Welcome Back
Welcome to Term 4; is it just me or is 2015 disappearing extremely quickly? It's hard to believe that most of the year has passed us by but already we're working on Semester 2 reports and planning for 2016. I would like to thank Mrs Granata and Mrs Plimmer for their work during week 1 whilst I was on Long Service Leave.

Stranger Danger
On Sunday an extremely unsavory incident occurred in a local street involving several of our students, as indicated via Skoolbag. Unfortunately there are individuals in our community who seek to harm children; please be vigilant in regard to the safety and supervision of your children and in the event of such an incident please call the police immediately.

Kindergarten 2016
Thank you to those parents who have already enrolled their child in Kindergarten at CVPS for 2016. If your intention is to enrol your child but you are yet to do so please do this urgently as we have begun planning for 2016. If you have a friend or relative who intends to apply but hasn’t yet done so, please remind them to visit our lovely office ladies who will happily assist them with the enrolment process.

Pre School to Kindergarten Transition
Under the leadership of Miss Ng, changes are being made to the way that we assist children in the transition from preschool to “big school”. The aim of our new “Coming to School” program will be to make the move to Kindergarten a smooth change whilst ensuring that both staff and parents receive an opportunity to communicate the learning and social need of our students. Thank you to all of the staff involved in designing and implementing this new approach to transition.

Outdoor Learning Space
You may have noticed a large number of furniture, plant boxes and other items currently residing between Blocks H & J, forming the nucleus for our new Outdoor Learning Space. Currently things look a little cluttered however it’s most certainly a work in progress and is not yet complete. Thank you to Mrs Plimmer for her work in managing this exciting new project and to Mr Sullivan for his invaluable assistance.

New Pathways
Over the holidays some major improvements were made to our Canley Vale Rd entrance, with the old path being removed and new concrete laid down. The area is now much smoother, wider and ensures ample room for pedestrian movement into and out of the school. You will also have noticed a number of rather large pencils lining the new pathway; each of these pencils represents qualities endeavor to instill and develop in our students: use your initiative, be respectful, be your best, be safe, be responsible, be co-operative, display resilience, be honest, use your creativity and be determined. These characteristics will assist to ensure that the boys and girls of Canley Vale PS grow into productive, compassionate members of society. PLEASE do not swing on the pencils; if they break, we’ll have buy a REALLY big pencil sharpener...thank you once again to our wonderful GA, Mr Sullivan, for all of his hard work with this great improvement to our school.
**Techy Brekkie**
The innovative use of technology in classroom practice is something that the staff of CVPS value greatly and so as to continually develop our skills, each term Mrs Geer and Mrs McDaniel have run “Techy Brekkies” for staff, each session focusing on different aspects of 21st century technology. This week Miss Albini shared her expertise in the art of “app smashing”; despite sounding rather violent this merely refers to ways in which multiple apps may be used simultaneously to complete a task. Thank you to Mrs Geer and Mrs McDaniel for running our Techy Brekkie and to Miss Albini for sharing her expertise with colleagues.

**Pink Ribbon Day**
On Wednesday our school participated in “Pink Ribbon Day”, a fundraiser aimed at helping the fight against breast cancer. Many of our students dressed in pink and kindly made donations; thank you boys and girls! Staff also dressed in pink and held a morning tea; I didn’t know there were so many different kinds of pink foods, we have some extremely creative masterchefs on staff – our kitchen rules! Thank you to Mrs Phillips for her great work in organising our school’s Pink Ribbon Day.

**Swim School**
Guess what? We live on an island, we should all know how to swim! Commencing next week several hundred of our students from years 2-6 will begin participating in the annual Special Swimming Scheme, a series of daily “learn to swim” sessions designed to improve the water confidence and swimming competence of students. Thank you to Mrs Norman for the enormous amount of work she has directed towards ensuring that the scheme is a success for all students; organising such a project in a school the size of CVPS is a mammoth task, well done Mrs Norman. Thank you to all staff who will be involved in both supervising and lesson delivery. Good luck boys and girls, try your best and don’t forget your sun cream, towel and swimmers each day.

**Public Speaking: the Gift of the Gab!**
On Tuesday of this week our Public Speaking champs, accompanied by Mrs Villar and Mrs Kallas, competed in the zone finals at Cabramatta PS. Una Cabrilo (6V), Vinh Tran (4M), Julie Vo (1A) and Bayan Edress (KC) performed wonderfully whilst competing against speakers from 9 other primary schools. All students spoke exceptionally well with Julie’s rising talent being acknowledged by the judges as she was awarded the “runner up” prize. Congratulations Julie, Una, Vinh and Bayan, we’re all very proud of you. Thank you to Mrs Villar and Mrs Kallas for the great job they are doing with our talented public speakers.

**Carparks**
A reminder that school carparks are strictly for the use of school staff; they are not under any circumstances to be used by parents when collecting children either before or after school. Your anticipated co-operation in this regard is greatly appreciated.

**Conference**
From Tuesday-Friday of next week I will be attending the annual NSW Primary Principals Association State Conference. This event comprises a series of professional learning events for principals from the 1800 primary schools across NSW. Whilst I am at conference Mrs Granata and Mrs Plimmer will address all enquiries that would normally be directed to me.

**Planning for 2016**
Planning for 2016 has already commenced, with staff currently evaluating the effectiveness of school programs and discussing ways in which they may be enhanced. In regard to forming classes for 2016, please be advised that we do not accept requests for students to be placed in particular classes or with particular teachers. I have great confidence in the ability of all staff to deliver effective differentiated teaching and learning programs.

Thank you, have a great week and weekend.

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**Ben Matthews**
Principal

**IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR - TERM 4**

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Expression of interest: Year 7 entry into Selective High Schools in 2016

If you would like your child to go to a selective high school in Year 7 in 2016, you will need to apply soon. Selective high schools are one way used by the Department of Education and Training to cater for the learning needs of gifted and talented students.

To apply for your child to sit the test you need to use the Internet at https://www.shsocplacement.org.au/registration

Applications close on the 16th November 2015.

There is more information at: www.schools.nsw.edu.au/shsplacement.

Expression of interest notes will go home to year 5 students this week.

If you do not have Internet access at home, the CLOs will run a help kiosk on Wednesday 21st October near the office between 8:15 and 9:30 and 2:00 and 3:30.

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

This year World Teachers’ Day is on 30 October 2015.

At Canley Vale PS we will be celebrating Teachers’ Day on 28 October 2015.

To show our appreciation for our wonderful teachers, let’s bring a yummy plate of food for them to enjoy!

Date: Wednesday 28 October 2015

Time: Best before 12:30pm

Place: School Staffroom (Please bring food to the Office)

If you have any questions, please speak to one of our CLO’s - Jeudi, Lee, Trinh or Jennifer

Enrolments now open for Kindergarten 2016

Applications for enrolments are now open for 2016 Kindergarten students.

If you are in our local school catchment area you can submit your child’s enrolment application and supporting documents to our office.

Kindergarten! … here I come!

To be eligible for enrolment into kindergarten for 2016 your child must turn 5 years old by 31st July 2016.
Canley Vale Public School 2015

Learn to swim program

Begins

Monday 19TH October 2015

Don’t forget to bring your Swimwear, Towel, Hat and Sunscreen.

A note will be sent home with the students who have returned their payment and permission form this week and a reminder will be sent on the Skoolbag app.