



🌟 *Principal's News* 🌟

Multicultural Day - Celebrating our School's Cultural Diversity in Harmony

We would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to all the parents who attended and supported Multicultural Day at our school. Your presence and participation made the event truly special and memorable for our students. We appreciate your enthusiasm for celebrating diversity and culture with us. Thank you for being a part of this wonderful day.



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Meet our SLSO team!

Tracy D'Arro, Lina Georgiou, Fay Mezrani, Rania Kadri and Stephanie Mills make up the team of amazing Special Learning and Support Officers (SLSOs) at Canterbury South Public School!

In primary schools, the collaboration between SLSOs and Learning Support Team plays a pivotal role in ensuring the academic and social success of every student. These dedicated professionals work in tandem to create an inclusive learning environment that addresses the diverse needs of students.

One crucial aspect of SLSO involvement is their support for students not only within the classroom but also in the playground. SLSOs play an active role in ensuring that students of all abilities can engage in play and social activities.

Our SLSO team saw a need for passive play at lunch time and support students who may need extra support by creating a space where students don't feel overwhelmed and can develop their social skills. This support is invaluable for fostering a sense of inclusivity and belonging among students, contributing to their overall wellbeing.

Inside the classroom, SLSOs provide targeted assistance to students with diverse learning needs. This might involve working one-on-one or in small groups to reinforce lessons and facilitate understanding of the content taught. By working closely with teachers and the Learning Support Team, SLSOs contribute to the implementation of differentiated instruction, ensuring that each student receives an education tailored to their unique strengths and challenges.



Miss Rania and Miss Tracy



Miss Fay



Miss Stephanie and Miss Lina

Congratulations P&C

Last Tuesday night at our Annual General Meeting a New P&C for 2024 was elected.

A huge thank you to the outgoing Executive Team who worked tirelessly to support our students and the school.

We look forward to the wonderful events planned for 2024 and hope for another successful year of connection and fun!

Congratulations to our new team:

ROLE - PARENT - Child

President - Jess Ngati - Mila (K)

Vice President - Stan Koulouris - George / Helen (Y1)
Vice President - Pam Young - Frank (Y1)
Secretary - Stephanie Young - Marley (Y2) / Jasmine (K)
Secretary - Trish Toher - Sean (Y4) / Emily (Y3)
Treasurer - Kat Lyons - Alaia (Y1)

Opportunity class – a webinar for parents of Year 4 students

Wednesday, 3 April 2024 7:00 pm – 8:00 pm AEDT

If your child is currently in Year 4, you may wish to apply for placement in an opportunity class for Year 5 entry in 2025. You can find out more about the application and placement process by attending our webinar about opportunity classes on Wednesday, 3 April.

Opportunity classes are one of the ways that the NSW Department of Education provides support for high potential and intellectually gifted students.

Many public primary schools across NSW offer [opportunity classes](#). Students living in rural and remote areas can also apply for a place at Aurora College, which provides online opportunity classes at approximately 600 host schools.

High potential and gifted students are supported across all NSW public high schools through the High Potential and Gifted Education policy.

Applications open on 4 April and close Monday 20 May 2024

Learn more and apply at: education.nsw.gov.au/oc

This webinar will cover the steps involved in applying for placement in an opportunity class for Year 5 entry in 2025. It will cover:

- what are opportunity classes
- who are opportunity classes aimed at
- the benefits of opportunity classes
- the placement process
- the Equity Placement Model
- Aurora College: for students in rural and remote areas
- submitting the online application
- reasonable adjustments for disability
- preparing for the test
- outcomes
- the appeals process.

Participants may submit questions in advance.

The Equity Placement Model helps make access fairer for more high potential students in our community. This includes students from low socio-educational advantage backgrounds, Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander students, rural and remote students, and students with disability.

[Register now](#)

Free Kids Dental

It has come to my attention that there may have been some confusion regarding a dental service being offered for free to our students outside the school gate yesterday afternoon. Please be aware that this service has not been approved by myself nor is it affiliated with CSPS in any way.

While we understand the importance of dental care for our children, it's crucial that any services offered to them are vetted and approved by the appropriate authorities. As such, we encourage you to exercise caution and discretion when considering this service for your child's dental needs.

We are committed to the well-being and safety of our students, and we will continue to prioritise their health by ensuring that any services provided within our school community meet the necessary standards and regulations.

Afternoon Gates

This is an important safety measure regarding our school gates and after-school activities.

We kindly request that all parents and guardians ensure their children leave the school premises promptly by **3:30 PM**. This is crucial for the safety and well-being of our students.

Playing on the equipment after school hours poses certain risks, and we want to prevent any accidents or injuries that may occur. Additionally, we need to maintain a safe and orderly environment for all students and staff.

