I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday and enjoyed relaxing and spending quality time with family members. It’s great to have time to unwind and to have the extra time to tick off the list of household jobs that seem to pile up during term time. Like me, I hope that everyone is well rested and charged for the term ahead. As always, it’s set to be another busy and exciting 10 weeks.

Mark Strom

On Monday Canterbury South PS staff attended professional learning off site at Canterbury Hurststone Park RSL delivered by Dr Mark Strom, alongside staff from Chullora PS, Canterbury PS and Croydon Park PS. It was an engaging day and staff left inspired and hopeful about their role in developing and enhancing relationships with students, the community and in their personal lives. At the end of the day, staff were asked to list 5 words that described how they felt about the professional learning and these have been used to create the following ‘wordle’. In the evening the conversation with Mark continued with a parent workshop attended by about 40 parents across our community of schools who braved the wild weather to share in the experience. It’s my hope that everyone left with an idea or point of reflection that made coming home drenched all worth it! I know I did.

The start of Term 2 was wet and wild to say the least, but as always the safety of all students is our priority. I understand parents are concerned about the large number of fallen trees, however I just want to reassure you that all trees were again reassessed after the storms and as a result an additional three trees were removed. Whilst we have had leaks in the hall and some classrooms, it is not unusual in such unpredictable weather, however the Department of Education and Communities is working with all schools including ours to rectify these issues as quickly as possible. In the meantime everything is being done to ensure that learning continues to take place as normal.

Annual School Report

The Annual School Report is now available on the school website and Smartphone APP. There will also be copies available in the school office. The annual school report is our evaluation of the school, its teachers, students and school community during the past year. The Annual School Report also summarises our school’s initiatives and targets, and other educational practices, achievements and aspirations.

School Plan

The School Plan has been endorsed by the Director Public Schools NSW, Canterbury Network, Mr Rod Leonarder. The Plan is a culmination of hard work by the staff, students and the community and reflects the direction for school improvements 2015—2017.

Staff Car park

During the holidays the staff car park was extended with additional spaces being added. This was completed to make space available for parent parking in France Street. Please be aware this car park is for staff only and parents should not enter or block the driveway for drop off/pick up. Parking on site is done at your own risk.

Hall Equipment

The donation received from the 2014 Year 6 classes was put towards the purchase of the hall screen and projector. Thanks also to the P&C who also donated $2000 towards the equipment. The installation took place in the first few days back at school and the equipment is now up and running!

Softfall Repairs

Repairs to the softfall were undertaken in the holidays which now means the children can play and line up in the morning on High Street as well as put the handball court to great use (weather permitting).

Coffee & Chat

I will be holding a Coffee & Chat on Friday 15 May from 10 -11am in the Library. The session will discuss the new reporting format.

Daniela Frasca
Principal
Anzac Day - 100 years

Canterbury South Public School has been commemorating the 100 year anniversary in 2015. As part of our affiliation to Canterbury Hurlstone Park RSL Club, we developed a school-based action plan to ensure that all students K-6 will engage with quality literature about the legacy of the Anzacs this term. By integrating outcomes of the new English and History curriculum, each grade developed units of learning that effectively taught students about the importance of Anzac Day, engaged them in critical thinking tasks regarding duty of service and discussions in order for them to reflect on the significance of the Gallipoli campaign. The classes researched two diggers from the local area, Percy James Whiting a farmer from Canterbury in the 3rd Tunneling Company and William Hastings Watson, a soldier who fought and died on the frontline in Australia’s last battle in World War 1. Students reflected on their bravery and strength through the use of various art forms that were displayed at Canterbury Hurlstone Park RSL Club during the school holidays and on Anzac Day. The artworks will return to our school in the coming weeks and will be displayed at the Art Show in Term 3. Stage 3 students also took part in the Wooden Crosses commemorations in association with the Australian War Memorial. In the future, we would like to create a significant site of reflection within the school grounds.

The school’s Anzac Ceremony took place on Friday 24 April. We were privileged to listen to Commander Mark Bailey of the Royal Australian Navy (Arabella and Jonas’ Dad) speak to the students about the importance of Anzac Day in 2015. We read the Requiem, the Ode and listened to the Last Post after one minute’s silence. Our captains laid a wreath and many students brought in flowers to lay in commemoration. We read a favourite story, ‘Anzac Biscuits’ using our new hall technology and 5/6J performed the Anzac inspired Waltzing Matilda so that we could finish the ceremony in deep reflection of the great sacrifices that Australian soldiers had made in World War 1 and have continued to make until this day.

