Good afternoon everyone, welcome to Term 2. I hope you all had a restful and enjoyable holiday and that your batteries are charged for a big term ahead.

**Staffing Changes**

Just before the end of term 1 2R’s teacher, Mrs Rupinder Singh, successfully applied for the position of Assistant Principal at Hurstville PS. Whilst we will miss Mrs Singh we wish her the very best for this exciting new chapter of her career. Mr Rob Kealy, 5R’s teacher, will also be leaving us this Friday, having successfully applied for the position or Assistant Principal (Relieving) at Werrington PS. We will also miss Mr Kealy and wish him every success in his new venture. 2R is now being taught by Miss Ton and 5K will be taught by Mr Tran, both for the remainder of 2015. I would like to welcome back Mrs Camille Kenny, who has returned to work in our office.

**Sporting Successes**

Thus far 2015 has been a very successful sporting year for CVPS students and most recently a number of students have earned selection in zone teams. Congratulations to the following students:

- Under 11’s Rugby League - David Mose, Sione Haumono
- Opens Rugby League - Katrina Mose
- Girls Basketball - Zelda Truong
- Girls Touch Football - Jessie Tran, Jessica Tran, Jade Nguyen
- Girls Netball - Elisha Tieu, Zelda Troung, Erin Heng

Being selected to represent your zone is a fantastic achievement; we look forward to hearing of our students’ experiences competing at this high level.

**ANZAC Day**

Last Friday our school gathered together to commemorate ANZAC Day and the centenary of the Gallipoli landings. The assembly was run by our student leaders as well as the students of 6M, all of whom did a remarkable job. All students are to be congratulated on their conduct at the assembly, I was extremely proud of them. Thank you to our ANZAC Day team for their organisation, to our special guests Mr Norm and Mrs Val Babbage and Mr Tony Fornasier for attending and sharing this special occasion with us and our “One Voice” choir for their amazing performance. I would also like to thank Joshua Hrynyk of 4/5R who represented CVPS at the Dawn Service at Cabra-Vale Diggers. Josh you are an upstanding young citizen and a fantastic ambassador for our school, keep up the great work!
Fowler Local Government Area ANZAC Awards

Last Wednesday Mr Haberecht and I had the privilege of attending the Fowler ANZAC Awards Night at Cabra-Vale Diggers. Our “One Voice” choir opened the evening with the song “Empire’s Message” and were absolutely sensational. Congratulations to all students who were part of our 2014 “Lanterns” dance troupe, Mrs Plimmer and Miss Plimmer on being awarded a “Highly Commended” in the junior dance section, well done!

Parent/Teacher Interviews

Thank you to those parents who have taken the time over the past 2 weeks to attend an interview with their child’s teacher. We hope that you found these sessions to be informative. This is the first time that we have used an online booking system and is has proven to be very popular with staff and parents alike. Thank you to Mr Haberecht for his work in ensuring that the system was a success for CVPS. Thank you also to our Community Liaison Officers Mrs Ly, Mrs Son, Miss Xiou and Mrs Mai for their invaluable assistance.

Congratulations

In the school holidays 6V’s teacher, Miss Vinkovic married her fiancé Chris. Congratulations!

P & C Meeting

Our Term 2 P & C meeting will be held this coming Wednesday 6 May in the school hall from 9:00am-10:00am and all parents and school community members are invited to attend.

Debating Success

On Wednesday of this week our debating team took on Bonnyrigg PS, the topic being “All children should complete homework”. Our team spoke in affirmative and were victorious; well done students! Thank you to Mrs Morris, Mrs Morante and Mrs Phillips for the work that they are doing with our debaters. Oh and if your child was on the team, they no longer have any excuse not to complete their homework ;-) 

NAPLAN

In week 4 all students in years 3 and 5 will sit for the NAPLAN tests. The tests will be administered on Tuesday 12 May (Language Conventions and Writing), Wednesday 13 May (Reading) and Thursday 14 May (Numeracy), with a “catch up day” being held on Friday 15 May for any students who have a missed a test due to absence. A NAPLAN Information Session for parents will be held in the school hall on Wednesday 6 May from 10:00am-10:50am and parents of all years 3 and 5 students are invited to attend.

3-6 Cross Country

Our annual cross event for students in years 3-6 will be held this coming Tuesday 5 May at Adams Park. The event commences at approximately 9:00am and all students will be back at school by 1:00pm. Parents are more than welcome to join us and cheer on the students. We’re hoping for bright sunshine on the day, fingers crossed! Thank you to Mr Quinlivan for organising this event for the students.

Wet Weather

As you are aware we had a bit of rain last week…..actually we had a LOT of rain last week! So as to improve student supervision on wet mornings, students will now move to their classrooms at 8:30am when the bell rings, on rainy days.

Opportunity Class Applications

Thank you to those parents of Year 4 students who have returned their Expressions of Interest for 2016 OC Classes. All applications must be completed online, following the instructions recently sent home by Mr Casey. If you do not have a computer or internet access at home do not fear, we are here to help! On Wednesday 6 May we will be available to assist you at the office using a school computer from 8:00am - 8:50am and 2:00pm – 3:00pm. Our Community Liaison Officers will also be on hand to assist you.
Sister School Visit

This Friday 1 and Monday 4 May we will be hosting a visit by a delegation from the Jinying Primary School in Shanghia, China. The school’s principal and a number of teachers will spend some time at CVPS talking with staff and students, visiting classrooms and even teaching lessons. We look forward to hosting Jinying PS and hope that they enjoy their time at CVPS. Thank you to Mr Haberecht and assisting staff for the amount of work they have directed towards ensuring that the visit is a successful one.

Annual School Report

Our Annual School Report for 2014 has now been completed and will be available for viewing and download from our school website tomorrow. Please visit www.canleyvale-p.schools.nsw.edu.au for further information.

Enjoy the rest of the week and have a great weekend.

Ben Matthews
Principal

OPPORTUNITY CLASS APPLICATION

If you would like help to fill out your opportunity class application or need to borrow a computer, come up to the school office between 8:00-9:00am or 2:00-3:00pm on Wednesday 6th May as there will be a kiosk set up ready to assist you.

IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

Term 2
Cross Country
- Term 2/Week 3 - Tuesday 5th May
NAPLAN- See Attached Flyer
- Term 2/Week 4 - Wednesday 13th April & Thursday 14th April
School Photos
- Term 2/week 7 - Wednesday 3rd and Thursday 4th June
Public Speaking Competition Stage 3
- Term 2/Week 5 – Tuesday 19th May
Public Speaking Competition Stage 2
- Term 3/Week 7- Tuesday 2nd June

6A Book Review

The Dot
By Peter H. Reynolds

The book is about Vashiki, a small girl who didn’t know how to draw. She practiced and got better. I like the book because it shows you can become better if you keep trying. I think the moral of the story is if you try your best you can accomplish anything.

Ashlie
Dear Parents and Carers,

In May 2015 the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) will be completed by all 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.

Student 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 12-14 May 2015.

In the Numeracy tests students do not require any measuring tools such as rulers or protractors.

Friday 15 May – A ‘catch-up’ day is scheduled for students who missed a test or were absent on a test day.

Additional information about NAPLAN can be found at www.nap.edu.au/NAPLAN/Parent_Carer_support/index.html.

NAPLAN Coordinator

Mr Ian Casey