And the winner is......Thea Martin
A big thank you to all the people who submitted a suggestion. There were some very creative ideas, however there can only be one winner......

Kindergarten Transition Program

This term there will be a Kindergarten Transition Program for children who are starting Kindergarten in 2015. The program is designed to familiarise students and families with Canterbury South PS and ensure a smooth transition to school.

Parents who have already enrolled their child for 2015 will have received invitations to our Kindergarten Transition Program beginning next week Wednesday 27th August.

If you are planning to send your child to Kindergarten next year it is important that you enrol your child immediately if he/she is to be invited to the Transition Program. Enrolment forms are available from the office. Mrs Martin, Mrs Morrison and Mrs Ingham are happy to answer any questions you may have.

New School Plan

The New School Plan will support school leaders in working proactively with their staff and communities to establish school strategic directions and key educational improvements. It will support collaborative leadership and community consultation for strategic decision making, ensuring that the educational priorities of the school reflect the goals and learning needs of students, staff and parents.

I will be discussing the new school plan at our next Coffee & Chat and this week’s P&C Meeting.

Parent/Community Input

Over the next semester terms we will be holding some parent/community workshops to facilitate the collaborative process of developing the plan. We want to know what you, our community, value about our current school practices. This is essential in setting the scene for change.

So keep an eye out for dates and times in upcoming newsletters. Your participation in the development of the school plan will ensure that everyone will be able to articulate the school’s strategic purposes.

Daniela Frasca
Principal

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

In line with a directive from the Department of Education and Communities and to ensure the added safety and security of students as well as increasing teaching and learning time in the classroom, effective immediately, all school payments will no longer be accepted by your child’s teacher. All payments will need to be taken to the front office and placed in the silver “School Payments” box located on the wall to the left of the entrance.
Tony Burke

On Monday the 4th of August, Tony Burke came to visit our school to teach years 5 and 6 about Democracy. Tony Burke is an Australian politician representing the Labor Party. First, he explained the roles of people in The House of Representatives and the Senate. Next, he showed us what happens in the House of Representatives and the Senate. He also explained the long process of how a bill becomes a law step by step. Then, he told us about his job and how he became a politician at a very young age. Lastly, we asked him questions about his job and other things we were unsure about. Now, 5/6J and 5/6S have a better understanding of Democracy and are ready for their trip to Canberra!

Music Lessons

This term 5/6J, 3/4S, 2/3M and 1/2SY will be having music lessons on Wednesdays. The students will need to remember their recorder and music books on this day. It is a good idea to keep these in the student’s bags for the duration of the term as they will need them on other days for rehearsals and performances. The students are making such wonderful progress with reading music from the stave it would be beneficial if they were encouraged to practice their recorder each week at home even for as little as 10-15 minutes.

NAIDOC Week Assembly

Last Friday CSPS held a special assembly for NAIDOC week. The students sang the National Anthem in the Luritja language of Central Australia. Behind the scenes a drama group and also a guitar group had been busy doing workshops before school for over a term. They came together to perform a story to the Kev Carmody and Paul Kelly song ‘From Little Things Big Things Grow’. The story is about the Gurindji Stockmen on Wave Hill Cattle Station, Northern Territory, who were working ‘for nothing but rations’ for British Lord Vestey. Gurindji decided ‘they must make a stand’ and went on an 8 year long strike. They ‘sat themselves down’ near Wattie Creek with their leader Vincent Lingiari. The story started as a pay dispute but became a story of the land. The NAIDOC drama and recorder group did an absolute Stella performance. Our wonderful CSPS recorder group performed ‘Maranoa Lullaby’, a traditional Aboriginal Australian Lullaby, along with a group of talented student vocalists. Alfred Coolwell from Beaudesert Queensland of the Mununjali people played the didgeridoo and did some story telling. He was so entertaining that students could not take their eyes off him. Thank you to Mr John Blair, Joshua (the after hours guitar tutor) and Miss Evans for all their hard work in preparing for the performance.

