Principal’s Message

We have had a brilliant start to the year with students settling quickly into school routines and learning. You may notice a few new things in and around the school as we try to improve our environment. During the holidays, Rhondda Bell along with Damian Booker and his team from Concepts in Tiling have been busy installing the 40th birthday clay tiles to the outside wall near the basketball court. The tiles look amazing. Thank you so much to Concepts in Tiling for volunteering their time and expertise as well as Rivoland Tiles for the donation of materials.

We have added some lounges in the area just inside the door leading from the basketball courts for the use of parents and carers. We are also awaiting delivery of some outdoor tables in the covered area near the basketball courts. We hope you enjoy using these.

In the classroom between 3/4 and 5/6 you will notice a change as well. This area is known as ‘The Burrow’. There will be either of the 2 deputys, Rob or Tina and/or Jamal, our Youth Worker in this space during the school day and during break time. It will be a space for students to use when they are participating in groups such as the Gifted and Talented program, a place to go when students need an alternative space which they negotiate with their teachers, a place for restorative conferences to take place or a place for students to visit when they want to show off great work! This space is part of our ‘Positive Behaviours for Learning’ approach which you will all learn more about over this term.
Getting to Know Staff

Our team for this year is:

**Principal:** Debbie Martens

**Deputy Principals:** Tina Wilson and Rob Lans

**Senior Team Executive:** Louise Johnston (Louise teaches the Yr 4/5 class with Michelle Gee)

**Junior Team Executive:** Annette Pass (term 1) and Bridgette Manley (term 2)

**Business Manager:** Kirsten Sharman

**Preschool Educators:** Debbie Szabo, Linda Tune, Georgia Richardson, Bev Booth, Emily Franklin-Brown, Suzi Richards and Ann-Maree Caughey

**IEC teachers:** Mr Shadreck, Susan Plaistowe, Sue McMurtrie, Susan Foster and Sommai Burge - Bi-lingual support

**Kinder teachers:** Susana Carrasco, Alison Wieland (Semester 1), Gayle Dyer (Semester 2)

**Year 1/2 teachers:** Fleur Forster, Lee-Anne Grunwald, Kim Dorsett, Eliza Savage

**Year 3/4 & 4/5 teachers:** Malvina Rogers, Cyndi Steenkamp, Louise Johnston, Michelle Gee

**Year 5/6 teachers:** Micayla Stamp, Victoria Barbaro (nee Staak)

**Japanese & Junior Team Executive:** Annette Pass

**EALD and Resource teacher:** Sandra Paliaga

**Youth Worker:** Jamal Sabet

**Learning Support:** Davida Malaibe, David Stevenson

**Front Office:** Aimee Shires and Maree Smith

**BSO:** Ben Hourigan

**School Psychologist (Thursday and Friday):** Tamara Sheppard

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**ABC (Active Brain Café)**

Next week we will be re-opening our ABC Cafe five mornings a week. From 8.30-9.00am every morning all children and families are welcome to come in to the Café, located next to the staff room to read and have breakfast.

From 9-9.30am we will be working with selected students who could use a little extra reading practice.

We welcome any volunteers from our community who have an hour or more to spare each week to help us in the ABC Cafe. The more volunteers the better!

Our Youth Worker is also a barista and makes delicious coffee for a very reasonable price in the mornings before school for parents and carers.
Parent/Carer Information Night and Family BBQ

On Wednesday 17th Feb we will be holding our parent/carer information evening and bbq sausage sizzle. All information sessions will be held in the classrooms. The times for the information sessions are:

- **Kinder** 5.10-5.30pm
- **Year 1/2** 5.30-5.50pm
- **Year 3/4 and 4/5** 6.00-6.20pm
- **Year 5/6** 6.20-6.40pm

We look forward to seeing lots of families at the information sessions. You will have an opportunity to book in online for a ‘getting to know you interview’ with your child’s teacher in weeks 3 and 4.

Make sure you book in as these interviews are a valuable time to personalise the learning for your child/ren. A code to access the online booking system will be provided shortly.

Swimming Carnival

This year our swimming carnival is on Monday 29th February at Big Splash. Permission notes and information will be sent home next week.

Student Attendance and Healthy Eating

Students tend to be more engaged in their learning if they are ‘ready for school’. Being ready for school includes eating a healthy breakfast, arriving on time, being prepared with a school bag, healthy lunches, snacks and water to drink and also wearing school uniform.

It is very important that students attend school every day (except of course if they are unwell) to maximise their learning.

