**Principal’s Message**

It’s been another fabulous fortnight at CPS with lots of opportunities for students, staff and the community to shine. The Education Week Open Day was a highlight of week 3 with the junior and senior choir, string ensemble, band and Wakakirri dancers all demonstrating their talent and commitment towards excellence. I received so many comments from staff and families about how beautiful the concert was and their desire to see more of this in the future. This is certainly on the cards, so save the date as Thursday 16th October has been set aside as an evening when we will again showcase the creative arts. More information about this will follow later in the term.

Another highlight from the Open Day was the Kids Matter launch. It was great to see so many parents engaging with their children’s learning on the day, attending the workshop and following up the activities at home. This is an extremely important initiative and the committee hopes to regularly communicate information through the newsletter to ensure we continue to strengthen the relationship between home and school in this area.

The highlights from last week were most certainly the Choral performance at the Opera House and the Wakakirri performance at NIDA. How lucky the students are (and we too as the audience) to perform at these glorious and prestigious venues. Our students were outstanding ambassadors for our school at both events. They rose to the occasion, giving quality polished performances and 100% commitment over two long days. Some of our students even managed to have some energy in reserve to represent out school at the Zone Athletics Carnival on Tuesday as well! Congratulations too, to all our talented students who participated in the Zone carnival, they were outstanding ambassadors each upholding the school values of participation and excellence. The teachers were very impressed with their energy, overall behaviour and school spirit.

I’d like to thank all the students, staff and parents involved in supporting these events. It was a huge team effort but the energy and enthusiasm of the students and the smiles on their faces made it all well worth it! In particular, I would like to acknowledge Kiranjit Randhawa for being the driving force behind the Wakakirri production, Brigid McGill and Jennie Hanna for managing the finances of all these events and Lisa Wright for her coaching and organisational support every step of the way.

We have received lots of praise and positive feedback about these events and also quite a lot of constructive feedback. Feedback is one of the most important influences on learning and achievement and it is something we welcome at Canterbury Public School. A school culture which is focused on continuous improvement and is open to receiving and giving feedback is also one that is never resting on its laurels and one that is striving for excellence. Thank you to all the individuals who offered suggestions about how we could improve aspects of our communication, these have been noted and will be built into our processes and procedures for the future. We are a school community that deeply values extra curricula learning opportunities and a rich and dynamic learning environment where students have lots of opportunities to discover new talents and achieve their personal best. As you can imagine, with so many special events for staff to organise at one time, it was tricky to keep all the balls in the air. A few did fall and we were grateful for your patience.

Over the page I’ve copied for you, some of the lovely feedback we’ve received.

This newsletter can be found on our school website—
“Thanks so much for opening the doors this morning for the Kids Matter launch and amazing performances. It’s great to see what’s being discussed and how it’s discussed in the classrooms. And the performances, particularly the number of students involved, really speak for themselves. Congratulations and thanks for the hours of thought behind it all. All the best, Emma In der Maur”

“Just wanted to let you know the launch was a success. Rhys told us all about his work in class on his hot air balloon, what it was about and the cupcakes were a hit. He showed me his work and the handout given to him. Love the homework and how it links in the parents. Well done! Regards, Nola”

“Just a quick note to say thanks for all your splendid work getting last night organised, not the least of which was child and parent wrangling. The kids had a great time. I loved the way that Canterbury had all-comers, i.e. not just the kids from the dance troupe, lots of boys involved and the multicultural aspect. Really well done with the story and production. We really held our own amongst schools who had clearly been there before. Thanks again Regards, Annabel”

“Thank you so much for your school’s participation in our Expo. Canterbury PS excelled! The choir was fantastic and it was obvious how much hard work had been done by Meghan and other staff, to make the children sound and look professional. It was a great performance and please thank the children for the big walk to our school and a stunning delivery of the 2 tunes. All agency representatives and our staff loved the entertainment and gave great praise afterwards. Cameron Outterside -Community Liaison Officer (CLO), Canterbury Boys HS

Things to look forward to next week -

• Science Fair on Monday 18th between lunch and recess.

• Stage 3 Camp Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday

• P&C meeting Wednesday 20th at 7.30pm - the meeting will conclude with 20 minutes of reflection of the next phase of re-visioning our school for the future focusing on the ‘core beliefs’ of the community. Read in the body of the newsletter some of the beliefs the teachers hold about education.

