Welcome back to Term 2. I hope everyone had a safe and relaxing holiday with their families.

**NAPLAN reminder** - May 13th, 14th & 15th. Please ensure that Year 3 and 5 children are on time for school. Really sick children should not be made do the tests as their efforts may not really reflect their true results. Please see more information for parents in this newsletter.

**Kindergarten 2015**

If your child turns 5 on or before 31 July 2015 they can commence school next year. Please collect an enrolment form from the school office.

**P & C Meeting**

Our next meeting will be held on Wednesday 14 May at 9:00am straight after the whole school assembly. Please come along to support our school.

**Before and after school supervision**

To assist with the care and supervision of your children please note the following:

School hours are from 8:50 am to 2:50pm.

Students late to school report to the front office so their arrival time can be recorded. Please be aware that children are required by law to attend school between our opening hours of 8:50am and 2:50pm. Reasons for being repeatedly late such as “slept in” or “no parking/ too much traffic” do not have to be accepted by the school. Students should only be picked up early in exceptional circumstances.

Students should not be in the playground before 8.30am as supervision begins at 8.30am unless attending a school supervised activity. Parents will be contacted if students are left before 8.30am. Children also need to be collected by 2:50pm.

**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.

Annette Udall
Principal
BYOD (Bring Your Own Device)

Canley Vale Public School embraces the use of technology to help our students learn. Year 6 classes (6A, 6C, 6Q, 6V & 6K) will trial a BYOD program this term. This allows students to bring in a device to school (iPad, iPod touch, old iPhone) to support learning in the classroom.

BYOD is voluntary and no child will be disadvantaged if they do not bring a device to school. The school has a limited number of iPads for students to use who do not have their own device.

Our BYOD policy explains the guidelines of BYOD, including the role of students, parents and teachers. The policy can be found on the school's website (add link here).

Katherine Geer (Assistant Principal ICT)
School Community Centre at Canley Vale Public School in partnership with CatholicCare Parent Education Team presents:

**Bringing Up Great Kids**
A four session course for Parents

This course supports parents to enhance their communication with their children, promote more respectful interaction and encourage the development of children’s positive self identity. Topics to be covered include child brain development, values and beliefs about parenting, helpful ways to communicate with kids and understanding children’s behaviour.

**Begins Thursday morning 15th May 2014**
At the School Community Centre
Canley Vale Rd, Canley Vale.

**Dates:** 15th, 22nd, 29th May and 5th June 2014
**Time:** 10.00am to 12.00 noon (arrive at 9.45am for 10.00am start)
**Venue:** Canley Vale Public School SaCC room
**Cost:** Free (includes morning tea, childcare and workbook)
**To book:** Please speak to Sandip Bhattacharjee (SaCC Facilitator) or call 8723 2222

Limited child care places available booking essential

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School Community Centre at Canley Vale Primary School in partnership with CatholicCare Parent Education Team presents:

**123 Magic and Emotion Coaching!**
A three session course for parents

123 Magic is a popular and successful parenting program based on the work of US Psychologist Dr Tom Phelan. It assists parents to develop a better relationship with their children, understand the root of “naughty” behaviour and minimise it, as well as encourage positive behaviour and nurture their child’s emotional intelligence.

**Begins Thursday morning 12th June 2014**
At the School Community Centre
Canley Vale Public School, Canley Vale Road, Canley Vale

**Dates:** Thursday 12th, 19th, and 26th June 2014
**Time:** 10.00am to 12:00 noon (arrive at 9.45am for 10.00am start)
**Venue:** SaCC room at Canley Vale Public School
**Cost:** Free (includes morning tea, childcare and workbook)
**To book:** Please see Sandip Bhattacharjee SaCC Facilitator or call 8723 2222

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National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy 2014

LETTER TO PARENTS

In May 2014 the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) will be completed by students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. NAPLAN has the support of all State and Territory Education Ministers and will assess the literacy and numeracy skills of students across Australian schools.

The results of the tests will provide important information to schools about what each student can do, and will be used to support teaching and learning programs. Parents will receive a report indicating their child’s level of achievement. Each student’s level of achievement will be reported against the national minimum standard.

Background information (student name, gender, date of birth, language background and Aboriginality) will be collected as part of the National Assessment Program. This information is treated confidentially and held securely to ensure that every student’s right to privacy is maintained.

The NAPLAN tests will be conducted from 13 - 15 May 2014.

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In the Numeracy tests students do not require any measuring tools such as rulers or protractors. In Years 7 and 9 there will be two Numeracy tests: one where a calculator is allowed and one where calculators are not to be used. For the calculator test, the student should use the calculator that they currently use at school.

In 2014, as in previous years, the Writing task will be a single common task for all students. The 2014 Writing test will require students to respond to either a persuasive or narrative Writing prompt. However, the genre of the prompt will not be disclosed prior to the test period.

Wherever possible, schools will organise for individual students who are absent at the time of testing to complete missed tests at another time during testing week. Individual students are not permitted to sit tests after Friday 16 May 2014.

Students may be considered for exemption from the tests if:

- they are newly arrived in Australia (less than one year before the test) and with a language background other than English, or
- they have significant intellectual disability and/or significant co-existing conditions which severely limit their capacity to participate in the tests.

All other students are expected to participate in the tests. Disability adjustments which reflect the student’s normal level of support in the classroom may be provided. Large print, Braille, coloured paper versions and electronic tests are available to meet the needs of individual students.

Access to disability adjustment or exemption from the tests must be discussed with the school Principal and a parent or carer consent form must be signed. Students may be withdrawn from NAPLAN by their parent or carer. This is a matter for consideration by parents in consultation with the Principal. If you wish to withdraw your child from the tests, a parent or carer consent form must be signed.

Please make an appointment with the Principal of the school your child attends if you would like to discuss your child’s participation in NAPLAN.

Additional information about NAPLAN can be found at [www.nap.edu.au/NAPLAN/Parent_Carer_support/index.html](http://www.nap.edu.au/NAPLAN/Parent_Carer_support/index.html).