Greetings and salutations! I hope that everyone is well and enjoying the early dose of spring sunshine that we’re currently experiencing.

**Chess Champs**

Last week our Chess Teams, led by Mr Tran, Mr Quinlivan, Miss Kuoch and Mr Harte, competed in the NSW Interschool Chess Championships semi final.....and they won! Our students gave new meaning to the term “check mate” by dominating the contest, competing against the best chess players from across Sydney. Congratulations boys and girls on a sensational effort and thank you to the teachers who have guided the students along the way.

**Arrival Time**

A reminder that students are not to arrive at school prior to 8:20am. Students arriving early are unsupervised and therefore their safety is compromised. If you have an early appointment or need to leave early for work it is your responsibility to provide supervision, not that of the school. Thank you to those parents who ensure that their students arrive at school at the appropriate time.

**Peer Support Program**

Two weeks ago our Peer Support program kicked off and things are progressing very well. The year 6 students are acting as group leaders and their ability to engage and work with the younger students is improving by the week. Keep up the great work boys and girls.

**Outdoor Learning Space**

Work has commenced on our new outdoor learning space, construction having kicked off earlier this week between Blocks H & J. As the project progresses, more of the area will be fenced off to ensure the safety of students, staff and parents; please ensure that you do not enter the construction zones. We’re greatly looking forward to the completion of our outdoor learning space and can’t wait to use it.

**Deputy Principal Position**

Our Deputy Principal position has been advertised via jobs.nsw and will be filled via the merit selection process. In accordance with policy the process will be completed by Wednesday 9 September (week 9), after which time we will advise you of the successful applicant.

**Kindergarten Excursion**

Last Tuesday I had the privilege of attending Kindergarten’s excursion to the Aquarium and what a fantastic day it was. The event was well-organised by Mrs Trad and Mrs Chen, the supervision provided by staff was exceptional and the conduct of our students was amazing; several members of the public and Aquarium staff remarked on how well behaved and polite our students were – well done boys and girls, I’m very proud of you, thank you for letting me tag along with you. And YES, I did fall asleep on the bus on the way home – but I wasn’t the only one!

**Engagement Workshop**

On Monday Mrs Granata, Mrs Plimmer, Mrs Albini, Mrs McDaniel, Mrs Geer, Mrs Kallas, Mr Casey and myself attended the second Engagement Workshop with a number of other schools from South Western Sydney. As teachers when we talk about “engagement” we are referring to the interest level displayed by students during a lesson. It includes their active participation, which the participants viewed and benefitted from. One of
presented the various ways in which CVPS staff ensure that students are actively engaged via teaching methods such as Genius Hour, #SOLE, project based learning and so on. We also spoke about engaging our whole community through such programs as our Community Engagement Officers, SaCC, pre school and so on. Thank you to all staff and students who assisted with our Engagement workshop.

P & C Meeting
Our next P & C meeting will be held in the school hall on Wednesday 2 September (week 8) from 9:00am – 10:00am and all parents are strongly encouraged to attend. As well as school business we will also have a guest speaker from the NSW Teachers Federation who will talk about the importance of school funding; we look forward to seeing you at the meeting.

Police Colouring Competition
Recently many of our students submitted entries for Cabramatta Police Station’s “100 Years of Women in the Force” colouring competition. Several of our students were successful in being awarded prizes due to their artistic prowess; congratulations to the following boys and girls:

- K-2: Benjamin (1A) 1st Prize, Bayan (KC) 2nd Prize, Anne (KS) 3rd Prize
- 3-6: Kayla (3T) 1st Prize, Sarah (3C) 2nd prize, Harrison (3T) 3rd Prize

Well done to our budding young artists and thanks again to Constable Noel Raynor (Youth Liaison Officer) and Quynh Truong (Multicultural Liaison Officer) from Cabramatta Police for their ongoing support of our school.

Community of Schools Concert
Our choirs and dancers have been rehearsing hard for next week’s Community of Schools Concert, to be held on Tuesday 25 August at Canley Vale High School, with a dress rehearsal to be held on Monday 24 August. Thank you to all staff involved in the COS Concert; Mrs Plimmer, Miss Ng, Miss Metham, Mrs Biala, Miss Chen, Miss Plimmer, Mrs Marcela and Miss Avery. Our ability to provide such wonderful opportunities is entirely dependent on the willingness of staff to “go the extra mile” and we are very fortunate to have so many dedicated teachers willing to do just that; thank you teachers. Tickets for the concert are available from school and there will be NO tickets sold at the door – get in quick so you don’t miss out.

Expanding Horizons Choir Performance
On Monday night our choirs, under the tutelage of Miss Ng and Mrs Biala, wowed the audience at the “Expanding Horizons” concert at the Sydney Opera House. The students had a very long yet rewarding day, culminating in the opportunity to perform in one of the best venues in the world. Thank you to Miss Ng and Mrs Biala for the work they have done with our choir and for providing the boys and girls with such an opportunity; watch out for the seagulls next time…..!

