednesday 15th October 7.30pm in the Staffroom

**Green Thumbs Market Stall:**
Friday 24th October & Friday 5th December 3.15pm - 4.00pm under the Jacaranda Tree

**Garden Working Bee:**
Saturday 25th October 2.00pm - 5.00pm, Saturday 22nd November, Saturday 13th December

**Canterbury Crunch Gelato Stall:**
Friday 7th November 3.20pm outside the staffroom

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**For all the latest information, dates, notes and canteen specials**

Go to the P&C Webpage
http://canterburypublicschoolpnc.org.au

The P&C is live on Facebook - go ahead and like us

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We are asking all bakers to whip up their favourite cake/cupcake/slice/cookies recipes for the upcoming CAKE STALL at the CAR BOOT SALE on 12th October.

Please help make this fundraising event a successful one!

Please collect a cake box from the staffroom from Wednesday and bring to the cake stall on Sunday (or deliver to a CPS friend if you are unable to make it on Sunday)
P&C News

Carboot Sale - Sunday 12th October 10am-2pm

Have you booked your spot yet? We are already more than half full, so book your spot now before you miss out
http://canterburypublicschoolpnc.org.au/events/

We are looking for volunteers to help on the day:
- child supervision in the enclosure while the cars are moved in and out (9-10am and 2-3pm)
- food preparation and set up (8.30-9.30am)
- serving and cash handling on food stalls (1 hour slots between 10am and 2pm)
- clean up (2-3.30pm)

If you can volunteer an hour or two on the day, please contact Sascha at sascha.jenkins@sydney.edu.au
or find me on the playground Tuesday morning or Wednesday afternoon.

CAR BOOT SALE

Canterbury Public School, Church st, Canterbury
Sunday 12 October

It's a garage sale from the boot of your car - clean out your house, raid your garden, recycle or create.
Books, clothes, household goods, toys, homemade jams, fresh garden produce.
$20 per car pre-booked ($30 on the day).
Cars enter via Church St from 9am and must be parked by 10am, car gates reopen at 2pm.
Entry free for shoppers from 10am - 2pm.
Cake stall, BBQ, coffee, gelato.
Go to www.cpispnc.org.au for all the details and to book your spot.
All proceeds from this event will be used by the P&C to improve our school environment for all our children.
**P&C News**

**SUMMER MENU**

will be on the P&C Website soon

lots of delicious meals & treats!!

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**Keep up to date with the Weekly Specials at the P&C webpage**

www.cpspnc.org.au

**and like us on Facebook**


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**Week 2 & 3 Wednesday Special**

Quiche Lorraine – a delicious pastry crust with a filling of savoury custard with cheese and vegetables, served with salad from the CPS garden

$3.50

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**Thank you to everyone who volunteered at the Canteen in Week 9 & 10:**

Dorothy Jamieson, Linda Clark, Georgette Koorey, Jacquie Cheetham, Cathy Miller, Kate Cooke, Kate Purcell, Suzanne Trimmer, Mel Brungies, Dawn Tuften and John Tiedemann

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**Looking for volunteers for shifts in the canteen in Term 4.**

If you can spare some time, that would be great.

Please email Linda Clark at landmclark1998@yahoo.com.au with your availabilities

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**Monday**

Chicken Wings & Rice

Week 2 & 3

$3.50

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**Thursday**

Nachos

Week 2 & 3

$3.50

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**Friday**

San Choy Bow

Week 2 & 3

$3.50
Garden Committee Meeting THIS THURSDAY 9th October 7:30pm at Hurlstone Park RSL, downstairs over a vino at Mama Wongs

Join us to plan the plantings & development for the next growing season. For more info email Natalie on nat_thecat_bishop@hotmail.com

Proposed Garden Bee dates:
* Saturday 25th October 2pm-5pm
* Saturday 22nd November 2pm-5pm
* Saturday 13th December 2pm-5pm with end of year BBQ Party to follow.

Worms wanted! We have an empty worm farm at the mo...they must have gone on holiday. If you have an over abundance of worms in your farm at home & would like to donate, please bring in and add to the black circular bin at school. Let me know, so we can make sure we keep them alive!

For all these things, & other green related stuff, Contact Natalie Bishop on nat_thecat_bishop@hotmail.com

Harvest Market and Green Thumbs, Term 4

For the diary:
- **Fri 24 Oct**, Green Thumbs and Harvest Market, 3.20 – 4.15 pm
- **Fri 14 Nov**, Green Thumbs, 3.20 – 4.15 pm
- **Fri 5 Dec**, Green Thumbs and end of year Harvest Market, 3.20 – 4.15 pm

In Term 4 there will be two markets to share and swap school grown, home grown and homemade produce. At the December market there will also be beautifully made craft and other handmade items (perfect for end of year presents). 

Regular updates will be on the P&C Facebook page and the Garden’s blackboard.