Welcome back to students and their families! As you are aware Ms Udall is on leave from school and will soon retire. Over the past two years, Ms Udall dedicated herself to improving the professional learning of CVPS teachers. Improving teacher capacity has a direct impact on students as teachers are better equipped to teach effectively. On behalf of the school community, I take this opportunity to thank Ms Udall and commend her for her many years of commitment, not only at Canley Vale, but across the state in providing high levels of support to students, teachers and community. I wish Ms Udall every success in her retirement and future pursuits.

Staff
I am honoured to relieve as Principal of CVPS until the Department appoints a new Principal. Mrs McDaniel will relieve as Deputy Principal. Mrs Ruksens has been appointed classroom teacher at Cecil Hills PS. Mrs Newton and Mr Howells will be our replacement librarians.

Academic reports
Having received Semester 1 reports, students are more aware of their academic strengths and those areas they need to improve. If you wish to speak with your child's teacher about their progress, please request a time before 8.50am or after 3pm. You can do this by sending a note or email, or talking with one of our Community Engagement Officers or the teacher directly.

Staff Development Day
Teachers were engaged in professional learning about the new Maths Syllabus and technology. I'd like to acknowledge staff who led learning activities on this day. Teachers have developed a far better understanding of the new Maths syllabus of which will be implemented in 2015.

Student activities
Debating - Congratulations to our school debating team who defeated Chester Hill North PS on Wednesday. The feedback provided indicated our team presented outstanding rebuttals, which put plainly is "no, you’re wrong and this is why"...

Dance - great to see the Boys Dance Troupe is up again!
Chess - a request has been forwarded to Cabramale Diggers for their continued support in hosting the Interschool Chess Semi-Finals.

Ground Improvement Projects
We have requested companies to price an upgrade of the grass area next to Burra playground area. Our vision is to replace the dirt and dead grass with synthetic grass, play courts and running lanes providing a safe and shaded area for play and sport. We anticipate this will be completed in term 4.

The dirt and bark area by the library will also be improved to reflect our feelings about peace and belonging. New seating and ground surface will be built. The SRC will survey students and parents about a name for this new area. They will also work on designs which will then be voted upon by students.
Out of School Hours care (OOSH)

Applications have been assessed for the provider of an Out of School Hours program at CVPS. The Department is now processing the number one ranked applicant of whom I anticipate will begin providing before and after school care, for up to 60 children from term 4.

Education Week

Canley Vale PS will celebrate Education Week in the last week of this term. Community Day will be our major celebration on Wednesday 17th September.

Canteen Week

Next week is Canteen Week. Canteen staff will be wearing colourful clothing and decorating the canteen area to celebrate healthy food. Rainbow yogurts will be on sale for $1.50. Grab a colouring in competition entry for your chance to win a $20 iTunes card. Canteen Week is about showing our appreciation for the canteen staff. So, use your words and thank them for helping you. Go to www.asca.com.au/content/celebrate-canteen-week

SKOOLBAG APP

Year 5 students travel to Canberra on Monday to visit historical, political and sporting facilities. Their return time will be updated on our Skoolbag App. We currently have 500+ users of the CVPS Skoolbag App providing easy access to many features. If you haven’t downloaded it yet, what are you waiting for?

Chris Haberecht
Relieving Principal

Community Day News

Mega Passes will be $25.00

The last Wednesday of this term, 17/9/2014, will be Community Day. The Asian food stall would appreciate parents donating uncooked, frozen springrolls from 1/9/2014 and we will freeze them ready for the big day. The springrolls will be freshly cooked at school, together with other treats like chicken wings and meatballs. If you prefer, you can drop off uncooked, freshly-made springrolls on Community Day where our CEO’s will be waiting in the Hall to accept your donation. Please talk to one of the CEO’s if you are unsure of what to do.

Upcoming events

Canberra Excursion - Year 5 – Monday 28th July – Wednesday 30th July
Pre-school Classroom visits
  - Green & Yellow, Tuesday 29th July, 2.00pm – 2.45pm
  - Blue & Red, Thursday 31st July, 2:00pm – 2:45pm

P&C Meeting - School Hall – 9am
Multicultural Perspectives
Public Speaking Competition
Local Area Final

Last term on Thursday 19th June, Canley Vale Public School was brilliantly represented at the Multicultural Perspectives Public Speaking Competition Local Final, hosted by St Johns Park Public School.

In the Junior division, Keagan Tang Castley (3A) reflected on the topic Every family has an animal story while Taya Morante (4D) shared her views on How kids can make a difference. The topic for the one minute impromptu speech was If I was an animal.

In the Senior division, Zelda Truong (5M) enlightened the audience about Living between cultures and Claire Gepulani (6V) examined the topic Religion. The topic for the two minute impromptu speech was The most important lesson in my life.

It was wonderful to see a former Canley Vale student, Sophia Dang, compete in the senior division too. The students displayed both a high standard in the delivery of their speeches and their personal appearance.

Taya and Claire will be competing in another competition next term - the Fairfield Area Public Speaking Competition, which will be held on 14th October at Cabramatta Public School.

We wish them all the best as they prepare for this event.

Mrs Vilar, Mrs Kallas and Mrs Morante
Public Speaking Coordinators

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2014 Public Speaking Competition – Senior Division
School Finals

Canley Vale Public School held its 8th Senior Division Public Speaking School Final last week (10 June).

Congratulations to the 10 finalists who represented their grade with the support of their parents/carers and teachers.

In addition to a prepared speech, the Seniors had to present an impromptu speech (with only 5 minutes preparation). The topic was Big mistake.

The judges declared Claire Gepulani (6V) as the winner. Claire expressed her views about the topic Religion. Also, Zelda Truong (5M) was awarded runner up. Zelda shared her experiences and thoughts about Living between cultures.

Julina Lim (5M) and Elizabeth Nguyen (6C) were equally recognised for their outstanding performance with a Highly Commended award.

Claire Gepulani and Zelda Truong will now compete at the Multicultural Perspectives Public Speaking Competition Local Final on 19 June at St Johns Park Public School. In addition, Claire Gepulani will enter the Fairfield Area Public Speaking Competition Final in Term 4.

Credit is due to the students who assisted with chairing, ushering and timekeeping. Thanks also to Mr Casey and Miss Higgins for adjudicating.

Also, thank you to the parents who supported their children by attending the event.

Mrs Kallas, Mrs Morante and Mrs Vilar
Public Speaking Coordinators

The Kindergarten Division and Infants Division (Years 1 & 2) Public Speaking School Finals will be held on Tuesday 2 September.
Canley Vale Schools as Community Centres (SaCC) Program and Wetherill Park TAFE Outreach jointly offer

“English Statement of Attainment” course for Parents

When: STARTING ON WEDNESDAY 23 JULY 2014 FROM 9:30 A.M. - 12:30 P.M. (TERM 3 AND TERM 4)

Where: SaCC ROOM, CANLEY VALE PUBLIC SCHOOL, CANLEY VALE ROAD, CANLEY VALE
FREE Childcare will be provided

For Enquiries please contact Sandip Bhattacharjee on (02) 9725 6969 or email to sandip.bhattacharjee3@det.nsw.edu.au

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edmodo

What is Edmodo?

Many classes are starting to use Edmodo to help extend learning in the classroom.

Edmodo is an educational website where students can share their ideas and learning with their class. The teacher sets up an Edmodo group and only the students in the class have access to it. Each student has his or her own name and password, which should not be shared with anyone else. Edmodo is a safe and secure website that is closely monitored by the class teacher.

More information about Edmodo will be shared at a P & C meeting in term 3.