Message from the Principal

Coffee and Chat

Our first Coffee and Chat session of the year was held on the 19th February. There was no agenda set for this session however, parents asked questions about:

- High School Applications
- PSSA and the future of it as CSPS
- Covered walkways
- Our rubbish problem and bin lid solutions.

Some suggestions were made for topics at future Coffee and Chat sessions.

We had a lovely chat and I look forward to seeing you at our next session which will be on the 1st April.

We will have a guest speaker who will be talking about our Peer Support Program and its implementation in Term 2 2016.

From next week I will be taking leave and returning after the Easter break. In my absence the three Assistant Principals, Mrs Sotelo, Mrs Tran and Mrs Mills will be sharing the role. I trust that they will do a fantastic job in leading and managing the school while I am away.

All classes will be covered by the same causal teacher over this period of time for consistency. Any questions or concerns, please refer them to the AP who will be on duty. I look forward to hearing about all the wonderful things that have taken place on my return.

Excursions/Incursions

Over the past few weeks there have been several excursions/incursions organised for the students of CSPS. Teachers spend an incredible amount of time organising these events to ensure the event runs smoothly on the day.
This includes ensuring that students have returned signed permission notes and money by the due date.

It has been evident that over the past few events, money and notes have arrived after the due date. This has caused much stress for the child and for all staff involved including the office staff.

Our excursion policy, found on the App, website and included in the first newsletter of the year, clearly states that unless a signed permission note was handed in before the due date, your child would not be able to attend. Effective immediately, any notes or money handed in after the due date will be sent home and your child will not be able to participate. CSPS has ensured that all notes are handed out to students, with a copy also available on the APP and from today, emailed to your advised email address.

We thank you for your continued support.

Until next time.... Daniela Frasca,

Principal

Meet the Teacher BBQ

It was lovely to see so many families at our Meet the Teacher BBQ on Wed 17th February. We hope you found these sessions useful and informative.

Many thanks to all who attended and who helped throughout the evening.

Book Club

Book Club LOOP orders close on Monday 21 April.

Thank you for your support - Mrs Bodel

Zone Swimming Carnival

Congratulations to the following students who represented CSPS at the Wiley Park Zone Swimming Carnival which was held at Ashfield Pool, yesterday Monday 29 February 2016.

Tobias Poidevin
Tori Hronopoulos
Sasha O’Keeffe-White
Samuel Brewster
Laura Scrivener
Barbara Alexiou
Callum Corbett-Jones
Jack Stearn
Maria Fernandes Da Mota
Jade Huang
Bejhan Maung
Edie Crawcour-Smith
Elise Magers
Dainen Welsh
Kyle Turnbull
Maliyan Blair
Francesco D’Elia
Dalia Nabhan
Daniel Fernandes Pires

Congratulations to Tori Hronopoulos who has progressed to the Regional Swimming Carnival. Well done Tori, great effort!
BYOD Parent Information Session

Mrs Sotelo and Mrs Jessop-Smith will hold a Parent Information session for BYOD (Bring your Own Device—Yrs 3-6) on Tuesday 15 March at 9.30am in the staffroom. Parents of students in Years 3-6 are welcome to attend this informative session.

SRC & Sport Captains

Badges will be presented at this weeks assembly for both SRC and Sports Captains. Congratulations and well done!

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Jerry Hugh | Amasia Tohotoa
Cousins | Cousins
Callum Corbett-Jones | Tobias Poidevin
Yesmien Soeker | Laura Scrivener
Ridgwell | Ridgwell
Samuel Yang | Andreas Karadjis
Elise Martin | Thea Martin
Teape | Teape
Samuel Brewster | John Psaros
Barbara Alexiou | Tori Hronopoulos

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 Fees

Invoices would have come home last week. The invoice includes fees for Textbooks, folders, Mathletics and School Magazine subscriptions as well as the Voluntary School Contribution. Please ensure you send the correct money as little change is held in the office. There is also an EFTPOS facility available during office hours.

Anglican Scripture

Currently we are unable to provide Anglican Scripture classes on Thursdays as we are unable to find a teacher. If you are able to assist or know someone who would like to run the classes, please contact Mrs Tran via the school office.

Email

From today any notes handed out to the children will also be emailed. Our distribution list is currently based on information you provided late last year. If you do not receive this newsletter via email or have not yet advised the school of an email address, please contact the school office at your earliest convenience.
No Fresh Fruit? No Worries!

Although fresh fruit or vegetables are the best choice for Crunch&Sip®, your child can snack on canned fruit in natural juice or with no added sugar or dried fruit (DO NOT send fruit straps, bars or rolls).

To save money, buy a large can of fruit and send to school in reusable containers. Good for the environment too!

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4 reasons to send snow peas for Crunch&Sip®

1. Kids love their crunchy texture and sweet flavour
2. They are a source of iron, protein and potassium
3. They don’t bruise easily
4. They make an exciting change for Crunch&Sip®

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what to pack for Crunch&Sip®

A whole piece of fruit or veg
Choose an easy to eat fruit or vegetable that isn’t messy, such as a carrot, apple, mandarin or banana.

