This term has been jam packed with many exciting activities and school programs including the Drama Performance, Book Week, Public Speaking, Creative Interest Groups, Combined Schools Music Festival, Dancesport, Art Show and Stage 3 Camp just to name a few. I have thoroughly enjoyed the first 10 weeks in my role as Principal and have been amazed at the awesome talents of our students and the overwhelming commitment of all staff members here at CSPS. I look forward to another busy term where we will be strategically and collaboratively planning the next three years.

School Gates

To ensure the safety and security of all students, beginning term 4 we will be locking all entrance gates to the school from 9:30am each morning and re-opening the gates at 2:30pm each afternoon. The only access to the school during these times will be from the main gate on Frances Street. All enquiries must be made through the front office. I ask that great care be taken when entering and leaving the school grounds. Please use the pedestrian gates, not the car park gates. Pedestrian gates are located at both entries into the school. The car park is for staff ONLY – Please refrain from walking through and using the staff car park to pick up and drop off your child as this puts students and their families at risk.

Dancesport

On Thursday 4th of September 30 students from Years 5 and 4 participated in the Dancesport Challenge at Homebush State Sports Centre. Over 28 school's participated in the spectacular program and over 800 students were dancing in the challenge. Canterbury South’s Olivia Wood and Tate Cole were finalists for the Cha Cha and came 7th. We are also very proud of our finalists Hana, Taiki, Elysia, Vaka, Izzy and Filipe who represented our school in the Jive, Tango and Salsa. All 30 students who participated in the 15 week dance program did an amazing job and made our school shine.

A big Thank You to Lorraine Young who made the fantastic dance sport skirts for the girls to wear.

Another big Thank you goes to all the parents, families and teachers who supported and cheered for us on the night.
Art Show

Lots of CSPS families came along to our annual Art Show last week. It was an amazing display of the creative talents of our wonderful students. The opening saw the crowd wowed by Ms Young’s percussion group performing a Chinese piece of music called Crouching Tiger. Thanks to Rod Leonarder, Director Public School—Canterbury Network for officially opening the ceremony.
Furniture Clearance
In an attempt to make more room for storage school chairs and tables will be put out under the cola on Thursday 18 September. Please feel free to take what you like as it will all be thrown out by Thursday afternoon.

NAPLAN
You would have received your child’s NAPLAN results by now in the mail. All Year 3 and Year 5 students participated in the NAPLAN testing and did very well individually. I am proud of our results as a school. Well done to everyone.

Evacuation Drill
Your child/children may have come home last week and told you about the Evacuation drill that we held. In order to be safe in the case of an emergency we periodically run evacuation drills to ensure the staff and children are aware of what happens and what is expected in these sort of situations. Our students were able to carry out the procedure with minimal fuss and in record time great job.

Spelling Bee
We had three students participating in the Spelling Bee yesterday, Amy Brown, Andreas Karajis & Shahruz Chowdhury who did very well and who represented the school with pride. Excellent job!

Art Show Raffle Winners
The lucky winners of the Art Show Raffle were;
Alice Bursill—Dickinson
Dillion Rozario
Mrs R Monin
Ms Liane McCalman
Congratulations!
Thanks to Mrs Hill who made these awesome pieces and who kindly donated them to the school.

Father’s Day
A big thank you to the P&C for holding the Father’s Day stall and photo booth. It was a great success!

From Garden to Table
Naz helped us to find and pick herbs in our community garden. KP and 1/2C mixed the vegetables and other ingredients. Thank you to Naz Fadel for spending time with KP and 1/2C and for teaching us how to make her delicious corn fritters.

From the Classroom
5/6J and 5/6S have been learning about geodesic domes. We learned that triangles are better structures for roofs than squares. We tested this by making our own squares and triangles, then squeezing them. The squares collapsed, but the triangles did not. Additionally we learnt that geodesic domes are used all around the world. In Holland, there are parts of the country where they use domes as houses. We also built our own mini geodesic domes with jubes and toothpicks. We had to take them home first, and explain geodesic domes to our families before we were allowed to eat them. By Hoang and Jadyn.

Mindquest
Jack and Sasha represented CSPS at Mindquest over the weekend at St George Girls High School.
I did a course called Chemistry that’s Gooey and we made slime. We made lots and lots of slime. Green slime, blue slime, red slime, yellow slime, brown slime and slimy slime! The formula is 25mls of pva mix (4% pva & 96% water), 3 drops of food colouring and 5ml borax mix, (4% borax & 96% water). We looked at how chemicals and partials react by making bread, sherbet, fire extinguishers and of course, slime. By Jack Stearn
Canteen

Leyla Awad of Healthwise was the successful applicant for the recent canteen tender advertised.

We welcome Leyla to CSPS and look forward to seeing you in Term 4.

Hello, my name is Leyla Awad, and I will be your canteen chef. I am a qualified chef with over ten year experience. In my career as a chef I have worked in various places including five star hotels, day care centres and have managed school canteens, cafes and restaurants. Working in these places has made me who I am today, a chef who loves to cook and bake delicious food. My job is to introduce and maintain healthy food to the children. I would like to get involved with the community and try and help out as much as I can. If you have any suggestions or ideas please feel free to come by and say hello and I will definitely take them on board at the canteen.

Thank you, Leyla Awad

A big Thank you to Lisa for all the hard work you have done in the canteen over the last three years here at CSPS, it was greatly appreciated.

AWSARDS

BRONZE (awards)
Isabella Ross (KL), Maliyan Blair, Francesco D’Elia (1/2G), Jerry Hugh (4/5M), Billy Xanthakos (5/6J)

SILVER (awards)
Ayesha Fadel, Peter D’Elia, Cody Parker (KL), Francesco D’Elia, Elliana Barakat (1/2G), Adam Nabhan, Joshua Hunt (1/2SY), Elise Martin, Samuel Brewster, Tobias Poidevin, Gavrill Vasilas (3/4S), Hoang Ho (5/6J)

GOLD (awards)
Maverick Holmes (1/2C), Francesco D’Elia, Shayaan Chowdhury (1/2G), Anh Ho, Sasha White (2/3M), Elise Martin (3/4S)

DIAMOND (awards)
Francesco D’Elia (1/2G)

Congratulations!

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P&C Update

Cook Book Fundraiser
Keep sending in those recipes. The book is growing but we still need more.

Fathers’ Day Stall
What a success! Hope all you dads enjoyed your presents and had a great day. We raised over $1000 towards the fundraising goals. Thank you for your support.

Coming up next term:
SpOoky Disco....
Start thinking up those costumes for this much loved event!

Fun Run
How far can you run? Fun run will test your stamina.....and raise funds for the school!

Uniform and Cake Stall
This will return next term. It will be 1/2 SY’s turn to bake. Looking forward to seeing what delicious treats they create!

Community Garden

Harvest for the holidays
The community garden has responded to the amazing rainfall by producing loads of delicious produce. If you have an hour to spare this Friday come along to help harvest some produce to take home for the holidays and we’ll do some weeding while we’re at it!

When: Friday September 19th from 3:30pm
Bring along your pruners and gloves.....