Principal's Message

We have certainly had our fair share of community events in the past fortnight. The Meet the Teacher night was a huge success! Students past and present, families and teachers shared a plentiful meal and exchanged information about learning programs and activities for the year ahead. I'd like to pay particular thanks to the teachers for their organisation and professional presentations on the evening and to the senior students ('old boys' from our school) from Canterbury Boys' High School for helping to cook and serve the sausages on the night—Michael (Captain), Christopher, Declan and Rochdi. These young men were outstanding ambassadors for their school and public education.

The swimming carnival was another great community event. Many families, students and staff reflected that they day was extremely enjoyable and that Enfield pool was an excellent venue. I'd like to thank the Stage 3 teaching team, Lisa Wright, Sadie Davies and Christie Ciantar for their excellent organisation of the day. Staff and parents worked tirelessly alongside each other to fulfil the range of roles needed on the day and I'd like to thank everyone for their contribution to making the day run smoothly. The rain held off until the very end of the carnival and a great day was had by all. The Stage 3 team will be surveying staff, students and the parents to gather more detailed feedback via email about what worked well and how the day could be improved for the future. The results of this will be shared at the next P&C meeting.

When I returned to school after the carnival, a member of the public called me to praise students, staff and parents for their level of thoughtfulness, care, concern and community spirit. She had visited the pool with her mother who uses a walking frame and every member of our school community demonstrated kindness to them on the day. She was very impressed with our school spirit!

A big thank you is extended to Lisa Soter (Katie’s mum), Alejandro (Alejandro’s uncle), John and Anne Tiedemann (Liam & Ruby’s parents), Suzanne Trimmer (Jack & Henry’s mum), Katherine Miller (Heather & Luke’s mum), Jacquie Cheetham (Kaemon and Kayode’s mum) Katherine Cooke (Sebastian’s mum), Alan Morris (Jade, Sarah and Tara’s father) and Selamawit Mamo Yaregal (Sarah’s mum).

Last Wednesday was the first P&C meeting for the year and it was wonderful to see so many parents attending. We exchanged information about the Federation of Community Language team who will be joining our school community next term, 2013 National Literacy and Numeracy Assessment results and directions for the future. I feel extremely supported by the school community. I look forward to developing even stronger relationships with the P&C and broader community as when teachers, parents and the community partner to open up learning opportunities for students, magic happens!
Carnival of Codes

Tomorrow our students from years 2-6 will have the opportunity to experience ‘Carnival of the Codes’ a new initiative offered to the local community by the Cooks River Sporting Alliance—funded by Canterbury Hurststone Park RSL. At this event students across a number of local schools will experience six winter sports in one location. Representatives from local sporting clubs will come together to support the students in getting a taste of a variety of sports. Due to sponsorship by the Club, this opportunity is at no cost to our students. Everyone is really excited about the day ahead.

Connie Emmington’s Farewell Assembly will take place next Friday morning 7th March from approximately 9.30-10.30. Parents are most welcome to attend. On this day the times for recess and lunch will be switched around so that parents who attend the assembly can join the staff in farewelling Connie over morning tea at the end. Please bring a small plate of food to contribute to the celebration. We hope the assembly will be a fitting farewell for such an extraordinary teacher and member of our school community.

Please keep our wonderful School Administration Manager in your thoughts—Mrs Hanna is at home recovering from a minor operation. Please make Mrs Kylie Van Blerk feel very welcome as she supports our school in the office over the next two weeks.

Attached to this newsletter is a little bit of family homework. Please take some time to have a conversation with your child/ren in preparation for goal setting interviews which will take place in week 10—Monday 31st March to Friday 4th April. A note outlining times that your child’s teacher will be available will be sent home in the next newsletter.

Finally, remember to wear GREEN clothes this Friday (and bring a gold coin) to support the ‘Plastic Water Bottle Free’ launch and our school’s Clean Up and Planting day. Thank you to Bryony Heath and Natalie Bishop (Freddie’s mum) and Annabel Kain (Spencer and Charlie’s mum) for organising this initiative. I’m looking forward to seeing a sea of green!

Berlinda Cook

Volunteering at CPS

There is so much magic happening in our school but we could always do with some more. What can you do to add a little magic to our school? Please give some consideration to how you can be of service to our school. Parent helpers are currently needed for our school canteen. If you able to spare a few hours to help out, please contact the office, members of the P&C or me personally.

