



**CANTERBURY SOUTH
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CSPS Chatterbox - Week 3 Term 1 2023

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

We are delighted to welcome everyone back after a well-deserved summer break. This academic year is poised to be filled with exciting opportunities for growth, learning and discovery.

We would like to extend a special welcome to our new students and their families. Kindergarten students in particular have had a smooth transition to school and are enjoying their time in the playground making friends, meeting other students and teachers too.

As we embark on this journey together, let us not forget our motto 'Together we can'. By working together, sharing our strengths and supporting one another, we can accomplish great things.

We look forward to seeing our students reach new heights this year with the support of our dedicated staff including our new staff members, Miss Hill, Mr Kent, Mrs Marangou and Miss Bevan.

Thank you for being a part of this remarkable community. Let us make this year one to remember, together.

Mrs Frasca is currently taking personal leave to recover from surgery. We wish her a speedy recovery and will see her back in action later in Term 1.

Principal	Mrs D Frasca
Assistant principal	Mrs P Mills Miss A Fifita Ms V Hill Miss E Klironomos
Assistant principal curriculum instruction	Mrs G Rigby
School administration manager	Mrs R Martin
School administration officer	Mrs D Morrison
General assistant	Mr P Colubriale (Tue - Wed)
Kindergarten	Mr G Konistis Miss E Klironomos Mrs M Chin (Mon-Wed) / Mrs C Patching (Thur-Fri)
Year 1 and 2	Miss A Fifita Miss J Stavrou Mrs P Soulemezis
Years 3 and 4	Ms V Hill Mrs E Micallef Mrs K Bozinowski
Years 5 and 6	Mrs P Mills Mr J Dimitrakas Mr A Hill
Learning and support teacher (LAST)	Ms B Casey Mrs C Pierou
Relief from face to face	Mr B Gifford (Library) Mr T Kent
School learning support officer	Mrs T D'Arro Mrs L Georgiou Miss J Bevan

Attendance

Regular attendance at school for every student is essential if students are to achieve their potential, and increase their career and life options. Schools in partnership with parents are responsible for promoting the regular attendance of students.

Should your child be absent from school, please call the school office to let us know or alternatively, provide a letter of explanation upon your child's return. Absences are closely monitored by the Home School Liaison Office.

Please refer to the DoE Attendance in Government Schools Policy.

New uniform

Our students are looking sharp in their new school uniform. The updated design perfectly captures the spirit and pride of our

school community, and most importantly it is being worn with confidence and enthusiasm by our students.

From 2023-2025 it is acceptable to also wear items from the previous uniform. The uniform is a symbol of unity and our commitment to excellence and we believe it adds to the overall positive atmosphere at our school.

We would like to extend our gratitude to those families who have made efforts to purchase the new uniform within the tight time frame that they became available. Please direct all uniform enquiries to the very helpful people at Ranier. Items can be purchased online or in store.

New Playground

The addition of the large oval, named Bamura which is an Aboriginal word for ‘play’ provides ample space for a range of ball games, encouraging physical activity and teamwork among our students during lunch and PE. The Mana Narang shaded garden area, with its lush greenery offers a tranquil and refreshing space for relaxation and nature play during lunchtime.

Mrs G Rigby
R/Principal

SCHOOL & COMMUNITY NEWS

Meet the Teacher

Meet the Teacher evening will be held next Wednesday evening at school.

This is a wonderful opportunity for parents and guardians to meet their child's teacher, learn about the curriculum for the year and become familiar with the routines and expectations of the classroom.

We look forward to welcoming everyone to this important event. Details are as follows:

Meet the Teachers

Wednesday 15 February
5:00pm-6:30pm

We invite all parents to come and meet your child's teacher on 15/2/23.

Sessions are repeated to allow parents to attend sibling presentations - you only need to attend a session once.

Please note, students are welcome, however, supervision will not be provided. They will need to accompany you to the sessions.

If you can't make it, we will email all information after the event.

FREE community Sausage Sizzle 5pm

Please pre-order your sausage below using the QR code

BBQ

5:00pm-5:30pm
Session 1

5:30pm-6:00pm
Session 2

6:00pm-6:30pm

Orders due Thursday 9 February

House Captains 2023

Captains	Vice Captains
<u>NOAKE</u>	<u>NOAKE</u>
River	Liam
Ysabella	Annabella
<u>COUSINS</u>	<u>COUSINS</u>
Benji	Anisia
Elijah B	Montana
<u>RIDGWELL</u>	<u>RIDGWELL</u>
Ethan K	Sarah
Max	Ilaisaane
<u>TEAPE</u>	<u>TEAPE</u>
Nikisoni	Sienna
Bobo	Charmaine

Student Reward System

We will continue to ensure that our students are safe, respectful learners who will now collect 10 Together we can cards rather than kites to advance through the Reward System. Student merit awards and behaviour awards will be awarded at our assemblies.