We would also like to remind parents that starting immediately, Team Kids after-school care will not be unlocking gates for families unless their child is in their care. This decision is necessary to ensure the smooth operation of their program and to maintain the proper student educator ratio.

We understand the importance of allowing children to play and socialise, but we must prioritise their safety above all else. We appreciate your cooperation and understanding in this matter.

Attendance

We are noticing a higher number of students coming into school after the bell and not collecting a late pass from the office. These students are being marked absent, unless they collect a late pass. Our Home School Liaison Officer (HSLO) has been monitoring CSPS attendance including partials and lateness. Attendance matters, arriving late means your child has missed the opportunity to settle into class and understand instructions for the mornings literacy session.

Every Day Matters



When it comes to attending school, every day matters

If your child misses as little as **1 day per fortnight**, they will miss **4 weeks of school per year**, which adds up to over **1 year missed over their school life**.



Scan the QR code to learn more

Make sure your child doesn't miss out on the important things like:



Learning



Strengthening friendships



Build skills through fun



Easter Hat Parade

All students in K-6 are invited to make a hat for our Easter Hat Parade which will be held on **Thursday 28 March** (Week 9). Easter hats are to be made at home.

Each class will have the opportunity to parade and showcase their easter hats. The Parade will begin at **9:30am** under the **COLA** outside the school hall and will finish at approximately 10:00am.

REMINDER that CSPA will not be operational for the Easter weekend from Friday 29 March until Monday 1 April 2024 INCLUSIVE.

See you all back on Tuesday 2 April.

Mrs D Frasca

Principal



School News

5/6M Sizzling Starts

5/6M have been learning how to write effective orientations for their narratives.

CRASH! SPLASH! SWOOSH! Went the cold crisp waves as they sprayed the squirrel's face. The morning light shone on his hairy back.

"It's been six hundred and forty five days since I've been captured" he said in his small, squeaky voice.

"Come on Alan! Hurry up" shouted a voice from the rocks behind him.

And with a flick of his tail, Alan scurried back to his house, running through rock pools and jumping over crabs as he left the Northern Shore. This was the day that something terrible happened.....

By Cameron

SCREEEEEECH! went Unit 3612 as they rolled above the rundown junk that consumed the dirt below. The atrocious rubble was being sorted by the robots who had acquired a few minor scratches after the mine explosion earlier on. A bright red beam of light caught Unit 2496's cyclop-like eye. He stepped closer as it was calling his name.....

By Lana

The blinding light of the gigantic sun shone onto the rocks as lizards clambered over them to bask. Starfish darted back into the rock pool and otters scrambled through the nooks of the drying nest. A jet of water cut through the shallows of the bay. Restless and reckless, a pod of dolphins was frolicking through the waves. The dolphins were a special breed that never tired. Yes. Never tired. This part of the sea was teeming with life.....

By Ryan

BANG! CLUTTER! CLANG! went the deafening robot making machine as the small man in a white lab coat stood beside it. He was dead focused on two small USB shaped chips. A few minutes later, two poor looking robots emerged from the machine. One robot had a yellow metallic body with binocular eyes and instead of feet he had wheels. The other was big and bulky with a cyclops eye.....

By Zane

Our School's commitment to Reading Improvement

We are excited to share with you the latest developments in our ongoing commitment to enhancing literacy education at Canterbury South Public School. Recently the Grattan Institute

released a comprehensive reading report, outlining key recommendations for improving literacy outcomes in schools. We are pleased to inform you that our school is actively pursuing these recommendations to further enrich our literacy programs. Many of the recommendations made have been part of our English programs since 2022. Initiatives include targeted professional development for our teaching staff, the implementation of evidence-based reading strategies in the classroom and the incorporation of new resources to supply literacy development. In addition, all students in Years 1-6 have recently participated in a YORK reading assessment with their teacher. This assessment aimed to identify individual strengths and areas for growth in reading comprehension. Our dedicated teachers are eager to share these valuable insights with you during the upcoming scheduled Parent-Teacher-Student conferences in Week 11. These conferences provide an excellent opportunity for collaborative discussions on how we can collectively support each student's reading journey. As we embark on this literacy focused journey together, we look forward to your active participation and support in helping your child reach their reading goals.

Stage 3 Mathematics Investigations



World's Greatest Shave

Canterbury South Public School will be participating in 'The World's Greatest Shave' on Tuesday 26 March 2024.

Our SRC team will be running a hair spray stall in the morning which will be a gold coin donation.

If you would like to donate towards our schools fundraising page, please follow the link below;

<http://my.leukaemiafoundation.org.au/canterburysouthpublicschool1>

Thank you

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RESILIENCE PROJECT™

The Resilience Project is committed to **teaching positive mental health strategies** to prevent mental ill-health and **build young people's capacity to deal with adversity**.

