School safety and security
New fences have been installed to direct all enquires through the office foyer. This will contribute to the safety of students. The pedestrian gate at Pevensey St will be locked between 9.15am and 2.40pm. Access to the school between these hours is only via Canley Vale Rd pedestrian gate and the foyer.

Arrival time at CVPS
School begins at 8.50am. Please ensure your children arrive by 8.50am so they have full access to class activities and morning messages. This is crucial for a school community to operate harmoniously. Also, if your child is absent from school, a signed note or doctor’s certificate is required to explain their absence.

Meet the Teacher Meetings
Thank you to all parents and carers who attended their child’s Meet the Teacher meeting. We trust you gained a better understanding of the school curriculum and associated activities. After all, parents are the children’s first teacher and are extremely important in providing structure, guidance and encouragement as children develop their academic and social capacity. Thank you also to teachers and support staff for providing this opportunity.

Before and after school care update
The Department of Education in continuing to assess the development of an on-site Before and After School Care. At this point I have been advised in may start in Term 2.

Excursions
Excursions broaden the students understanding of the content and themes they have learned about in class. Excursions usually provide our students with special access to popular venues and expert guides. To ensure your child has the best time possible at excursions, please ensure your their medical details are current and accurate with the school office. You can use the ‘Skoolbag’ App on your smart phone to send updates to school.

Extra-curricular activities
Students have access to many interest clubs, sports and activities, that run at either lunch time or after school. I encourage you to talk with your children about their interests and the possibility of joining a club.

Parent Teacher Interviews
These are scheduled for the beginning of term 2 for Kindergarten – Year 6. Details will be sent home shortly.

Parents and Citizens Association (P&C)
Great to see over 30 parents attend last week’s Annual General Meeting.

The newly elected P&C 2014
President: Leanne Hunt
Secretary: Raquel Leslie

P&C executives are;
Vice President: Shey Heng
Treasurer: Robyn Lloyd

Chris Haberecht
Deputy Principal
School swimming carnival results

1. Gould 946
2. Elliot 826
3. Fraser 809
4. Bradman 770

Canley Vale PS won the Zone swimming carnival with 738 points, beating 8 other schools from the zone.

Zone Swimming team:
- Sapphire Truong 3A
- Emily Lim 3C
- Jordan Liu 3A
- Nina Subotic 4C
- Phiona Chau 4D
- Carlos Yip 4D
- Brain Tran 4S
- Andrej Gajic 5/6K
- Nikolaj Subotic 5C
- Danny Pham 5C
- Tracey Nguyen 5M
- Zelda Truong 5M
- Joanne Bui 5M
- Simon Nguyen 5N
- Nelson Ingram 5N
- Brian Duong 5R
- Nikola Subotic 6A
- Natasha Tea 6C
- Aimy Trang 6C

Reminder - Helpdesk for Parents starts Tuesday 25th February

A Helpdesk forParents will be operating in the SACC room each Tuesday after lunch from 1.50pm-2.50pm. At the Helpdesk will be one of our Community Engagement Officers (CLOs). The purpose of this service is to assist our school community if they need help with government correspondence or departmental requirements because they do not understand what they have to do. Our CLOs can direct parents to people that can assist them. The CLOs can also speak to staff on behalf of parents if a difficult situation needs to be explained. If the CLO cannot help you, then they will try and find someone who can. No appointment is required, just pop into the SACC room for helpful and confidential advice.

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Please Note:

Upcoming events from the CLOs team.

Please come along and see us if you’re having any questions, any concerns or any enquiries regarding school programs or anything that will help you understand clearly so you can support your children more better for their education.

Every Tuesday we will make ourselves available for parents from 1:30 pm

Every Thursday we are having some activities available for our Parents from 10:00 to 2:50 pm

Thursday Week 7 – 12.03.14 at 1 pm in SACC Room
Basic fruits carving, If parents can bring along any Carrots or Vegetables for your practices are great. But if you don’t have any Vegetable, don’t worry just bring yourself in. all are welcome!

Wednesday Week 8 – 19.03.14 at 9:15 am
Hands – on Technology and School App workshop for parents

Thursday Week 8 – 20.03.14 at 2 pm in SACC Room
Mr Kumar – Our School Counsellor, he will run a short workshop “How parents can help relax your children.”

If you’re having any enquiries please talk to us.

Jeudi, Lee, Trinh and Jennifer
CLOS Team
**School website**
Visit our website at the address below:
Go to [www.canleyvale-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au](http://www.canleyvale-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au)

**Canley Vale Public - school twitter account**
Our school has a twitter account. The twitter handle is @CanleyValePS and it will be used to share the good news of Canley Vale to our community and beyond. It is another means of communication with parents, but will also be used to connect with other schools and students around the world.

**‘SkoolBag App’ new to Canley Vale Public School**

"Our School has our own SkoolBag, iPhone and Android Apps to help us communicate more effectively with our Parent/Student community. We are asking for as many parents/students to install our SkoolBag App. To install it, just look for our school name "Canley Vale Public School" in both the Apple App Store, and Google Play Store, and install it on your Phone."

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**Parents Technology Workshop**

19 March 2014
School Hall
9:15am-10:30am

All parents are welcome to this hands-on workshop. We will explore the school's website, look at Internet resources to help your child with learning and homework, look at the Skoolbag app and Twitter. We will also talk about the BYOD (bring your own device) program and what it could do for our school. The CEOs will be there to help translate for parents.

Mrs Geer and Miss Higgins, technology mentors
Canley Vale Public School will celebrate Australia’s cultural diversity on

**Thursday 20th March**

Students are encouraged to wear something *orange* on this day to show their support for the idea of living in harmony. This will be a mufti day for all students.

The continuing message for Harmony Day is that *Everyone Belongs*.

By participating in Harmony Day, we can learn and understand how all Australians - from the traditional owners of this land to those who have come from many countries around the world equally belong to this nation and make it a better place.

Also on Harmony Day, the SRC are asking students to donate a **gold coin** for *Vietnam Vision Projects – Australia*. [www.vietnamvision.org.au](http://www.vietnamvision.org.au)

**Thank you for your support.**

Canley Vale Public School Student Representative Council