Over the course of this semester we have been working tirelessly to develop our school vision and strategic directions. I’d like to thank parents, staff and students who participated in the various forums and who after many hours of creative thinking, brainstorming and reflection have come up with our 3 strategic directions which reflect the whole school community’s vision for the future.

Our Vision:
Canterbury South Public School is committed to creating a high performing and dynamic school learning community that is inclusive, engaging and supportive.

Canterbury South Public School will strive to develop individual strengths through quality opportunities, a love of learning and an ability to achieve.

Strategic Directions:
1. To deliver quality teaching and learning programs to equip students with necessary literacy and numeracy skills to be successful 21st century learners.

2. To enhance positive partnerships that contribute to improving student engagement and learning outcomes.

3. To promote a high performance culture to attract, develop and sustain a collaborative school learning community.

Over the coming weeks these will be further developed into a strategic plan which will clearly articulate the purpose of each strategic direction, the strategies we will implement and the milestones we will celebrate, to make progress towards achieving them.

Enrolments 2015
At this stage of the year we are busy looking at classes and staffing arrangements for 2015. We currently have 10 classes with the potential of growing a class in 2015. It is extremely important to let the school know, using the note included with this newsletter, if you will be leaving at the end of the year or if you will be returning to school late next year. This information supports the school in the decisions that are made.

We are currently taking enrolments for all students as well as students starting Kindergarten in 2015. If you have not enrolled your child yet please make sure you do so as the enrolment allows you to access information about our wonderful Kindergarten Transition Program which is planned to continue for another two sessions this term.

If you have neighbours (in area for Canterbury South PS) who have a child turning 5 before the end of June 2015 please encourage them to enrol now.

Daniela Frasca
Principal

‘Paint You A Song’
On Thursday 30th October CSPS participated in the Music: Count Us In program for the first time. It is Australia’s biggest school initiative, with more than 500,000 participating students from over 2,000 schools nationwide. CSPS and Hurlstone Park Childcare Centre came together in the school hall and sang the same song simultaneously with more than half a million people across Australia. Not only did CSPS students sing ‘Paint You a Song’ in 2 parts with harmonies, they also had an ensemble of 30 students playing the recorder in 2 parts, 10 students playing glockenspiel, Billy played guitar and Hana played piano. The event was a huge success and the students sounded amazing! Well done to all involved.
Coffee & Chat

Mrs Frasca will be holding a Coffee & Chat sessions on Friday 28 November to discuss School Planning for 2015. Session times are from 10 - 11am in the library and in the staff room from 5-6pm.

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.

Canteen

Canteen Opening Hours for summer will be as follows;

Term 4 2014 & Term 1 2015

8.30am - 9.15am, Recess and Lunch times - Daily

3.15pm - 3.45pm Thursday and Friday only

Monday - Wednesday afternoons - CLOSED
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

Canterbury Aboriginal Advisory Group

Canterbury Aboriginal Advisory Group Quarterly Meeting is being held on Tuesday 18 November from 6pm - 7.30pm at Canterbury Earlwood Caring Association (CECAL) Hall - 15 Clarke Street, Earlwood - (opposite Coles car park).

This meeting is open to any Aboriginal residents or Aboriginal workers in the City of Canterbury.

For more information please call Joanna on 9789 9472

Desert Survivors

On Tuesday the 10th of November Stage 3 went on an excursion to the Australian Museum and the Royal Botanical Gardens. This term we have been studying desert survivors and animal adaptation. So an excursion to the museum and the botanical gardens was a great way to expand our knowledge, as at the museum there was an exhibition on “Adapt or Die”. The exhibition was split in two parts, one about hot deserts and the other about cold deserts, for example Antarctica. We had a great time looking at all the different exhibitions like the skeletons and the dinosaurs.

After the museum we went on a walk to the Royal Botanical Gardens. Where we had lunch and got a look at the part on desert survivors where we had an art lesson on drawing many different plants with various equipment like charcoal, crayon and coloured pencils. We then caught the train back to Canterbury station and walked back to school.

We had a great excursion and we would definitely recommend catching the train again. We would like to thank Mrs Arita, Mrs Xanthakos and Mrs Fotakopoulos for helping us on the day.

By Arabella and Saffron

EAL/D

The students in EAL/D are creating blossom trees in their Japanese language lessons. Ali is new to the school but is already showing a real interest in music.

Library

We have recently purchased many new books for the Library and would like to ask any parents who would be able to assist in covering these books to come along for afternoon tea and book covering on Wednesday 19 November from 3.15 - 4.00pm.

If you would prefer to take some books home, please see Mrs Bodell.
Learn Well, Play Well

“R.E.S.P.E.C.T.
Respect for me, respect for you”

AWARDS

BRONZE (awards)
Lucas Ney-Birse (KP), Daniel Dallal (2/3M), Anna Tran (3/4S)

SILVER (awards)
Dion Plessas (KL), Sethuli Udugama, Lucas Ney-Birse (KP), Maliyan Blair, Vittorio Privitera (1/2G), Edie Crawcour-Smith, Daniel Dallal (2/3M), Andreas Karadjis (3/4S), Dalia Nabhan, Samuel Yang (4/5M), Saffron Poidevin (5/6J)

GOLD (awards)
Elisha Griffis, Peter D’Elia, Malakai Harris (KL), Lisa Arita, Gabriella Brewster, Poppy Cheek, Antonio Seferli, Christina Vellis, Connor Howard, Roman Kaleopa, Siale Lauaki (KP), Keisha Poto (1/2C), Vittorio Privitera (1/2G), Jezelle Martin, Harry Plessas (1/2SY), Edie Crawcour-Smith, Felise Kennelly (2/3M), Samuel Yang (4/5M)

DIAMOND (awards)
Olivia Tsigaropoulos, Maverick Holmes (1/2C), Jordan Wilson (1/2SY), Damian Kaleopa (2/3M), Amy Brown, Elise Martin (3/4S)

Congratulations!

P&C Update

Cake Sale
So looking forward to the Year 5 & Year 6 bake sale this Friday 14 November. 2nd hand uniform for sale at the same time – all outside the library.

Crazy Camel
You will have received your art paper. The best results are from bright colourful art which fills the whole page. See posters and ideas around the school. Get your art work and orders in by 21 November 2014. You can view sample products at the office.

Christmas Raffle
Any contributions for the Christmas raffle would be gratefully received, especially vouchers.

Fun Run
Excellent fundraising CSPS! You raised close just over $3,000 which will go towards improving the playground. If you still have money to hand in please do so ASAP. Announcement on Friday as to which class raised the most and which student raised the most.

P&C Meeting
New date for the P&C meeting is Tuesday 18 November - all welcome including newcomers 7pm in the staff room.

Learn Music on Keyboard
at Canterbury South PS
2015

- Music theory
- Instrument playing
- Fun music games
- Competitive rate - $27 per session
- Convenient at-school venue
- Instrument not required initially

Smart Kids Love Music!

Call 9411 3122 to enrol

Canterbury South Public School - CSPS Chatterbox