Zone Athletics

On Tuesday 5th and Tuesday 12th August, sixty children attended the Wiley Park Zone Athletics Carnival at Campbell Athletics Field. The children competed in 800m, 200m, 100m, high jump, long jump and shot put. All the children displayed outstanding behaviour and sportsmanship. Hana Arita and Soakai Tohotoa will progress to the next level at the Sydney East Association Athletics Carnival on 3rd September. Hana will compete in the Junior High Jump and Soakai will compete in the Senior Shot put. The Junior Girls Relay Team (Doha, Hana, Dalia and Ana) placed 3rd in the their event. Well Done everyone who attended on the day and a special thank you to all the teachers who assisted on the day. Mrs Mills

Coffee & Chat

Mrs Frasca will be holding two coffee and chat sessions on Friday 5 September. The first from 10-11.15am and the second from 5-6pm in the Library.
**Become an Ethics Teacher at Canterbury South Public School**

Primary Ethics provides the opportunity for NSW public primary school students who don’t attend scripture classes (SRE) to participate in philosophical ethics classes.

We have a few vacancies for volunteers to teach Years K-6 ethics classes. The classes teach children how to approach ethical issues and develop their capacity for considered moral judgement, which will enable them to respond more thoughtfully to many of the problems and issues they will face in their lives. Volunteer Ethics Teachers are trained to deliver our age-appropriate curriculum every week and to use the accompanying learning and teaching materials.

For more information, please contact:

**Pip Welman**
Ethics Coordinator for Canterbury South Public School

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**Calmsley Hill City Farm**

On Thursday 26 June KL, along with KP, 1/2C, 1/2G, 1/2SY and 2/3M went on an excursion to Calmsley Hill City Farm. All the students’ got close to a range of native and farmyard animals. They also got to watch a variety of exciting shows. We got to watch a sheep get sheered by one of the farmers and we also watched Jaffa the sheep dog round up all the woolly sheep. It was such a fun and exciting day!

“"I rode on a pretend horse, it was so much fun!” Brodie

“I liked watching Jaffa the sheep dog” Zoe

“My favourite part was milking the cow. It felt squishy” Cody

“I loved seeing the Diamond Snakes at the farm” Malakai

“I enjoyed patting all the baby Lambs, they felt soft” Cailin

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**Crunch & Sip**

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Maths Groups

Stage 1 take part in maths groups every Thursday and Friday. This term we’ve been learning about 3D Space. The children have been busy comparing the properties of shapes, testing those that can and can’t roll and learning the language common to 3D Space. As you can tell from the photos, the students have been enjoying themselves also.

Book Week

Book week this Friday at 12.45pm. The children will share their favourite book and have a picnic lunch with their buddy class. Please send a plate of food with your child to share with their buddy. It will be on rain, hail or shine.

AWARDS

BRONZE (13 awards)
Ayesha Fadel, Crystal Vu, Thanasi Bizannes, Dion Plessas, Jaxson Vamvoukakis - (KL),
Lucy Bradbery, - (KP), Balan Nguyen, - (1/2G),
Tori Hronopoulos (1/2SY), Simeon Wood, Assad Barakat, Damian Kaleopa - (2/3M),
Hana Arita - (5/6J),
Daniela Da Mota Fernandes - (5/6S)

SILVER (14 awards)
Jake Alexander-Rice, Alexander Potas - (KL),
Siale Lauaki—(KP), Victoria Maganas, Keisha Poto,
Clare Bradbery, Kyle Turnbull - (1/2C),
Hayato Kato - (1/2G), Mia Grace, Anh Ho,
Sasha O’Keefe— White - (2/3M), Amy Brown,
Andrew Alevras - (3/4S), Jack Stearn - (4/5M),
Daniela Da Mota Fernandes - (5/6S)

GOLD (3 awards)
Lilly Fache-Flaherty, Ashley Howard - (1/2C),
Daniela Da Mota Fernandes - (5/6S)

DIAMOND (1 award)
Daniela Da Mota Fernandes - (5/6S)

Congratulations!

P&C Update

The uniform stall is running this Friday (22 August). The morning stall outside the front offices (unless it’s raining) and the afternoon uniform and cake stall will be set up outside the library. KL are the bakers this week. Huge thank you to all the many people who helped out on the Bunning’s Sausage Sizzle. We made a profit of $1,750! All goes to the fundraising goals.

Cookbook recipes: Please submit. All recipes needed.

Upcoming events: Father’s Day Stall (4/5 September). All help appreciated. Speak with Lindsay Cheeks, Maria Caltaux or Sarah Johnson.