



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

WEDNESDAY, 27 APRIL 2022

Dear parents and carers,

It is wonderful to be back into school this week and have students returning. As you would be aware there are numerous updates regarding our COVID safe practices detailed below which are different to the recent easing of restrictions in the community. Please read the brief details below so you are aware of your responsibilities if your child has COVID or has been exposed as a household contact. Parents are still required to inform the school if their child has COVID so letter notifications can be sent to particular cohorts. I understand that there are specific exemptions if your family has recently been exposed or had COVID and we are well aware of the current updates and can provide advice over the phone if you have any questions.

COVID UPDATE

COVID-19 restrictions in ACT public schools will remain as they were in Term 1 for at least the first two weeks of Term 2.

This means that:

- public school staff will continue to wear masks
- the Check-in CBR app will continue to be required for visitors; and
- household close contacts will not be able to attend public school sites, even if they are asymptomatic.

We will also continue to have rapid antigen tests available for students on request during Term 2, as they did in the final weeks of Term 1. Over the next two weeks we will be consulting staff and reviewing COVID safety plans to be put in place for the remainder of the term. We anticipate being able to move towards settings that allow more interaction between families and our school, as well as an increased range of activities for students.

Further details will be provided in the next couple of weeks. As always, it is really important that anyone who is unwell stays at home and gets tested. We expect COVID-19 will continue to impact public schools and at times may limit the availability of teachers. We will always try to maintain face-to-face teaching however at times we may need to split classes during the term as a result of the pandemic.

All schools will be provided with an updated COVID Management Plan from the 9th May to determine how the above restrictions may be modified in line with community health guidelines. I will ensure these details are provided to all families.

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The Education Directorate is still 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>

CROSS COUNTRY

We are excited to announce that this Friday, 29 April we will be holding our school Cross Country Carnival. The Education Directorate have eased some COVID restrictions allowing schools to run these events in outdoor settings with measures in place to limit cohorting and gathering for large periods of time. It is a terrific opportunity to have parents being able to engage with us at this time. **We ask that all parents drop children off as per the normal procedures at the gates and then proceed down to the oval if you are able to participate in the family races starting from 9:15am, Parents/Carers are than welcome to stay and watch their children.**

The Canteen will operate as normal through flexi-schools on the day and children will receive normal lunch orders at the designated times.

Many students are looking forward to our school cross country on Friday. Long distance running is a specialised event; participating and competing in the race will be a great accomplishment. A carnival program can be found attached to today's Principal's Message email as an additional attachment and all parents are welcome to attend. We will be holding our family races as we did last year. We welcome any family members to come and participate with their child in a 3-legged dash at the start of the day. We will provide all equipment that is required, so come along and enjoy in the fun. The ribbon ceremony will be held immediately after the carnival concludes. The top 5 placegetters in each age group (8 Years and above) will qualify for the Tuggeranong Cross Country Championships. **The two attachments provide clear approximate times for each age level race.** We wish all students the best of luck! If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to ask.

MOTHER'S DAY STALL

Charles Conder Primary School P&C Association will be holding their annual Mother's Day Stall on: Wednesday, 4 May for all classes.

There will be a wonderful variety of gifts for students to buy for their mums, carers, grandmothers and other special loved ones, with prices from: \$0.50 (cards only) and gifts ranging from \$1.00 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. There will also be a raffle with tickets selling for 50 cents each (limited to one ticket per student).



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We encourage all students to bring a bag to keep their gifts safe and a surprise! Any remaining gifts will be available at the front office on Thursday and Friday for students who missed out on the day or who need to buy additional gifts.

The P&C relies on volunteers, and we would greatly appreciate any help that parents, grandparents and carers can give. If you have some spare time, no matter how long or short to help sell items on the Wednesday, please get in touch via the P&C email: ccpspandc@yahoo.com.au, sign up as a volunteer on our Charles Conder Primary School P&C Facebook page or contact Sharon on 0404 082 958. Refreshments and childcare will be provided.

BOOK FAIR

We are excited to host the Scholastic Book Fair once again in Week 3 of this term. Details of how the fair will run will be sent home closer to the date.

EXCURSIONS AND CAMP

As stated last term, we are excited to be able to provide the extra-curricular learning experiences to support the engagement of the curriculum for all students. You will see that there are excursions happening this term and camps being planned for senior students in the school. All these planned events have COVID Safe plans and are approved by the Education Directorate. Please ensure you keep an eye out on Seesaw, email and Facebook for updates for any events this term.

Jason Walmsley

Principal

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