I hope everyone had a great holiday break and time to spend with family and loved ones. Now that we have had time to refresh and refocus for Term 4, we can be very excited about all the things planned for the rest of the year as it is certainly going to be a very busy term! Planning for 2015 has begun. Testing is also taking place in the classrooms to support our planning and to assist in the preparation of student reports that will be sent home in Week 11 of this term. We are finalising our numbers for classes next year so if you have children who will be leaving Canterbury South Public School at the end of 2014 (not Year 6) or if you will be returning late in 2015, please contact the office as this makes the planning process so much easier.

**STAFFING**
At the end of last term a panel convened to appoint a permanent classroom teacher to Canterbury South Public School. It is with great please that I announce Mrs Clara Patching as the successful candidate through merit selection. I am sure that you will join me in congratulating Mrs Patching and wishing her well as she takes up her permanent appointment at CSPS.

**KINDERGARTEN ENROLMENTS**
Kindergarten enrolments for 2015 are being taken now. If you have a pre-schooler who turns 5 before 31 July 2014 they are eligible to enrol for Kindergarten. If you know of anyone in the local area who has a pre-schooler please feel free to recommend Canterbury South PS to them. Call into the office to collect an enrolment form if you need one. Two more Kindergarten Transition sessions will be held in November.

**SELECTIVE HIGH SCHOOL APPLICATIONS FOR 2016**
Information for parents of students currently in Year 5
Parents of students currently in Year 5 wishing to apply on behalf of their child for a place in a Selective High School for Year 7 in 2016 can do so from **14 October 2014**. Applications are online ONLY. New from 2014, NO paper applications forms are printed. Parents must apply online at [http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/shsplacement](http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/shsplacement)
Applications for entry can be made online between **14 October and 17 November 2014**. Applications WILL NOT be accepted after the 18 November. The Selective Schools Placement Test will be on **Thursday, 12th March 2015**.

**SURVEYS**
It is a requirement for all NSW public schools to conduct at least two annual evaluations. Inserted in this week’s newsletter are 2 surveys, one on ‘Teaching’ and the other on ‘Learning’. Please take the time to fill them out and return them to school as soon as possible.
We always welcome feedback so that we can continue to improve and make changes to the way we do things in order to better support our students, parents and the wider community.

_Daniela Frasca_
Principal

**2014 Chris Bartlett Schools Poster Competition**
Congratulations to Doha Al-Hasan who won 1st Prize in the 10-12 years age group of the Chris Bartlett Schools Poster Competition, “Plastic Bags are Rubbish”.
Doha will receive a $250 gift voucher from the City of Canterbury Mayor, Cr Brian Robson at a special presentation held at the Council Chambers next Thursday night.

_Congratulations Doha and well done!_
Gates
For the safety of students and staff, the school gates are locked at 9.30am every morning and reopened again at 2.30pm. Should you need to come into the school during this time, please use the entrance located on France Street which will be closed but not locked.

Swimming Scheme
Swimming Scheme is up and running, the students are learning a lot about water safety and improving their skills in and around the water.

Family Energy Rebates
Did you know that the Government have Family Energy Rebate available up to $150.00 for eligible families to help cover the cost of electricity bills. Conditions apply. More information is available at www.resourcesandenergy.nsw.gov.au/info/familyenergy rebate or call 13 77 88.

Canterbury Excursion 2014
Last term Stage 3 travelled to Canberra for our annual overnight excursion. Although we couldn’t wait to get to our accommodation our teacher’s insisted on visiting the High Court, Parliament House and the National Museum first. Our guide at Parliament House complimented our school for knowing so much about the Australian Government System because we were able to answer so many questions. We found the museum’s collection of cameras really interesting and had to be on our best behaviour in the High Court. We had an early dinner and climbed to the top of Telstra Tower where it was really windy and cold. The next day we woke up at sunrise to pack our bags. Our first stop was Questacon. We would have loved to have spent more time exploring the interactive activities. Where else in the world would you find a lightning strike inside a museum? We were lucky enough to see the changing of the guard and a light show re-enactment of a battle at the Australian War Memorial. Before we knew it, we were travelling back to school and happy to see our families again.

