Principal’s Message

It’s seems that every week we have cause for celebration at CPS. Last week our students represented our school at Canterbury Girls’ Performing Arts Evening—MADD, both as guests and players (members of the String Ensemble performed). Please read the lovely email we received from Olive Barry—Head Teacher Creative Arts, following our attendance.

“I just wanted to say thankyou to all the teachers that accompanied CPS students across to our MADD performance. It is always a delight to have younger blood on our grounds and a reminder to our girls with regard to how to deal with guests and how to be considerate and welcoming. Not to mention it gave them another chance to reprise their performances and present again. Thank you for your time and effort. Your students are always a credit to your staff.”

I’d like to add to this, that our students are firstly a credit to themselves, their families and our school. I frequently receive feedback like this highlighting the courteous and respectful behaviour of our students when representing our school and it’s something we should all be very proud of.

Last Friday I had the pleasure of attending, alongside a very proud grandmother Robyn Joseph, the 2014 Deadly Kids Doing Well Presentation at the University of Technology, to witness Aleyah Joseph-McPhillips receive one of the ‘deadly’ awards. The term ‘deadly’ in Aboriginal English, means: doing well, achieving and/or talented. This year Aleyah has exercised considerable leadership at school and has been an outstanding ambassador for our school at a number of community events. She has achieved so much and I’m sure the whole school community joins with me in congratulating her on this significant achievement.

Next I’d like to congratulate Jonah Lewis and Esther Roberts who on Monday evening were the fine recipients of the Burwood Rotaract Student Citizenship Awards for 2014. Jonah and Esther are also outstanding ambassadors for our school. Their personal qualities and leadership skills are evident to the whole school community. It was wonderful evening and made all the more special to share it with their families & friends and teachers, each of us brimming with pride!

While I’m singing the praises of special people in our community I’d also like to acknowledge the efforts of the Green Thumbs Gardening Group and the Blokes with Barrows who contributed service to our school last Friday afternoon (in sweltering heat) to enhance the learning spaces in the garden. It looks terrific!
Next Friday we will come together as a community to farewell Janette and David Elwell. We would like to have the gift ready for this night. Please send through any last minute contributions in an envelope marked “Gift contribution for Mr and Mrs Elwell” to Mrs Hanna in the front office. Also, please send any photos, memories or best wishes in the form of a jpeg by the end of this week to; grace.valastro@det.nsw.edu.au. Sadly I will be unable to attend due to family commitments but I certainly hope everyone has a wonderful time celebrating the work David and Janette did for our school community.

Community Celebration

When: Friday 28th November 5.30-7.30pm
Where: Ewen Park, 48 Tennent Parade, Hurlstone Park (near the BBQs)
Bring: Picnic food to share, or meat to BBQ

Music Committee Update - Last Wednesday evening, the Music Committee met to hear reports from each of the ensembles, (choir, strings, recorder and band) and to brainstorm strategies for student recruitment to ensure our music programs in our school go from strength to strength. It was wonderful to see a few new interested faces as this contributed greatly to the exchange of ideas and energy in the room. The next meeting will be on Wednesday the 10th December just prior to the P&C meeting 6.30-7.30pm and we look forward to seeing even more parents get involved. In 2015, Mai Quintal and Nicole Fay have volunteered to be the staff representatives on the music committee. Meghan’s commitment and dedication in this role over the past 5 years means they have big shoes to fill - perhaps that’s why they’re sharing the role! Information about how students 3-6 can join the various ensembles will be sent home shortly.

End of year reports - Amidst all these celebrations teachers are busily finalising student reports. These will go home on Wednesday 3rd December.

Upcoming Events—please save these dates.

- Green Thumbs Market - Friday 5th December
- Multicultural and Grandparent’s Celebration - Thursday 27th November
- Picnic Day at Enfield Pool - Thursday 4th December
- Parent Helper & Scripture Teacher Thank you Breakfast - Thursday 11th December 8.30 start
- Pennant Assembly (am) & Year 6 farewell (pm)- Friday 12th December
- Recognition Day and Year 6 Fun Afternoon - Monday 15th December
- Year 6 Excursion - Tuesday 16th December
- Last day for Term 4 for students - Wednesday 17th December

Lastly please enjoy reading the piece of writing in the body of the newsletter, by Anna Healy - I love it when students are so passionate about their work and choose to share it with me and others.

Berlinda Cook
Principal
Parent Helpers and Volunteers are invited to share a thank you breakfast.

**Thursday 11th December 8.20am in the Staffroom.**

We appreciate having this opportunity to thank our parents, volunteers and friends for their support to the school.

Thank you to all our wonderful volunteers who helped out on our Lebanese Food Day, the food was so very yummy!
Hi, my name is Sally and this for your information is my sister Ivy.

It all started on a Sunday with a fine walk in the park, until I saw a big, scary shadow creeping towards me. I said “Mum mum mum” there is a massive shadow creeping towards us can you see it? “No darling I can’t see it” said my mum. So we kept walking and the shadow got closer and closer. I asked dad but he couldn’t see it, neither could Ivy. Saying that, I was probably seeing things or maybe I had Sallyitis that only came to people called Sally. If there is a Sallyitis there would be an Ivyitis that only came to people called Ivy. It could catch!