Several whole, smaller fruit or veg
Use a container or bag to pack snow peas, corn, mushrooms, strawberries or grapes, for example.

Chopped fruit or veg
Pack a container of bite-sized pieces of fruit or vegetables such as watermelon, mango, broccoli or cauliflower. If needed, remember to include a fork or spoon to avoid sticky fingers.

Vegetable sticks
Cucumber, capsicum, celery and carrot are great options.

Canned fruit
Fresh fruit and veg are best, but fruit canned in water or natural juice is OK every now and then.

Dried fruit
For example, apple, mango, apricots or sultanas, a maximum of once a week.

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Helpful tips for Crunch&Sip®

1. Only fruit and vegetables are suitable for Crunch&Sip®. The following are NOT suitable: fruit juice, fruit products such as roll-ups, leathers or strips, potato or veggie chips, olives, fruit canned in syrup, popcorn.

2. Crunch&Sip® is a good opportunity to encourage your child to eat a variety of fruit and vegetables. Variety packs look great and are a good way to introduce new fruit and vegetables alongside more familiar or accepted ones.

3. Make sure whatever you pack is a suitable amount for your child and ready for them to eat. No chopping or preparing can be done at school. Include a fork or spoon when needed.

4. Prepare Crunch&Sip® snacks in advance. Plan for the week ahead by chopping all the snacks needed for Crunch&Sip® at one time or simply cut extra vegetables when preparing dinner the night before.

5. Crunch&Sip® is an excellent opportunity to encourage vegetables. Research shows that most kids eat enough fruit, but they need to increase the amount of vegetables they eat every day. Raw veggies make a great snack for Crunch&Sip®.

6. Dried fruit should only be eaten occasionally, such as a maximum of once a week, as it sticks to teeth, increasing the risk of tooth decay. Encourage your child to brush water around their mouth after eating dried fruit to help prevent tooth decay.

Note: Your child’s school may request some food items not be brought to school where there are students with severe allergies.
From the P&C

Tell us what you think!
As the 2016 Committee gears up for an exciting year of fun and fundraising, we want to hear from the whole school community about how to spend our hard raised money! A short Survey is being sent home this week asking for your thoughts about P&C funding priorities for 2016.

At our Week 7 P&C meetings we will vote on our 2016 funding goals. Please remember that only financial members of the P&C can vote. However, all feedback including the surveys will be considered.

Next meeting
Our next P&C meetings will be in Week 7. We run an evening meeting and a morning meeting to try to get as many parents involved as possible! Both meetings will cover the same agenda items and both meetings will vote for our 2016 funding goals.

When: Tuesday 8 March at 7.00pm or Wednesday 9 March at 9.30am in the Staff Room

Music Committee
Are you passionate about maximising the options for students to experience music in the school? Do you have knowledge of music programmes or musical skills? Are you good at researching or drafting up proposals? Do you just want to be involved in this important area of discussion?

A P&C Music Committee has been established to investigate and explore options for a specialist music programme within the School. Want to get involved? Contact Kath either via the P&C or directly on kathrynvg@gmail.com or find her in the playground and have a chat!

Easter raffle and hat parade - donations please!
On Monday 21st March at 9.30am we will be hosting the Easter Hat Parade and raffle. We will have many fabulous baskets of chocolatey egg goodness for you to win.

Raffle tickets will be sent home via class rooms shortly and extra books will be available from the Office. To make our raffle wonderful, we are calling on donations of Easter eggs and bunnies from the whole school community. However big or small the contribution, we will be grateful. Please leave them at the Office in the specially marked P&C Easter tub!

Friday afternoon Cake stall
Yes it’s back!!!! From Week 8 and every fortnight, the popular Friday afternoon cake stall makes a triumphant return. The cake stall is located outside the library and all sweet treats are 50 cents each. The Stall will run from 2.45pm until everything has gone.

For this Term, the Stall will be full of donated treats from the P&C. From Term 2 onwards, there will be a class roster with each class taking a turn to provide yummy contributions and help at the stall. A note will be sent home soon with the roster.

Donations please
Donations of flour, brown sugar, oats, M&Ms or Choc Chips really appreciated. They will be used to make the highly popular Mother’s Day Stall presents “Cookies in a Jar”. Donations of unwanted gifts suitable for sale at the stall would also be appreciated. Please leave all items at the Office for Naz.

Uniforms
Second hand uniform stall runs every Friday morning. Would you like to help run the stall? All items $2. Any uniforms suitable for re-sale can be left at the office. Profits go directly to school.

Contact us
Email: Drop us a line at csps.pandc@gmail.com
Snail mail: Drop us a note in the P&C box, located in the School Office.
Wiggio: For regular updates and information, Wiggio is our online forum where you will find past meeting minutes, the upcoming meeting agenda and provides an easy a way of communicating with the P&C. To join, please email us your name and email address, children and class and we will add you to the list.

Naz (President), Maria and Fiona (Vice-President), Caroline (Treasurer) & Frances (Secretary)
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