Dear Parents

There is still so much to do and so much to celebrate even though the year is coming to an end.

Deadly Awards

Aboriginal students in the Sydney region were recognised for their academic achievement at a ceremony last week as part of the 2014 Deadly Kids - Doing Well Awards. The awards are a highlight of the Public Schools NSW Aboriginal Education calendar each year. They celebrate the academic achievements, leadership skills and attendance of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students in Sydney's public schools.

I am proud to announce that Maliyan Blair was nominated and received his award last week at this wonderful event. I was honoured to be a part of this special day and see him collect his award. What a fantastic achievement Maliyan.

As we move into the final weeks of the school year and the weather is rapidly warming up, it’s a timely reminder to ensure all students wear their hats and bring a water bottle to school in order to stay hydrated. Recently the weather has been extreme and in such circumstances the school has adhered to Department Policy and ensured that students’ safety and well-being was not compromised. Students were monitored carefully, outdoor play was cancelled and movement around the school was limited. Lessons continued as normal in air-conditioned classrooms.

Parent surveys

An integral component of the School’s Strategic Plan is community involvement. You may have noticed Stage 3 students surveying parents in the playground both before school and before the home bell in the afternoon. Please take the time to engage with these students as your feedback helps drive our directions. We value your input!!

Staff Development Days 2014

The last day of school for students is Wednesday 17th December.

Staff have nominated to make up the last day (Friday 19th December) over two evenings in Week 9 in lieu of Friday. This variation has been approved by our Director Rod Leonarder.

This means the last day for Canterbury South PS staff will be Thursday 18th December.

Daniela Frasca
Principal
Canterbury South Public School - CSPS Chatterbox

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School Banking

Just a reminder Friday 28 November is the last day for banking. The school made $868.35 in commission, which will go towards improving the playground. Thank you for your continued support and we wish you all a Merry Christmas and see you in 2015.

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Year 6 Fun Day

Wear Mufti!
Year 6 are running their annual Fun Day on Friday 5 Dec
Haunted House Café White
Elephant Stall Photo booth
Face Painting and hairspray
RAFFLE Water battlefield
Christmas craft Prizes
frisbee competition Futsal
$$ Buy a $10 wrist ban to participate on the day! $$

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Respect for me,
respect for you”

Do you have items you would like to get rid of?

Time to clean out your cupboards?

We are accepting any books, games, home wares and unwanted gifts for our White Elephant stall at the year 6 Fun Day.

All trash and treasure items greatly accepted. Please bring them to 5/6J before Friday 5 December.

Stage 1

Early Stage 1 have loved participating in the Sports in Schools program this Term. Students have been practising a range of fundamental movement skills with the use of a wide variety of sport equipment. Fitness is so much fun!!!

School Captain Campaign

Today marks the first day of the School Captain campaign for 2015. Voting will take place on Wednesday 3 December. Candidates will present their election speech in front of the school from 11:35 in the school hall and parents are most welcome to attend. This year we will induct 8 school leaders to the role with the introduction of 4 addition roles - school prefects. More information about the procedure for voting is available on our school’s website.

The Year 6 Fun Day is taking place on Friday 5 December. This year, we are requesting that students make their donation or payment for the day prior to the event so that we can organise a sausage sandwich lunch. Payment for the day is $15. Included in the payment is a $10 donation towards Year 6’s gift for the school, unlimited access to the activities and a BBQ sausage sandwich with a drink for lunch.

Be Web Smart

What is Kik?

Kik Messenger is a free texting app available on iPhone, iPad, iPod touch, Android, Windows, Samsung Galaxy and Blackberry phones.

How does it work?

Account holders use Kik to text photos, videos and ‘Kik cards’ which can include YouTube videos, GIFs and drawings - to other users for free.

Why is Kik useful?

The Kik app is a fun and creative way to communicate with friends and kids love Kik because it’s so much more than just typed messages. Kik is especially popular with younger teens who generally have a limited texting plan or use an iPod Touch because the application gives them access to free messaging.

What do you need to keep in mind about your children and Kik?

The new version of Kik is rated +17 in iTunes because it allows users to send content from other sites like YouTube and Reddit. The biggest problem is that users often share their private Kik username on other public social networks like Twitter, Insta-gram or Tumblr.

Any user who knows your child’s username can then send them a Kik message. Instagram and Twitter are full of #kikme requests with teens posting their usernames and there have been many reported cases of inappropriate adult con-tact because of this.