Then I said to my mum that I couldn’t go to school tomorrow “Why”? she asked. I didn’t know what to say so I said “It doesn’t particularly matter” I said. I was about to say “Hey Mum I have Sallyitis”. Now that I think about it that was probably the most stupidest thing I was ever going to say EVER!

At the moment I was feeling very hungry and started to think about the kitchen and then it all came back to me. This morning my mum told me that we where going to a playground with Aunty Sue and our cousins Isla and James so all along the big, scary shadow was Aunty Sue.

By Anna.C.Healy

THE END!!
**Dates for your Diary**

**P&C Meeting:** Wednesday 19th November 7.30pm in the Staffroom

**Garden Working Bee:** Saturday 22nd November 2.00pm- 5.00pm, Saturday 13th December followed by end of year BBQ & Welcome to Kindy families

**Canterbury Crunch Milkshake Madness:** Thursday 27th November

**Fundraising & Event Meeting:** Monday 1st December 7.30pm in the Staffroom

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

**Green Thumbs:** Friday 5th December 3.20pm - 4.15pm

**Canteen Meeting:** Wednesday 10th December 2.00pm in the Library

**Music Committee Meeting:** Wednesday 10th December 6.00pm in the Staffroom

**Canterbury Crunch Gelato Stall:** Friday 12th December 3.20pm outside the staffroom

**Election Day Market:** Saturday 28th March 2015

**Fete:** Sunday 3rd May 2015

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**We're appointing a permanent out-of-school-hours service provider in 2015**

And we need to hear from you to make the best decision

Dear Parents

As you may know, a permanent before and after school care service provider will be appointed to operate at Canterbury Public School from the start of Term 2 in 2015.

It is vital that we appoint a service provider that best meets the needs of children and parents and also reflects the unique culture of our school.

We need your views to help us make that decision.

I would be grateful if you could take a few minutes to complete this survey, especially if you currently use the before and after school care service or if you intend to use the service in 2015.

You can access the survey at: [http://svy.mk/1zNBJAD](http://svy.mk/1zNBJAD)

Your response will be anonymous, unless you choose to provide your name. The survey results will be presented to the school community later in the term.

If you have any questions about the process for appointing a permanent service provider, please contact me at david.Taffa@arabbank.com.au

Thank you for taking the time to provide us with your views.

David Taffa  P&C President
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DON'T FORGET NUDE FOOD

MONDAYS

Thank you to everyone who volunteered at the Canteen in Week 5 & 6: Dorothy Jamieson, Linda Clark, Georgette Koorey, Jacquie Cheethan, Suzanne Trimmer, Mel Brungies, Kate Purcell & Nicole Sun

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

Wednesday
Quiche Lorraine & Salad
Week 8 & 9
$4.00

Thursday
Nachos
Week 8 & 9
$3.50

Friday
San Choy Bow
Week 8 & 9
$3.50
Multicultural Day
Thursday 27th November

For time-poor parents & carers, if you would like Canterbury Crunch to contribute to Multicultural Day on your behalf, please return the note below with $6.50. All contributions will be acknowledged.

The Canteen will provide platters of Sushi, Fruit Platter, Spinach & Cheese Triangles, Pasta & Meatballs, Mini Quiches, Sandwiches & Popcorn

Family Name: ____________________  Child Name/Class: ___________

I have enclosed $6.50 for Canterbury Crunch to contribute on my behalf.
With progress going on apace with the Junior Green Thumbs paving their own outdoor learning space and the Seniors continuing with their colour improvements, it is time to bring it all together and celebrate at the last Green Thumbs and Market for 2014.

This Market is set to be big. Students will be harvesting produce, making and baking and with your continued support, there will be lots of home grown and homemade delights to swap and buy. There will also be a selection of quality handmade gifts (ideal for presents for teachers, family and others).

Thank you to all those from across the school community who make Green Thumbs and the Market such a great success, your dedication and generosity is inspiring.

Regular updates will be on the Garden noticeboard, from class parent reps and on the P&C Facebook page.

Events and Fundraising

Fete/Events 2015
Monday 1st December, 7.30pm - CPS Staffroom

Thanks to all who have responded regarding a meeting time. This meeting is for anyone who wants to be involved with planning for the Fete in particular and any other P&C events in 2015.

Attendance at this meeting does not mean you will have to come to endless meetings. This is just to review our reports from the 2013 Fete, kick around some ideas for next May and divvy up some jobs so you can go away and do the work in your own time, or even just turn up on the day!

What you need to bring - ideas, vision, energy, a willingness to collaborate, a list of your special skills (face-painting, buttering rolls, tap-dancing, spruiking, spatula-wielding, prize-gathering, coin counting…)

Important dates:
Sat 28 March - State Election polling booth at CPS
Sun 3 May - CPS Fete

See you all at the meeting, or send me your ideas via email, annabel.kain@bigpond.com
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You’re invited!

Celebrate the School Garden Produce with us at our end of year BBQ.

