Term 1, Week 2

Tuesday 5th February 2013

### Principal’s Message

Dear Parents/Carers,

Yesterday we welcomed 54 new ‘bright-eyed and bushy-tailed’ Kindergarten students to Cardiff South PS. What a treat it was to see the enthusiasm on the faces of these students at the beginning of their schooling adventure. I shared with our Kindergarten parents yesterday, that my second daughter was also starting Kinder yesterday at our local school and that this caused my wife and I to reflect on the things we were hoping for her as she starts school. I shared these with our Kindergarten parents yesterday. The list included:

- We hope that our child’s teacher gets to know them well
- We hope that our children’s self-esteem and confidence is continually built up
- We hope our children’s efforts are rewarded from time to time, but we also hope they develop the ability to be satisfied with a job well done
- We hope our students feel safe at school and build lasting friendships
- We don’t mind if their poor choices are addressed by the teaching staff, as long as teachers are fair and consistent
- We like good communication between school and home, so that we know just what is going on
- We’d like to feel welcome in the school ourselves, especially to help out if needed

Perhaps your hopes are similar. I can assure you, that the dedicated staff at CSPS is striving to achieve these things for all of our students. What an exciting year we have before us! Enjoy your week.

Regards

David Holland
(Principal)

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**DATES TO REMEMBER**

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**CALENDAR 2013**
New Staff
You might have noticed a few new faces around the school this year. We welcome on board Mr David Fredericks, who has moved to Newcastle from the Tumut region and has gained a permanent position with us. Mr Fredericks is teaching a 1 / 2 class. Also, Mrs Louise Dittberner has joined us in the pre-school for 2013 while Mrs Arthurs takes a well-deserved break. Both teachers bring a wealth of experience and we are excited to have them join our team.

Classes
Our classes will be finalised this week, however we are quite full in the Infants area of the school. If we have more students enrol over the course of the term, there is the potential that more changes may be necessary. For now, we have 12 classes as follows:

- Kinder Purple – Mrs Ison
- Kinder Blue – Mrs Gallagher / Mrs Winter
- K/1L – Mrs Leggett
- 1S – Mrs Swanson
- 1/2F – Mr Fredericks
- 2M – Mrs Mackenzie
- 2/3T – Mrs Thomas
- 3/4E – Ms Ellis
- 4G – Mrs Grant
- 4/5BF – Mrs Fiddes / Mrs Beever
- 5/6A – Mrs Agius
- 6M – Mr McCready

School Assemblies
Many of our regular parents would be aware that we have previously held school assemblies on a fortnightly basis at 2pm on Monday afternoons. To make it easier for families, we are going to trial holding assemblies on a weekly basis on a Friday morning at 9am. Throughout the year, the assemblies will be run by individual classes with our School Leaders filling in any gaps. We would love for parents to join us at our weekly assembly whenever you like. We will let you know one week in advance, which class will be running the assembly, so that if you would like to join us, you can make the necessary arrangements. The first whole school assembly will be held on Friday of Week 3 (15/02) and this will be led by our school leaders. We would ask that if you are bringing little ones along to the assembly, that you take them away from the hall if they become unsettled to ensure the students are not distracted.

School Expenses
A big thank you to those families who have been so efficient in already paying for the student book packs. To assist families in knowing what costs are coming up this term, we will be sending home next week an account for each family, which contains a list of all the expenses for each child for Term 1. This account does not necessarily need to be paid in full at one time, families still have the option of paying for each individual item as they come up. However if you are in a position to pay for all the term’s expenses upfront (or you just like to get the bills out of the way) it does mean less work for our office staff if you pay altogether. If your family is experiencing difficulty meeting school expenses, please make an appointment to meet with the Principal Mr Holland to discuss possible payment options.
Sharing our High School News.

HSC results – we thought you might like to share in the success of some of our former students at Cardiff High.

Of the 69 Students who sat the HSC in 2012, 10 of those chose a vocational path that did not allow them to access a Tertiary Admission Score or university. All students gained their HSC credential, many also attaining a Vocational qualification in Hospitality, Construction, Information Technology.

Students Success - Uni offers

- Brad Burns – Languages
- Alahna Burrell – Fine Arts
- Mitchell Campbell – Business
- Jaide Coulum – Nursing
- Mikaylah Dunn – Speech pathology
- Joscelyn Evans – Arts
- Jack Geary Conroy – Engineering
- Sara Herden – Business
- Jake Iacconi- Science
- Jessica Lewis – Biotechnology
- Kaitlin Mason – Social Science
- Madalyn McGrath – Primary Teaching
- Haley Paton – Zoology
- Kieran Phang – Arts
- Matthew Pichaloff – Business
- Kristen Pollock – Nursing
- Nick Roberts – Science
- Anthony Rothapfel – Info Tech
- Christine Sheridan – Arts
- Connor Sherwood – Biomedical Science
- Mitchell Thomas – Commerce
- Jakob Tuck – Arts
- Jack Tuxford – Arts

Apprenticeships & other

- Daniel Kirkwood
- Nick Mullen
- Nathan Powell – TAFE School Based Apprentice of Year Award
- Jannik Pecanac – Ultimo TAFE – Fashion

Some stats:

- 10 Band 6 results (90+) received by 8 students (15% of cohort)
- 42 Band 5 results (80+) received by 30 students (50% of cohort)
- 95 Band 4 (70+) received by 47 students (79% of cohort)

81% of students eligible for ATAR received marks above 70 in at least one subject

We wish all of our former students every success in their future.

Were you a student at Cardiff High?

2013 marks our 50th anniversary.

We are holding on open day and concert on 6th April to mark the event. Keep an eye out in your letterbox for more details.

Caring and Sharing, Learning for Today and Tomorrow
Hockey Come And Try Day
There will be a come and try day for hockey this Thursday, 7th February at the Newcastle Hockey Centre at Broadmeadow. There is no cost, time is from 4.30pm - 5.20pm, children to wear joggers no boots. Sticks will be provided. For more information contact the hockey centre on 49528899 or Ms Ellis at school.

Coming Up—ICAS Testing
International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS) is external testing, run by The University of NSW. These tests will be offered to our students in Years 3-6 again this year. Below are the tests being offered with the dates and cost for each test. A separate note will go home soon. If you wish for your child to sit any of these tests, your permission note and payment will be required by Wednesday 10th April, 2013.

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February 14—Library Lovers Day
A beautiful library display created by Our very clever Mrs Conrick.

CANTEEN ROSTER

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