A community such as ours, in many ways is like an extended family. Like a family cares about each other, we too care about each other and as a community demonstrate this by working together to nurture the growth and well-being of individuals, families and the whole school community. Like a family does, we spend time doing things together and support each other in the ups and downs of daily life.

Over the past week, our ‘school’ family and community have needed to digest the very sad news that Janette and David have made the very difficult and personal decision to take a break from their business and to finish up as providers of Before and After School Care at our school at the end of the term. This news has been a big shock for the community. In spite of this shock, I’ve been extremely impressed with how the whole school community has rallied in support of Janette and David Elwell, the P&C and myself in managing this situation for the best possible outcome for students and their families.

Janette and David are extraordinary people who have run a ‘second to none’ quality Before and After School Care Program here for 19 years. Their passion, loyalty, commitment and provision of engaging learning experiences over so many years, has earned them a special place in all our hearts. The school just won’t be the same without them and to say that they’ll be missed is an enormous understatement.

Would we like them to change their minds? Of course we would, but know that this is the right decision for them at this time. The door will always be open for them to return, if and when they are ready.

This evening all members of the school community will have a chance to hear about the circumstances that have led to this decision, have questions and concerns addressed and to be part of the discussion and solution for the future. Rod Leonarder—Director Public Schools Canterbury Network and senior officers from the Department of Education will also attend the Community Forum which will take place in the staffroom at 7.30pm.

It’s my hope that the discussion this evening will allow parents and community members the opportunity to express their hopes for the future. It’s certainly my hope that we will have arranged an interim provider for all of term 4. This will provide us with quality time to consult broadly with the community and make longer term plans we are all happy with.

I look forward to seeing everyone tonight.

Berlinda Cook
Dance2bfit

In Term 4 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.

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED—SCHOOL FUNDRAISER

Request: Baked goods for the Cooks River Forum

This weekend Saturday 13th September, the Cooks River Catchment Community Forum will take place in the grounds of our school between 12 and 4 pm. As this event is likely to be attended by over 100 members of the public, our school will taking the opportunity to run a small fundraiser and will be selling a BBQ sausage sizzle lunch to participants. Harvey Zapatero (General Assistant) has changed his working day to Saturday to cook the BBQ and Bryony Health will support him as the staff representative at the forum. In addition to this Natalie Bishop (Garden Coordinator) has organised for some of our students to give tours of the school garden.

Note: all members of the public are invited to attend.

We’d also like to be able to offer some cakes or sweet treats that participants at the forum may purchase. Any donations of homemade treats or prepacked cakes would be greatly appreciated. Please drop these to the staffroom THIS Friday. Tea/coffee and cakes will be purchased by participants on an honesty system.

Thank you for your help.

Berlinda Cook
Principal
NO WASTE CLUB

IF YOU ARE IN YEAR 4, 5 OR 6, COME TO OUR NO WASTE CLUB, AFTER SCHOOL ONE FRIDAY EVERY TERM!

We do a variety of activities to do with our School Vegetable Garden, including planting, harvesting, painting, mulching, watering and caring for our garden.

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School Captain’s Article

On Friday the 5th of September C.P.S held an annual Spelling Bee comprising of the top two spelling groups in Stage 2 and Stage 3. We had to spell the words clearly and loud. You also had to say the word before and after you spell the word. Stage 2 went first and the winners were 1st place Asha, with 2nd place Mia. After that, the winners for Stage 3 were 1st place Cecilia and 2nd place Isaac. It was a tense, but an exciting day. The winners will now continue at Ashfield P.S on Tuesday the 16th of September and we wish good luck to them and will get a report to write about them ASAP.

Tom Treuer
Ethics at Canterbury

This term, a stage-appropriate Ethics curriculum was released for kindergarten students in New South Wales, and like the other ethics curricula, has the approval of the Department of Education & Communities.

Ethics classes exist to develop and deliver philosophical ethics education for children who do not attend scripture classes in schools. Ethics does not focus on moral instruction but on the reasons why something might be right or wrong. A recent episode of Lateline had a very interesting piece called “Kindergarten curriculum begins”: which you can watch online at http://ab.co/1pVTpDm.

Parents Mel Benn and Ruth Gordon have been accepted by Primary Ethics as volunteer ethics teachers and in conjunction with Canterbury Public School are ready to offer ethics classes to kindergarten students.

Kindergarten ethics class topics include:
- Friendship
- Secrets
- Doing harm without meaning to
- Needs of animals
- Caring for the environment

Canterbury has sent out a letter with an enrolment form to give parents the choice to send their Kindy children to Ethics Classes. Ruth and Mel look forward to talking with your children about ethics.