• BOOK WEEK - K-2 visiting Campsie Library on Thursday, Photo Booth and Book Parade on Friday.

I’m especially look forward to seeing everyone in their costumes at the parade. Mmmm I wonder what I will wear.

Berlinda Cook
Principal

The Premiers Reading Challenge ends on the 22nd of August. Please ensure that you have completed the challenge and entered all books read online. Students login using their usual DET portal login and password.

https://online.det.nsw.edu.au/prc/home.html

Lisa Haller Assistant Principal K-2 / Teacher Librarian
Some beliefs the teachers at Canterbury PS hold about education.
I believe students need to feel supported and value to learn their best.
I believe my role is to prepare students for adult life. I believe that students learn best when they relate to the content, it needs to be relevant to them.
I believe that the relationship between home and school needs to be an active one for students to achieve success.
I believe differentiation should be the norm in our teaching practice not an option.
I believe that students need to be recognised for their achievements and that they need honest feedback.
I believe that children learn best through active, hands on participation.
I believe that students need time to explore, trial and re-explore experiences.
I believe lessons should cater to all.
I believe students learn best when lessons are fun, engaging and challenging but still achievable.
I believe the relationship between the teacher and the learner is integral for success.
I believe students need to be taught about different perspectives and learn to understand and appreciate differences.
I believe all students can succeed.
I believe my professional knowledge, experience and professional learning is essential to ensuring students achievements.
I believe in the best quality education for all public school students through well trained and committed teachers.
I believe teachers need to listen as well as talk.
I believe students in Year 6 should be given lots of leadership opportunities.

Please come to the P&C meeting next Wednesday evening 20th August and share your ‘beliefs’ about education and what your children need to be successful at school. A 20 minute reflection about this will follow the P&C meeting.

Don’t forget to check our the P&C website and Facebook page.

Ashfield Boys’ High School are holding a Trivia Night on Saturday 30th August, 2014 at 7pm. $20 per adult or $10 per student.
For more information please send an email to abhs_pandc@hotmail.com
'Canterbury Walkathon' - Thursday 18th of September
(save the date!)
Get those walking boots on! Although it has been a few years, Canterbury PS is planning a Walkathon for the end of term 3 on Thursday 18th September. This is a day to promote both physical activity and raise some money for an upgrade to the school's IT infrastructure in classrooms. Specifically, we are aiming to raise $3000 to purchase more netbooks for students and increase wireless internet access throughout the school. Organising this event is Mai Quintal of 1/2Q, who is new to Canterbury PS. It would be greatly appreciated if parents could assist in the organisation of this event either on the day or in the lead up to the event. Please contact Mai directly via email at mai.quintal@det.nsw.edu.au or email Annabel from our P&C at annabel.kain@bigpond.com.

Watch this space for more information regarding this exciting event in the coming weeks.

What’s On
18 –22 August : Book Fair—see Book Fair note in this newsletter
22 August : Book Week Parade : 9.30—11am
18 August : Science Fair
19—21 August : Stage 3 Camp—Canberra
21 August : Early Stage 1/Stage 1 Campsie Library visit
20 August : P & C meeting—7.30pm
22 August : Premiers Reading Challenge Ends
25 August : Enviroweek
3 September : Indigenous Literacy Foundation book sale $2
18 September : Walkathon
19 September : Last Day of Term 3
7 October : Term 4 commences for all students
11 October : Teddy Bears Picnic for 2014 & 2015 Kindy Children
5 November : Kindergarten 2015 Day 1 Transition Visit
12 November : Kindergarten 2015 Day 2 Transition Visit
19 November : Kindergarten 2015 Day 3 Transition Visit
17 December : Last Day of Term 4 for students
Something to ‘lift your hot air balloon’
from an anonymous Stage 1 student....

When I’m feeling kind, I feel soft and caring...and my heart feels really warm.
When I’m feeling kind, I like to do things that help other people, feeling kind helps me understand how other people may be feeling.
There are many things that I like to do when I am kind...like help mum to clean the house...or listen to a friend talk about a problem they have...or give a friend a big hug when they feel sad.
Kindness is something I can also give to myself. Being kind to myself means liking who I am and being proud of the things I’m not so good at! Being kind to myself means looking after my body. I look after it by eating healthy food, exercising every day and getting lots of sleep! When I am feeling kind I find it is easy to be polite and have good manners.
When I also ask for something I always say please... and when someone gives me something I always say thank you.
Kindness is something that makes everyone feel good, especially me!!

