Hello everyone and welcome to the first newsletter of Spring; adios Winter, see you next year!

**Enrichment Class excursion**
Two weeks ago our primary enrichment classes (3M, 4K, 5P and 6M) boarded a train and headed off for a day of artistic appreciation at the Museum of Contemporary Art (MCA) at Circular Quay. The students have been undertaking art projects of their own and spent the day admiring the large variety of artworks on display. Thanks to all staff involved and to Mrs Morante for organising this great opportunity for our students.

**Fathers Day**
This Sunday is Father’s Day and what better way to spoil dad by presenting him with a gift from the world famous Canley Vale PD P & C Fathers Day Stall? A large range of gifts were available for the children to purchase, the stall having been set up and operated by our small but dedicated P & C team; thank you Leanne, Raquel, Robyn and all parents who helped, we greatly appreciate your hard work. Thank you to Mr Sullivan for his assistance and to Mr Bhattacharjee for surrendering the SaCC room.

**Excursion Payments**
A reminder that as of day 1 term 4, late payments for excursions WILL NOT be accepted under any circumstances. We have already ceased accepting payments on the day of excursions. Please ensure that you return excursion envelopes and payments promptly so that your child does not miss out. Organising an excursion is a big job for teaching and office staff and we simply cannot continue accepting payments after the due date due to the chaos that it causes. Your understanding in regard to this issue is greatly appreciated.

**NAPLAN**
Student NAPLAN reports were sent home last week. NAPLAN provides schools with an opportunity to assess areas of strength and need; it is not an opportunity to compare schools, nor is it an indication of a child’s potential for a successful, fulfilling life – it’s a snapshot. Congratulations to those Year 5 students whose results have shown considerable growth since Year 3.

**Community Day**
Well Community Day is almost upon us and you can feel the excitement in the air. A massive amount of effort is being directed towards ensuring that our 2015 Community Day is a successful event that brings the CVPS community together to celebrate our diversity and achievements. Special thanks must go to Mrs Norman, who has been the driving force behind the event; thank you also to all staff and parents involved and to the many Canley Vale businesses who so kindly donated to the prize pool for our raffle. A reminder that students are to wear school uniform on the day and that older siblings from other schools are not to attend. We look forward to seeing you on Wednesday September 16; what a great way to round out Term 3.

**Women In Education Leadership**
Two weeks ago Mrs Plimmer and Mrs Morante attended the Women in Educational Leadership (WIEL) conference at Cockle Bay. This is an annual event held to acknowledge and celebrate the immense contributions made to both public and non-government education by female teachers and educators; thank you to all of our WIEL’s for the excellent work that they undertake providing for the students of CVPS - if not for you, there’d only be nine staff members on site!
**Pre School Visits**

Our preschool has been even more of a hive of activity than usual lately, with visits from the police and fire brigade; not for emergencies, but in support of educational programs! Our students have been learning about their local community and people that can help them; thank you to Cabramatta Police and Cabramatta Fire Station for your support of our students. Thank you to Mrs Dabit, Mrs Moussaoui, Mrs Weiss, Mrs Arcon, Mrs DeBiasi, Mrs Hunt and Mrs Geer for the great work you do with our preschoolers.

**Community of Schools Concert**

Last Tuesday the hard work of our singers and dancers culminated in the Community of Schools (CoS) concerts, held at Canley Vale High School. I attended the evening session with Mrs McDaniel and I must say it was sensational; what an amazingly talented group of students and staff we have at CVPS. Our students sang and danced their way through the performance without ever missing a note, beat or step. Their stage presence was excellent and they were all confident, engaging performers; top job! Thank you to the large number of staff involved, particularly Mrs Plimmer, the driving force behind the event.

**Debating Success**

Congratulations to our senior debating team on their recent victory over Cabramatta PS, the topic being a very current issue regarding the enforced culling of sharks. Our team were “negative”, meaning that they had to convince the adjudicators that sharks should not be culled. Congratulations to all students involved and thank you to Mrs Morris for her work with the debaters.

**Basketball Winners!**

Congratulations to our senior boys basketball team who, under the expert tutelage of super-coach Miss Falcone, won last Friday’s PSSA grand final in a hard-fought victory over Cabramatta PS. Fantastic work boys, we’re all very proud of you.

**Attendance**

A reminder that all students are to arrive at school by 8:50am and be picked up promptly at 2:50pm; thank you to those parents who always ensure that their students are at school by the designated time and picked up punctually. A pattern of arriving late at school can have a negative impact on your child’s schooling, as this chart indicates:

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**Every Day Counts**

A day here or there doesn't seem like much, but...

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<th>When your child misses just...</th>
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Give your child every chance to succeed... Every day counts!
Police Parking Workshop
Last week police officers from Cabramatta Local Area Command (LAC) attended our school and conducted a free parking workshop for parents. Traffic rules around school zones change depending on the time of day; thank you Cabramatta LAC for taking the time to ensure that our parents are well-versed in regard to parking rules – this certainly makes our school a safer place for students.

Thank you; wishing all our dads a sensational Fathers day this Sunday. Cheers!

Ben Matthews
Principal

IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR - TERM 3 and TERM 4

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Note: There will be NO Access via Pevensy Street on Community Day
Check out the exciting story work 2S have written, drawn and created using iMovie on iPads.

We have uploaded them to our school website to share with our school community.

You can find these and many more exciting things on our school website www.canleyvale-p.schools.nsw.edu.au

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**Book Week Winners**

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**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.

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**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.