Class Helpers are needed for:

KF, 5/6D and the Special Education Unit

Thank you to the following parents who have volunteered to be class parents this year.

Hard Copy Request for Canterbury Tales

Please return to the school office

If you wish to continue receiving a hard copy of Canterbury Tales each fortnight, please complete the slip below and return it to us. If we do not receive your slip, we will assume you wish to access the Newsletter via our school website (as noted below).

A printed copy of Canterbury Tales is required for ___________________________ (students name) in _________(class). ________________(signature)

Ms Cook’s Challenge

Pandora (with a little help) made a lemon battery.

Katie marinated some rump steak in lots of lemon, oil and oregano. She described it as her best dinner ever!

Daniel (and his little brother, Adam) squeezing lemons for their lemonade and cookie stall.

Lemon sorbet made by Charlie.

In addition to this Ruby made a delicious lemon tart and Liam made a scrumptious lemon cake but unfortunately I can’t show the pictures as they were taken on my phone which got lost last Wednesday.

THANK YOU to all the students (and their families) who demonstrated high levels of initiative, independence and creativity by accepting this challenge.

The next challenge.

This fortnight’s challenge might appeal to all our budding artists — it is to recreate a section of your home (it could be your bedroom, laundry, lounge room, kitchen etc.) as an artwork. You can be as creative as you like. Make a model, sculpture, pencil drawing, collage, painting or digital creation. It’s your choice. All artworks will be displayed outside my office for everyone to view and admire.

Please remember to return your Resources, Voluntary Contribution and Swim Scheme note and payment. Thank you.

Keeping Our Students Safe

Please be mindful of the safety of your children and the safety of all children in our community. Church and Minter Streets can be very busy places at the beginning and end of the school day. The “drop-off zone” in Church St allows a parent to leave the car to ensure that their child has entered the school grounds. It does not allow time to leave the car parked and unattended. Traffic patrols regularly fine drivers who do not obey the signs. Remember also that parking is not permitted in the staff car park at any time.

Please be a role model for our children in these areas. Unfortunately some school communities have learnt this lesson in the most devastating of ways.
On the 3rd of March the Premier's Reading Challenge opens for 2014.

Your child can register by logging in, using their DET username and password, to the PRC Website. https://products.schools.nsw.edu.au/prc/logon.html

**Further information** can be found on the PRC Website: https://products.schools.nsw.edu.au/prc/home.html


**Booklists:** https://products.schools.nsw.edu.au/prc/booklist/home.html

If you or your child has any questions about the challenge please feel free to pop by and see me in the library.

Mrs. Lisa Haller

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**CLEAN UP & PLANTING DAY**

**GREEN MUFTI DAY**

**Friday 28\textsuperscript{th} February 2014**

Wear green to school this Friday and bring in a gold coin donation. Help celebrate and support our beautiful school!

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**(Parent Workshops)**

**SAVE THESE DATES—Parent Workshops**

**Tuesday 11\textsuperscript{th} March**
How to Help Your Child With Reading  
3.30pm—4.30pm  
and repeated between 6.00-7.00pm  
Childcare available  
Venue: In the library

**Thursday 27\textsuperscript{th} March**
Positive Behaviour for Learning  
3.30pm—4.30pm  
and repeated between 6.00-7.00pm  
Childcare available  
Venue: In the library

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**(Meetings with Teachers)**

Teacher Professional Learning—staff administration meetings will take place each Thursday morning between 8.20 & 8.50am and teacher professional learning will take place most Monday afternoons between 3.30 & 4.45pm.

Please avoid making appointments with teachers at this time as quality teacher professional learning makes a huge impact on students’ outcomes.

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This newsletter can be found on our school website—
Voluntary Contribution and Equipment Payment Information for KK, KF, K/1V, 1/2Q and 1/2R

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Below is an outline of the payments required this term:

1. **Equipment and books payment**
   - KK, KF and KV: $42.50
     Includes payment for:
     • Reading Eggs subscription
     • 5 x scrapbooks
     • Handwriting textbook
   - 1V, 1/2Q and 1/2R: $17.50 / $37.50
     Includes payment for:
     • 1 x plastic A4 envelope
     • 2 x scrapbooks
     • Handwriting textbook
     + $20 Reading Eggs subscription (optional)

2. **Swimming Scheme** *(Please Note: Year 2 only)* - $35 (weeks 8&9)

3. **2014 Voluntary Contribution** - $40 per child or $65 per family.