For your information, you can actually enrol or un-enrol your child in ethics classes at any time by letting the school know in writing (email canterbury-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au).

LOOKING FOR A NEW ETHICS COORDINATOR

All children at Canterbury can now attend ethics classes thanks to our volunteer teachers. Debbie Kearns, who has been coordinating Ethics at Canterbury is joining the head office of Primary Ethics as Volunteering Manager and so Canterbury needs a new Ethics Coordinator. Ethics Coordinators are responsible for liaison between the parents in a school community, Ethics Teachers, the principal or SRE Coordinator of the school and Primary Ethics, the provider of the philosophical ethics curriculum and volunteer teacher training.

The role only takes about 10 hours per school term and can be mostly done by email and online. If you support ethics classes but don’t have the time to teach, think about becoming the Ethics Coordinator. More information is available online at http://www.primaryethics.com.au/ethicscoordinator.html. Debbie is happy to talk about her experience of the role if you are interested. She can be reached on 0402 408 881.
Don’t forget The Canterbury Walk-a-thon is happening on Thursday 18th September! Help us raise our target of $3500 to upgrade our IT infrastructure in the school. Please assist the students in getting as many people to sponsor them to walk laps around the outside perimeter of the school. Students are encouraged to collect money from family, friends and relatives, and we ask that parents support students in getting their sponsorships. Please remember that your child needs to bring back their sponsor card back for stamping on the day.

RAW ART payments are now due for all children: $30 per child: $55 for 2 children in a family: $70 for 3 or more children in a family.

This program was organised on whole school numbers, meaning that all children would be expected to participate and we have been charged by RAW ART accordingly.

THE BEST HOLIDAYS HAPPEN AT CAMP

Choose from over 30 exhilarating camps at 10 locations across NSW these school holidays.

Our Sport and Recreation Centres offer over 40 activities for kids aged 5 to 16 years. Try your hand at fishing, mountain biking, kayaking, abseiling, crafts, cooking or flying fox. You’re sure to find a camp the kids will love.

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Kids’ Camps from $45 per day
NSW Sport & Recreation
Families,

In week 2, Term 4, 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
Father’s Day Breakfast
Thank You Penny!
A big thank you to our whole school community for taking on the Waste Warrior challenge and making Enviro Week 2014 a huge success!

We are just starting our very exciting Waste Reduction Project at CPS funded by our NRMA Environment Grant. The aim of this project is to reduce landfill waste produced during eating times at school by 50%. Enviro Week this year was an opportunity to begin to understand the waste we are responsible for at school.

Our Enviro Week achievements:

- students had the opportunity to set a personal Waste Warrior goal to reduce waste in our environment
- students, teachers and parent helpers conducted a playground waste audit (results will be published early term 4)
- students participated in a practical kNOw Waste Smart Shopping workshop to understand how to choose products with less packaging that ends up in landfill and in our oceans
- on our green mufti day we collected seeds, jars for garden produce and market stalls and gold coin donations for Environment projects
- every class managed to do some planting or garden art despite a rainy gardening day
- across the school we achieved 56% packaging free lunchboxes on our Nude Food Day (up from 55% in 2013)
- due to the success of this initiative over the last two years look out for a regular nude food day to be announced next term

Congratulations to 2/3W for achieving 80% packaging free lunchboxes on Nude Food Day and winning fresh fruit and veg platters which they generously shared with runners up KK!

Congratulations to 5/6D for collecting the most terracycling in Enviro Week, they are the winners of the CPS Environment Trophy for 2014!

As part of our waste reduction project look out for new waste stations in the playground, staffroom and canteen that will help us all to choose the right bin and sort recycling, compost and landfill waste more easily. Some of our Enviro Week work and results as well as a summary of the Smart Shopping workshop:
Smart Shopping Workshop

On the Tuesday of Enviro Week every class learnt about smart shopping and minimising waste, courtesy of Canterbury City Council’s Know Waste program. The friendly presenter was from Cleanaway and she easily engaged with the children talking with them about garbage trucks and the colours of the three bins they have at home.

The children heard about the three Rs, reuse, reduce and recycle, and how the amount of waste we generate can be reduced by smarter shopping.

One example given was if you’re going on a picnic would you take a fresh apple or a ‘squeezy’ of pureed apple. The children of course knew fresh fruit was the best option, and one child even mentioned how you could plant the apple seeds!

The students also learnt how much better paper packaging is compared to plastic, as well as using Tupperware-type containers to hold small portions rather than buying individual serves with lots of packaging.

Around the hall were a range of items for the children to examine and consider. Which is best between six small boxes of sultanas or one big bag, or individual packets of tissues or a large box?

