



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

FRIDAY, 16 FEBRUARY 2024

GETTING TO KNOW YOU INTERVIEWS

Next week (19th – 23rd February) we are having the getting to know you interview for children/parents in years 1 – 6. This year these conversations will have a focus on a meet and greet (face to name). We would like a focus from parents regarding what is your perspective on your child as a learner, what do they see as their child's challenges/interests and teachers will discuss key learning focus areas for semester 1 and best ways for communication that suits parents.

SCHOOL BOARD PARENT REPRESENTATIVE NOMINATIONS

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome parents and carers to consider options or interest in a school board position. I have provided a brief outline of the role of School Boards and welcome parent nominations, via completion of the nomination form attached and return to the front office by Friday, 26 February. The school board meets once a term, and it is a unique opportunity to work in collaboration with myself and other parents to oversee and support the strategic directions of the school. Please read below for more information and ring the front office if you wish to discuss or would like more details.

School boards work in partnership with the principal and school community. They have specific responsibility for endorsing and overseeing the strategic direction and priorities of the school; monitoring and reviewing school performance; developing, maintaining, and reviewing curriculum; and approving budgets and policies for the effective use of school resources; and management of financial risk. School boards provide robust forward-thinking governance at the local level to ensure that schools meet the present and future needs of their school community. School boards are supported by the Education Directorate to ensure that their responsibilities are fulfilled effectively.

CAR PARK SAFETY

During our return to school routine as our school grows, we are faced with the on-going problems of car park spaces at drop off and pick up times. I understand that parents are forced to park in grassed areas at times, but I would like to remind parents that they need to be extra cautious at these times. My observations suggest that parents in general are extra cautious, and I appreciate your diligence, however there are some who feel frustrated and are expressing this to parents and staff. Parents need to be aware that if you are being troubled by drop off and pick up times please come and speak with myself. Any parent that is confronting others with their concerns need to be aware of their responsibilities of their safety and others and I will address this with them. As previously stated, most people are being careful and are showing patience and ensuring the safety of children.

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MEET OUR TEAM

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Justin Sikimeti **Youth Worker**

Justin is one of our youth workers at Charles Conder Primary School. He joined our community in 2022 and works mostly with students in our senior school. His ultimate goal is to inspire and guide the younger generation in overcoming obstacles and achieving their goals.

Since starting at CCPS Justin has developed and implemented various programs aimed at enhancing students' social-emotional learning and connections with community organisations and resources. He has also implemented many life skills programs and works regularly with our students in the Clement learning house.

Justin is proud of his Tongan traditions that prioritise respect for culture and community.



Kieren Ziesing **Youth Worker**

Kieren is an experienced Youth Support Worker who joined the Charles Conder community in 2019. As a member of the S.W.A.N (Students With Additional Needs) team, Kieren facilitates programs designed to support a wide range of students. This year Kieren is working mostly with students in our junior school, fostering a supportive and inclusive environment for all students. Kieren provides a positive morning transition for many of our students, running the Breakfast Café and driving our community bus. Kieren also works closely with teachers and students to provide whole class and small group S.E.L lessons using Zones of Regulation and Play is the Way.

PARENT WORKSHOPS

The Education Directorate Psychology team are providing two parent workshops addressing: your child's strong emotions and your child's anxiety avoidance. These two sessions are available to any parents in government schools. Please see attached information regarding venues, dates, and times.

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P&C ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING



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The P&C will be holding our Annual General Meeting on Monday 19th February at 5.30pm in the Learning Hub (Walk straight up the path past the Front Office and take the door to the right after walking under the tower)

All positions will be declared vacant and open for nominations:

- President
- Vice President
- Treasurer
- Secretary
- Book Club Organiser
- Fundraising Coordinator
- General Member

We look forward to seeing you all there as we continue to support our school

GET INVOLVED!

Jason Walmsley

Principal

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