Please fill out the payment form at the bottom of this page and enclose this in a clearly labelled envelope with cheque/cash. All notes and payments are to be placed in the white box located in the front office. If there are any difficulties in paying for your child, please do not hesitate to speak with the Principal Berlinda Cook.

**Other suggested equipment for home and school** *(Please ensure all equipment is labelled clearly)*
- home reading / library bag
- one small pencil case
- HB pencils
- coloured pencils/textas
- ruler
- rubber
- pencil sharpener
- scissors
- glue stick
- 96 page exercise book for homework (1V, 1/2Q and 1/2R only)

We also ask that your child brings in: a box of tissues, a packet of wet wipes and an old button up shirt, which can be worn for art and craft activities.

**Term One Payment for:**

__________________________ (student’s name) ________________ (class)

Enclosed is payment for:
1. Equipment and Books 
   [ ] $42.50  [ ] $17.50  OR  [ ] $37.50
   [ ] $35
2. Swimming Scheme (Year 2 only)
   [ ] $40  [ ] $60 for family  OR
   [ ] included with another child’s payment.
   TOTAL  $__________

Please complete a form for each of your children.

If you require student assistance or would like to pay in instalments, please do not hesitate to contact the school Principal Berlinda Cook.
Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Below is an outline of the payments required this term:

1. **Equipment and books Payment**
   - **2/3W, 3/4C & 3/4M**
     - $25.00
     - Includes payment for:
       - A4 envelopes
       - Exercise books
       - Handwriting textbook
   - **5/6C & 5/6D**
     - $25.00
     - Includes payment for:
       - A4 envelopes
       - Exercise books
       - Handwriting textbook

2. **Swimming Scheme** *(Please Note: Years 2-6 only)* - $35 (weeks 8&9)

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- coloured pencils
- ruler
- rubber
- pencil sharpener
- scissors
- glue stick
- 96 page exercise book for homework

We also ask that your child brings in: a box of tissues or a roll of paper-towel, a packet of wet wipes and an old button up shirt or smock, which can be worn for art and craft activities.

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**Stage Two - Term One Payment for:**
______________________________ (student’s name). __________________________ (class)

I have enclosed payment for:

1. Equipment and Books  [ ] $25.00
2. Swimming Scheme (Years 2-6)  [ ] $35
3. Voluntary Contribution  [ ] $40 or [ ] $65 for family  OR  [ ] included with another child’s payment.

**TOTAL**  $_________

Please complete a form for each of your children.

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Week 5 Term 1 2014

**Dates for your Diary**

**Fundraising & Event:** Thursday 27th February 7.30pm in the Staffroom

**Garden Working Bee:** Saturday 8th March & 5th April 2pm-5pm

**Canteen Committee Meeting:** Wednesday 19th March 6pm in the Staffroom

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

**Family Movie Night:** Saturday 5th April

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Do you enjoy meeting people? Do you want to find out what is happening in your child’s class and the school community? We have a job for you!!!

Class parent representatives play an important role in facilitating the building of our school community culture, starting from the ground up at class level. You don’t need to organise social functions or volunteer at events or be at school every day - just an hour of your time every couple of weeks to forward emails from the class teacher and P&C (and maybe meet the class teacher to find out information pertaining to the class) to keep the class parents/carers informed of all activities and events going on both within the class, and the school.

Most of the classes have a class parent volunteer, but don’t be the only class to miss out on receiving the most up to date information - please contact your class teacher if you are interested. Class parents will be in touch soon!

KF  Vacant
5/6D  Vacant
Support Unit  Vacant

Class Parents for other classes are:
K/IV  Jenny Allen
KK  Cate Lyons-Crew
1/2Q  Yolanda Baltsar
1/2R  Jennifer Eason
2/3W  Renee O’Connor
3/4C  Emma In der Maur
3/4M  Jon Cropper
5/6C  Lisa Soter

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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 now live on Facebook - go ahead and like us

Class Parent Representative
Friday 21st February saw our first Canterbury Public School Gardens market stall which ran alongside the Green Thumbs Club Launch for the year. After a few days of rain showers we were lucky to get a sunny, breezy afternoon and it was great to see the garden buzzing with people: parents, grandparents, carers, staff and lots and lots of kids.

