



🌟 *Principal's News* 🌟

Enhancing Reading Skills

We would like to share with you the insightful analysis of the Annual ACER PAT test for Reading, Mathematics, and Spelling conducted for students in Years 2-6. The comprehension data in particular provided valuable insights into the strengths and areas of improvement for our students.

1. What we noticed:

- *Interpreting Explicit Information:* Our students displayed proficiency in interpreting explicit information, showcasing a solid foundation in comprehension skills.
- *Retrieving Directly Stated Information:* There needs to be a focus on improving the skill of retrieving directly stated information, ensuring students excel in addressing simpler questions effectively.
- *Overreliance on Visuals:* We observed that some students tend to rely heavily on visuals rather than engaging with the textual content. To address this, we will emphasise the importance of reading the information thoroughly to answer questions.
- *English as an Additional Language or Dialect (EAL/D) Students:* A significant number of EAL/D students participated in the test. Special attention will be given to cater to their unique needs in comprehension tasks.

3. Actionable Steps:

- *Encouraging Home Reading:* We encourage parents to foster a reading culture at home. Providing passages that require comprehension, initiating discussions and asking questions will enhance students' overall comprehension skills.
- *Embedding Comprehension Skills:* Comprehension skills are embedded into our K-6 curriculum, ensuring that students engage with and understand the text more deeply.

- *Explicit Reading and Comprehension Tasks:* Students will participate in explicit reading and comprehension tasks in small groups, facilitating a more targeted approach to improving their skills.
- *Building Reading Stamina:* Recognising the need for increased reading stamina, students will be encouraged to read more consistently, particularly longer texts. This will be incorporated into their nightly homework routine.
- *Borrow from our School Library Regularly:* Our library is filled with a diverse selection of special interest books that cater to various tastes and preferences. We urge students to make it a habit to access this valuable resource each week. By regularly borrowing from the school library, students not only broaden their knowledge but also discover the joy of exploring different subjects and genres.

We believe that by implementing these strategies, we can collectively enhance the overall comprehension skills of our students. Your support and collaboration are invaluable as we work towards providing the best learning experience for our students. Thank you for your ongoing partnership in our shared commitment to reading excellence.

Respect at School posters

Following the launch of the Department of Education's new Staff Wellbeing Strategy at the start of the term, a new initiative to address occupational violence in schools has also been launched. This term, you will notice new posters around the school that aim to help support a safe and respectful culture at our school.

These posters are part of an initiative to remind everybody to treat our hard-working school staff with kindness and respect. Every school community around the state is very different. While most schools are respectful and harmonious, violence and unsafe behaviour in any form is not acceptable in schools. School staff and students have the right to learn and work in safe and respectful learning environments.

With that in mind, I encourage you to join everyone at our school in getting behind this important work to make a positive change.

We value our partnerships with you to support our students to learn, grow, and belong. It is up to us – the school and the parent-body - to be good respectful role models to our students. Together, we can create a safe and harmonious environment for our students and staff.

I hope you will support this initiative.

What do you need to do?

It is easy: Please treat our students and staff with kindness and respect, at all times. We are here to help you.

Everyone deserves to feel safe at school



Please treat our staff and students with **kindness and respect**



Aggressive behaviour will **not be tolerated**



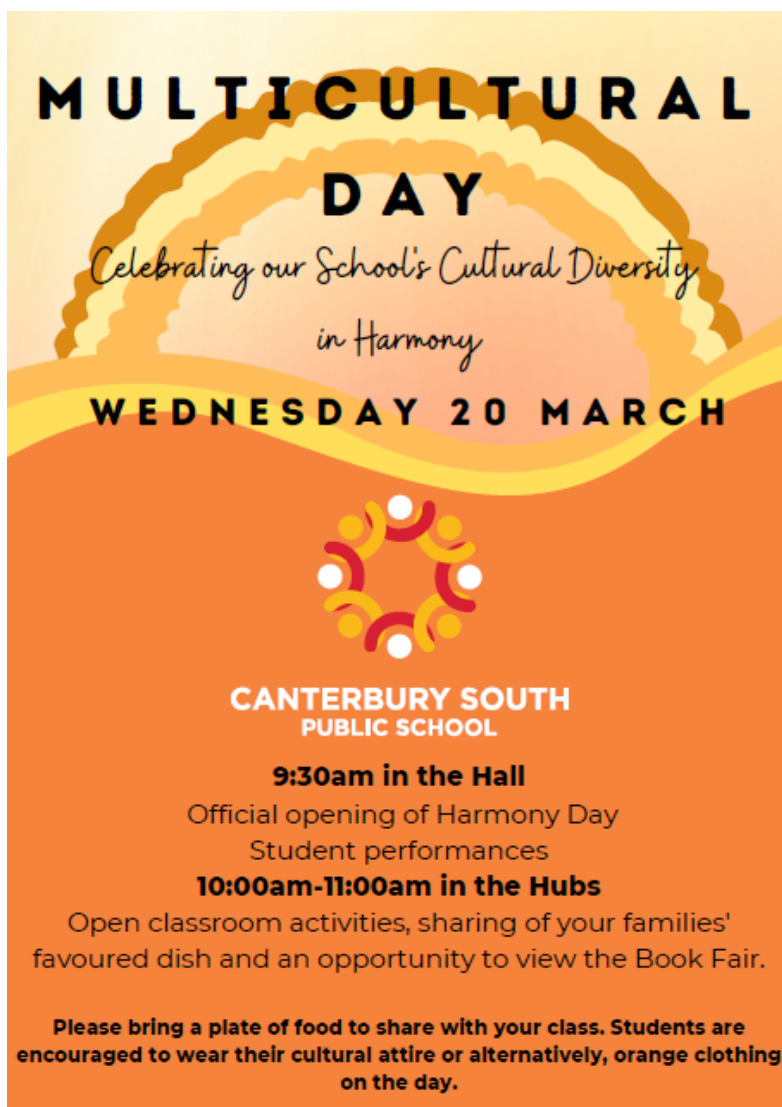
Together, we can create a **safe and harmonious environment** for our students and staff



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 **School News** 

Multicultural Day in Harmony



Swimming Carnival

A fabulous day was had by all at our Swimming Carnival today. Congratulations to all the students who participated.

The support the students gave each other throughout each event was truly amazing and in the spirit of Canterbury South's motto.....Together we can.

The Zone Swimming carnival will be held on Thursday 29 February at Bexley Pool. Permission notes will be handed out shortly to students who have qualified.



'kNOw Waste'

Last week on Wednesday 14 February, we invited advocates from Cleanaway's 'kNOw Waste' program to educate student on streams of waste and recycling at home and at school.

The 'Bin Wise' lesson focused on the different materials that can be recycled through your yellow (recycling) bin.

We discussed;

- How our waste is collected
- What happens to our waste
- How can we Reduce, Reuse and recycle much of our waste.

A special thank you to Blake for coming out and speaking to us.



Primary Parent Letter - Bin Wise.pdf

[Download](#)

277.6 KB

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, bring a gold coin donation to have yours done!

If you would like to donate towards our school's fundraising page, please follow the link below.

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

Thank you.

Scripture

Scripture at CSPS starts in Week 5 (Thursday 29 February). This year we have made a change to the times Scripture will start and end to maximise our in-class teaching time as much as possible.

The new times will be:

9.15 – 9.45am for 3-6 students

9.45 – 10.15am for K-2 students

Students in Years 3-6 are expected to be at school on time, drop their bags off and go straight to allocated Scripture rooms on the bell. Should your child (in Years 3-6) be late on a Thursday, please follow the correct procedure and collect a late pass from the office before going straight to Scripture.

Resilience Project

Over the past few years we have seen a decline in key indicators of student wellbeing from our Tell Them from Me student survey responses.

This survey has allowed us to measure and understand the factors that are known to have direct and profound impacts on our student learning and wellbeing. With this information we are able to make evidence-based school planning decisions with confidence about critical topics such as student engagement, mental health, school safety and inclusivity, and many others.

This year CSPS will be participating in The Resilience Project program, a program that delivers emotionally engaging activities and provides evidence-based, practical wellbeing strategies to build resilience.

The program will focus on three key pillars proven to cultivate positive emotion; Gratitude, Empathy and Mindfulness (GEM).

We will refer to this as the GEM project.

I would like to thank the 2023 P&C committee for contributing \$5000 toward this program. Parents have been asked, as part of their fees to pay \$20 for the student workbook. The school will be subsidising the remaining amount.

Every child in every class is expected to participate. Our decision to embark on this whole school initiative means that lessons across the school will be delivered at the same time every Thursday after Scripture starting next week.

Parent will also have an opportunity to engage when the parent information becomes available and accessible.

Basketball

All students in K-6 will participate in 4 x 45 minute sessions with coaches from Bankstown Bruins Basketball every Friday. Students will learn various basketball techniques, such as dribbling, shooting and passing.



REPEAT ITEM

School is back and so are School Zones!!!

Click the link below to read the Road Rules before this afternoons school pick up!

