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DATES TO REMEMBER

National Bandana Day & Day for Daniel October 30

CDS 40th Birthday Celebrations November 6 6.00pm - 9.00pm

Preschool 2016 Parent Information Sessions November 11 9.00am - 9.45am 6.00pm - 6.45pm

Kindergarten 2016 Parent Information Sessions November 18 9.00am - 9.45am 6.00pm - 6.45pm

P & C Car Boot Sale November 27 5.00pm - 7.00pm

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Day for Daniel

Charnwood Dunlop school celebrates 40 years

70's Music & Entertainment

Multicultural Food Stalls

Market Stalls & Art Displays

70's Themed Community Festival

Everyone is Welcome

6PM TIL 9PM

6.11.15

For more information contact the school directly on 02 62057322 or find the event on Facebook.
A Message from the Minister

I am incredibly proud of the achievements of our public schools. All schools achieve great things and we should be doing everything we can to ensure that our students leave our system with an education which is viewed by everyone as first class.

I hope you will take the time to view our new Canberra Public Schools clip. I encourage everyone to visit the Canberra Public Schools webpage or Facebook to take a look at one of the ways we are changing how we communicate and to hear about some of the changes to come.

I know that we have many stories to share which showcase our academic achievements, our caring and supportive environments and our remarkable facilities. We have amazing teachers, parents, school communities and leaders who come together to give our students the best possible start in life.

Communication is important work. Schools, teachers, leaders, school networks, and the Directorate will be working together to get our stories out there. We will improve the way we communicate through better information, keeping in touch, and building pride and confidence in Canberra’s public schools.

From Friday 23 October, I encourage you to visit www.det.gov.au/Canberra-public-schools to find out more.

Joy Burch MLA
Minister for Education and Training

Help us Maximise Learning

We are seeking community support to maximise learning and minimise interruptions during our core learning time of 9am – 3pm. Please do not enter classrooms between 9 & 3 if it has not been pre-arranged with the class teacher.

If you are early to collect your child please feel free to wait quietly in the fishbowl area until your child is dismissed from class. If families need to speak with teachers it is important that this occurs prior to 9am or after 3pm and preferably scheduled outside of meeting times. This will allow staff to give you the attention and time you deserve. We understand that things pop up and would appreciate your assistance in communicating messages to teachers/students during class time via our front office staff who can deliver the message or collect you children for you.

Staff have meetings at 3.15pm on Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons and also 8.30 – 9am some mornings.
REACHing for the stars

This fortnight our REACH value is 'Excellence' and how fitting given that our 40th Birthday celebration is next Friday. This is a perfect opportunity to reflect on and collectively celebrate Charnwood-Dunlop School's commitment to providing excellence in education over the past 4 decades.

Our staff PBS & Wellbeing committee are devising posters for display around the school as visual prompts for how we can demonstrate REACH in different areas of the school. Here are the first 2 examples which students are currently being introduced to in class circle time.

The committee is currently investigating ways to streamline and digitalise our recognition of positive student behaviours. We are working on how students are recognised and rewarded as individuals, class members, house members and developing a school wide consistent approach to how they attain their REACH wristbands.

Acrostic poem about Excellence

Everything is awesome
X-ray vision learning
Café
Every day we are friendly to each other
Learning is fun
Lots of concentration
Everything is cool when you are part of a team
Nice listening to the teacher
Caring
Every day try your best

By The Bears

Kindy Café

Kindy Café has been running this term in the library on Monday, Tuesday and Friday mornings before school. Thank you to all of the families who have shown an interest and come along to enjoy reading with their children.

As of next week the Kindy Café will run every Friday as this seems to be the morning of choice for families. Please drop in and enjoy a cuppa and a chat with our Kindy team and learn about ways to successfully engage your children in a love of reading.
Wear Red for Daniel this Friday

On Friday 30th October we are celebrating children’s week and also participating in the ‘Day for Daniel’ organised by the Daniel Morcombe Foundation. Students are invited to wear red this Friday as red is the ‘Day for Daniel’ colour.

www.dayfordaniel.com.au explains that the day is “about educating children and adults about keeping kids safe through child safety and protection initiatives. It aims to help empower our children to Recognise, React and Report if they feel something is not right. Wear Red and Educate is the theme of Day for Daniel as we strive to have schools, kindergartens, businesses and communities across Australia take action and conduct child safety activities in their local communities to help in Keeping Kids Safe.”

Students will be participating in activities designed to educate children about personal safety and how they can seek help if they feel unsafe. Students will be in a group of K-2, or 3-6 students, depending on their current year level. This activity will run after B2 on Friday 30th October.

This educational program compliments our Social and Emotional Learning lessons that all students participate in each week as part of their regular school learning.

Sports News

The School Sports Australia’s Pacific School Games is less than a month away. There are 20 teams going in 7 different sports to compete against all states and territories of Australia and international teams from China, India, Pakistan and Macau. From School Sport ACT we will be sending just over 360 athletes and 53 officials who have been training hard for this international competition. They will be officially acknowledged in a media release next week on Monday the 2nd at 9:30am by Minister for Sport and Recreation, Shane Rattenbury, MLA. Look out for them on TV. We are very excited and proud to announce that Connor Thompson in Year 6 is a part of this team and is representing the ACT in basketball. We can’t wait to hear how his team goes. Congratulations Connor!

Kirstin Brown
Sports Coordinator

Reading Corner

PLEASE RETURN OVERDUE LIBRARY BOOKS!

Overdue library book reminders will be sent home this week.

Please check for library books at home and the classroom. If you think the books have already been returned, please let myself or the classroom teacher and we will follow it up (sometimes things don’t get returned properly).

This year a very significant amount of time and money has been spent on purchasing hundreds of new library books. We want to make sure we look after these books and that they all get returned so others can enjoy them. Thankyou for your support with this. Keep reading!
Year 6 Parliament
Legislative Assembly Visit Reflections

Ollie — “It was really fun to sit in the politician’s chairs and there was really good catering!”

Kaine — “A couple of things that I liked about the ACT Legislative Assembly visit was that we tried out the politician’s chairs; they were really comfy. It was a highlight to meet the speaker Vicki Dunne MLA.

Josh — “It was cool listening to the year 6 passing the bills, the sandwiches were good and it was fun!”

Virtue — “I really enjoyed the fact that the Year 5s watched us and some adults from the assembly saw us too. It was also good because it made us think about how the politicians do their sessions and how we do our — it was good to compare — I think that we do it better!”

Nick — “It was a good experience for the year 5s as we will be year 6s next year, this means that we get a head start. And thank you to the caterers who made the sandwiches.”

Alyssa — “For me it was such a privilege because not everyone gets to go to the ACT Legislative Assembly. It was good to show the adults how we do it. It was also fun and educational.”

Interschool Basketball

CDS would like to thank St. Thomas Aquinas students and staff for joining us last Friday for our Interschool Basketball Competition. We had a great time and look forward to visiting you for a touch football day soon.

Community News

Annual Weetangera Primary School Fete

Come and join us for our annual fete on Sunday 8th November 2015 from 10-2 pm at Weetangera Primary School, Southwell Street Weetangera. There’ll be something for all the family, including carnival rides, jumping castles, cakes, toys, books, clothing, plants and white elephant stalls. We’ll also have lots of yummy food and espresso coffee plus show bags, face painting, snow cones, fairy floss, side show alley games, entertainment and much much more! It’s going to be a great day so come and be part of the fun!

P & C Press

HUGE SUCCESS

The special BBQ lunch day had a great turn out. A big Thank you to Kim, Carrie, Teresa and JoAnne for all their help on the day, cooking up a storm and serving all our hungry students. The next special lunch day will be in week.

HELPERS FOR SCHOOLS 40th CELEBRATION

If you are able to help with activities and stalls, please contact the front office - 6205 7322.
CHARNWOOD AFTER SCHOOL CARE

Where: Charnwood Dunlop School Hall
When: Monday to Friday
Time: 3:00pm-6:00pm
Cost: $2.90 per day (CRN/CCB’s available) $31.50 (casual care)

The Program provides an afternoon snack, inside/outside play and programmed activities. Water bottles and sunscreen are also provided.