Wakakirri
Stage 2 and 3 students performed the dance story “Cinderella, Hope Still Shines!” on 8th August, at the National Institute of Dramatic Arts. Students have been reading “Cinderella” stories from all around the world and analysing the English language, characters, similarities and differences between various ethos and beliefs. The students were exposed through the performance to various music styles and dance steps specific to a culture. The design of costumes and props involved the students applying the principles of 3R (reduce, recycle and reuse).
This dance story highlights their learning in art, music, literature and showcases their talent in choreography, painting, research and drama. The students had immense fun putting it together.
Education Week Performances at CPS

NSW Education Week’s celebrations for CPS performers continued throughout the week. On our open day, following open classrooms and the *Kids Matter* launch, our hall was alive with creative energy. Our Junior Choir, Concert Band, Strings and Senior Choir demonstrated a range of talents ably guided by Simon Torresan, Kane Wheatley, Rhea Sullivan and Mrs Ryan, respectively. Special thanks to Rhea for leading our instrumental ensembles. The finale was the Wakakirri dance performance by stage 2 and 3 students, which spectacularly punctuated the opportunities in the performing Arts at Canterbury Public. Ms Randhawa is to be congratulated for choreographing, costuming and coordinating such a massive production. Our Senior Choir were then invited to serenade over one hundred lunch guests at Canterbury Boys High School, building stronger connections with our 2 schools and the community.

Canterbury Sings at the Sydney Opera House

Late last year, the Senior Choir auditioned to be part of the NSW Arts Unit’s Festival of Choral Music Choir. Less than one third of choirs from around the state are successful, and 30 members of our Senior Choir accompanied Mrs Ryan took part in the Festival’s *Argyle Concert* on Monday, August 4 in the Concert Hall of the Sydney Opera House. After a short train ride the singers were ‘forced’ to have their lunch in the Botanic Gardens on a brilliant sunny day prior to their daytime rehearsal. This was followed by some wonderfully behaved CPS ambassadors dining at City Extra, at Circular Quay for dinner. Then it was back to The Concert Hall for the night time performance, which was both magical and majestic. The kids were both excited and professional in their performance, and they will have those memories forever. What was inspiring was that this group that had to back up the next day for Wakakirri, and some who also competed at the Zone Athletics Carnival. Well Done. Fantastic Job!
The teachers and students at Canterbury Public School warmly invite all parents, caregivers and family to our annual Book Parade.

**When:** Friday the 22nd of August 2014 @ 9.30 - 11.00am

**Where:** Canterbury Public School, Church Street, Canterbury

*Students and teachers are invited to share one of their favourite stories or characters by dressing up.*

Penny Ryan Photography has kindly donated her time to take professional ‘photo booth’ style portraits of your children in their book parade costume on Friday 22rd August. The photo booth was a great success for ‘Ye Olden Day’ last year helping to fund the Vaucluse House Excursion. This year the funds will be helping to purchase class sets of quality picture books and guided reading resources for classrooms. Please return the order form on the back if you wish to purchase photos.

**Book Week - Book Fair**

During Book Week the Book Fair will be open:
Monday 18th 8.30-9.15am, 11.50-12.10  
Tuesday 19th 11.50-12.10, Wednesday 20th 8.30-9.15am & 11.50-12.10,  
Thursday 21st 11.50-12.10 & 3.30-4.30, Friday 22nd 11.00-11.50 & 3.30-4.30.

Some short listed Children’s Book Council books as well as other quality books will be available for you to purchase. You are free to visit the book fair with your child before or after school or alternatively, students who have money to purchase books will be able to do so at lunchtime. Any purchases made will help raise funds for new books for your school library.

**Indigenous Literacy Day — The Great Book Swap Challenge.**

From now until the 3rd of September we are asking if you could bring book donations to the library for the ILD fundraiser.

Please fill out the book plate and paste in the front of the book/s before bringing them to school.

On Wednesday the 3rd of September, children are asked to bring $2.00 in order to select a book from the donations to keep.