The best way to keep an account safe from unknown messages is by making sure teens use a different name for their Kik account than the one they use for Twitter, Instagram or Tumblr. Kik also allows users to ignore new contacts by enabling the ‘Ignore New People’ feature under notifications. When someone new contacts them the message gets sent to an ‘Ignored’ conversations list which they can then trash.

The app has a privacy setting in which users can block other specified accounts, hiding all messages from this person and deleting previous conversations with them.

For more information: http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/technology/technology-az/-/technology_glossary/7w0F/5353/ Kik+messenger
AWARDS

BRONZE (15 awards)
Joana Da Silva (KP), Amira Elsharkawy, Ashley Howard (1/2C), Nicholas Antaky (1/2G), Jessica DeOliveiera (1/2SY), Shila Neuree, Christian Taufa, Anh Ho, Sasha O’Keeffe-White (2/3M), Johnny Psaros (3/4S), Sandra Da Silva, Emily Scope (4/5M), Sam Kozianski (5/6J), Kirk Gomes, Margarita Xanthopoulos (5/6S)

SILVER (16 awards)
Zoe Lee, Isabella Ross, Thanasi Bizannes (KL), Joana Da Silva (KP), Chrysaphia Skarmoutsos, Thanasi Skarmoutsos, Amira Elsharkawy (1/2C), Maria Fernandes Da Mota (1/2SY), Simeon Wood, Shila Neuree (2/3M), Ryan Singh (3/4S), Sandra Da Silva (4/5M), Taiki Arita, Shahruz Chowdhury, Kirk Gomes, Margarita Xanthopoulos (5/6S)

GOLD (25 awards)
Ayesha Fadel, Isabella Ross (KL), Lucy Bradbery, Zanita Rahman, Georgia Scrivener, Sethuli Udugama, Dimitri Alexiou, Owen Hume, Ethan Keaveney, Jake Kennelly, Samson Schwingen (KP), Tahani Siddique, Chrysaphia Skarmoutsos, Thanasi Skarmoutsos (1/2C), George Kotsiomitis, Elliana Barakat (1/2G), Maria Fernandes Da Mota (1/2SY), Shila Neuree (2/3M), Laura Scrivener, Andrew Alevras, Tobias Poidevin, Ryan Singh, Benjamin Giannaras, Jasmin Yilmaz (3/4S), Margarita Xanthopoulos (5/6S)

DIAMOND (17 awards)
Elisha Griffis, Cailin Meade, Peter D’Elia (KL), Gabriella Brewster, Alice Bursill Dickinson, Poppy Cheek, (KP), Lilly Fache-Flaherty, Madison Fadel (1/2C), Jade Huang, Vittorio Privitera (1/2G), Shila Neuree (2/3M), Andrew Alevras, Samuel Brewster (3/4G), Alice Xanthakos, Jack Stearn, Samuel Yang (4/5M), Margarita Xanthopoulos (5/6S)

P&C Update

Cake Sale
Excellent baking 3/4 S. Thank you. Even on a blistering hot afternoon you still raised $70. This Friday is KP’s turn, can’t wait! And the week after is a combined 1/2G and 1/2C bake sale. Will these last 2 of the year be the biggest and the best?

Crazy Camel
Gorgeous art work from CSPS. You are such fabulous artists. Your artwork has been packaged and posted and hoping to get the results around the 8th December. We shall keep you updated.

End of Year Raffle
Raffle tickets coming out soon with fantastic prizes including, $1,000 cash, Gavin Poidevin original painting (see front office), Sterling Silver Jewellery valued at $200 donated by Aurea Designs Jewellers, plus other prizes. Tickets to sell distributed shortly. Please speak with a member of the P&C if you have any further contributions to the raffle.

Fund Raising Results and Proposed Improvements
Throughout this year the P&C have been working hard to raise funds to regenerate the area adjacent to the playground at the front of the school (approximately 420sqm). This project will not only provide an enriched environment for the children but also protect exposed tree roots and prevent the risk of trips and falls. This project involves a significant amount of work and represents a large investment of both time and money.

Below you can see a map of the proposed works. On the left you can see the current structure. On the right you can see what we plan to do. The green area is Synthetic grass – this will be next to the existing soft-fall playground. The brown area is decking. The multi-coloured area represents hand ball courts (a coloured version is on display on the community notice board).

We have raised just over $20,000 so far with a few more events to go. It is likely to cost more than twice that amount to complete the proposed works. That’s a lot of cakes, discos and raffles! We are currently negotiating with local developers, businesses and government to raise that balance of the money in order to complete the job. At the very least we will be making a start over the summer break.

Thank you for your ongoing support and generous donations, we could not do this without you!

Congratulations!