



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

WEDNESDAY, 12 JUNE 2024

Dear parents and carers,

Earlier this year I provided a brief snapshot of our School Improvement Plan with key priorities and strategies that we strive to work towards and reflect on through each year. One of the key **priorities** is; **Grow the personal and social capabilities of all students; as empathic citizens and life-long learners.** One of the key **strategies** to work towards this priority is; **Strengthen the culture of inquiry by embedding a contextualised conceptual framework.** This may sound like educator speak but it practically considers the implementation of the Australian Curriculum and we are guided by these two strategic actions;

- Utilise the conceptual framework to support the delivery of the Australian Curriculum through an inquiry lens.
- Embed the general capabilities to foster 21st century learners.

You can see the overview of the Conceptual Framework on the emailed attachments. It is important to understand that the Big Ideas and four focus areas are designed by leaders and teachers that suit our local context at Charles Conder. This also means that we thoroughly teach key learning areas such as Mathematics, English and Science explicitly each and every day, and some of the conceptual framework areas like identity and relationships are interwoven in key subject areas with an inquiry lens. If you wish to explore any of these items any further, please chat to our teaching staff and keep an eye out of Seesaw.

In addition, we will be showcasing some of these curriculum areas in a couple of weeks with our team showcasing sessions.

SCHOOL PHOTOS

School photos are next week on Monday, 17 June Wednesday, 19 June and Friday, 21 June. This year we will be having the traditional class photos taken, with all of the students photographed together, as well as individual portraits of the students. Photo envelopes have been sent home with students in week 5. If you have not received one for your child, please check in with their teacher or the front office.

All students in K-6 will be photographed on Monday, 17 June, early week preschool classes, including Tharwa will be photographed on Wednesday, 19 June and late week preschool students will have their photos taken on Friday, 21 June. Sibling photo envelopes are available from the front office if you would like to purchase a sibling photo of your children.

Sibling photos will be taken on Monday, and families with children in preschool classes will have their sibling photos taken on the preschool photo day that their child attends.

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COMMUNITY WORKING BEE & BBQ

As part of our Fathering Project group, we would like to invite any parent and carer to come along on Friday, 28 June from 3.15 to help out with some jobs. We have a bunch of school bikes that we use as part of our P.E program and they need some fixing. If you have the skills and some tools for this, please come down with your child and lend a hand. We are also looking for any parent and child/ren to come and weed and mulch gardens at our lovely school. If you have a wheelbarrow and shovel, we would love your help!!!

We will also be playing some games in the hall and finishing with a BBQ at approximately 5pm. Please see the attached flyer. Come down and join myself, Mr Boland, Mr Tucker, youth workers Justin and Kieren and other parents and teachers as we would really appreciate the time and effort.

SCHOOL UNIFORMS

Recently we have been noticing that some of our students are wearing non-school uniform hoodies or jumpers. There are numerous school jumpers without labels in our lost property shelves in our school. We are reminding children every day to take care of their belongings. If you could please label your child's clothing and be aware that we have second hand and new school uniforms available through our front office. This is a reminder also for School Photos that are happening next week. Please check the attached Calendar and key events on this message.

ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

Many students are looking forward to our Athletics carnival this term. As in past years, our Athletics Carnival will be held over 2 days. Our main event will take place on Thursday, 4 July on our school oval. This will be a whole school event and all students from Pre-School to Year 6 will participate. All track events (800m, 200m, 100m, 70m) will be held on this day. Our field events (Long Jump, Shot Put, Discus) will take place in Term 3 on Friday, 2 August at the Banks Playing fields. The carnival for our field events will only be open for students aged 10 years and above. Permission notes for our carnival at Banks will be handed out early next term, permission notes for our event on our school oval won't be required. All parents are welcome to attend either day. Our traditional family races will be taking place on Friday, 4 July at 9.15am and we hope to have another strong turn out to enjoy the festivities. A schedule of events will be posted closer to the event. If you have any questions about these carnivals, please don't hesitate to contact me. On Friday 2 August, we will require several parent helpers. If you would like to assist, please contact me via email, no experience is required.

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ACT CROSS COUNTRY

The following students will be representing the Tuggeranong Region at the State Championships next week: Beau Kesby, Peter McIntosh and Kaya Campbell. The Championships will be held at the Stromlo Forest Park, we wish them all the best.



Jason Walmsley
Principal