

FRIDAY 20th MARCH 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Over the last few weeks, I have called for School Board nominations for parents to represent on the school board. I have been impressed with the response of four candidates which requires an election. You will see listed here the candidates and a brief background description of themselves family and engagement with the school.

The election process will be facilitated on a survey manager via the School administration system (SAS) via the SENTRAL App which should be available to vote from 4:00pm Friday 20th March. Please see the candidate statements providing you with some details on each parent member.

Russell Burrell

My name is Russell Burrell. I've lived in Canberra since October 2023. I have two amazing boys who I am endlessly proud of who are in grade 1 and kindergarten. Both also attended the Tharwa bush preschool.

For the last 13 years I have been a serving Australia Army officer. I'm passionate about service and inculcating a sense of purpose and honour and sound values into my children, & am driven to set an example of behaviour and role model excellent values for my children. To this end, I'm enormously proud of the young men they are becoming and the values they exemplify! My ceiling will be their floor and I'm so proud of them for this.

I want school for them to be a safe place where they are empowered to learn and develop and become the best version of themselves. I want them to be productive citizens who understand their place in the world, who are courageous and compassionate, & who care for and nurture their fellow students. For this reason I want their school to be a place that reflects these values and ambitions, & where my boys and all their friends and fellow students are given the opportunity to develop into the best versions of themselves. This is why I want to be part of the school board.

Samantha Maillinson

I've enjoyed being part of our School Board for the past two years, including the last year as Chair. Our school has been a big part of our family's life since my child started in Kindy (now Year 3!), and we're deeply invested — my husband, Rob, is Treasurer of the P&C, and our youngest will be joining the school in a few years. In my day job I'm the CEO of a small business, so I spend a lot of time leading teams, solving problems, and — strangely enough — getting excited about good policy and clear processes. That's why Board work feels like such a natural fit for me. One of the things I'm proud of is the work I led on the Conder Primary parking and traffic issues last year. Our petition gathered over 750 signatures and brought real attention to the challenges families face. I'm still in conversation with our local member, and I'll continue advocating for safer, more workable solutions. I bring a collaborative approach, a love of practical solutions, and a strong commitment to making our school a safe, supportive place for students and families. I'd welcome the opportunity to continue representing our community on the Board

Kristen Wilson

As an experienced senior policy adviser and a qualified (PhD) neuroscientist, I believe I have the competencies to excel as a parent representative on the Charles Conder School Board. I have a PhD in neuroscience from the University of Newcastle and worked as a research scientist studying sensory and motor neurons for almost 10 years. I transitioned to my current role as a senior policy adviser at a prominent peak body, as I wanted to help the community by influencing change at a systems level. I am an expert in working with multiple stakeholders in the health and medical community to advocate for health system reform. My role includes shaping the operational goals and objectives of my councils and committees to meet the strategic objectives of the organisation. I have extensive experience consulting with and maintaining relationships with our members and stakeholders and excel at managing their diverse options and expectations. I am an engaging and effective communicator and can shape a narrative to suit different audiences. Outside of my employment, I sit on the Cancer Council ACT Research Committee, where I can use my medical research expertise to give back to the local community and support cancer research in the ACT.

My career and professional achievements are built on my public school education. I have always held the belief that public school education best prepares a child for the 'real world', as each school reflects the diversity of its community, and encourages children to develop agency over their educational outcomes. This year, our family decided to entrust the education of our child, Logan, to Charles Conder Preschool. I intend to actively guide and support Logan as he moves through his schooling years in whatever capacity he requires, in partnership with his teachers. I applied to join the Board, as this was an opportunity for me to also support the school at a systems level to be the best it can be. Public schools are the pillars of our community. I hope by working with the Board, I can contribute to strengthening this pillar to benefit my family, and the families in our community.

Lisa Belson

My name is Lisa, and I am a mother of four boys, three of whom attend Charles Conder Primary School. I have proudly been part of the Conder community for 7 years and a parent representative on the School Board for the past two. I am nominating myself again because I believe strongly in the work we are doing and feel there is more I can contribute.

Two of my children are part of the small group program in Clement, and another is in Tanner, so I have firsthand experience navigating the school environment with children who have disabilities and additional learning needs. This perspective has shaped my passion for diversity, inclusion, and ensuring every child—regardless of their challenges—has the opportunity to thrive in a classroom that understands and supports them.

During my time on the board, I have worked closely with Sam and the rest of the team to progress important issues, including long-standing concerns around the school car park. We have made meaningful headway, but there is still more to do, and I am committed to continuing this work until we achieve a safe and practical solution for our families.

If re-elected, I will continue to bring a strong parent voice, lived experience, and a genuine commitment to ensuring our school remains a place where all children feel valued, supported, and celebrated for their differences.

Thank you for considering me as one of your parent representatives.