2016 ENROLMENTS ARE NOW OPEN!!!!!!

Come & Try Ice Hockey, Kids!
Sunday the 5th of November
from 11am until 1:30pm
Phillip Swimming and Ice Skating Centre, 1 Irving St, Phillip
For 4 to 14 year olds provided.
All gear provided.
Registration essential.
Free!
http://ihact.org.au

If you enjoy the season, join in the Junior Academy over Nov/Dec. Then you’ll be ready to be like the pros, make new friends and have fun in Junior Hockey in 2016!

Don’t forget to wear your Bandanna tomorrow Friday October 30 to help support young people living with cancer. Bandannas can still be purchased from the front office for $4
Instrumental Music Program

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Excellence in Instrumental Music Education since 1973

ACT Primary Concert Choir Auditions for 2016
Applications close at the end of Week 4, Term 4, November 6th

The ACT Instrumental Music Program is seeking students who will be in Year 4 to Year 6 in 2016 to audition for the ACT Primary Concert Choir (PCC). The PCC rehearses on Thursday afternoons from 4.30pm till 5.30pm during school terms at the IMP in Kaleen. The Primary Concert Choir is conducted by Katharine Finlayson. The choir is an extension and performance opportunity for students in ACT Education and Training Directorate schools. During its first two years the choir has been invited to perform in high profile events such as the nationally televised Australia vs New Zealand Brumbies Game, Parliament House Open Day, the National Eisteddfod, Step Into the Limelight, Wattle Day Citizenship ceremony and IMP Concerts.

The choir is an excellent opportunity for talented, skilled and committed young singers to work together in an enriching environment. The choir members study and perform challenging repertoire, often by contemporary Australian choral composers. Membership in the PCC is for one year. Students will be required to audition each year for the choir.

Students auditioning for the PCC will have the opportunity to demonstrate their skills in musicianship, intonation (in tune singing), listening, vocal production (tone) and the ability to maintain a harmony part. An additional requirement for success in these auditions will be the students’ demonstrated focus, confidence and readiness for a range of high profile performance situations.

The cost for membership in the PCC is $50. There will be an additional charge of $25 for the PCC T Shirt and students will be required to wear black formal slacks and black shoes for performances.

Auditions for the PCC will be held after school in Week 7 and 8 of Term 4. Parents can select an audition time through the IMP website or at the link below. You will be advised of the results of the audition during week 9 Term 4. Rehearsals will commence in Week 3 of Term 1 2016 and will continue throughout the year, during school terms only.

Audition Requirements
Students will be required to sing the National Anthem, “Advance Australia Fair” (one verse) as a solo and will be asked to sing several other well know songs eg. “Twinkle Twinkle Little Star” in several keys to determine the range and tone of the student’s voice. The audition will also include several vocal and aural exercises to determine the student’s ability to pitch match, listen intently and sing a phrase as a harmony part. The purpose of the audition is to determine the student’s skill in intonation (in tune singing) and ability to maintain a harmony part. Much of the PCC repertoire is in two part harmony, occasionally three. There is no requirement for students to prepare a special song for the audition.

During the audition, students will also be assessed in regard to their confidence, independence, focus, ability to follow instructions and performance readiness for high profile and pressured situations.

How to apply for an audition:
The application form is online and can be accessed here:

http://goo.gl/forms/HomA9LGdFR

The form can also be accessed through the IMP website at: www.imp.act.edu.au

If you do not have internet access please telephone the IMP on 62058265

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Have you changed your email address or phone number? Has your family situation changed?

Please remember to let the front office staff know immediately if your contact details have changed.

In the event of an emergency with your child/children at Charnwood-Dunlop School, it’s critical that our records are up to date so that we can reach you quickly.

www.charnwoodps.act.edu.au

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To celebrate Children's Week 2015, the ACT Gifted Families Support Group invites families with gifted children to a morning of board/card/strategic/amazing games and fun activities whilst providing a relaxed networking opportunity for parents.

Sunday 1st November, 2015
10am - 1pm

Venue: Canberra Academy of Chess
4/32 Dundas Court, Phillip ACT 2606

For enquiries please email: actgifted@gmail.com

ACT GIFTED FAMILIES SUPPORT GROUP

We would like to thank the Canberra Chess Academy and The Games Capital for their support.

www.actgifted.net.au

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Kingsford Smith School Fete: 14th November 2015
10:00am - 2:00pm - SHOW 'n' SHINE
All money raised at event will be donated to KSS

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