



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

FRIDAY, 2 FEBRUARY 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

It is with much enthusiasm that we kick off 2024 and I would like to express my most sincere welcome to our new preschool and kindergarten families and other new families coming into the school across other year groups. The school has started off so smoothly throughout this first week and teachers and children are setting up class routines and processes to develop healthy relationships and a sense of belonging. I would like to share our vision and mission statements that provide new and existing families an overview of our simple beliefs and what we value as working partnerships with parents.

VISION & MISSION

This school's vision enables our community to work towards common goals ensuring children are our focus. The manifesto is embodied by **'Know the Child – Grow the Child'**. Charles Conder Primary School has a strong commitment to providing a safe and harmonious school environment where successful relationships thrive. The strength lies in the close partnership between students, staff, parents and the wider community which is highly valued to us all. We promote and develop positive and respectful relationships.

At Charles Conder Primary School our community believes in the manifesto of *'Know the child, Grow the child'*. We incorporate a **holistic, inclusive and collaborative** approach to teaching and learning where students belong, feel safe and supported and have high expectations for success. Learning is student centred, differentiated, authentic and inquiry driven. Teachers analyse data to identify purposeful, personal learning goals allowing for targeted teaching and learning. Feedback and reflection facilitates ongoing learning, ensuring students feel empowered to take risks, extend their thinking and develop a growth mindset.

At Charles Conder Primary school every student is learning and achieving as part of a shared partnership between school and home. As a community we build healthy relationships through trust, respect, support and encouragement.

WELCOME BREAKFAST AND GET TO KNOW YOU CONVERSATIONS

If you have an opportunity next Tuesday, 6 February from 8:15am we would like to invite families to come down and share breakfast and have a chat and look inside the classrooms. We will also be providing parents with a chance to book a time with your child's teacher for the week starting Monday, 19 February. We will have booking sheets at the BBQ breakfast outside classrooms to make those bookings. Our get to know you conversations are about teachers meeting parents and learning more about your child and family and how we can best support each other through the year.

UP TO DATE CONTACT INFORMATION FOR FAMILIES

If your contact information has changed, including your phone number or email address, please contact the front office on 6142 0177 or by email info@conderps.act.edu.au to update this information.



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BREAKFAST PROGRAM AND MORNING SUPERVISION

Each day from 8:30am our youth workers run a breakfast club for children to access. Your child can come up to the community hub at the back of the library near the kindergarten building.

This reminds us that before school we also only have limited supervision from 8:30am so it would be appreciated that children aren't dropped off before this time. We have a before school program with the YWCA and they can be contacted on 6185 2040 or by email childcare.accounts@ywca-canberra.org.au

U R FAB

This year the UR FaB (Understanding and Responding to Feelings and Behaviours Program) team have partnered with our school to run a group program in term 2. The UR FaB program is an early intervention program run by trained health professionals who work as part of the Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service with ACT Health. The program will focus on our year 4 cohort. All parents and carers in year 4 will receive a pack which includes a copy of the Strengths and Difficulties Questionnaire (SDQ) for you to complete for your child. You can find further information in the attachment below. If you would prefer your child did not participate in this program, then you can notify your child's classroom teacher at your earliest convenience.

CANTEEN

The canteen will be open on Thursdays and Fridays for lunch and recess service from next week. Ordering on Flexischools will close at 8.45am on both Thursday and Friday and ordering over the counter is also available between 8:30am and 9:00am on canteen days. Payments accepted online through Flexischools. Eftpos facilities are also available as well as cash. Volunteers are always welcome; any time you have available is appreciated. Please see attached the Canteen Menu for 2024.

P & C AGM

The P & C will be holding the AGM on Monday, 19 February at 5:30pm in the Learning Hub. All parents and carers are welcome to attend.

NEXT WEEK'S PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

At the welcome assembly this week, we shared our thinking about the challenges of teaching and learning in the 21st Century classrooms and schools. Next week I will share more about our Conceptual Inquiry Learning Framework and how we are growing successful citizens through our four lenses of Social and Ethical Responsibility, Relationships, Identity and Digital Literacy.

Jason Walmsley

Principal

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