SWIMMING CARNIVAL

It was great to see so many children participating in the annual swimming carnival. We would like to thank all our volunteers who helped on the day as this is critical to these events happening successfully. Qualifying students will be provided with a note this week for the Tuggeranong Swimming Carnival, and we wish all those participants best of luck for next Friday.

On Wednesday we had our Swimming Carnival for years 2-6. It was a fun and successful day filled with excitement, teamwork and plenty of smiles! It was great to see students encouraging one another, showing house spirit and getting involved in both competitive races and structured activities. A big thank you to all of our parents who volunteered their time on the day; Jasmine Edwards, Renee Hamilton, Erin Laraghy, Janelle Brice and Keryn Markham.

Please see the results from the competitive races at the end of the Principal's Message. Students in bold have qualified for the Tuggeranong Regional Carnival and have received a permission note. All students listed in the results table will receive a ribbon at our **Week 10 Tuesday (31st March) morning assembly at 9am.**

INCLUSION AND I.L.P's (INDIVIDUAL LEARNING PLANS)

At Charles Conder Primary School we work diligently to ensure we are catering for all our students' academic and social outcomes. We place the student at the centre of all decisions and ILP's play a critical role in ensuring we have learning designed to meet individuals who require additional support or reasonable adjustments. ILPs are written statements that describe personalised adjustments, goals, and strategies to meet a student's individual educational and social needs. Adjustments may occur in the areas of teaching and learning, curriculum, assessment, reporting, social and emotional supports, and environmental adjustments.

Students who require an ILP are identified through School and Education Directorate processes for the students to have supportive plans and a holistic team approach. Some parents will be aware of this process and some may be new to it. Our Inclusion team and teachers have been working hard to develop these plans that will be shared with parents in the coming weeks. Your input, awareness and partnership is important so we are transparent and collaborative in our approach.

Jason Walmsley

Principal



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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE



2026 SWIMMING CARNIVAL



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SCHOOL PHOTOS

We are pleased to announce that our 2026 school photos will take place in Week 1 of Term 2 on the following days:

- ✦ Tuesday, 21st April – Early Week (Mon-Wed) Preschool Classes and their Siblings
- ✦ Thursday, 23rd April – Late Week (Wed-Fri) Preschool Classes, all K-6 Classes and Siblings
- ✦ Friday, 8th May – Photo Makeup Day – Portrait photos only for students absent on other photo days

This year, our school photographer has moved to an **online ordering and payment system**, which can now be completed online by scanning the QR code on the flyer below. **Cash will not be accepted at the Front Office as payment for photos this year.** Paper copies of this flyer have been sent home this week, and spare copies are available in the front office.

The School Photographer[®]

School Photo Time!

SCAN TO ORDER

Head to our website to view the available packages and to place your order

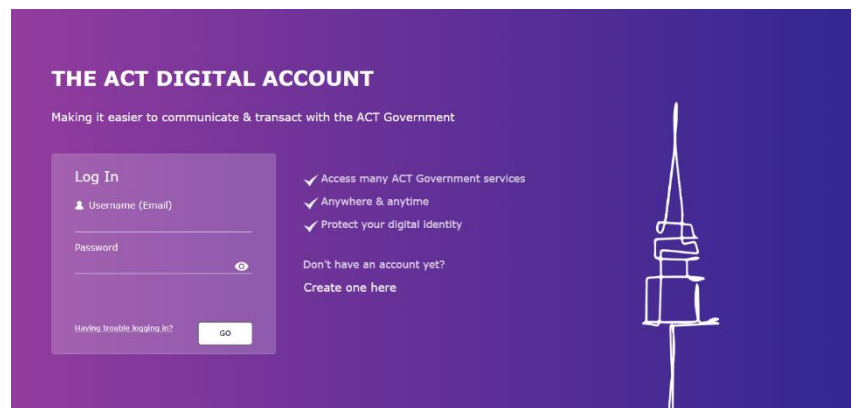
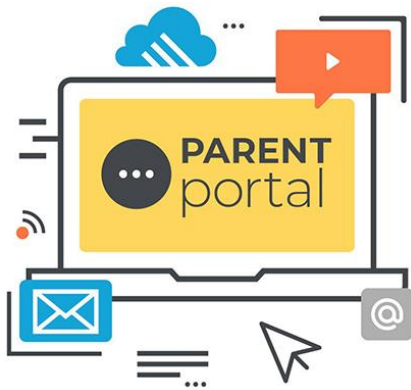
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PARENT PORTAL

As we head towards the end of term, 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 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.

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.



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P&C NEWS

CRAZY HAIR & SOCK DAY

Wednesday
April 1, 2026

THIS IS NOT A JOKE!

Get ready to laugh and show off your wild side! On April Fools' Day, come to school rocking your craziest hair and wackiest socks. The bigger, brighter, and sillier, the better! Mix patterns, add colour, spike it up, or go totally mismatched this is your chance to be creative and unique.

GOLD COIN DONATION

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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

2026 CHARLES CONDER SWIMMING RESULTS

PLEASE NOTE: Students in bold have qualified for the Tuggeranong Regional Championships that will be held on **Friday, 27 March 2026 at the AIS**. To qualify for the Tuggeranong Championships students must meet qualifying times set by School Sport ACT. All students listed in the results will receive their place ribbons at our week 10 Tuesday morning assembly on 31st March at 9:00am in the Hall. Ribbons are awarded to the top three place getters overall after all heats have been completed. All families are welcome to attend.

8 Years Boys 50m Freestyle	1 st	Nathaniel Love
	2 nd	Carter Gale
	3 rd	Tanatswa Chitsungo
8 Years Girls 50m Freestyle	1 st	Ameerah Amodi
	2 nd	Ainslie Queripel
	3 rd	Dixie Camilleri
9 Years Boys 50m Freestyle	1 st	Lewis Croke
	2 nd	Jaxon Wilson
	3 rd	Wayde White
9 Years Girls 50m Freestyle	1 st	Abbey Wheelahan
	2 nd	Violet Reuter
	3 rd	Florence Ingram
10 Years Boys 50m Freestyle	1 st	Blake Williams
	2 nd	Lucas Simpson
	3 rd	Levi Field
10 Years Girls 50m Freestyle	1 st	Kaya Campbell
	2 nd	Jessica Spence
	3 rd	Edie Pigram
11 Years Boys 50m Freestyle	1 st	Sam Gnjec
	2 nd	Kaileb Hodgson
	3 rd	Harry Gnjec
11 Years Girls 50m Freestyle	1 st	Chloe Hasler
	2 nd	Anneliese McSpeerin
	3 rd	Charli Lamb
12 Years Boys 50m Freestyle	1 st	Jimmy Spence
	2 nd	Henry Ingram
	3 rd	Luke Nelson

12 Years Girls 50m Freestyle	1 st	Ainsley Gregory
	2 nd	Melanie McFawn
	3 rd	Willow Ridgewell
9 Years Boys 50m Butterfly	1 st	Archer Cooper
	2 nd	Wayde White
	3 rd	Lewis Croke
10 Years Girls 50m Butterfly	1 st	Kaya Campbell
	2 nd	Edie Pigram
	3 rd	Delilah Hodgson
11 Years Boys 50m Butterfly	1 st	Jobe Coad
	2 nd	Lachlan Williams
	3 rd	Lachlan Heath
12 Years Girls 50m Butterfly	1 st	Ainsley Gregory
	2 nd	Willow Ridgewell
	3 rd	Melanie McFawn
8 Years Girls 50m Breaststroke	1 st	Ameerah Amodi
9 Years Boys 50m Breaststroke	1 st	Archer Cooper
	2 nd	Mason Nicolaou
	3 rd	Landon Clendenning
9 Years Girls 50m Breaststroke	1 st	Violet Reuter
10 Years Girls 50m Breaststroke	1 st	Kaya Campbell
	2 nd	Edie Pigram
	3 rd	Delilah Hodgson
11 Years Boys 50m Breaststroke	1 st	Sam Gnjec
	2 nd	Kaileb Hodgson
	3 rd	Lachlan Williams
11 Years Girls 50m Breaststroke	1 st	Chloe Hasler
12 Years Boys 50m Breaststroke	1 st	Cooper Royal
	2 nd	Luke Markham
12 Years Girls 50m Breaststroke	1 st	Alyssa Hamilton
	=2 nd	Ainsley Gregory

	=2 nd	Eva Moudgil
8 Years Boys 50m Backstroke	1 st	Nathaniel Love
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	3 rd	Jessica Spence
11 Years Boys 50m Backstroke	1 st	Sam Gnjec
	2 nd	Harry Gnjec
	3 rd	Theodore White
11 Years Girls 50m Backstroke	1 st	Anneliese McSpeerin
	2 nd	Chloe Hasler
12 Years Boys 50m Backstroke	1 st	Henry Ingram
	2 nd	Connor Kennedy
	3 rd	Ethan Tozer
12 Years Girls 50m Backstroke	1 st	Melanie McFawn
	2 nd	Brontey Miller
	=3 rd	Eva Moudgil
	=3 rd	Ainsley Gregory
10 Years Girls 100m Freestyle	1 st	Delilah Hodgson
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CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OF OUR WINNERS!

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 Year 6 Combined Band Rehearsal-Chisholm	26/03 K-2 After School Sports	27/03 Tugg. Swimming Carnival
10	30/03	31/03	01/04 P&C Crazy Hair & Silly Sock Day	02/04	03/04 GOOD FRIDAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY