

FRIDAY 6TH MARCH 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to thank those of you who have provided the time to have a get to know you interview this week. We still are providing times next week so please reach out to your child's teacher via seesaw.

In addition, over the next two weeks our students in year 3 and 5 will be participating in a range of literacy and numeracy assessments as part of the NAPLAN (National Assessment Plan for Literacy and Numeracy). These assessments are a component of a nationwide approach to assessing student capabilities in these two areas. If you wish to explore this further, please visit the ACARA website; <https://www.nap.edu.au/naplan>.

We wish all our students the best and to remind them not to worry but to Be Brave and Participate to Progress (Play is the Way) Green Life Raft.

SCHOOL BOARD NOMINATIONS

There is an exciting opportunity to become a Parent Representative on the School Board. I'm seeking nominations for two members to join the team for 2026 – 2027.

School boards assist in shaping the strategic direction and priorities for schools, such as by:

- monitoring and reviewing school performance and feedback
- reviewing Curriculum and Education Directorate priorities
- reviewing and helping to implement Education Directorate policies
- approving the school budget
- developing relationships in the school community
- encouraging parent participation in student learning

Please check your emails for the nomination form and reach out to myself if you have any questions.

SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Students in Years 2-6 will have the opportunity to compete in a range of competitive races during the morning and can enter as many competitive events as they would like in their age group.

Students who do not wish to participate in competitive events may choose to take part in a variety of age and ability-appropriate, highly structured aquatic activities throughout the day. Permission Notes are due back to the front office by Friday 13th March.

In addition, we are seeking parent volunteers to help with timekeeping jobs on the day. Please see the poster below for more details.

MORIMOTO CAMP

The year 5/6 students are looking forward to the camp coming up in term 2. A reminder to all families that the stage 1 permission notes are due back next Friday 13th March.

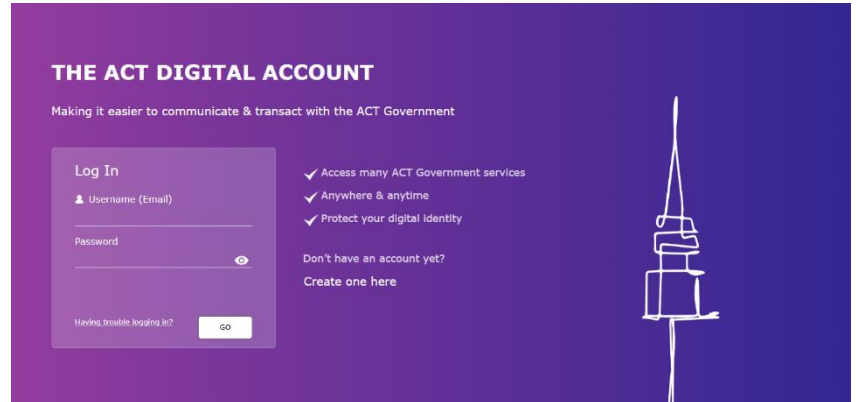
Jason Walmsley

Principal

PARENT PORTAL

As we prepare to use the Parent Portal for more school communications this year, it is a good opportunity to ensure we have all your details correct and you as parents are aware about the new procedures to engage with the school on the PARENT PORTAL. **We have a large number of parents that still haven't registered and this will be a requirement moving into 2026.**

Please see the steps that you need to take to ensure you have online access to the parent portal. We have advertised this throughout the year, and this will be a core part of communication, payments and online access for you. If you have not received the email with your access key, please contact the front office to have it re-sent to you.



One of the many benefits of the Parent Portal is that it will be used by all ACT public schools from preschool through to year 12, so there will be no need to use a different system as children change schools during their public-school journey. If you have children at nearby schools, you will not need to sign up to the system twice. You will be able to easily add a student to your account once their school has access to the Parent Portal.

[SIGN UP NOW!](#)

The Education Directorate website's Parent Portal page provides detailed instructions about [how to register for Parent Portal](#) including identification documents.

To access Parent Portal you will need to create or have access to an [ACT Government Digital Account](#) and complete the level 2 identity verification.



