Welcome back!

On Wednesday we celebrated Multicultural Day. At Canley Vale we are extremely proud to acknowledge we live side by side with individuals and families from all corners of the world. We celebrate our differences and similarities which combine to build a strong and tolerant community. Multicultural Day provided us the opportunity to stop and reflect on how we present ourselves to others and how they see us - as strong individuals and as part of an incredibly powerful school community. Our students arrive at school every day with three qualities: wonder, a sense of justice and a love of learning. These three combine to make Canley Vale an intelligent community which has the capacity to impact positively on many peoples' lives. I trust term 4 brings much success and fulfilment for the students as we prepare them to transition to a new class or school in 2015.

Leadership Professional Learning

Last week school executive and aspiring school leaders participated in a professional learning day with a focus on developing the 2015-2017 School Plan. Three strategic directions were developed which will be the basis of what we strive to achieve at Canley Vale PS. Your feedback is welcome at the next P&C meeting on Wednesday 22 October at 9am where I will share the thinking behind the 3 statements. Below are the 3 draft strategic directions for 2015-2017.

Strategic direction 1 - STUDENT LEARNING
Student learning should ensure that students are holistically engaged and challenged in creative and authentic learning experiences.

Strategic direction 2 - TEACHER AND LEADER LEARNING
Enhance professional practice by building capacity of teachers and leaders through professional learning and utilising colleagues' expertise.

Strategic direction 3 - COMMUNITY LEARNING
Our school actively seeks ways to enhance student learning and well-being by building genuine relationships across our school learning community.

Music: Count Us In

Congratulations to our 'One Voice - Primary Choir', who have been selected from hundreds of schools across Australia to perform in a combined schools choir. They will sing 'Paint You a Song' at Tumbalong Park, Darling Harbour on 30th October. Well done to teachers Mrs Biala, Miss Ng and Miss Chen for preparing the choir.

THINK PINK fundraiser

Once again staff joined together to fundraise in support of breast cancer awareness and research. Last Friday a large amount of staff cooked dishes and decorated the staffroom in preparation of our annual staff pink morning tea. The SRC supported by selling pink ribbon products. Thank you to all parents and students who supported this worthy cause. Approximately $1,800 was raised though the generous donations of parents, students and staff. Great job everyone!
Keyboard and guitar lessons
We have partnered with a music tuition company to provide keyboard and guitar lessons on Tuesday and Friday afternoons. The registration process has been a little unreliable and I do apologise for any inconvenience caused to parents and students. Lessons begin next week.

Fowler Electorate ANZAC Centenary 2015 project
Four of our student leaders will be invited to participate in the Combined Student Leaders excursion to the Australian War Memorial in Canberra in November. This is part of a number of events being organised to recognise and raise awareness of the centenary (100 Years) of the ANZAC legend. We will be entering visual arts, performing arts, multimedia and literary pieces to be judged for inclusion in a special ceremony to take place in April 2015. The theme is 'Not Taking Peace for Granted'.

CPR staff training
59 staff attended Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) training last week. A reminder that we have a Defibrillator machine near the office in case someone collapses and is not breathing. It is preferable that a trained person use the defibrillator.

Swim School has arrived
Royal Life Saving Society Australia statistics show that in Australia in the last year:

- 20 children aged 0-4 drowned
- 10 children aged 5-14 drowned
- 40 youth aged 15-24 drowned

Learning to swim and adopt survival techniques is the best way to significantly reduce the risk of drowning. For the 300+ students who are about to start their 2 weeks of swimming, well done, you've taken the first step to protecting yourself.

Recent Student achievements
Great job to Harrison Sanh, who as a member of the PCYC table tennis team and recently worked as a team member to raise funds for the Cerebral Palsy Alliance. See the letter below in the electronic version of this newsletter for more information.

Congratulations also to Christine Truong who was presented with a Commended Award at the 2014 Minister's Awards for Excellence in Student Achievement Community Languages Schools. Christine's name will be added to our school's Honour Board in the office.

Four of our talented speakers competed on Wednesday at the Fairfield School Education Area Public Speaking Finals. I was extremely impressed by all speakers who articulated themselves with amazing clarity, confidence and competence. Congratulations to Dylan, Krystal, Taya and Claire. A full report will appear in the next newsletter.

Playground improvements
Students are taking advantage of the new soft playground area. Partial shade from trees provides a relaxing spot for a conversation with friends, while others choose to utilise the running lanes for fun.

Parents and Citizens (P&C) information
Parents and Citizens are invited to attend the next P&C meeting on Wednesday 22 October at 9am in the hall. I extend this invitation to parents of students enrolled for 2015 Preschool or Kindergarten.

Chris Haberecht
Acting Principal
**National Capital Education Tour**

Students from our school have recently undertaken an educational tour of the national capital. Students were given the opportunity to participate in a variety of educational programs with a focus on Australia’s history, culture, heritage and democracy. The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit the national capital as part of their Civics and Citizenship education. To assist families in meeting the cost of the excursion, the Australian Government contributed funding of $20 per student under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate program towards those costs. The rebate is paid directly to the school upon completion of the excursion.

**Skoolbag App Version**

Just a note to let you know that with the latest Apple iOS8 update they have disabled various functions in the Skoolbag App. We are aware of these issues including push notifications not working and Skoolbag are fixing this by updating the app with a new version. You can expect the update to be ready for download within the next 2 - 4 weeks.

Please note that the issue does not effect users who are still running iOS 7.

We thank you for your patience in this matter, as this is an issue that is beyond our control.

**Movie Making Competition**

Students in 2P and 2R have entered their movies into the Screen It Competition, where the theme for 2014 is “Reflection”. Students in 2P made a movie titled “How Australian Cattle Dogs Got Their Colours.” They created their movie using an iPad and the apps 30 Hands and iMovie. 2R students made an animation called “Mike’s Journey to Australia”. They also used iPads and the apps iStop Motion and iMovie. We are very impressed with the quality of their movies. You can watch these movies on the school’s website.
Tien Quach  
Table Tennis Coach  
Fairfield/Cabramatta PCYC  
13/10/2014

To Harrison's teachers

During the school holiday, on Saturday 27th September, Harrison participated in our club fundraising event for Cerebral Palsy Alliance.

Harrison's effort in getting sponsors ($67.00) and participating in the 3 hour table tennis marathon was appreciated by all club members.

As a result, we raised $1361.10 for Cerebral Palsy Alliance. With all the helpers turning up on the day, we were able to meet our target of hitting 10,000 balls within the 3 hour session.

It's a delight to see Harrison every Monday night at our PCYC club and it's a privilege to be his coach.

I hope Harrison brings as much joy to your school has he does to our table tennis club.

Once again thank you for your support.

Your Sincerely

Tien Quach