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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

No.6 Tuesday 18 April 2017

Dear Parents, Students & School Community,

WELCOME BACK

Welcome to the first week of Term 2 everyone. I hope everyone had a safe and pleasant break, or at least had more time as a family, as I understand many people still need to work through.

I popped in a few times during the break and it was great to see many of the staff preparing for a busy term. Painting of the school foyer, administration office, Principal office,

Assistant Principal office and female toilets has certainly freshened up the respective

spaces. I am also eagerly awaiting the installation of a new projector and motorised screen in the school hall. The upgrade will provide another tool to 'show off' students work and engage them during assembly.

We are really looking forward to the second term of the year after such a great start in Term 1. A reminder that this term is 11 weeks, so it is longer than Term 1 and ends on Friday 30th June.

Term 2 promises to be busy and exciting for everyone at CPS, including NAPLAN, Education Week, Anzac Day services, Athletics and Cross Country, and many other exciting activities.

I encourage all parents to put ten minutes aside each week to read the school newsletter, stay informed and get involved in events and learning programs whenever possible.

There is always a lot for the children to participate in and engage with at our school.

Staff look forward to a very busy and rewarding term for the children.

Due to the short week, this will be a smaller newsletter with just a few reminders.

The school is open and operating next Monday though I am aware a few families are making a 4-day weekend with the Anzac Day public holiday being Tuesday.

ANZAC DAY

Speaking of Anzac Day, we will be conducting a whole school ANZAC DAY ceremony on Monday, 24th April from 10:30-10:40am. Our children will be leading this very important ceremony as we recognise and learn about the importance of ANZAC DAY.

Any children or community members that would like to lay a wreath or flowers at the base of our flagpole are invited to do so at the conclusion of the service.

WORKING BEE

The first Working Bee has been scheduled for Saturday 29th April from 9:30am to 11:30am. The Working Bee will conclude with a Sausage Sizzle BBQ and refreshments.



Working Bees provide an opportunity for families to come together to complete projects around the school. Such projects help to enhance the environment which our students can learn, play and grow. By volunteering your time, outsourcing/labour costs can be redirected back into essential resourcing of the curriculum for teaching learning. More details will be sent home this week.

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Working Bee dates are: **Term 2:** Saturday 29th April. **Term 3:** Sunday 30th July. **Term 4:** Saturday 21st October or Sunday 22nd October (TBC)

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ANZAC DAY TUESDAY 25TH APRIL 2017 NO STUDENTS REQUIRED AT SCHOOL

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NATIONAL ASSESSMENT PROGRAM

The next round of the annual National Assessment Program in Literacy and



Numeracy (NAPLAN) tests will be conducted in May 2017. The NAPLAN tests will involve all students in years 3, 5, 7 and 9 from all states and territories across Government, Catholic and Independent Schools. The NAPLAN tests will be conducted on Tuesday May 9, Wednesday May 10 and Thursday May 11.

NAPLAN assesses skills in Literacy and Numeracy that are developed over time, through the school curriculum. NAPLAN is not a pass or fail type test, but rather shows how students are progressing in Numeracy and Literacy skills against national standards for all Australia children. It also provides valuable information that allows schools and governments to better target effort and support to help all students achieve their potential and acquire the basic skills to help them build successful and happy lives.

All students (in Years 3 & 5) are expected to participate in these tests. Students with a disability may qualify for reasonable adjustments that reflect the support normally provided to them in the classroom. Some students with very specific circumstances may be exempted from participating in the tests. For information about participation in NAPLAN, you can go to: http://www.nap.edu.au/naplan/parent-carer-support.html



NAPLAN tests fundamental skills rather than specific content, and as such is not a test for which students can study or drill. The best way you can help your child prepare for NAPLAN is to let them know that **NAPLAN is just one part of their school program, and to urge them to simply do the best they can on the day**.

An individual student NAPLAN report will be issued by the school later this year. Parents can use this information to monitor how their child is progressing and to identify any areas of concern. Parents may also wish to use their child's results to discuss progress with teachers. More information is available at <u>www.naplan.edu.au</u>

ATTITUDES TO SCHOOL SURVEY

All of our senior students (Years 5 & 6) will be asked to complete a survey In the coming week/s regarding how they see their life at school: their studies, their relationships with their teacher/s, their peers and how safe they feel.



This survey is completed by senior students across the state at this time of the year to determine key areas for schools to focus upon and improve in. How our students feel at school and how engaged they are in their work is extremely important to us at school and is analysed by both Staff and School Council.

In order to maintain consistency across the school, Mrs MacKay and I will administer this questionnaire to the children and results will be presented to the school community once they have been analysed and returned by the Department of Education and Training.

See you around the school. Robbie Mallett



DATES TO REMEMBER				
Term 2 2017	Tuesday 18th April to Friday 30th June			
April	Tuesday 18	First day term 2		
	Thursday 20	11.00 to 12.00—Years 3—6 House cross country		
	Tuesday 25	ANZAC Day—No students required at school		
	Wednesday 26	11.30 to 3.00—Years 5 & 6 visit to Westall SC		
	Friday 28	9.00—Stepping up information session in staffroom		
		10.00 to 2.30—Year 5 & 6 Sport Gala Day		
	Saturday 29	9.30 to 11.30—Working Bee		
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	Friday 5	Interschool Sport v Huntingdale (away)		
	Tuesday 9	NAPLAN		
	Wednesday 10	NAPLAN		
	Thursday 11	NAPLAN		
	Monday 15	Curriculum Day		

OUT OF SCHOOL HOURS CARE NEWS

This term we have a <u>Curriculum Day on Monday 15th May</u> so watch this space for details.

Lesley, Ann, Maxine, Axelle & Rita

OSHC ACTIVITY PROGRAM

April	COME AND JOIN IN THE FUN		
Monday 17	Easter Monday Holiday		
Tuesday 18	Cooking		
Wednesday 19	Art with Ann		
Thursday 20	Lego & Knex		
Friday 21	Let's Get Fit		
WEEKEND			
Monday 24	Card Games		
Tuesday 25	ANZAC Day Holiday		
Wednesday 26	Art with Ann		
Thursday 27	TV Games		
Friday 28	Move Your Body ‼		

Lesley, Ann, Maxine, Axelle

REMEMBER YOUR HAT FOR OUTSIDE PLAY

WANTED FOR OVERSEAS ORPHANAGE OLD USABLE FOOTBALLS PLEASE SEND TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE

International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS)

At the end of term 1 students in years 3 to 6 brought home a notice giving them the opportunity to participate in ICAS competitions in the areas of Science, Digital Technolgies, English, Writing, Spelling and Mathematics.

The competitions take place at our school on a variety of dates.

If you would like your child to take part you must complete an application form and payment by tomorrow 19th April 2017. Karen Mackay



2017 ESSENTIAL STUDENT LEARNING ITEMS PAYMENT

TERM TWO IS DUE NOW-\$87.50

Payments can be made to the office or by direct deposit in to the school account:

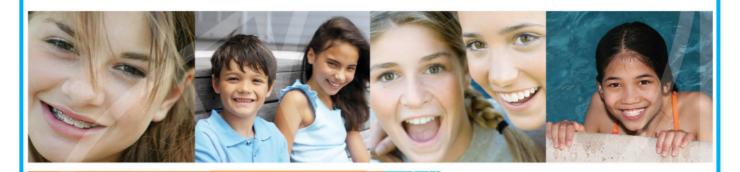
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