Principal’s Message

Dear Parents/Carers,

Things are beginning to get busy at CSPS as the classes get back into full swing. The students have settled nicely and are now engaging with the teaching and learning activities which will shape their year. I have had the opportunity to visit a number of classes in the past week and have enjoyed getting to know some of the students. What has impressed me most is how willing the students are to give their best during lessons. As teachers (and parents) we are usually content if we know our children are always striving to do their best. It is great to see such early enthusiasm for learning.

Those of you with students in Years 3 - 6 would be aware that our school swimming carnival is scheduled for tomorrow. At this stage, the weather forecast suggests the potential for a few light showers. Because the demand for using swimming centres is high, schools only have one opportunity to book a day to host their carnival. We will therefore need to proceed with the carnival regardless of any rain. We would of course cancel the carnival if there was thunderstorm activity or if it was unsafe to continue. If we need to cancel the carnival, a message will be posted by 8am on the school’s website. Fingers crossed that the rain will hold off and that we will enjoy a great day! Hope to see you there.

Regards
David Holland
(Principal)
Visitor Sign-In

As you can imagine, schools are very busy places and we have any number of people coming onto the school site throughout the week which we must keep a track of. It is important for the safety of the children that all visitors to the school identify themselves at the office and sign the visitors’ book. If you are volunteering in the canteen, assisting in a classroom or simply participating in playgroup you will need to ensure that you enter the school via the office to sign in and collect a visitors’ badge. If you are in the school grounds without a visitors’ badge our staff will be directing you to the office. This does not include dropping off or picking up your child from school at the beginning and end of the school day. However, we request that parents are not in the school grounds any earlier than 5 minutes before class finishes. We appreciate your support in this regard.

Custody Orders and AVOs

If your child is currently subject to Custody Orders that impact on school, could you please ensure a copy of these orders are lodged with the front office. This needs to be done annually to ensure the best care for your child.

Personal Details

If you have changed personal details e.g. address, phone numbers including work or mobile please contact the front office so that we can update our records. Also, if there has been a change in emergency contact details please speak to one of the ladies in the front office, or email changes to the school.

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 at the end of this 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.
A sample of some of the great writing occurring in Stage 3 at the moment.

Méabh Nash, 4/5 BF presents a persuasive text from the HSIE Unit ‘Identity’.

Well Done Méabh!

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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**Canteen Roster**

**Wednesday 13/2/13**
- A.Murphy, L.Lockwood, K.Lambert

**Friday 15/2/13**
- C.Strong, L.Williamson, C.White, K.Smith, L.Fletcher

**Monday 18/2/13**
- N.Johns, N.Lowery, T.Riitchie

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