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CSPS Chatterbox Week 6 Term 1 2021

# PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

#### Meet the Teacher Session

Thank you to all the families who connected with our Teachers last week for what was a very different Meet the Teacher Event.

Each session was informative and the expectations for students clear. Many questions were asked and teachers were able to respond and clarify. If you have any questions about any of the sessions please contact the school and a staff member will get back to you.

#### World's Greatest Shave

On Monday 15 March we will be participating in the World's Greatest Shave.

Both Mr Dimitrakas and Mr Gifford will be having their heads shaved to raise money for research into blood cancer. Please donate at the link below so we can reach our target of \$1500.00.

#### http://my.leukaemiafoundation.org.au/csps

Students are invited to come to school with crazy hair styles. Any gold coin donation is much appreciated.

#### Tell Them From Me Survey

This term, our school, like many other public schools in the state, will participate in a Department of Education initiative: the *Tell Them From Me* student feedback survey. The survey measures factors that are known to affect academic achievement and other student outcomes. The focus of the NSW-wide survey is on student wellbeing, engagement and effective teaching practices.

More information about the survey is available at: http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au

The survey is a great opportunity for our students to provide us with valuable and quick feedback on what they think about school life, how engaged they are with school and the different ways that teachers interact with them. More than 6,300 schools in Australia and around the world have used *Tell Them From Me* to survey 5.4 million students. Capturing the voices of our students will help improve how we do things at our school.

I want to assure you that the survey is confidential. The survey is conducted online and will typically take less than 30 minutes to complete. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary.

A consent form and FAQs for parents/carers about the survey is being sent home with students. If you <u>do not</u> want your child or children to participate, please return the form to school by Monday 8 March. Copies of the form and FAQs are available from: http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au/information-for-parents. A hard copy was also sent home this week.

The consent form and FAQs are available in 23 languages.

#### NO parents on site

I have noticed parents entering the school grounds and NOT coming via the school office first.

Please remember that parents are still not allowed to enter the school grounds. This is not a CSPS rule but a Department of Education in consultation with NSW Health guideline.

Parents and carers are not allowed on school sites or at off-site school events held during school hours except for the following purposes only:

- Essential parent and carer meetings with teachers and/or school executives, with a scheduled appointment. This includes scheduled meetings with parents and carers of prospective students.
- Parents and carers who attend a school administration building or another defined location for the purpose of picking up their child if they are unwell or where they have

been asked to arrange for a COVID-19 test after their child has displayed flu-like symptoms while at school.

- Parents and carers who need to be on-site for canteen and uniform shop <u>duties</u> or to collect or purchase uniforms.
- Parent or carer volunteers required as educational support roles for activities essential to the delivery of the curriculum such as reading groups, music, dance and kitchen garden areas. Schools are required to have scheduled programs in place and remind parents and carers that they must not attend school unless it has been previously arranged.
- Parents and carers can attend parent orientation meetings and 'meet the teacher' meetings with school staff for all year/stage groups. Meetings should be limited to 1 hour where possible.

A unique QR code has been established through Services NSW for our school. Should you enter the school grounds for any reason, you MUST sign in and ensure office staff check your check in status.

Until next time....

Mrs D Frasca

Principal

## SCHOOL & COMMUNITY NEWS

#### Swim Scheme

Swim Scheme has had a lot of interest this year and it is pleasing to see that we have been able to fill the allocated number of places. The program begins Monday 8 March for the entire week. We ask that parents encourage their child to attend every day to achieve the intended outcome of the intensive program.

#### Scripture

Students are now participating in Scripture and Ethics lessons every Thursday. Unfortunately we have not been able to engage a volunteer from The Islamic Council to deliver lessons. Students who have nominated to attend Islamic Scripture will be attending Non Scripture in the interim.

#### **Best Start Zooms**

Kindergarten teachers will host a Best Start information session on Wednesday 10 March. The meeting will include information on how to interpret your child's Best Start Assessment results and tasks that you can do at home to support their development. We will demonstrate Literacy and Numeracy strategies appropriate to your child's level of understanding. Best Start assessment results will be sent home with your child in a sealed envelope on Tuesday 9 March.

The session will be available via zoom on the following link: https://nsweducation.zoom.us/j/

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Meeting ID: 674 1431 4741 Passcode: 255577 Session times are 4pm and 7pm. The same information will be provided at both sessions.

#### Harmony Day

To celebrate our school's cultural diversity, we would like to ask students to wear something that represents their cultural heritage or come dressed in something orange on Thursday 18 March. School uniform is not necessary on this day.

We hope to celebrate Grandparents Day at another time later in the year.

#### **Book Fair**



To the Book Fair and Beyond! The Scholastic Book Fair is coming soon, so get ready for some out of this world excitement!

The Scholastic Book Fair helps increase literacy and encourages our students to read. Every year families come together to promote reading, books and lifelong learning at our Book Fair. For every book purchased, Canterbury South Public School will receive rewards which will be used to purchase books for classrooms and library.

We will launch our Book Fair in the School Library starting Monday 22 March to Friday 26 March.

Each class will have an allocated buying time or alternatively your child can fill out a wish list during this time to take home and purchase books online.