NAPLAN
This year’s NAPLAN results will arrive at school shortly and then be forwarded home with students. These results assist the school in determining the direction of educational programs however they are not a reason for children and parents to stress.

Enjoy the rest of your weekend and have a great weekend with your children.

Ben Matthews
Principal

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Important Reminder
Please ensure that you return your children’s permission note envelopes and payments by their due date. This is to ensure that your child does not miss out on excursions and activities. As of Term 4 payments and permissions notes will NOT be accepted after the due date. If you need extra time or assistance please contact the school prior to the payment due date to make arrangements.
Chess Success at CVPS

On Thursday, 6th August, 2015, the Canley Vale Public School and Canley Vale High School Chess Team participated in the NSW Interschool Chess Challenge Semi-Finals at Amity College, Prestons. Five of our best chess players played 7 intense rounds of chess to determine the best individual and the top 3 schools to qualify for the state grand final.

Our school placed 1st in the competition against 11 other primary schools. We now qualify for the grand final, to be played at Burwood RSL, on the 11th of September (Week 9).

Each of our competing students were presented with team medals and a participation award. Two students in particular did very well to earn trophies: Jason Wei 6K (2nd place out of 65 students) and Jayden Phan 5P (5th place out of 65 students).

In the secondary schools division, Canley Vale High School, in their first year in the competition, have also qualified for the grand final, having placed 3rd in the semi-finals. Congratulations to our secondary school colleagues.

Big thanks to Cabra-Vale Diggers Club in providing our chess team with bus transportation to and from the event.

Expanding Horizons Choir Group

Our CVPS Expanding Horizons choir group had an awesome time singing with many other students from different schools across the state at The Sydney Opera House on Monday, 17th August 2015. Many students from China also travelled to Sydney to join us at the concert. Our students had the opportunity to experience music and dance from a different culture. The festival was an outstanding showcase of the talents of many students within our public schools. Thank you to all our students who participated in this special event. All the hard work and commitment contributed by the students made this event extremely successful.

Congratulations to the Expanding Horizons Choir group! Well done!
On Wednesday 26th August we are allowing the children to dress up as their favourite book character as part of Book Week Celebrations.

Please do not go to any expense with costumes just wear what is available at home.

Mrs Newton and Mrs Boyce

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**Every Book Deserves a Second Read!**

Do you have a book sitting in your shelf that you have already read? Is your mum telling you to clean up your room? Well here’s an opportunity to get your room tidied up and your Mum off your back!

6M are having a book swap to raise money for charity. All you have to do is donate books that you are no longer reading. There will be a book deposit box outside the library in weeks 5 and 6. For every book you donate, you will be given a ticket to purchase a book for half price at our book stall in week 7.

Old, torn, scribbled on books will not be accepted.

All money raised will go towards providing books for children who do not have access to books to read.

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**Premier’s Spelling Challenge**

Thank you to everyone who participated in the first every CVPS Spelling Bee. It was a very close competition and all the teachers were impressed with the spelling abilities of the students.

**The winners were:**

Baby Bees - Sapa 1A

Year 3 & 4 - Henry 3M

Year 5 & 6 - Mary 5P

Henry and Mary will go to Busby Public School to represent CVPS at the Regional Finals on the 17th September.

Good luck

Ms Riley

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**School Athletics Carnival**

Our school athletics carnival was held on the 5th August at Makepeace Oval. The students had a great time participating in a range of athletic events such as running, shot put, high jump and long jump to earn points for their house.

**Our final house point score was:**

4th Elliot - 308 points

3rd Bradman – 412 points

2nd Gould – 440 points

1st Fraser – 498 points

**Congratulations Fraser!**

Following our school carnival is the Zone Athletics Carnival which will be held on Monday 24th August at the Crest in Bankstown. We have 46 students competing against other schools in the area with the hope of making it to the next level. We wish these students all the best!
Canley Vale Parents Social Circle

Knitting and Sewing

Join us every Thursday from 1:30pm in the SACC room for an afternoon of Friendship, craft, activity and fun.

Learn New Skills - Share Ideas - Meet New Friends

Community of Schools Concert 2015

We are very excited to showcase our talents within our school communities and are hopeful that you will support our concert.

The Community of Schools concert will include acts from Canley Vale, Fairfield, Lansvale, Lansvale East and Harrington Street Public Schools and Canley Vale High School. Students are invited to attend a matinee performance and Parents and families are invited to attend a special evening performance on Tuesday 25 August 2015, from 6.30pm-8.30pm.

All students that are performing will be required to be at Canley Vale High School by 5.30pm to dress for the evening performance. Parents are responsible to transport their child to and from the venue, so why not purchase a ticket and stay and enjoy the concert.

Tickets are on sale in the office

Tickets are available @ $5.00 per seat. Children 3 years and under will be allowed to sit on parent's laps at no cost.

Thank You for your support.

Kerry Plimmer

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.