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FRIDAY, 19 AUGUST 2022

SCHOOL SATISFACTION & CLIMATE SURVEY

The 2022 School Satisfaction & Climate Survey is now open!

Dear parents and carers,

Last week I wrote to families indicating that we will be providing details to parents about the upcoming annual satisfaction and climate surveys. As part of our continuous effort to improve ACT schools, the Education Directorate invites you to give feedback in an online survey about your experience of your child's school. Your responses will help our school to identify what it does well and how it can improve. The data will also be used to underpin school improvement practices and inform government priorities, as well as research projects and longitudinal studies aimed at improving the quality of education services in the ACT.

Today you will receive an email with login details and clear instructions on how to access the survey. Please read the email carefully. If you require the survey in a different language this can be provided by contacting the front office.

The survey will be open from today, Friday 19 August 2022.

ACADEMY OF FUTURE SKILLS EXCURSION YEAR 5/6

Academy of Future Skills

"We're going to be building a house, you need to build it so it keeps very cool but the cold type of cool" said Mrs Linehan across the science room to 5/6TL. We got our nature journals and got two sheets of paper to design, we designed our houses then got into groups of three or four and made the houses using many different materials. Then tested the temperature of the houses using a thermometer while shining a sun light on it to see how effective each material was. Every thirty seconds we checked how different the temperature was.

As the group shuffled to the next room our next activity started, we had to make a windmill. The first step was to get into a group and we discussed what our blades were going to look like, we chose a tear-drop shape so we got to work and started cutting.

Minutes later and we were ready to test our windmill, we tested it at least six times and if it worked, we would add more blades each time. We recorded how fast the blades were going as our answers. We all had so much fun at the Academy of Future Skills and can't wait to go back.

By Eva and Kiara

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SCIENCE WEEK

The theme this year is Glass-More than Meets the Eye. In Science, classes have been looking at ways glass has changed the world. They have investigated glass through a series of hands-on displays and activities, here are some of the things our students got to see and do. The children were able to see glass prisms refracting light to make a rainbow, we used telescopes to look at the mountain ranges, we examined insects and cloth samples under a microscope, and more. As part of the lessons, Mr Boland showed some short videos that looked at how glass can do some amazing things like Prince Rupert drops and glass bridges. Glass is truly amazing, and our students got to get a taste of what it can do. Ask your child what their favourite thing they saw and used was.





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RAPID ANTIGEN TESTS

The Education Directorate are only providing Rapid Antigen Test kits on request, and we are still receiving parent requests for these online via this link: <https://forms.gle/PGeNwsUSRwRGjz1Q7>

If you would like Rapid Antigen Test's for your children, please complete the Google form each week via the link above, and these will be distributed to students on Friday afternoons.

BOOK WEEK

This year the Children's Book Council of Australia Book Week theme is 'Dreaming with Eyes Open...' and their shortlist for 2022 contains some fantastic reads for all children. This year, Charles Conder will be celebrating Book Week (Monday, 22 August to Friday, 26 August 2022). The pinnacle of our celebrations is the Book Week Parade. This will take place on Wednesday; 24 August and we encourage students to dress up as their favourite book characters. The parade will take place near the Hall, starting at 9:15am. We would like to extend a welcome invitation to our families to attend the parade as we celebrate all things reading. After the parade you are welcome to come back to our learning spaces to enjoy reading with your child/ren and to join in on some small, Book Week activities. Masks are encouraged whilst attending Book Week celebrations.

In addition to this, students will spend the week enjoying a wide range of literature. This will include secret guest readers during the day, Drop Everything And Read (D.E.A.R) time, a Guess the Teacher competition and a range of in class activities related to high quality books.



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P & C NEWS - FATHER'S DAY STALL



Charles Conder Primary School P&C Association will be holding their annual **Father's Day Stall on Tuesday 30th August (Week 7)**.

We will have a wonderful range of gifts for students to buy for their dads, grandfathers, carers and other special loved ones that range in price from **0.50 cents (cards only) with gifts from \$1.00 through to \$8.00**.

The stall will be held in the Learning Hub and all students will have the opportunity to visit in their classes with teachers. There is no limit on the number of gifts that students can purchase. We will also hold a small raffle on the day with tickets being sold for 0.50 cents each (limited to one ticket per student). All students are encouraged to bring a bag to keep their gifts safe and a surprise!

Any remaining gifts will then be available at the front office on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday for students who missed out on the day or for those who need to buy additional gifts.

The P&C relies on volunteers and we would greatly appreciate any help that parents and carers can give on the day. If you have some spare time, no matter how long or short to help sell items on the Tuesday, please get in touch via the P&C email: ccpspandc@yahoo.com.au, let us know on our Charles Conder Primary School P&C Facebook page or contact Sharon on 0404082958.

Thank you for your support and wishing a Happy Father's Day to all.

Jason Walmsley
Principal

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