Thank you to everyone who so generously contributed delicious cakes, slices, muffins, biscuits, chocolate crackles, and to those who supplied various essential supplies from chalkboards, tablecloths to trays and your time - preparing, selling, cleaning up and most importantly...buying! It was fantastic to see people wandering into the gardens to look around.

The main aim of the garden is to grow produce that the canteen can use in making lunches but we often have an excess amount of produce. This time it was herbs - especially basil so we sold bunches of basil and jars of pesto (along with the Garden’s first recipe for 2014.)

We raised $231 for the gardens which is double what we expected - thank you everyone. We plan to run this event going forward each time a Green Thumbs Club session runs so stay tuned for the next date. If you would like to get involved either in the stall by making and donating produce or manning the stall, or by supporting a small group of our young Green Thumbs please contact Natalie Bishop on 0438 432 541 or by email on nat_thecat_bishop@hotmail.com

The Garden Committee.
Thanks to Suzanne Trimmer for all the fabulous work she has done at the helm of this committee for the past few years. She has been a tireless organiser and worker and made a great contribution to our school community. I was going to write a list of all her roles but the newsletter is long enough already!

This year there are no Elections and the next Fete won’t be until be 3rd May 2015 (you can put that in your calendar now!). We plan to have events this year that bring our School Community together for good times, with a bit of fundraising along the way. Our fundraising efforts this year are being directed at the playground upgrade. Berlinda Cook has asked her staff to identify any needs for educational resources and our spending priorities may be reviewed in light of these. The P&C is the place to have your say on this.

On our calendar so far are:

- Family Movie Night: Saturday 5th April (more information to follow)
- Trivia Night: Term 2 (date to be confirmed)
- Mother’s Day Breakfast (for the kids to organise!)
- Father’s Day BBQ

There is a committee meeting scheduled this Thursday, 27th February, 7.30pm in the staffroom. Anyone is welcome to attend. If you are unable to attend any meetings but would like to be involved in the organisation of a particular event, have another idea for an event or fundraiser, have a special skill we should know about then just drop us a line. If you don’t want to make any decisions but are happy to help on the day that’s good for us to know too.

Hosting events create opportunities for garnering sponsorship and prizes from local businesses. If you have a business or contact with a business that you think would be interested please let us know. We can do promotion in our Newsletter, Website, Facebook, and on the big screen at Movie Night. No contribution is too big or small

Annabel Kain, Events & Fundraising Committee
annabel.kain@bigpond.com

Free parenting seminars for mothers, fathers, grandparents and carers of 0-18 year olds.

Each year, Ashfield Council produces a program of free parenting information sessions designed to improve your confidence as a parent. A qualified presenter explores each topic offering useful techniques to improve parenting skills and a chance for parents to share their stories. All sessions are free to attend and are held in the Ashfield area.

Reminder: FRIDAY is School Banking Day
Students should bring in their weekly deposit and hand it to the teacher when they mark the role.

STAY COOL AT SCHOOL COMPETITION

Our school could win a 3m x 3m marquee valued at $400. Perfect for school fetes, sports events and BBQ's.

You could win $50.00 deposited into your Youthsaver account!

The school with highest percentage of active students at the end of Term 1 will win a marquee.

To enter simply make 3 deposits into your Youthsaver account through School Banking between 28/01/2014 and 11/04/2014 and you will automatically be entered into the draw.

See the poster on 'C' Block noticeboard

Do you have a spare 2 hours each Term??

We need a Volunteer to sort the 2nd Hand Uniforms a couple of times a Term.

This easy job would be great for someone with a toddler in tow and can be done at any time that suits you (before school, after the bell, after school).

Please contact Suzanne for more information
chris_suzanne@optusnet.com.au

2nd Hand Uniforms

A selection of pre-loved uniforms are available from the drawers outside Mrs McGill's office. Shirts, Shorts, Pants, Skorts are priced at $2 each and Jumpers and Jackets are priced at $5 each.

Money for pre-loved uniforms should be left in the P&C money box located in Mrs McGill's office. Any donations of unwanted, washed uniforms can be left in the marked drawers.

All proceeds from 2nd hand uniforms will be used by the P&C to help fund resources for our students.
**SUMMER MENU**
is on the P&C Website
lots of delicious lunches & treats!!

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**Weeks 6 & 7**

**Wednesday Special**

**Potato Puffs**

Delicious mashed potato, mixed with egg, sour cream & cheese and baked until golden

$3.50

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**Birthday Cupcakes!**

No more midnight cake baking sessions - you can order your child’s home-made, iced birthday cupcakes from Canterbury Crunch!

