Good afternoon everyone, I hope you’re all having a great week; whilst the nights and mornings are certainly getting colder it’s good to see the sun shining.

NAPLAN

Congratulations to all students who sat the recent NAPLAN tests. We certainly hope that the scenario was not a stressful time for you and your children, as it certainly shouldn’t be. Student results will be available around September. Thank you to Mr Casey for all of his work organising, administering, collating and returning the tests.

Touch Footy Superstars

Congratulations to our Junior Girls Touch Footy Team upon being crowned joint premiers in this year’s Landsdowne Zone PSSA Competition. The girls blitzed Fairvale PS in the semi-final however the rain forced the closure of sporting fields last Friday, forcing the cancellation of the grand final. Congratulations to all players and to Coach Mr Tran.

Cross Country

Last week we finally managed to hold our 3-6 Cross Country, Wednesday’s weather being perfect for such an event. Congratulations to all students who completed their race and to Mr Quinlivan for his job as convenor, ably assisted by Miss Vinkovic. As I type the students of Landsdowne Zone are competing at the Zone Cross Country Carnival, I’m sure our runners are doing a wonderful job representing their school; more details will be provided in our week 8 newsletter.

Semester 1 Student Reports

Semester 1 Student Reports are on track, with teachers and supervisors working hard to ensure that each child’s report is an accurate indication of his or her strengths, achievements and areas for consolidation. Reports will be sent home in week 10.

Picking Up Students

A reminder that all students that do not walk home from school unattended are to be picked up by 2:50pm. Each day we have a number of students left at the office, sometimes for up to 30 minutes; this is unacceptable and repeated lateness may lead to a referral to the Home School Liaison Officer or the Department of Family and Community Services. It is the responsibility of parents to work around their schedules to ensure that children are collected on time. Before and after school care facilities are available at CVPS, please contact the office for more information. A big THANK YOU to those parents who consistently collect their children on time, your support is greatly appreciated.

Student Toilets

A reminder that student toilets are for use exclusively by students. For reasons of child protection, under no circumstances are adults to enter the student toilets.
Footy Colours Day

Last week our school participated in Footy Colours Day with students and staff alike wearing their favourite team’s colours. A year 6 fundraising bbq was also held and was a great success. Thank you to Mrs Phillips, Mrs Cooper, Mrs Burton, Mr Sullivan and all of the staff who did such a wonderful job on the day, great work!

Writers Festival

Last Thursday a number of our talented Stage 3 students trekked to Sydney for the annual Sydney Writers Festival, to showcase and observe the writing skills of students across the Sydney metropolitan area. From all accounts our students and staff had a very rewarding day. Thank you to Mrs Morante for organising this opportunity for the students.

NCCD

A reminder that as of this year 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 information recently sent home parents. 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.

Public Education Day

This Thursday is Public Education Day, an opportunity to celebrate the work of public schools across NSW to ensure the provision of high quality learning programs for all students. I would like to take this opportunity to thank our wonderful CVPS staff for the work they do with our students. As a parent myself, the greatest compliment that I could give a staff member is to let him or her know that I’d be happy for them to work with my own children and this certainly applies to our great staff. The diversity of programs provided and the passion and dedication shown by our teachers on a daily basis makes me feel very privileged to work with them. Thank you!

School Photographs

Our school photographs will be taken on Wednesday and Thursday of next week. Please ensure that your child looks his or her best for the photos; one of the easiest ways to achieve this is by ensuring that he/she is in full school uniform, including black shoes.

Social Media

Nowadays we’re all big users of social media (Facebook, Twitter, Instagram etc). Whilst social media can be a very positive tool it of course has its downsides. If you have a grievance with our school please call us and talk to us. A post was made recently on social media based on inaccurate information, the poster having made no attempt to discuss the issue with the school; this reflects poorly on our school and, quite frankly, on the poster. If you have a concern, please contact us and we’ll endeavour to assist you as best we can. I’d love to set up an official CVPS Facebook page but issues such as the one just mentioned have caused me to recently reconsider this.

Thank you, have a great weekend.

Ben Matthews
Principal

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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.

To be eligible for enrolment into kindergarten for 2016 your child must turn 5 years old by 31st July 2016.
Our School Newsletter is Going Online

As of term 3 you will be able to view our school newsletter online in two ways:

**Skool Bag App**

1. Open the Skool Bag App
2. Click Newsletters
3. Select the newsletter you would like to view.

If you would like assistance in setting up the skool bag app on your phone please come to the office and see Miss Kenny.

A limited number of printed copies will still be available for collection at the office.

**Website**

Check the newsletter out on our school website. Go to [http://www.canleyvalep.schools.nsw.edu.au](http://www.canleyvalep.schools.nsw.edu.au)

You will also find the schools latest news, events, photos and much more on our website.

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**CVPS School Bell Times**

- **8:50** - School Starts
- **10:50** - Recess Begins
- **11:10** - Recess Ends
- **1:00** - Eating Time
- **1:10** - Lunch Begins
- **1:50** - Lunch Ends
- **2:50** - School Finishes

*All Visitors must report to the office.*

*Students are not permitted on to school grounds prior to 8:20am.*

*School finishes promptly at 2:50pm*

*OSH Club services are available for before & after school care. Please call OSH Club directly on 02 8355 5300 for more information.*