Monday 25th August – Waste Warrior Challenge

This year for EnviroWeek, CPS is taking on the Waste Warrior Challenge. Students will start the week with a terracycling competition launch and a lesson about reducing landfill waste by setting a personal Waste Warrior Goal.

How much waste do we produce?

All classes will participate in a Waste Audit of litter and waste-sorting in the playground to find out how much litter there is and how well we are using our different bins. This is the first step in taking responsibility for the landfill waste we generate as a school.

Tuesday 26th August – kNOw Waste Smart Shopping Workshop & Future Gardens

All students will participate in an engaging and educational workshop (free through Canterbury Council) about smart shopping to reduce lunchbox waste. Parents/Carers welcome to attend.

Stage 3 boys attend the Futures Garden Project and once again have the opportunity to work on an exciting gardening project with their CBHS mentors during the morning session.

Wednesday 27th August – Green Mufti Day and Gardening

Students wear green and bring a donation of either a gold coin or seeds/glass jars. Donations will go towards school garden resources. Throughout the day, each class will enjoy a session of gardening to plant, harvest and care for the school garden.

Thursday 28th August – Nude Food Competition

Students and families are being challenged to prepare a packaging free lunch box without ANY plastic bags, cling wrap or foil. A packaging free lunch box would have only re-usable containers, e.g. tupperware. The class with the most lunchboxes containing only nude food will win a fresh fruit platter.

Friday 29th August – Terracycling Competition

The class with the largest terracycling collection will be announced as the proud winners of the CPS Environment Trophy for 2014! 😊
This critter needs a name.

Win a class set of Enviroweek SMART WAYS TO LIVE t-shirts by naming the critter.

To enter, give the Enviroweek critter a name, take a photograph and upload it onto your Enviroweek School profile page.
SMART WAYS TO LIVE

ENVIROWEEK.ORG

WHAT'S YOUR CRITTER BEEN UP TO?

Cut these critters out and stick them to a stick or ruler.

Take a photo of your critter taking action at your school.

Upload the photo to your Enviroweek School Profile.

Visit www.enviroweek.org to see the critters taking positive action in schools around Australia.

Hand in to Miss Leah, or email to: l.mthaddeus@stlrose.qld.edu.au

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Belonging at school makes a difference


Aunt Sue also talked to Tommy’s friend, Lulu, who had come over to play. “What about you, Lulu? How do you like school?” “It’s good. If I need the teacher then I have to put up my hand. But if I need help at playtime I can ask Jackie,” said Lulu. “Is Jackie your friend?” “Jackie’s my buddy. She’s a big girl.” “What does a buddy do?” “She helps me if I don’t know where to go or other stuff. She helps to look after me ‘cos she’s big and I’m new.”

Belonging improves mental health, wellbeing and learning

All children need to feel that school is a safe place where people will care about them, where their needs for support, respect and friendship will be met, and where they will be able to get help to work out problems. When these needs are met children develop a sense of belonging at school. Belonging is very important for children’s mental health and wellbeing.

Children who feel that they belong at school are happier, more relaxed and have fewer behavioural problems than other students. They are also more motivated to learn and be more successful with their school work. Research into children’s mental health has found that a sense of belonging and connectedness at school helps to protect children against mental health difficulties and improves their learning.

Making friends and having positive relationships with teachers helps children develop a sense of belonging at school. Having older ‘buddies’ to turn to helps younger children feel that school is a place where they can get help if they need it. Looking after younger children encourages caring and helping in older children and helps to reduce conflicts and bullying. These are some of the ways that children’s sense of belonging at school can be supported.

Starting school is a big change for children

Not only do they have to cope with schoolwork and teachers, but they also have to get used to being part of a class and a whole school. A lot more is expected of children when they start school and there are lots more people to get on with. It helps children to know that there are people at school who will look after them and care about their needs.
More ways schools can help create a sense of belonging

As part of KidsMatter Primary, schools look closely at ways they can continue to build strong positive respectful relationships with all students and families. This includes things like:

• making the school environment welcoming for all students and families
• encouraging teachers to get to know all their students and their families
• identifying ways of improving communication with families
• focusing on child and family strengths
• making sure that school policies on safety, welfare and discipline are clearly communicated and support a sense of belonging for children and families.

