



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Wednesday 3rd March 2021

Dear Parents and carers,

Charles Conder Swimming Carnival

Just a reminder about the school swimming carnival to be held on Wednesday 10th March. All children from year 1 – 6 are expected to participate in the swimming carnival. There will be no program offered at school for children not attending unless they are physically injured and can't attend. The canteen won't be available for lunch. The order of events can be found in the attachment to the Principal's Message. We hope to start the races by 10.30am. Students who meet the Tuggeranong Regional qualifying times will progress to the Tuggeranong Regional Carnival to be held on Tuesday 23rd March at the Stromlo Aquatic Centre. Unfortunately, due to COVID restrictions our 8 and 9 year old qualifiers will not be able to progress to the Tuggeranong Carnival. This was an ACT wide decision. The students will still receive place ribbons from our school for their efforts. We wish all students the best of luck.

House Captains

Congratulations to the following students who have been selected as House Captains for 2021:

Booroomba

Captains: Polly Bell & Cooper Viski

Vice Captains: Stevie-Rae Robinson & Hayden Frisby

Rob Roy

Captains: Jayden Montagner & Verity Lambert

Vice Captains: Joshua Payne & Ashleigh Akers

Tennant

Captains: Alex Brown & Ruby Taws

Vice Captains: Ainslie Bignell & Alex Samuels

Franklin

Captains: Isabel Jones & Ashton Lamb

Vice Captains: Lachlan Finn & Bailey Griffith-White

Congratulations to all students selected and we wish them the best of luck for 2021. The students will receive their badges at our Week 6 Friday 12 March morning assembly.

Three way conferences

It has been fantastic to see so many parents and carers come through during the last couple of weeks to confer with teachers and children about their personalised goals. Research tells us that when one or both parents are engaged in their child's learning that learning outcomes improve and children's learning deepens. These goals will be placed on the Seesaw app by the end of next week with strategies to support at home.



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P.B.L (Positive behaviours for Learning)

Throughout the start of the year students have been actively working together to bring about a positive school culture. Students have been highly engaged in classrooms and participating in socially responsible play displaying good manners and cooperating with each other. The school PBL focus has been about the three whole school expectations,

- **Safe;** move safely around the school and keep my hands and feet to myself.
- **Respect;** I cooperate when spoken to, I place my waste in the correct bin and I communicate respectfully.
- **Learner;** I am in the right place at the right time and I participate in learning. These could be conversation prompts in the family home to see if home expectations are similar to school!

3 – 6 Celebration Assembly Friday 12th March

This year we will be doing split celebration assemblies as the school has grown and the numbers in classes is too many to conduct assemblies in the designated space and timeframe. On Friday 12th March 9.15am we will holding the first celebration assembly for years 3 – 6. The students from preschool – year 2 will not be attending however, if you are a parent and wish to come to the assembly that is okay!!

School Project Leaders

Congratulations to the following students who were selected as our 2021 School Project Leaders: Zoe Legge, Jayden Montagner, Verity Lambert, Lily Cuttriss, Bailey Griffith-White, Ainslie Bignell, Jacob Payne, Lachlan Finn, Reuben Lee, Olivia Beresford, Tayla Radevic and Meisha Rickman. The selected students will be leading a number of school and community-based initiatives this year. The students will receive their badges at our Friday 12 March assembly.

Fathering Project

This year Cate Robson (Family and Community Engagement Coordinator) and a great group of fathers are collaborating to bring fathers together. They are developing this wonderful initiative which we are launching at our school this year. We are the first school in the ACT to sign up for the Fathering Project which is an Australia wide non-profit organisation who are dedicated to helping fathers and father-figures become more involved in their children's education and school communities, as well as improve father-children relationships. <https://thefatheringproject.org/> We have our launch event on Wednesday 17th March, 5.30pm here at the school. There has been advertising on the school's Facebook page and the flyer is attached to this article. Thanks to Cate and the dad's for their organisation. We are looking forward to seeing dads and children come along, so keep an eye out for further advertising!

Family Donations

We are lucky to have many parents and carers that donate their time to volunteer throughout the year at numerous school excursions and community events. We appreciate all time provided which adds up to make Charles Conder such a great school. Recently the Smith Family (not the Charity) have donated a range of musical equipment for the school to use. You may have noticed the beautiful piano playing in and outside the Hall. Thanks again Nick!

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Bullying NO Way

Australia's key bullying prevention initiative for schools celebrates 11 years of action, connecting schools and communities to find workable solutions to bullying and violence. Take Action Together with the school community on Friday 19 March 2021, and join the national conversation to help address bullying. The theme for the NDA 2021 is Take Action Together. This theme aims to elevate student voice, empowering young Australians to join the conversation.

We will be promoting more about this day in the next couple of weeks. We're proud to say 'Bullying. No Way!'

We are putting our bullying prevention initiatives in the spotlight and calling on our school community to stand with us on Friday 19 March 2021. At our school, we encourage students to take hold of the issue and to gain a greater understanding of what bullying is and isn't. Let's support our students to gain strategies to manage social situations.

Death Cap mushroom warning

Death Cap mushrooms have recently been found in the ACT. Since 2002, there have been four deaths and several poisonings in the ACT due to Death Cap mushrooms. It is difficult to tell the difference between the Death Cap mushroom and edible wild mushrooms. For this reason, the Health Protection Service strongly advises that people do not to touch, pick or eat any wild mushrooms.

School Board

This year the school board provided details to gather parents ideas about how we can improve the school. The details are below so please if you have five minutes complete the on-line survey. In addition, the school board nominations window has closed and we had one parent nominate. This means there will be no need for an election. I would like to congratulate Ellen Samuels. As part of the Board's operations, we want to ensure we are representing the interests of our parents and carers. If you ever have anything you would like to raise with the Board, please speak to one of our members or email charlesconderps.schoolboard@act.edu.au.

Please complete our survey

2020 was a challenging year for many, so to start off 2021 we are running a short survey to help us understand what is important to you and how you would like to hear from us.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CCPSBoard>

P & C News

The P&C have organised a Crazy Hair day on Tuesday 16th March 2021 for the whole school and Thursday 18th March 2021 for end of week preschoolers. A gold coin donation would greatly be appreciated as this is a fundraising activity to purchase large gazebos for outdoor events/activities.

The P&C are still looking for a Treasurer and Fundraising Officer to join the committee this year. If you would like any further information please email ccpspandc@yahoo.com.au

The P&C thank you for your continued support.

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