The 100 year commemorations will continue to take place over four years. We endeavour to work with our school community to help students understand the importance of Anzac Day in years to come and welcome any contributions that you can make to this great initiative.

Lest We Forget

Easter Hat Parade

On Thursday 2 April we held our annual Easter Hat Parade. The array of hats were amazing and the children had an enjoyable time.
Naplan Parenting Workshop

On Thursday 7 May, Mrs Sotelo and Mrs Mills will be holding a Naplan Parent Workshop. The session will commence at 9.15am in Mrs Mills classroom. If you are interested in attending could you please contact the Office on 9789 5255 no later than Tuesday 5 May.

School Assembly Friday 1 May

After recent storm damage, the hall is inaccessible as a safety precaution. As a result the whole school assembly scheduled for this Friday has been cancelled.

CSPS Chatterbox is paperless!

CSPS Chatterbox newsletter is now paperless in an effort to be more Environmentally friendly. The newsletter will be available for you to view fortnightly via the Canterbury South App and website.

If you do not have access to either facility, we will have a very limited number of copies available in the office for your collection.

Book Club and Library

Book Club is due back by Tuesday 5 May 2015. Please return your orders to the Office or alternatively you can use the new online system, LOOP.

Some classes have changed their library days, please see schedule below for any changes.

- Monday - KA, 1G & 3/4A
- Tuesday - KL, 5/6J & 3/4S
- Wednesday - 2M, 1C & 4/5M
- Thursday - 5/6R
- Friday - 2SY

Please ensure your children bring their library bags on the scheduled day. Could everyone please check at home for any overdue library books and return them to school as soon as possible.

PSSA Winter Sport

PSSA Winter Sport at this stage is going ahead on Friday. If your child/ren are attending and you have not paid or made a part payment, please do so to avoid disappointment. Children who have not returned their note will not be allowed to attend.

Canteen

The winter menu started this week. You would have received an updated menu last week. If not there are copies in the Canteen and Office.

Year 5 entry to an opportunity class in 2016

The Opportunity Class Placement Test will be held on Wednesday 22 July 2015. If you would like to have your child considered for Year 5 opportunity class entry in 2016, you need to do so soon. You will need to apply on the internet using a valid email address (not the student’s email address).

Detailed instructions on how to apply online will be available from 27 April 2015 in a printed application information booklet and at www.schools.nsw.edu.au/ocplacement. The application website opens on 27 April 2015 and closes on 15 May 2015. No late applications will be accepted. You must submit only ONE application for each student.
### Awards

**Artist of the Month**

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**Citizen of the Month**

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The awards will be handed out at the next assembly.

### P&C News

**Upcoming Events – save the dates!**

- **Cake Stall** – 5/6R is baking and selling this Friday 1 May 2015
- **Mother’s Day stall & photos** – 4<sup>th</sup> May (photos) 8<sup>th</sup> May (stall)
- **Bunnings BBQ** – Sat 16<sup>th</sup> May

**Mother’s Day is coming up!**

Look out for the letter about the photo booth and stall selling gifts. Any questions ask!

**Bunnings BBQ – Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> May**

This is a great fundraiser and all we need is your support by donating an hour of your time on the day. Please look out for the note and offer up your time!

**Cake Stall – 1 May 2015**

This Friday 5/6R will be selling their home baked goodies. Each item costs 50 cents. Anyone is welcome to donate baked goods. Find the delicious goodies for sale outside the library.

**Can’t bake but want to help?**

Contributions of eggs, flour, breadcrumbs, castor sugar, rice, cheese and butter are always welcomed. Leave any donations for Naz at the front office who can pick them up and distribute them as necessary.

**Uniform Shop**

The ever popular 2<sup>nd</sup> hand uniform shop will be in front of the library this Friday 1 May 2015. Only $2 per item!

**NEXT MEETING – TUESDAY 5 May 2015**

All welcome (members and non-members, new and old). 7pm in the staff room.

If you have views you would like expressed or raised at the evening meeting but you can’t go, please let a P&C member who can go to the meeting know or drop a note in the P&C box or email Sarah, Naz, or Kath or post on Wiggio!

**The P&C is proudly supported by LJ Hooker Dulwich Hill and Marrickville**

**School Banking**

School banking has resumed for Term 2. Banking hours are strictly 8.30am - 9.15am Friday. I would appreciate these times be adhered to so not to further inconvenience the office staff.

New accounts must first be opened at a branch prior to starting banking through the school.

**Head Lice**

Please be advised we have had a case of head lice reported to the school. Could you please check your child’s hair and treat accordingly. A note with tips and advice will be sent home.