Everyone left knowing the best choice was buying items with less packaging, and even then it’s always important to reuse or recycle wherever possible.
Week 9 Term 3 2014

P&C News

**Dates for your Diary**

**P&C Meeting:** Wednesday 10th September 7.30pm in the Staffroom

**Garden Working Bee:** Saturday 13th September 1.30pm-4.30pm

**Canterbury Crunch Milkshake Madness:** Thursday 18th September after the walkathon

**Canterbury Crunch Gelato Stall:**
Friday 19th September 3.20pm outside the staffroom

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

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

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A special P&C meeting has been arranged for **Wednesday 10 September at 7.30pm** in the Staff Room to discuss Before and After School Care. All parents are encouraged to attend.

At this meeting there will be an opportunity to get clarification on the current issues and find out what the School and the Department of Education & Communities (DEC), with consultation from the P&C, will be doing to move forward.

There will be a representative from the DEC at the meeting.

The P&C and the school have been investigating all possible options for the continuation of the program.

David Taffa
P&C President  Canterbury Public School
**Autumn Winter Menu**

is on the P&C Website
lots of delicious winter warmers & treats!!

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**Weekly Specials**

- **Week 10 Wednesday Special**
  - Chicken Curry - tender marinated chicken in a mild curry sauce with herbs & vegetables from the CPS garden served on a bed of rice
  - $3.50

- **Thursday Hamburger Week 10**
  - Hawaiian Burger
  - $3.50

- **Friday Pie Week 10**
  - Shepherds Pie
  - $3.50

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Thank you to everyone who volunteered at the Canteen in Week 7 & 8: Dorothy Jamieson, Linda Clark, Georgette Koorey, Jacquie Cheetham, Suzanne Trimmer and new volunteers Adrian & Nicola Dormans - Mum & Dad of Millie in KK

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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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Keep up to date with the Weekly Specials at the P&C webpage [www cpspnc org au](http://www.cpspnc.org.au) and like us on Facebook [https://www.facebook.com/pages/Canterbury-Public-SchoolIPC/544192612287164?ref=stream](https://www.facebook.com/pages/Canterbury-Public-SchoolIPC/544192612287164?ref=stream)

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**Can You Help?**

**Wednesday Soup Week 10**
- Chicken & Vegetable
- $2.20

**Thursday Hamburger Week 10**
- Hawaiian Burger
- $3.50
P&C News

After the Walkathon...

American Milkshakes

Thursday 18th September

Come down to Canterbury Crunch for a delicious milkshake, with a scoop of ice-cream!

American Milkshakes

Thursday 18th September

$2

Two Flavours to choose from!

3:20PM Outside the staffroom!

Bring your money!

Don’t Miss Out!

IT’S FRIDAY!

IT’S GELATO DAY!

Friday 19th September

Last day of Term – don’t miss out!

Good Things Come to Those Who Bake

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

Please help make this fundraising event a successful one!

more information to follow...
Garden Bee THIS Saturday 13th September & Cooks River Forum 1:30-4:30pm. Volunteers wanted to help with tours of gardens. Yr 5&6 students that love the gardens especially welcome to show Cooks River Forum visitors our beautiful gardens. Also the usual spade, fork & wheelbarrow activities!


Spring holiday watering roster - we are looking for people who can spare an hour one day in the holidays to tend our garden, especially keeping the new corn, cucumber, pea & carrot seedlings going. Training provided!

Worms wanted! We have an empty worm farm at the mo...they must have gone on holiday. If you have an over abundance if 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

Concert & Training Band and Strings Program

Do you want to play in the School Concert or Training Band or the String Ensemble?
Our year 6 students will be leaving next year and we need to balance our Band & String Ensembles.

We have enough percussion & guitar players for both bands however are in need of flute, saxophone, trumpet, trombone & clarinet players in the Band.
We need violin & cello players in the String Ensemble.

The School has a 1/2 size cello, two 1/2 size violins, 1/4 size violin & a euphonium for hire.

Please see Mrs Ryan or talk to the Music Committee for more information.

Reminder
FRIDAY is School Banking Day
Students should bring in their weekly deposit and hand it at morning dots.
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.
$10 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.cpcon.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.
Cooks River Catchment Community Forum

Like to know what’s happening around your river?

For details visit cooksriverforum.eventbrite.com.au or call the Cooks River Alliance on 02 9748 9644.

We are all Cooks River people

cooksriver.org.au /CooksRiverAlliance @Cooks_River @cooks_river

Saturday 13 Sept 2014
12–4 pm

Canterbury Public School

Cooks River Alliance

Cooks River Valley Association