Welcome back to 2015!

Once again we have a dynamic year of teaching and learning planned with all the great extra curricula opportunities that our Canterbury South community knows we do best. Students have returned eager to see their friends and return to school life. It has been a pleasure to share holiday stories with many students over these first few days of school.

Our new Kindergarten students started on Monday, a very exciting time. Students in Years 1-6 started in their 2015 classes on Monday as well. We were able to establish last week that our enrolment numbers indicated an eleventh class. Learning has already begun in all classes with important beginning year assessments. Staff go to a great deal of effort to carefully place students with careful consideration of the needs of all students. For confidentiality reasons we are not always able to discuss placement decisions and changes will not be possible unless there are extreme and extenuating circumstances.

Now that classes are finalised, a letter will come home regarding the “Meet the Teacher” afternoon.

I’d like to welcome our new staff members, Mrs Kadie Mudaliar who will be teaching 2M and replacing Mrs Monin for Term 1, Mr Brett Sullivan who will be teaching 3/4A and Miss Olympia Avramidis who will be teaching Kindergarten (KA).

Scripture

Scripture classes will begin on Thursday 5th February. If you have not already done so, please send your child/children’s scripture note to the office by Wednesday so they can be placed into the correct class.

Canteen

The canteen is now open for business. If you wish to put in a lunch order, you can do so by seeing Leyla in the canteen before school. Please see the menu insert for all the yummy food on offer this term.

Thank you!
Leyla - Canteen Manager

Uniform

It is an expectation that all students wear their school uniform to school each day. This reinforces pride and a sense of belonging. If students attend school not in uniform parents will be contacted to bring the correct uniform up to the school. Please ensure your child attends school each day with pride in their school uniform.
**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

**Office Hours**

The office hours are, 8.30am - 3.30pm daily.

Parents and children are able to make enquiries, make payments for excursions and hand in notes during these hours.

If your child arrives late/departs early you will need to come to the office to sign your child/children in/out.

Should you be running late to collect your child/children, please contact the office prior to the 3.15pm bell so we can advise your child/children to come and wait for you in the office after school.

As there is no supervision on the playground after the 3.15pm bell we ask that children are to make their way straight home and not stay back for a play.

**School Payment & Notes**

Any payments and notes/correspondence are to be dropped into the SILVER “School Payments & Correspondence” box (NOT the P&C box), located on the left hand side of the front office entrance. For example, Excursion payment/permission, sick notes, and leave requests etc.

In order to assist office staff, please only send correct money as change is not always available.

**School Contribution**

A note will be sent home early next week outlining the details of your child/children’s school contribution. If you could please forward payment as soon as possible as these fund are used to purchase resources for the children to use in their daily learning.

**Gates**

School gates will be locked at 9.30am every morning and reopened again at 2.30pm regardless of what’s happening in the school, i.e. assembly, scripture classes etc. Should you need to come into or leave the school during this time, please use the pedestrian entrance located on Frances Street which will be closed but not locked.

**A message from the Captains**

Welcome to all students and families at Canterbury South Public School. We hope you have a great year!

Captains: Hana and Taiki Arita

**Lost Property**

The lost property is located in the sick bay in the office building. There are a number of items left from the end of last year in lost property. If you have a missing jumper, please come and have a look by the end of the week as items will be handed over to the uniform store on Monday next week. Also a reminder to put your child’s name on all belongings so if it shows up in lost property it can be easily recognised and collected. Any property not collected by the end of the term will be given to the Uniform Store.

**Hats**

Please remember 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.

**Banking**

Banking will resume on Friday 13 February. If your child would like to start their own saving account, Debbie will be available to give you instructions on how to set up the account on Friday mornings in the front office.

**Guitar Lessons**

Guitar lessons will resume in Week 4. Joshua has had knee surgery. We wish him a speedy recovery!
P&C Update

Meeting – 10 February 2015

First meeting of 2015 is at 7pm in the school staff room on 10 February 2015. All parents are welcome new and old. Just turn up and come in. It’s a great chance to hear about what the P&C is about and how you can be involved.

If you would like to be involved but are not able to come to an evening meeting there are lots of other ways to be a part of the P&C. Notes will come out shortly plus emails.

Uniform Stall

The Uniform Stall is up and running again. All items are $2 and all money goes directly to the school. Donations of old school uniform can be left at the office or given to a P&C member.

The uniform stall is really popular so even if your jumper has a few pen stains on it, if it can still be worn it will be happily received. It is however appreciated if clothes are washed prior to donating.
Welcome to our new Kindys and their Families!