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CHARLES CONDER P-6 SCHOOL PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

The mobile number, first and last names for your Digital Account must be an exact match for those the school uses to contact you. If you already have a Digital Account in which any of these are different from what's on the school's records, you can:

- ✦ contact the school to have your mobile number in the school records changed, so you can use your existing Digital Account (recommended), or
- ✦ make a new Digital Account just for use with Parent Portal.

You can sign up now and complete the Identity Verification process at any time to get ready to use the Parent Portal.

P&C NEWS



The P&C are excited to be sending home another fantastic issue of the Scholastic Book Club Catalogue. They are **no longer accepting cash** for Book Club, but you can order online using the Scholastic website or download the LOOP app.



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P&C NEWS



CANTEEN UPDATE



On Wednesday, 18th March, the canteen will be closed due to the swimming carnival.

Please remember to pack lunch, recess, and a water bottle for your child.

COPSCANTEEN@OUTLOOK.COM



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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

UPDATING OF CONTACT DETAILS

Just a reminder for all parents and carers that if you have changed any details for example, email address, residential address or phone number. Please let us know via email info@conderps.act.edu.au so we can ensure all details are correct and up to date.

STAY CONNECTED



Liking the 'Charles Conder Primary School' Facebook page and downloading the Seesaw App are great ways to keep up to date with all the things that are happening at our school!

You can also follow the Charles Conder PS P&C on Facebook to learn more about our P&C, volunteer at upcoming events, or stay up to date with fundraising and canteen news. You can also contact the P&C via email: ccpspandc@outlook.com



The Charles Conder Primary School Board meets once a term and is responsible for the governance and strategic directions of the school. If you would like to contact the School Board, you can contact them via email: charlesconderps.schoolboard@ed.act.edu.au

2026 STATIONERY PACKS & FAMILY CONTRIBUTIONS PAYMENT REMINDER

Thank you to all our families who have paid for their 2026 Preschool Resource Packs, K-6 Stationery Packs and Family Contributions. These funds are essential to provide our students with the resources they need for their learning throughout the year.

If you have not done so already, payments can be made through the Parent Portal app or in person by EFTPOS at the front office.

2026 Preschool Resource Pack (each)	\$60.00
2026 Stationery Pack (each)	\$100.00
Family Contributions:	
1 child	\$60.00
2 or more children	\$120.00

SWIMMING CARNIVAL

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



If you are able to help out with timekeeping races at our swimming carnival, please email maddison.dwyer@ed.act.edu.au

Thank you to those who have already returned the volunteer slip from the permission note

**Wed 18th March
approx. 9:45am-1:30pm**

Lakeside Leisure Centre (Tuggeranong Pool)



POOP IN POP ART

Tuesdays
3:30 - 5pm
TUGGERANONG
ARTS CENTRE
AGES 9-13



Messengers is a free, arts-based social support program for vulnerable young people who may be experiencing mental health challenges or feeling disconnected from their family, school, or community.



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TERM 1, 2026 EVENTS CALENDAR

WK	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
1	26/01 AUSTRALIA DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY	27/01	28/01	29/01 STUDENT-FREE DAY	30/01 Kindy Return
2	02/02 Early Week Pre and Years 1-6 Students Return	03/02	04/02 Late Week Pre Return	05/02	06/02
3	09/02	10/02	11/02	12/02	13/02
4	16/02	17/02	18/02	19/02	20/02
5	23/02	24/02	25/02	26/02	27/02
6	02/03	03/03	04/03 Kenny Koala Visits Preschool	05/03 K-2 After School Sports	06/03
7	09/03 CANBERRA DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY	10/03 GO Foundation Culture Connect Excursion	11/03 NAPLAN	12/03 K-2 After School Sports	13/03
8	16/03	17/03	18/03 Swimming Carnival	19/03 K-2 After School Sports	20/03
9	23/03	24/03	25/03	26/03 K-2 After School Sports	27/03 Tugg. Swimming Carnival
10	30/03	31/03	01/04 P&C Crazy Sock & Hair Day Fundraiser	02/04	03/04 GOOD FRIDAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY