Level 1 achievement

Students who have achieved Level 1 in 2014 will be invited to attend the Level 1 barbecue on Wednesday December 10. The last day for students to be nominated for Level 1 is Friday 28 November. This gives just over a week to work extra hard and achieve your best.

Blue, bronze, silver and gold badges

Students who achieve Level 1 for 4 -7 years will receive the following badges:

4 years at level 1 = BLUE badge
5 years at level 1 = BRONZE badge
6 years at level 1 = SILVER badge
7 years at level 1 = GOLD badge

Students who achieve Blue, Bronze, Silver or Gold this year will be invited to attend a special pizza party on Friday 12 December.

2015 classes

Enrichment classes (Year 2-6) and Safety Net classes will continue in 2015. Teachers will provide advice to the principal on students who suit these respective classes. Please note, that students can and will move in or out of these classes as consulted between teachers, their supervisor and the principal. Extra support from a counsellor, speech pathologist and occupational therapist will being available in 2015.

Fairfield District debating Finals

Extraordinary news - Canley Vale PS year 5 team will compete against Canley Vale PS year 6 team in the upcoming Fairfield District Public Speaking Grand Final. The grand final is scheduled for Monday 8th December from 9.30am in the hall. Parents are welcome to attend. This is an enormous achievement for both debating teams considering there are many other schools that entered the competition. My congratulations to students who have contributed as team members and to teachers who have volunteered their time to coach.

Outside of School Hours Care – OOSH

The OSHClub website is now accepting enrolments for before, after and vacation holiday bookings for 2015. ONLY Canley Vale PS students are permitted to use this service.

Enrol online at www.oshclub.com.au

Preschool orientation parent meeting

Terrific to see a large number of parents attend yesterday’s parent meeting. Mrs Geer, Mrs Dabit and Ms Weiss provided a clear summary of what pre-school parents can expect on a day-to-day basis. I was particularly impressed that almost 20 fathers attended, taking a direct interest in their child’s education and welfare.
**Chess update**

Cabravale Diggers Club has agreed to provide $2,000 to support our school’s chess program. A chess uniform will be designed for students and the Club will provide their venue and hospitality for a one day event in 2015. Mr Tran and Ms Kuoch are also asking for parents who would like to join an adults competition each Monday from 7pm at Cabravale Diggers Club.

**Remembrance Day**

Last Tuesday 11th November, years 1-6 attended a Remembrance Day ceremony to honour those who died in wartime and to reflect on the meaning of peace. Thank you to year 5 students who led a solemn ceremony. Student leaders also attended a Remembrance Day ceremony at Cabravale Park.

**Grounds upgrade**

The old dirt area by the library is being transformed into an attractive space providing seating, grass area and a path to lead to the library entrance. The SRC encouraged students to come up with a design for the path and some wording to indicate what Canley Vale PS is all about. The final design includes the words ‘Peace’ and ‘Belonging’. A phrase from the traditional owners of this land, the Cabrogal People of the Dharug Nation, will appear in the centre of the path. The phrase is ‘Warami Mittiga Gurum’ which translates as ‘Hello friend, good to see you’. A planter box will have a native plant placed in it honouring all our elders, past and present. A ceremony will take place to open this space.

**Community of Schools Performing Arts concert**

The concert is fast approaching and the students are almost ready to perform in front of the live crowds at Canley Vale High School on Tuesday 2nd December. I acknowledge all the students participating in this inaugural concert and am very impressed with the energy they put in to their practice time. A concert rehearsal is also scheduled for Monday 1st December.

**Parents and Citizens Meeting**

The last P&C meeting for the year is next Wednesday 26 November from 9am in the hall. Please come and support your school so we can support your children. An overview of 2014 school successes and 2015 directions will be provided.

**School Banking**

Great to hear 97 students have opened *Dollarmite* saving accounts as part of the Commonwealth Bank school banking program. Students receive a token every week they save. Ten tokens can then be used to swap for a small prize. A regular saving schedule will assist children in their future when they choose to attend university, travel or even buy a car or house.

**Presentation Days - 2014**

Tuesday 9th December is Academic Presentation day at Cabravale Diggers Club. Students who have displayed consistent and outstanding performance in key learning areas and some extra curricular areas can be nominated by teachers to be presented with certificates and book prizes. Remember not all students can receive a prize on this day. This is always a wonderful way to celebrate student achievement with parents and family members. The 3-6 Sports Presentation day is to be held on Monday 15th December and will reward our outstanding athletes and sport program supporters with their just trophies and certificates.

**Clothing Bin**

When sorting unwanted clothes, shoes, belts and handbags at home, please consider carrying them to school and placing in the large white clothing bin behind the hall. Our school receives a small amount of money for donated goods.

**Skoolbag App**

We have 750+ users of the Canley Vale Public School Skoolbag App. Users have instant access to ALERTS which inform of upcoming events, changes to school event times, cancellation of events and publishing of the Newsletter among other things. Download it for free at the “App Store” for Apple devices or the “Play Store” for Android devices.

**Fowler Electorate ANZAC Centenary program**

Vice captains Rebecca, Isabelle, Raymond and Brian will travel to Canberra on Monday to visit the Australian War Memorial with 122 other students from local schools. Students will be guided through the War Memorial and have an opportunity to reflect on their role as a young Australian citizen in the 21st century. Mrs Cooper is attending the excursion as well.

**Chris Haberecht**

Acting Principal
# IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

## 2014

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Chess Club

On Monday, 17th of November 2014, 26 students competed in our annual Chess Competition. Our students played 7 intensive rounds of chess and displayed tactical moves, strategic thinking and great sportsmanship. Congratulations to all our participants and to the winners this year.

Best year 2: Henry Tran, 2P

Best year 3: Melissa Lee, 3T

Runner Up year 3: Paerlana Sakaew, 3T

Best year 4: Aaron Thai, 4C

Best Female player: Linda Ngo, 4M

5th Place: Alex To 5M (5/7)

4th Place: Jason Wei 5C (5/7)

3rd Place: Jayden Phan 4C (5/7)

2nd place: Anthony Ta 6C (5.5/7)

1st place - 2014 Canley Vale PS Chess Champion: Marcus Ryan 4C (6.5/7)