Book prices will start from \$5.00 to \$20.00.

https://canterburysps.schoolzineplus.com/\_file/media/1096/ book\_fair\_newsletter\_item\_2021.jpg

#### Canterbury South Uniform - Wear it with Pride!



As you know, when our students wear full school uniform, they feel a sense of pride and belonging to our school. Please help support our goal of having students in full school uniform by ensuring they wear the correct uniform, including black shoes (white sport shoes for sport days) and their Canterbury South hat.

Uniforms can be purchased from Lowes, Campsie. Secondhand uniforms can be purchased via the P&C. Due to COVID, orders can be purchased via email uniform.csps@gmail.com Orders will be packed for collection from the office.

New sport shirts and skorts can be purchased directly from the office.

#### Lost Property

A reminder, the lost property tub (GREEN) is located near the buddy bench outside the Hall space located in Block F.

Due to the current COVID restrictions, we understand parents are not allowed on site, however it is the responsibility of your children to check for their belongings.

The lost property tub will be emptied at the end of each term. Any unnamed items will be donated to the secondhand uniform store.

# ASHFIELD BOYS HIGH SCHOOL OPEN NIGHT 2021



We invite you to join us on one of our Open Nights to experience all that Ashfield Boys High Sch has to offer your son. We extend a special invitation to parents and children in Years 5 and 6.

Dates: Tuesday, 9th March or Thursday 11th March

Location: Guests will be welcomed and commence a school tour in the Hall.

**COVID - 19 Safety Plan:** The event is by appointment only and numbers are limited. Tours and activities will be conducted in accordance with current NSW Health COVID guidelines. Tour numbers are limited to 30 people.

Tour bookings: Bookings are online at https://www.trybooking.com/BPASP

ASHFIELD BOYS HIGH SCHOOL 117 LIVERPOOL ROAD ASHFIELD For further Enquiries: **PHONE** 9798 6620 **FAX** 9716 8004 **Email:** ashfieldbo-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au



### FEES

An invoice detailing school fees and resources was emailed to your nominated email address earlier this term. Thank you to those families who have already paid their fees.

Don't forget, you can now pay online for amounts owing for students via a secure payments page hosted by Westpac. Payments can be made using either Visa or Mastercard.

If you require assistance in making these payments, please contact the office.

POP Payments can be made via the link below;

<u>Note:</u> Please ensure a signed permission note for all payments is sent in to the School office. No note no participation

# CANTEEN MENU

Canteen opening times: Monday to Friday 8.30am- 2.10pm.

Lunch orders/online ordering:

For your convenience lunch orders can be placed two ways. You can order in person at the canteen by writing a lunch bags (free, available on table outside canteen) and pay at the counter. Alternatively you are able to send orders with payment with your child to bring to the canteen.

#### OR

We have an online ordering system, Flexi Schools. You can then place orders at any time before 9.00am on the day the order is required for lunch. Any order placed after this time will not be recorded by the canteen.

Please see the Flexi Schools website www.flexischools.com.au for further information.





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## P&C NEWS

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#### Kindergarten Catch up

Join us for our first Kindy catch-up for parents/carers, Friday 5th March @ 8pm via Zoom! Make a cup of tea or pour a glass of wine and sit down at the end of the school week to share stories, tips and have a laugh with other Kindy families.

It's a great way to wind down after the week, connect with other Kindy families and get advice from some of our P&C members.

#### Zoom Details

Meeting ID: 891 694 9457

Passcode: 712074

#### P&C AGM

Our AGM will be held on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> March @ 7pm – please keep an eye out for a note that will be sent home with students this week with further details.

Our current Vice President, James Stuart, will be stepping down this year to focus his efforts on the Green Travel Plan for the school. On behalf of the P&C and school community, I would like to thank James for all of his help during his time on the Exec Committee.

If anyone is interested in volunteering for this position then please come along to the AGM.

#### Help Needed

The P&C needs the support of its community in order to plan events and keep this community going strong. As they say "Many hands make light work"

Some things that we need help with this year are:

- 2<sup>nd</sup>hand uniforms monitoring email, filling orders and sorting the clothing
- Kindy Catch-ups New for 2021! Informal get-togethers for Kindy parents
- Stay and Play New for 2021! Informal get-togethers for all years at playground at bottom of the hill
- Easter Hat Parade (TBC subject to COVID)
- Various raffles throughout the year
- Crazy Camel fundraising
- Other events like disco, movie nights, etc (TBC subject to COVID and 3<sup>rd</sup>party providers)

Even if you can only spare an hour a month, it would be greatly appreciated and make such a difference to our school and our community. Message Rosanna on 0420 706 006 or email csps.email.pandc@gmail.com to find out more.

#### Second hand Uniforms - ONLY \$2.00

We have a HUGE selection of 2<sup>nd</sup> hand school uniforms in fantastic condition (some never worn!) for sale at only \$2 a piece! Not only does this money go back to the school to support our students, but it also keeps unnecessary waste from our landfills – WIN WIN!

Email uniform.csps@gmail.com to place your order.

(also a friendly request to please donate any non-branded CSPS items to your local charity shop/bins – Thank you)