How parents and carers can help

Parents and carers can work with school staff to help create a bridge between home and school. When the adults responsible for children take a positive interest in what happens at school it helps children feel at home. It also makes it easier to pick up any problems early when they are easiest to resolve.

• Find out about the school and what your child is learning; participate in information sessions.
• Make time to listen to your child tell you about what he or she is doing at school.
• Let your child’s teacher know if he/she is having difficulties and discuss what kinds of things you can do at home and school to help.

All children need to feel that school is a safe place.

This resource is part of a range of KidsMatter Primary information sheets for families and school staff. View them all online at www.kidsmatter.edu.au
Dates for your Diary

**Canterbury Crunch Gelato Stall:** Friday 15th August 3.20pm outside the staffroom

**P&C Meeting:** Wednesday 20th August 7.30pm in the Staffroom

**Green Thumbs Market Stall:** Friday 22nd August 3.15pm - 4.00pm under the Jacaranda Tree

**Garden Working Bee:** Saturday 23rd August 1.30pm-4.30pm, Saturday 13th September

** Fathers Day Breakfast:** Friday 5th September 7.30am - 9.20am outside the staffroom

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

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

Reminder

FRIDAY is School Banking Day
Students should bring in their weekly deposit and hand it at morning dots.

IT’S FRIDAY!
IT’S GELATO DAY!

Friday 15 August
We’ll make sure we have plenty of stock on hand so no-one misses out!
**P&C News**

**AUTUMN WINTER MENU**

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

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Week 6 & 7

**Wednesday Special**

Lamb Kofta Wraps with Tabouli & Tomm
(garlic dip)

$3.50

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Thursday

**Hamburger Week 6**

Tuna Burger

$3.50

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Friday

**Pie Week 6**

Chicken, Broccoli & Cheese

$3.50

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**Asian Delights**

**Wednesday 10th September**

To celebrate Chuseok (Korea), Harvest Moon Festival (China) and Tết Trung Thu (Vietnam) festivals Canterbury Crunch will be offering a selection of Asian inspired meals

... more details to follow ....

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Friday 22 August 3.20 - 4.15 pm

It’s on again. Join our garden activities and donate, swap or buy at the market stall. There’ll be school grown produce, homemade treats and homegrown produce. Your support for Green Thumbs and its market is wonderful. We have been able to buy new plants, supplies and are about to undertake some garden refurbishments including a seated learning space. The garden has some lovely produce that will be at the market and some nice ingredients for those keen home bakers who so generously donate to each stall.

More info: Canterbury Public School P&C Facebook Page
Can your Students Climb Sydney’s Tallest Building?

We would love to invite your students to be part of the ‘School’s Challenge’ at this year’s Sydney Tower Stair Challenge on August 24. This is a great chance for teams of 4 to take on the 1504 stairs from Pitt Street Mall to the Observation Deck at the Sydney Tower Eye. **Participants have to be 12 years or older.**

Each stair climbed will assist Giant Steps who operate a school and intervention service for children and young people (2-20) who have been diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorder.

For more information and to register simply go to [www.active8change.com.au](http://www.active8change.com.au). Alternatively you can contact Steve Corrie at Active8Change on 0439 975 759 for specific event day information or Michelle Jocum at Giant Steps on (02) 9879 4971.
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.cpacs.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.
SYDNEY GIRLS HIGH SCHOOL

INVITATION TO
OPEN NIGHT

Wednesday 3 September 2014 3.30-6.30pm

“Leading the Way – Celebrating 130 Years of Public Education”

Sydney Girls High School will be celebrating its Annual Open Night on Wednesday 3 September 2014. Open Night showcases the talents of our students in the academic, sporting leadership and cultural fields. Prospective students and their families are warmly invited to attend the evening. Come along and find out more about the school and the opportunities it offers its students. All members of the school community are welcome to share in this annual celebration of the life of the school.

Program:

3.30pm - 5.30pm Displays by all faculties and co-curricular groups in the Main Building/ Campbell Hall/Common Room: sport, performing arts, clubs. Debates, multi-media screenings, drama, music, languages and Tournament of Minds performances, cross-curricular projects.

6.00pm Official welcome - meet the Principal and School Captain Dance and Music performances in the School Hall

6.00pm-6.30pm Annual Textiles and Design Fashion Parade in the School Hall

Anzac Parade, Surry Hills 2010
Parking: Cleveland Street - enter at Gate 4

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