MORNING ASSEMBLIES
It’s great to see so many parents joining us at morning assemblies. I do however, want to remind parents that this is a time for settling the students before moving off to class and a time where important messages are given. I ask that you assist by moving to the back of the assembly area and by listening to messages that are given. I would also ask that you allow the class teacher and their class to move into classrooms with as little interruption as possible. If you would like to discuss any matter with your child’s teacher, please make an appointment at a mutually suitable time.

BASKETBALL COURTS
Over the past few weeks we have been alerted to the fact that community members are using the basketball courts after hours and accessing the grounds without permission. The court fence has been repaired several times. Our local police and School Security Unit have been alerted and are patrolling the area more frequently. If you do see any member of the community trespassing please call the police directly or School Security Unit on 1300 880 021.

DUE DATES
Teachers put a great deal of time and effort into organising school events for your child to attend. Notes are sent home with ample time to organise permission and payment. A due date is also outlined on the note. Please ensure that all monies and notes are returned by the due date as office staff will no longer be calling for verbal permission. It is a department requirement that written permission be given and sighted. If your child does not have their note returned along with the money by the due date, that will not be attending the event.

COFFEE AND CHAT
Our first coffee and chat for 2015 will be taking place on Friday 20 March after the whole school assembly in the staffroom. We will be discussing parent workshops, our school plan, parent professional development opportunities and the Tell them From Me Survey the school is participating in. I look forward to seeing as many of you there as possible.

BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CARE
The safety and wellbeing of every student in our school is our priority. All students are expected to attend school from 9.15am until 3.15pm.

The school has a legal responsibility for the safety and wellbeing of every unaccompanied student from the time they leave home in the morning and arrive at school and from the time they leave school in the afternoon and arrive at home again. Students who are not accompanied by their parent or caregiver must come straight to school in the morning where there is a teacher on duty from 8.45am and must leave the school grounds and go straight home in the afternoon at 3.15pm when the bell goes. Students are not permitted to stay behind and play handball, or play on the equipment or play down the hill unless they are with their own parent. Students who arrive at 8.45am are to sit on the silver seats outside the Admin building and wait. The school offers an OOSH Care Service if your child needs to be dropped off before 8.45am and picked up after 3.15pm. They can be contacted directly on 0434 829 822. Parents who wish to stay behind with their child/ren and allow them to play on the equipment do so at their own risk. If an accident is to happen after 3.15pm children are technically in the care of their parents. Students who are accompanied by an adult other than their own parent/carer must provide the school with written permission stating that the adult will assume the responsibility. Parents and families are always welcome in our school and we hope to continue to build on these fantastic relationships however, we must ensure that the safety and wellbeing of our students comes first.

Thank you for your support in this matter.

Daniela Frasca
Principal
Carnival of The Codes

A great day was had by all the students from year 3 - 6 who attended the Carnival of the Codes Day run by Canterbury Hurlstone park RSL. The students were involved in learning about AFL, Rugby Union, Soccer, Netball and Rugby League.

Zone Swimming Carnival

Well done to all of our Zone Swimmers. Their behaviour was exceptional at Ashfield Pool on Monday 2 March and their performance was just as good. Congratulations goes to Tori Hronopoulos and Behjan Maung who will progress to the Sydney PSSA Championships representing Wiley Park Zone.

Extra-Curricular Recorder Group and the Opera House Performance

This year the Extra-Curricular Recorder Group will be held on Thursdays at 8:35am in the 2SY Classroom. It is open to students in Years 3 – 6 who are willing to come to rehearsals and are committed to practicing at home at least 3 times a week.

We will be working on a repertoire of songs focusing mostly on 4 pieces that will be played at the Festival of Instrumental Music at the Opera House. Only a small selection of students will be chosen to represent our school at the Jacaranda Concert of the festival on the evening of 5th August 2015.

The recorder group, however, is still open to students who are not chosen this year to represent our school at the concert. Auditions will take place this Thursday (4th March) at 8:35am in the recorder group session. It will be a ‘once in a life time’ experience to play at the Opera House. Many professional musicians themselves are not presented with such an opportunity in their lifetime and we feel very privileged and excited to be part of this big event. It is an expectation that ALL repertoire be learned by ALL participating students and that they will be able to perform it with musicality, accuracy and from memory.
HAMPDEN PARK PUBLIC SCHOOL CELEBRATES HARMONY DAY - MARKET AND FOOD DAY

SATURDAY MARCH 28th

ACTIVITIES FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY

COME AND SAMPLE OUR GREAT FOOD STALLS. MEET OUR CELEBRITY CHEFS. BROWSE THROUGH OUR MANY MARKET STALLS.