Library Borrowing

Each week students will attend their Library lesson with Teacher Librarian, Mr Gifford. To ensure that all of our new books and resources are looked after, we have provided some guidelines below that students must follow in order to borrow each week.

For every library lesson students must:

- Bring a library bag

Books must always be carried in a library bag, so they stay in great condition. If a student does not bring a library bag, they will not be allowed to borrow books.

- Return books every week

Students will be allowed to loan books for one week. Borrowed books must be returned on the students designated library day the following week. A student will not be able to borrow further books until all previous loans have been returned.

Library Days

Below we have provided a table outlining the designated library days for each class. We look forward to having students share our wonderful literature!

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
5/6A	1/2J	5/6D
3/4M	5/6M	3/4B
1/2S	KK	1/2F
KC		3/4M
KG		

Link Road

Afternoon pick ups on the Link Road are a great resource for our parents and carers. To keep our students safe please ensure drivers:

1. Use the surname sign on your dashboard
2. Remain in your car
3. Move forward to a vacant car space and remain in the cue
4. Respect that staff will locate your child for you with the 15 minute timeframe and escort them to your car.

Please contact the school office if you require a surname sign for your dashboard. Kindergarten families will be issued with their signage shortly.

Mindquest 2023

The 97th MindQuest program will be held for primary students from Year 1-6 on Saturday 1 & Sunday 2 April at St George Girls HS from 9.30am-3.30pm.

These include gifted and high potential students, gifted underachievers and students with above average ability with a special interest. Students will have an opportunity to participate in over **33 exciting, fast paced courses in the two day program**. They include courses in chemistry, earth sciences, drama, lego robotics, art and much, much more. Many of these highly successful courses have been run in the past and students' evaluations suggest that they have been challenged and enriched by the experience.

The cost of the weekend is \$240 (including GST). Students can collect a brochure listing all the courses from the school office.

Smart Phone APP

In order to stay up to date and receive school communication for excursions, instant notifications, the school newsletter, Interview bookings and even absentee options. download our app, Szapp. The app is suitable for both Android and Smart Phone users.

To use the app you simply need to follow these steps:

1. Search App store (Apple devices) or Google Play Store (Android devices) for SZapp
2. Download and install SZapp
3. Select region - Asia Pacific
2. Search for Canterbury South Public School
5. Before you can add the school, you will need to register. Register using your email address or sign in with Google or Facebook and create a password
6. Manage notifications accordingly

Email

Please ensure that all contact details held at the school are up to date including email addresses. This year we will again distribute the majority of information to our community via email. If you need to make any changes, kindly contact the school office on 9789 5255 from 8.30am - 3.30pm.

Yabun Festival

On January 26th this year, one of our CSPS families performed at Yabun Festival at Victoria Park. Charmaine and Te-Waiata performed for Indigenous and non-Indigenous people at Survival Day and were stars of the show. They proudly did three Torres-Strait Islander dances including Beizam (a shark dance). The girls perform all year at events around Sydney with their

family in the Harbour Beizam dance group. We are so proud to have them at our school and can't wait for their next event!



If you or someone you know would like to be a part of the P&C, come down and have your say.

TEAMKIDS NEWS

https://canterburysps.schoolzineplus.com/_file/media/2143/teamkids_update.pdf

Chess Club

Learn to be a chess champion! Coaching for students at Canterbury South Public School is held on Fridays from 1:10pm to 2:10pm, starting on 10 February 2023.

Learning and playing chess helps children develop their logical thinking and problem solving skills, improves their concentration and focus, while also being a great source of enjoyment.

Activities include group lessons on a demonstration chess board or interactive whiteboard, puzzle solving and fun practice games.

Students earn merit awards by making checkmates, or by displaying skills and positive qualities, which all good chess players strive to develop.

If your child is interested in taking part, you can collect an enrolment form from the school office, or email enrol@sydneyacademyofchess.com.au for a copy. For all enquiries, please contact Sydney Academy of Chess on (02) 9745 1170.



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P&C NEWS

P&C AGM

The P&C AGM will be held on Tuesday 21 February at 7:00pm in the School Library.

