Good afternoon everyone, I hope you’re all having a good week – great to see the sun again isn’t it!

New Arrivals

This term we’ve had a number of new students and their families join the Canley Vale PS community; welcome to our school, if there’s anything we can do to assist you in your transition please don’t hesitate to contact us via the office.

Mother’s Day

I hope that all of our mums had a fantastic Mother’s day and were spoilt rotten on Sunday. No doubt many of you were the lucky recipients of gifts from our P & C Mother’s day Stall; thanks you to our P & C team and all of those parents who kindly assisted on the day.

Chinese Delegation Visit

On Friday 1 and Monday 4 May CVPS hosted a delegation from our sister school, Jinying Shanghai Primary School. The school’s principal Miss Christine and 4 of her staff visited classrooms, toured our facilities and even led a calligraphy lesson. This visit has been several years in the planning; thank you to Mr Haberecht and all staff involved in planning and hosting the Jinying visit, it was a great success and we hope our visiting colleagues enjoyed the CVPS experience.

P & C

Thank you to those parents who attended last week’s P & C meeting and morning tea, your presence is greatly appreciated. Our next P & C meeting will be held in the school hall on Wednesday 29 July from 9:00am – 10:00am, we’d love to see you there. Our wonderful Liaison Officers will be there to translate the meeting into Vietnamese, Chinese and Khmer languages.

NAPLAN

This week all students in years 3 and 5 across Australia sat the NAPLAN tests in reading, writing, language conventions and numeracy. Results will be available around September. Thanks you to Mr Casey for running the parent information session after last week’s P & C meeting; I hope that those of you who attended found the session to be informative.

Chess Club Success

On Monday of this week our Chess Club, under the guidance of Mr Tran, competed in a local heat of the district chess competition, securing third place. Congratulations to all students involved and thank you once again to Mr Tran, Mr Harte, Miss Kuoch and Mr Quinlivan for their work with our Chess Club – a great team effort!

Playground Cleanliness

Walking through a school playground can give visitors to a school a very immediate impression. Quite often the level of rubbish in our playground is unacceptable. We have many garbage bins throughout the school; PLEASE encourage your children to place all of their rubbish in the bin. Not only does this help our cleaning staff but it ensures that all students have a clean environment in which to work and play.
Arrival and Leaving Times

A reminder that students are not to arrive at school before 8:20am and must be picked up promptly at 2:50pm. It is not the responsibility of the school to provide supervision outside these times. Fortunately we have a before and after school care service on site, provided by OSHClub. If you require before or after school supervision for your child please pay the friendly staff a visit in our school hall from 7:00am – 8:30am or 3:00pm-6:00pm.

Gates

We have had two new automatic gates installed near our office; one for the school carpark and the other the pedestrian gate near the side of the office. These gates open and close at set times ensuring both easy access for parents and the security of students.

Pre School

I quite often pay a visit to our wonderful preschool. The staff there do a fantastic job for the children and have created a warm, welcoming and friendly environment. Thank you to Mrs Dabit, Mrs Geer, Mrs Moussaoui, Miss Weiss, Mrs Arcon, Mrs Hunt and Mrs DeBiasi for the great work they are doing with our preschool students.

NCCD

From 2015 all school across Australia are required to collect data for the Nationally Consistent Collection of data in regard to the way teachers make adjustments for students with learning difficulties or disabilities. We will be collating this data over the course of term 2, with further information being sent home to parents shortly. All data collected is anonymous and student names are NOT published in the data. This information will assist in determining school funding in years to come.

Footy Colours Day

This year we will be participating in “Footy Colours Day” on Tuesday 19 May (week 5). Children are invited to wear the colours of their favourite football team’s colours and join the fight against cancer. All students participating are asked to make a gold coin donation. Thank you to Mrs Phillips, Mrs Cooper and the SRC for organising this event for the students.