Teachers and students will engage in weekly lessons and activities around the key principles of **Gratitude, Empathy, Mindfulness (GEM)** and **Emotional Literacy** to build resilience.

Check out their website for more information:

[The Resilience Project](#)

And check out TRP@HOME; a place filled with inspiration and activities for the whole family, to help improve your wellbeing and build resilience.

[TRP@HOME](#)

Gratitude

Working on gratitude helps us to be thankful and appreciate what we have in our lives, rather than focusing on what we don't have or what we want. When we practise being grateful, we start to scan the world to look for positives – this only takes 21 days! Practising gratitude every day increases our levels of energy, helps us to feel happier and more focused, determined and optimistic. It even helps us have a better sleep, lowers levels of anxiety and depression and we are less likely to get sick. So many benefits – let's all try to be grateful for the things and people in our lives every day!

Whole Family Activity:

Gratitude Scavenger Hunt

As a family create a scavenger hunt list of things that make you happy or you are grateful for, you can make your own list or use the examples below:

- Something that makes you happy
- Something you love to smell
- Something you enjoy looking at
- Something that is your favourite colour
- Something you like in nature
- Something that is useful for you

Each member of the family uses the list and has to find as many things as they can.

You can hunt for things inside or outside, or both. You can hunt for real things, or you can also do this using magazines or pictures from the internet.

After a set amount of time hunting, come back together, have a look at what each person collected and let them explain why they are grateful for each item.

Family Habit Builder:

Every night at dinner, have each person talk about their favourite thing about that day.

Art Club

Some more amazing art work from our Stage 1 Art Club.



Updating Absences

Did you know that you can update your child's absence via the School Bytes App.

- Log in and click on the Attendance tab
- Click on Respond

- Update the absence and submit and your response to the office for approval. See the image below.

Unexplained absences

STUDENT

PERIOD

RESPOND

Canterbury South Public School

Tue 05/03/2024
All day

Respond

Showing 1 to 1 of 1 results

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Don't forget.....

When you download the School Bytes app, select **Y** to push notifications. If you're already signed up, don't stress just turn notifications on and you're done, you will never miss another school message or update.

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School Bytes

Parent App

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Key Features

- Get real time push notifications from your school
- Stay signed in and save your card for secure payments for fees and excursions
- Give consent, sign forms and respond to attendance alerts
- View the school calendar and news




Welcome back to school for 2024, Canterbury South families! We are so excited to have you all back and look forward to a year of fundraising, success, and events for our children. The Canterbury South P&C benefits from an active parent community, and we encourage you to get involved in any way you can. We have a variety of volunteer opportunities available, so if you're interested in helping please reach out! asps.email.pandc@gmail.com

We look forward to seeing you all at our next meeting.

Welcome to the new P&C Executive

At the AGM meeting held on Tuesday 12th March, the new P&C executive team were appointed. These were appointed following a vote of those present at the meeting.

We are a group of parents and community members who work together to support our school and our children. We believe that by working together, we can create a positive learning environment where all children are provided with the tools they need to learn and grow. We accomplish this by having an active and engaged parent community that delivers enjoyable, social, and community-focused events.

We are committed to fostering a culture of inclusion and open channels of communication within our school. We would love for you to come have a chat with us if you see us around at school pick-up or feel free to drop us an email at . We look forward to getting to know you and your family better.



Jess Ngati, President



Pam Young, Vice- President



Trish Toher – Secretary



Steph Young – Secretary

Stan Koulouris – Vic- President
Kat Lyons – Treasurer

1. Volunteer where you can

Our parent volunteers run our social / fundraising events, the P&C email accounts and act as class parents to assist teachers. Our parents are the heartbeat of our community, and your valued input can only help to improve your children's experience at the school. Don't stand back – get involved! As our school motto says – TOGETHER we can...



2. Be and active P&C member and participate

Our casual P&C meetings will be held in the evenings twice a term. The attendees will include Mrs Frasca and will be used to discuss decisions on current and future school programmes. Active P&C membership is only \$2 annually.

If you would like to join our next meeting, please email csps.email.pandc@gmail.com.

3. Raffle Prizes

Do you know of a business who would like to support our wonderful community? If so, please don't hesitate to get in touch. Thank you for your interest in supporting our community!

We are thrilled to announce that we will be donating Easter eggs to the Easter Egg Hunt, which will be held 28 March 2024. This generous donation was made possible by the amazing P&C fundraising that took place in 2023.

Be sure to keep an eye out for the next newsletter, which will contain important information about upcoming events and our next P&C committee meeting.

We can't wait to share an exciting year with all of you!

Canterbury South Public School P&C Committee

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