Saturday 13th December 2-5pm + BBQ afterwards

At this last Garden Bee of the Year the focus will be on planting new plants throughout the garden, especially the Sensory Garden. Come and meet like-minded families from the school community and learn how you can get involved, everyone is welcome.

Please RSVP by 10th December for catering purposes to Natalie Bishop  Nat_thecat_bishop@hotmail.com or 0438 432 541

Canterbury Public School Gardens

The gardens consist of the Indigenous Garden, Sensory Garden and Vegetable & Herb Garden. These are distinct areas, part of the broader school grounds. Food is grown to supply to the canteen as much as possible and for educational experience.

If you choose to volunteer within the gardens it could be in any one, or more, of a number of ways:

• Joining the Garden Committee

Meeting 4 times a year, usually near the beginning of each term, the Committee discusses upcoming issues relevant to the gardens maintenance and development and makes decisions, often in conjunction with a CPS staff member.

• Attending Garden Bees

Many hands make light work! Garden Bees are held 2-3 times each term, on the weekend, usually on a Saturday afternoon 2-5pm daylight saving hours. This is an opportunity to get major projects completed and undertake ongoing garden maintenance.

Volunteers sign in on arrival, and can choose a project on the day that interests them, or regularly tend to a particular area of the garden that they love and want to specialise in. Bring the kids, scooters/bikes and something to share for afternoon tea and meet likeminded people from your school community. Go home with something from the garden for dinner!

Bees are coordinated by a Lead Volunteer, this person plans what the focuses may be at the Bee, in conjunction with the different area specialists, contacts the security company to advise them that there will be a group on site, opens the locked shed & toilets, deactivates the school alarm if access to staffroom is required, sets up, writes up jobs on the blackboard and provides direction if needed.
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• Joining the Watering Roster(s)

A school holiday watering roster is made near the end of each term. If you are around for 1-3 days in the holidays and can spare 30-45mins each day, you are invited to join the roster. Without our holiday volunteers our new seedlings and flourishing plants and veggies will be hard pressed to make it through to the next term! Access to the grounds is via a key lockbox located by the staff car park entrance.

A term water roster is also setup currently. Volunteers select a day through the week, often fortnightly, or weekly, that they can water the garden for 30-45mins.

A watering guide and log are provided. Training can be given.

The Watering Rosters are coordinated by the Garden Coordinator.

• Supporting Green Thumbs

Green Thumbs is the school gardening club for students. There is a Junior GT Group and a Senior Group (called ‘NO WASTE!’) Green Thumbs usually meets 3 times a term on a Friday afternoon after school. Teachers coordinate this group.

The Lead Volunteer supporting this selects age appropriate tasks that may be selected by the teachers and may purchase materials required in line with the budget.

Other Volunteers support small groups of students in doing these activities eg. Weeding, planting, fertilising etc.

• Supporting School Planting Days

School planting days occur 2-4 times a year. Volunteers help students who may not otherwise experience the garden to plant seeds and seedlings alongside Teachers in classes. In 2015 4 classes per Term will tend the Veggie garden from beginning to end of Term with their teachers.

As part of this, a Lead Volunteer may plan what will be planted that term, in conjunction with the Canteen and the School Environment Committee and make purchases in line with the budget.

• Marketing the Gardens

Sharing stories and photos from the Garden on Facebook, in the School Newsletter and on the P&C Website helps build profile and support for the gardens.

A Lead Volunteer may develop a marketing schedule over the year and submit stories to the Newsletter editors and onto Facebook.

• Swap/make/bake Home Made Markets

School garden produce is sold at the Home Made Markets occurring 4-5 times a year. Volunteers help to plan, organise and sell produce on the market stall as well as making/donating produce

A Lead Volunteer will coordinate the markets in conjunction with the school.

If you are interested in taking on any of these Volunteering Opportunities in the coming year, or have an interest in contributing in another way to the garden, please contact Natalie on nat_thecat_bishop@hotmail.com or 0438 432 541.
REWARDS FOR REGULARSAVERS

School Banking is rewarding regular savings by sharing the Dollarmites latest find, precious prizes from the ancient Clam of Fortune a mythical shell packed with precious prizes.

What’s even better is that they want to share their haul with you.

All you need to do for a chance to win is make a deposit of any amount through School Banking between 20th October - 30th November 2014, each deposit automatically receives one entry into the competition.

The precious prizes you could win:

- 40 x GoPro HERO3 White Edition Cameras
- 150 x Slip ’N Slide Double Wave Riders

The more regularly you save, the more chances you have to win a prize.

SMART SCHOOL SAVERS COMPETITION

We recently measured the Savings IQ of the nation and found that Australians who learn about money management at school grow up to become smarter savers in their adult life. So we know that our School Banking program pays off.

To celebrate our next generation of skillful savers, we have launched a Search for Australia’s Smart School Savers.

Parents can visit www.commbank.com.au/smartschoolsavers and have their child tell us in 50 words or less what they are saving for and how they plan to achieve it. The competition is open to children aged between 5 to 12 years of age.

There are some great prizes up for grabs – including a national prize of $1,000 and iPads for six regional winners.