3-6 Cross Country

A reminder that our 3-6 Cross Country will be held at Adams Park next Wednesday, 20 May from 9:00am – 1:30am. As this is a compulsory school event all students are expected to attend and participate; it’s not about winning or losing, it’s about getting out there and giving it your best shot. Parents are more than welcome to attend and cheer on the students as they compete and students may wear their house colours for the day.

Staff News

Mrs Pazman finished last Friday and is now on maternity leave awaiting the birth of her first child; I’m sure you’ll all join me in wishing Mrs Pazman the very best of luck. 1A will be taught by Miss Rosena Ly for the remainder of 2015 and Miss Kaylee Nolan will take over Miss Ly’s role. Miss Ly has been a CVPS staff member for the last 12 months and is well acquainted with students, staff and school routines. Miss Nolan has been undertaking casual teaching with us for the past term and we welcome her to our staff.

Enjoy the rest of week 4 and have a great weekend.

Ben Matthews
Principal

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The Footy Colours Multi Day and Sausage Sizzle has been changed to Tuesday 19th May 2015

This day is to raise awareness and funds for the Fight Cancer Foundation.
So don’t forget to dress up in your favourite Footy Colours,
Bring your gold coin donation and enjoy a delicious sausage on a roll and drink.
Thank you for your support.
We are excited about our recent launch of the Asthma Kids site. The site aims to help children and their parents/carers learn more about asthma in a fun and engaging way. It has been designed for primary school aged children and takes them through an interactive asthma trail, with Chester as their ‘host’.

Chester has asthma, and explains…

- How it feels to have an asthma flare-up,
- How taking medicines regularly helps him, and
- How he keeps his asthma under control so that he can participate in the activities that he wants to.

The site is perfect for people with or without asthma to learn about a condition that affects over 2 million Australians.

Children start by watching an age-specific video, which explains that lots of people have asthma and it’s nothing to feel embarrassed about. The video also emphasises the importance of getting help if they or a friend are experiencing an asthma flare-up.

To reinforce what they have learnt, children are then asked a series of multiple-choice questions. As they answer the questions along the asthma trail they earn a balloon for each correct answer.

On successful completion of the trail, children can enter a monthly prize draw to win a Grit scooter and helmet or a voucher for Spencil stationery.

So what are you waiting for?

Join Chester on the Asthma Trail today.

IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

Term 2

Cross Country - Term 2/ Week 3 - Tuesday 20th May
School Photos - Term 2/ Week 7 - Wednesday 3rd and Thursday 4th June
Public Speaking - Competition Stage 2 - Term 2/ Week 5 - Tuesday 19th May
Public Speaking - Competition Stage 3 - Term 3/ Week 7 - Tuesday 2nd June

Families Together

In partnership with Canley Vale Public School invites mothers, fathers and grandparents to

Parent/Child Communication and School Success

Presented by
Petra Will-Herat
Social Psychologist, Counsellor, Parent Educator

Effective communication with your children is a key factor in helping them achieve success at school.

This session aims to teach parents practical skills in communicating with their children, strengthening relationships and developing self esteem.

Gain practical ideas on supporting children with homework.

Please fill in the slip below and return to Lee, Trinh, Jeudi or Jennifer to ensure your position.

Families Together is for mothers, fathers, grandparents and carers

Children’s services workers, teachers, family support workers and other professionals will not be given a place. Families Together is for families living in the local government areas of Fairfield, Liverpool and Bankstown.

DATE: Wednesday 24th June 2015
TIME: 9.00-11.00am
PLACE: School Hall
Canley Vale Public School
76 Canley Vale Road, Canley Vale

Families Together is funded by the Department of Education and Communities and sponsored by Fairfield City Council.

I will be attending the Parent Communication and School Success Seminar at Canley Vale Public School on Wednesday 24th of June 2015 from 9.00-11.00am

Parent/Caregiver’s name: ________________________________

Child’s name: ________________________________