

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Charles Conder Community Newsletter

Term 1, Week 1, 2020



2020 Welcome

I would like to extend a warm welcome back to school for all our families in particular our new families in Preschool and across the school. It was amazing to see so many parents and carers at the assembly today and we are really looking forward to getting school life 2020 started. Throughout the first few weeks we always have an inquiry focus on a Sense of Belonging. This allows teachers to build connections and relationships with students and families. We ensure that key areas of the curriculum are integrated into this focus. Teachers will provide parents with a term overview for their class starting week of 24th February. We acknowledge that the holidays has been a stressful and worrying time for everyone regarding the fires and air quality throughout Canberra and in particular the southern parts. As communicated via email and Facebook last week the school is working in conjunction with the Education Directorate and the E.S.A with daily updates. This is a key priority for us now ensuring the safety of children, staff and the community. If you or your extended families requires some support please come and see us and we can provide assistance where we can. Myself, Amanda More (Deputy Principal), Cate Robson (Family and Community Engagement Coordinator) and Jo Willingham (School Psychologist) are available if you have particular concerns.

2020 Staffing

As the school grows it is terrific to see new staff coming into our school. We have new teaching and admin staff for this year spread throughout the school. I would like to welcome our new teachers Tamzin Pulsford and Callum Beaumont in year 5/6, Jenna Cunningham in year 3 / 4, Sebastian Cox, Rhiannon Freckelton, Lauren Brandley and Francis Vega in year 1/2 , Alex Hart in Kindergarten and Michelle Sheville in Preschool. In addition, we have new support staff which play an important role in supporting teachers and they include; Rebecca More, Scott Carpenter, Daryl Bailey and Briar Gardiner-Waihape. Some of you maybe aware that there are teachers that are sharing classes. This is a normal occurrence in schools with teachers working part time however, at Charles Conder executive teachers are on class and they require a teacher to share that load with their other roles. This has a been a strategy I have utilised throughout the last seven years whereby all teaching teams have a leader.

Term 1 Events

As the year gets underway we will be delivering some key events for term 1. We hold the school swimming carnival for years 1 - 6 in term 1 in March and there will be permission forms and information out about that soon. Also we will be hosting our Three Way conferences for all students and parents later in the term. This is an important focus on goal setting for each student personalising their learning in keys areas of literacy, numeracy and social and emotional learning. Each year we also provide parents and carers an opportunity to learn about learning at our term 1 Parent learning Expo. We will be surveying parents to identify key components of schooling you would like support **with or information** about.

Communication

At Charles Conder we see communicating with all families an essential component of sharing the responsibility of developing each child on the learning continuum. First and foremost face to face communication is key to enable us to support your child/ren and we value that approach. We understand that parents and carers are busy and we provide other avenues for us to facilitate a two way communication process. If you wish to talk with a teacher or the front office please call on 62420177 or email info@conderps.act.edu.au . We will also be utilising our digital app Seesaw as a way to share student learning and communicate messages and we use Facebook throughout the year. Please discuss with your child's teacher if you haven't or can't access Seesaw. I will also provide a principal's message via email three times a term. Please come and say hello during drop off and pickup as that is a great way to meet and greet us and teachers.

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Stationery Packs and Family Contributions

Thank you to families that have already purchased stationery packs and have paid family contributions. The packs have arrived at school and we have purchased these for each student. It would be appreciated if you could pay before the end of February. Payments can be made using your credit/debit card by:

1. Visiting the following link: www.conderps.act.edu.au/payment
2. Follow the instructions on our Westpac Quickweb form, including the fee code: **BPFC**. Alternatively, you may wish to pay in person by EFTPOS at the Front Office.

Preschool resource pack is \$50

Primary School Stationery Pack is \$85

Family Contributions are \$60 each student

We understand there may be economic pressure on many of our families. An instalment scheme continues to be available to assist families to pay smaller amounts.

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