To order birthday cakes for your child’s birthday call Nicole on 0401 428 905 to arrange order and payment.

$15 (plus 50c per cake over 20 students)

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Thank you to everyone who volunteered at the Canteen in Weeks 3 & 4:
Linda Clark, Dorothy Jamieson, Nafiseh Emami, Vi Morris, Marina Giokas, Lynne Hewitt, Mel Brungies, Georgette Koury, Dora Favaloro and a new carer to our School, Marie Davis (Grandma to Michael in Kindy) and a new Dad, Alan Morris (Dad to Sarah Yr1 and Jade & Tara Yr6).

Thank you to the Dads Tony Barker and Patrick Miles for doing the Laundry

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Helpers are needed this term to ensure that the Canteen is able to remain open 5 days a week and to keep prices reasonable

If you think you or a family member are able to help out on any days shifts are from 9am – 10:30am or 11am to 12:30pm or both!

Contact Lynne Scouller on 0412 201 423 or lynne_scouller@hotmail.com or Suzanne Trimmer on 0413 082 608 or chris_suzanne@optusnet.com.au

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We need Mums, Dads, Aunties, Uncles, Nanas and Grandads to come and help Nicole at our Canteen! We love our canteen but Nicole can’t do it all on her own and there are too many days where she has no-one to help her 😞

Can you please come in? We love to see our family members at the canteen – we can show you off to our friends (and buy more treats ‘cause you like to spoil us)! Just one shift is enough. We want to rub out the ‘PINK’ days on the roster. Please...for us!
With Term 1 now in full swing the P&C held their first meeting of the year on 18th February, attended by over 30 people. It was great to see a mix of new and old parents all making an active and informed contribution. This was the first meeting for our new Principal, and Berlinda impressed all with a comprehensive overview of her aims and objectives for the school, as well as a detailed overview of the 2013 NAPLAN results, co-presented with Lisa Haller. We were excited by the energy and enthusiasm Berlinda has brought to her new role and we look forward to working with her in building our Canterbury community.

The meeting commenced with a presentation by the Department of Education’s Director of Canterbury Region Mr Rod Leonarder. By way of follow up to a proposal that was first mooted in October last year, Rod outlined an initiative whereby the Federation of Community Languages will be relocated to Canterbury Public from their present location at Marrickville West Public. The Federation requires office space beyond what is available at Marrickville West and the decision has been made that Canterbury Public has the capacity to accommodate their needs. The Federation will conduct their office business from our school, and after hours and on weekends will offer training to community language teachers who operate independently of the Department of Education.

Rod advised the P&C that the Federation will move to Canterbury and the timing is planned for April. They will occupy two classrooms upstairs in Block A (above the library). Some minor changes will be made to make the area better defined, and there will be some improvements to the general amenities in that area.

The P&C notes that the Federation is an important member of the general education community and that we will welcome them and work with them when they arrive at Canterbury.

At the same time P&C members raised many concerns about the proposal in their discussion with Rod. P&C is concerned about the co-location of the Federation with three classes, noting that at their current location they have a discrete entrance. Putting such an office facility within a building that houses three classes, our library, our music classes and our before and after school care means that great care and attention will need to be made to ensure that full and proper risk assessments are undertaken and communicated to the school. P&C also noted that we do not think it is the right time to be closing off classrooms for children to make office space to adults, especially as the demography indicates massive change for the Canterbury area and environs.

The proposal was vigorously debated both with Rod and later when a motion was moved and passed regarding all aspects of the proposal. Having placed on the record our concerns we now move to support our Principal in managing the transition and all aspects of the move and the associated changes. It is important that Berlinda is given an opportunity to ensure that the change occurs smoothly and any issues that do arise are managed within appropriate fora. The P&C unequivocally support Berlinda in her management of this significant change and we can rest assured that she will keep us fully appraised of all aspects of the move.

Our March meeting is our Annual General Meeting (AGM) and all positions on the P&C Executive will be up for election. The positions include President, Vice President (x2), Treasurer and Secretary. I would urge all P&C members to consider standing for a position on the Executive. If you have any questions concerning the February meeting or the March AGM please feel free to contact me on 0466364225.

I’ll see you in the playground

Glenn Smith, President, Canterbury Public School Parents and Citizens Association
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Year 7 2015
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Location: School Hall

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