Canberra Excursion 2014
45 MINUTE TASTER ON HOW TO BULLY PROOF YOUR CHILDREN
This seminar will give parents ideas for discussing bullying with their children and provide practical strategies to prevent and manage bullying.

When: 24th of October, 2014
Where: Interrelate Family Centre
383 – 385 Port Hacking Road Caringbah
Time: 10:00am
Cost: Free

Please RSVP to Caringbah Interrelate on 8522 4450

** Please note Child Care facilities are not available on premises.
Smartphone App

You would have received a note along with this newsletter advising we now have a phone app for our school. The app is a fantastic way to receive school communication for excursions, what’s happening in the school and even the newsletter will be available. The app is suitable for both Android and Smart Phone users. To use the app you simply need to follow these steps:

1. Download the free App from the Apple Store or Google Play Store
2. Search “CANTERBURY SOUTH” in the stores
3. Accept push notifications
4. Once the app has downloaded, sign in
   User name: community
   Password: canterburysthps

School Payment Changes

Just a friendly reminder that all payments will need to be brought to the front office and placed in the SILVER “School Payments” box (NOT the P&C box), located on the wall next to the front office entrance.

Canteen

Hello Parent, Teachers and students,

I would like to say “Thank you” for making me welcome at your school. I hope you are all enjoying the menu and I look forward to bringing in more new and exciting food options.

Leyla - Canteen Manager

Count Us In

The Count Us In event is drawing nearer and the students have been working hard to practise the song. You may have heard the sweet sounds of Paint You a Song drift through the playground or being sung at home. Some students are playing it on the recorder or other tuned instruments. On Thursday 30 October at 12:30pm CSPS will gather together with The Chincherro Class from Hurlstone Park Childcare Centre to sing the song along with more than 500,000 students from over 2,000 schools nationwide. Count Us In brings teachers, parents, students, the community and the music industry together in celebration of music education in schools. Please feel free to come along and share this exciting event with us in the school hall.

Aboriginal Seasons and Aunty and the Bunyip

At the end of last term John Blair and Maliyan visited the Stage 1 classes to discuss the 6 Aboriginal Seasons of the D’harawal people as part of the student’s Maths unit on Time. It was a very informative session and students (and teachers) learned a great deal. Many Aboriginal seasons are described according to the behaviour of the weather for example ‘warm and wet’. The seasons dictate plants and animals that the people can and cannot eat (for the purpose of sustainability) at that time. Much to the students pleasure, Yvette Andrews premiered the video she created and directed called Aunty and the Bunyip. There were a few familiar voices on the video!
Sport In Schools

The Sport in Schools program began this week with Years 3-6 taking part. Each week children will target different body muscles and use different equipment. Some equipment includes balls, mini trampolines, fitness balls and skipping ropes to name a few. If your child has not paid, please send the note and money to the office so that they can take part in this valuable fitness program.

Hats

With the weather getting warmer and in the lead up to summer, please remember that school hat must be worn to play before school, during recess and at lunchtime. Teachers will be closely monitoring and rewarding those who remember to wear it outdoors everyday. Hats can be purchased from Lowes Campsie.

Learn Well, Play Well

“The game is fun for all. Be fair, take turns and have a ball.”

The following students received their awards on Friday 19 September

AWARDS

BRONZE (6 awards)

SILVER (19 awards)

GOLD (5 awards)

Congratulations!

These students will receive their awards at the assembly this Friday

AWARDS

BRONZE (1 award)
Benjamin Giannaras - 3/4S

SILVER (20 awards)

GOLD (15 awards)

DIAMOND (2 awards)
Malik Shahmir - 1/2G, Faiz Halim - 1/2SY

Congratulations!