Good afternoon everyone and welcome to our Newsletter for Week 4 of Term 3. I hope you’re all in good health and enjoyed the fantastic weather we had last weekend.

**Education Week**

Last week public schools across NSW celebrated Education Week. This is a great opportunity to showcase the talents and achievements of EVERY student in the state. 2015’s theme was ‘Celebrating Local Heroes’, and schools were encouraged to develop their alumni networks and celebrate their ‘local heroes’, including their local ANZAC / military heroes. Plans are afoot to use the student artworks from the Centenary of ANZAC Day to decorate our foyer; we’re still waiting for the new cabinets to arrive!

**Kindergarten 2016**

We are now accepting enrolments for Kindergarten 2016; thank you to those parents who have already enrolled their children. If you know someone who intends to enroll their child at Canley Vale PS for Kindergarten 2016 but has yet to do so, please give them a gentle reminder.

**Stage 3 Student Conference**

Last Tuesday students in Stage 3 participated in our very first Student Conference. The conference consisted of a series of workshops; some were run by teachers, some by current Year 6 students and some by former CVPS students. Areas of interest addressed by the presenters include drama, iMovie, art, music, chess and Self Organised Learning Environment (SOLE). The conference was organized by our Stage 3 Assistant Principal, Miss Albini; thank you for your hard work in organising such a fantastic opportunity for the students. Thank you to all of the staff and students who assisted, particularly former students Summer and Anna (both in Year 8 at Canley Vale HS) and Daniel (now in Year 8 at Cabramatta HS) for willingness to spend the day with us and share your expertise.

**Lunches**

Students have been asked to bring lunch from home or order from the canteen if they have lunchtime PSSA training, choir, dance troupe, chess club or Drumbeat commitments. Students are asked NOT to line up to purchase lollies, drinks etc on the days when they have these extra-curricular sessions so as to make the most of the time available. Please ensure that your child has ample recess, lunch and drink every day to keep them well-fuelled. We greatly appreciate your anticipated support in regard to this issue.

**Peer Support**

The peer support program is designed to provide students with a supportive learning environment in which to develop the skills, understandings, attitudes and strategies to make healthy life decisions. It is a peer led, skills based experiential learning program run by Year 6 students. On Monday of this week all students in Year 6 were trained as Peer Support Leaders in readiness for the kick-off of our peer support program this Friday. Thank you once again to Miss Albini for her efforts in organising both the training day and the program’s roster and to all staff who assisted on the day.
Special Swimming Scheme
Thank you to all students who have returned their permission notes and payments for the upcoming Special Swimming Scheme. This program aims to develop and build upon the students’ swimming skills; we live on an island, we NEED to learn to swim. The total cost for the 10-day program is a bargain at $60 – this price is $10 cheaper than 2014 so we are unable to provide financial assistance or discounts. Thank you to Mrs Norman for her work in organising this opportunity for students and to Cabra Vale Diggers for their wonderful support.

Kindergarten Excursion
Next Tuesday our Kindergarten students will take part in an excursion to the Sydney Aquarium. Due to the aquarium’s guidelines a large number of staff will be attending, myself included; it’s been a while since I attended a Kindergarten excursion so I’m greatly looking forward to all of the fun! Thank you to Miss Ng for her hard work in organising this excursion for the students.

Beach Safety
In keeping with the swimming theme students in Years 3-6 will take part in Beach Safety talks this coming Monday 10 August. These talks are delivered by Surf Educators International and aim to develop beach safety awareness in students in preparation for the 2015/2016 Summer. Thank you to Mrs Phillips for organising this opportunity for the students.

Pre School Visitors
Our pre school will be even more of a hive of activity than usual in the coming weeks, with planned visits from the Fire Brigade and Police. These visits will assist the students to recognize the members and services in our community that help them in times of trouble. Thank you to Mrs Dabit and the Pre School staff for arranging this opportunity for the students – they’ll be very excited!

Jump Rope For Heart
Students are gearing up to participate in the upcoming Jump Rope for Heart (JRFH) skip-off; events for Stages 1 and 2 take place on Tuesday 11 August while Stage 3 get their chance on Wednesday 12 August. Students are invited to dress in red on the day of their jump-off. Keep signing up those sponsors to be in line for some great prizes! Thank you to Mrs Skaf, Mrs Haddad and Miss Kuoch for their hard work in organising this event for the students.

School Engagement Project
In education, student engagement refers to the degree of attention, curiosity, interest, optimism, and passion that students show when they are learning or being taught, which extends to the level of motivation they have to learn and progress in their education. The ways in which we teach directly influence the degree to which a student engages and a team of CVPS teachers have been working on an engagement project, which we will present to staff from other schools across the area on Monday 17 August. Thank you to Mrs Granata, Mrs Plimmer, Mrs Geer, Mrs McDaniel, Mr Casey, Mrs Kallas and Miss Albini for their work in regard to this project.

Absent Notes
It is a legal requirement for parents to send a note to school when a child returns to school after an absence, explaining why he or she has been away. We understand that students sometimes become sick or are absent for a variety of other reasons; please ensure that you write a letter to your child’s classroom teacher indicating the reason for their absence upon their return to school.

Outdoor Learning Environment
Plans are well underway for our Outdoor Learning Environment, to be constructed between Blocks H & J. These works will drastically transform this area and will commence late this term; we can’t wait to see the finished product! Thank you to Mrs Plimmer for her work in getting this project underway.

Make the Most of It....
This week I had the rather sad task of attending the funeral of a student I taught whilst working at Narellan Vale PS many years ago. Our children are the most precious thing in the world; take the time tonight to give your kids a cuddle and let them know that you love them.

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

Ben Matthews
Principal

IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR - TERM 3

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CVPS Preschool Philosophy

We believe that it is important to create a warm, safe and welcoming environment where everyone feels they belong.

Our qualified and experienced educators provide an open-ended, play-based learning environment. The program is centered on intentional teaching, spontaneous moments and the children’s interests and experiences.

Our children, who come from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds, are an extension of their family. Their past, present and future experiences are valued and incorporated into the program.

We strive to build a foundation for life-long learning by supporting children’s agency. We encourage our children to be resilient, independent, motivated, confident, social, curious and creative learners.

We believe it is important to develop trusting relationships with our families, to share the nurturing and education of their children. As we are an extension of the school community, it is our aim to work in partnership with the school. This in turn assists our children with the smooth transition into Kindergarten.

The Principles, Practices and Outcomes of the Early Years Learning Framework, Belonging, Being, Becoming is the foundation of our teaching and learning (pedagogy).

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Swim School and Water Safety Program

Year 2 to Year 6

Monday 19th October to Friday 30th October

Where: Prairiewood Leisure Centre

Travel: by Bus

Permission envelopes will be sent home soon.

Get in Quick – Only 360 positions available.

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Drumbeat

Building Resilience Through Rhythm

The Learning and Support Teachers are proud to announce an exciting social skills program for selected students in Years 4, 5 and 6. We are learning how to work together as a team and play the djembe drum! This program runs for 10 weeks with a performance planned at the end of the program. Please watch this space!

Ms Dalla-Vecchia & Miss Hurmiz

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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.

Kindergarten! ... here I come!

To be eligible for enrolment into kindergarten for 2016 your child must turn 5 years old by 31st July 2016.
A note from our Community Liaison Officers.

Every Tuesday from 1:50pm our community liaison officers are available in our SaCC room to assist parents.

If you need help with translation, assistance with documents or an explanation in your language, please see Jeudi or Jennifer who will try to assist in any way they can.