<https://www.cbcity.nsw.gov.au/resident/getting-around/road-safety>

REPEAT ITEM

Due to the Department decommissioning our Student Management System, EBS, schools have had to engage a 3rd Party provider. CSPS currently uses the finance module of School Bytes to manage our schools finances. A decision was made to use School Bytes as they have other modules that will allow us to streamline our school management processes including communications, reporting and attendance, to name a few.

We understand that change is often a challenge but we can reassure you that the Parent Portal in School Bytes is user friendly. Should you have any issues accessing School Bytes, please contact the school office. **In order to access the parent portal, for all future correspondence with regards to attendance, calendars and finance, parents MUST download the School Bytes app and select Y to push notifications. Please see below for instructions.**

CSPS will no longer use the Schoolzine app - SZAPP . Please delete from your device.

1. Go to your App Store (Apple devices) or Goggle Play store (Android devices)
2. Search School Bytes
3. Select Get / Install
4. Once downloaded, if you are already registered, sign in using your email and password. If not registered, select register using the same email you have advised the school and create a password.

 **Team Kids News** 

It's Party Time! **YOU'RE INVITED!** **Team Kids**

5TH FEB
TEDDY BEARS PICNIC

13TH FEB
PANCAKE DAY

17TH FEB
Random Acts of Kindness Day

25-29TH MARCH
Mad Hatter's Tea Party
YOU ARE INVITED

WORLD WILDLIFE DAY
WEEK 5

WEEK 6
CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA DAY 23

HAPPY EARTH HOUR
23RD MAR

DON'T MISS OUT! BOOK TEAMKIDS.COM.AU

Book NOW - www.teamkids.com.au/venues

 **Community News** 



Bringing Up Great Kids

A group for parents to help build great relationships with their kids.

This is an interactive and fun 6 week group that offers parents an opportunity to understand their kid's developing brains, how that impacts behaviour and how to communicate with them to improve your relationships.

This Program will help you:

- Understand yourself better as a parent.
- Discover what your children need to thrive and grow.
- Identify the messages children give you through their behaviour.
- Build loving and nurturing relationships with your children.



Date & Time: 10am-12pm. Starts Monday 19/2/2024, then every Monday until 25/3/2024.

Venue: Marrickville Community Health Centre, Livingstone Road, Marrickville

Contact: Eithne Stack on 95620452 (Monday to Wednesday) or email on eithne.stack@health.nsw.gov.au





NEWTOWN HIGH SCHOOL OF THE PERFORMING ARTS

AUDITIONS NOW OPEN

**Year 7 and Year 11 2025
INFORMATION AND ONLINE APPLICATION
VIA NEWTOWN HIGH SCHOOL OF THE PERFORMING ARTS WEBSITE
Dance, Drama and Music Selection Procedures**

Students currently in Year 6 or Year 10 2024 enrolled in public or non-government schools who are seeking entry into Year 7 or Year 11 in 2025 performing arts stream may apply for an audition in one or two of the three disciplines of Dance, Drama or Music.

Audition information and online application is located on the school's website:

[Home - Newtown High School of the Performing Arts \(nsw.gov.au\)](https://www.nsw.gov.au/newtown-high-school-of-the-performing-arts)

[Auditions - Newtown High School of the Performing Arts \(nsw.gov.au\)](https://www.nsw.gov.au/newtown-high-school-of-the-performing-arts/auditions)

To assist parents and carers completing the **'Moving into Year 7 in a NSW Government School'** form, please note the following:

- Newtown High School of the Performing Arts is a specialist performing arts high school providing the highest level of education to students with outstanding potential and/or achievement in Dance, Drama and Music.
- Newtown High School of the Performing Arts has specific enrolment criteria which requires students to audition, **if residing outside our catchment area**, via online application.
- All students, including those from **within our local catchment area** are encouraged, although not obliged, to audition for places in our performing arts stream via the online application process which is separate to an Expression of Interest from provided to parents from their primary schools.
- The closing date for audition applications online is **Wednesday 1 May 2024**.

To be eligible to apply, candidates must be Australian Citizens or holders of a visa granting permanent resident status in Australia on the day of their audition.

For audition enquiries email newtown-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au or contact 9519 1544 ext 105.

NEWTOWN HIGH SCHOOL OF THE PERFORMING ARTS



CANTERBURY GIRLS HIGH SCHOOL



Open Night Tours

Tuesday 27 February 2024

4:00pm – 6:00pm

No booking required

School-in-Action Tours

Tuesdays 5 & 12 March 2024

Tours at 9:30 & 10:00 & 10:30am

No booking required



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