FREE ENTRY

LOTS OF THINGS TO BUY INCLUDING BOOKS & CLOTHES, LOTS OF FOOD TO FEED THE WHOLE FAMILY

COFFEE COFFEE COFFEE

TIMES 10AM - 3PM

IF YOU WANT TO BE A STALL HOLDER (FOOD OR MARKET) PLEASE RING THE SCHOOL FOR DETAILS 97504111

5/6R Report

5/6R have considered the ‘pros’ and ‘cons’ of Solar Power. Here is what we know and what we think.

Solar energy and solar panels are a fantastic alternative to normal electricity. Solar panels and solar energy are a renewable source of energy. The energy is created by photons. Photons are little energy pockets that the sun produces. Hopefully scientists will come up with a cheaper model for solar panels and that when we install them our parents will be ok with how bulky they look.

Jeremy

Solar energy is created by the sun. It is a great option because it’s completely renewable, it can power nearly everything and it’s FANTASTIC for the environment. How do Solar Panels work? They work because the sun constantly fires these things called photons. Solar panels collect them and change them into energy to make heat and light.

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CSPS Chatterbox is going paperless

From Term 2, the CSPS Chatterbox newsletter will be going paperless in an effort to be more Environmentally friendly. The newsletter will be available for you to view fortnightly starting Term 2 via the Canterbury South App and website. If you do not have access to either facility, we will have a limited number of copies available in the office for your collection.

Ethics Classes

We’re looking for ethics teachers to teach a Kindergarten class from 9.30-10am on a Thursday morning. Teachers will need to take part in a two day training session run by Primary Ethics. If anyone is interested in teaching Kindergarten or any of the other classes or would like their child to participate in ethics classes please contact the CSPS Ethics Coordinator, Annabel Davis, on 0402 940 661 or annabeldavis@icloud.com.

Ethics classes will be offered alongside the scripture classes currently running at the school. For more information on ethics please visit primaryethics.com.au
GARDEN BEE

At Canterbury South Public School we are proud of our environment and lucky to have access to beautiful green playgrounds and gardens but we need help trying to maintain them. You don’t have a green thumb or stay the whole morning – any help or time given will be much appreciated. Our focus this term will be on the front of the school.

Chores include:
Weeding, moving mulch, watering, cutting grass and planting shrubs.

WHEN: Saturday 14th March 2015
WHERE: Canterbury South PS
TIME: 8.00am to 11.00am
WHO: Families, friends, community members
(Children MUST be accompanied by their parents)

Limited equipment may be available so we encourage you to bring your own gloves, shovels, trowels, forks, wheelbarrows etc.

We hope to see as many families there as possible!!

P&C News

Get your views heard- Hear what is going on
A massive number of you already have signed up to Wiggio to receive meeting minutes, information about fundraising successes and goals and news about upcoming events. Wiggio also gives you an opportunity to respond. If you are interested in knowing any of the information that the P&C makes available put your email address in the P&C Box by the front office.

Election BBQ – Saturday 28 March 2015
The school is a polling station on 28 March. The P&C are taking the opportunity to raise money for the school by running a BBQ. To make it a success we need your time on the day in support. It’s an excellent way to raise much needed funds (and a good chance for a natter with other parents/carers). Please respond to the letter seeking volunteers.

Uniform Shop
The ever popular 2nd hand uniform shop will be in front of the library this Friday 6 March. Only $2 per item!

Cake Stall is returning!
Every 2nd Friday a cake stall is set up in the afternoon outside the library selling home baked goodies. Each item costs 50 cents. Over the year each class gets a turn at baking.

Health Plan Reminder

If you have not already done so, could you please return your child’s Asthma Action Plan, ASCIA Action Plan or Individual Health Plan to the office as soon as possible.

There will be a cake stall on 6th March to wet everyone’s appetites. Anyone welcome to donate baked goods. Starting from 20th March the class rotation for baking will start. You’ll know when it is your turn because your class will receive a letter home the week before. It is an excellent fundraiser and relies on your support!

Can’t bake but want to help?
Contributions of eggs, flour, breadcrumbs, castor sugar, rice, cheese and butter all are always welcomed. Massive thanks to Helena for her donation of freshly laid eggs straight from the chicken. Leave any donations for Naz at the front office who can pick them up and distribute them as necessary.

NEXT MEETING – TUESDAY 10 MARCH 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, Helen or Kath or post on Wiggio!