If your child is not attending school please call the front office on the day and also provide a written explanation for the absence when your child returns.

Notes can be given either to the class teacher, front office or via our School App. Instructions for downloading the School App are available at the front office.

Our school is part of the Fresh Tastes: healthy food at school and Ride and Walk to School programs. This includes information, education and tips on healthy eating and lifestyles.

Sun Smart

All students must wear a sun smart hat to play outside and to participate in outdoor activities like PE. Last year the school purchased sun smart hats in our house colours for every student and this year we are suppling a sun smart hat to every Kindergarten, preschool and new student.

We have found a number of hats in our lost property so please check this if your child is missing their hat. If you would like to purchase a new sun smart hat for $5 from the school in your child’s house colour please see the Aimee or Maree at the front office.
Assemblies

Our school assemblies are held fortnightly (even weeks) on Friday afternoons starting at 2pm. If you are available on these Fridays we would love you to join us and help us celebrate the great things happening at Charnwood-Dunlop School.

Before School Supervision

There is a teacher on duty in the playground (basketball court area) every morning from 8.30-9.00. Unfortunately we are unable to supervise the equipment area in the mornings so students are not permitted to play on the equipment before school. We ask that students do not arrive at school before 8.30am. The ideal time for arriving at school is between 9.45 and 9.00am.

Library News

Welcome to 2016!

My name is Bridgette Manley and I am the Teacher Librarian at CDS. I am thrilled to be working Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays in the library this year.

Each week classes will visit the library and have an opportunity to borrow.

- Kindergarten - borrow 1 book per week
- 1/2 - borrow 1-2 books
- 3/4 - borrow 3-4 books
- 4/5—borrow 3-4 books
- 5/6 - borrow 3-4 books

Students must have a library bag (plastic bag is fine) to borrow to help protect the books from damage.

Volunteers are always needed in the library for tidying and shelving or book covering and labelling. Please contact me at Bridgette.manley@ed.act.edu.au or drop in for a chat if you have some spare time (even 15 mins at the start or end of the day would help and be greatly appreciated).

Happy reading!

Bridgette Manley
Teacher Librarian
Positive Behaviour for Learning

At Charnwood-Dunlop School we are continuing to develop our Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL), building on some great initiatives that were started last year.

Our PBL is a framework that encompasses the whole school, refining and adapting processes to positively reinforce appropriate student behaviour. The essence of PBL lives in a consistent approach, where students, staff and the community work on making clear expectations known to everyone so that we as a community can work together to give students the skills they need to succeed. At Charnwood-Dunlop School our three general expectations are;

- We are SAFE
- We are LEARNERS
- We are RESPECTFUL

We will use these to build clear behaviour expectations in all settings of the school, so staff and students know what is expected of them. Teaching strategies will be developed and students will be explicitly taught in a consistent approach throughout the school.

We aim to launch the PBL at Charnwood-Dunlop School early in Term 2 and will be needing to consult with you as the community to help guide, build and create the Behaviour Expectation Matrix that will guide our students at our School.

Charnwood-Dunlop’s Positive Reward System-Epraise

Going hand in hand with our PBL is the new rewards system we have launched day 1 this year. This online interactive system allows students to instantly view their points grow as they are positively reinforced for meeting expectations. A live feed shows how their points contribute to their house totals, and identifies who the recent point earners were. Personal student tallies are not displayed but can be viewed when students log onto their own profile.

Parents and families will also have this access, extending the ability for parents to be a part of their child’s education and providing another facet of communication.

The Burrow

The Burrow is a space adjoining the fishbowl and is a place where students will come to refocus and reengage. The heart of this area is aligned to student wellbeing, building positive systems to help students maintain their engagement in class. Its processes are supported by research and grounded in emotion regulation, helping students to build understanding of their own self-regulation abilities and techniques to help them return to base line.

The process is supported through strong data, helping the staff and students to identify areas or skills that need to be re taught, modified, extended or changed to ensure all students can meet desired expectations.

The Burrow os close to classrooms and away from the front office will give students a positive experience in being able to access help and build and maintain strong relationships across the school.
Hi and welcome or welcome back to the school year 2016. My name is Rob and I’d just like to take this chance to introduce myself as one of the new deputies at Charnwood-Dunlop School.

It’s always a little odd when you’re asked to write about yourself, so please go with me on this one. My passion for education has grown from a love of the outdoors as an avid adventurer and extreme sports junky.

My exploits have seen me spend multiple days climbing thousands of feet of vertical rock, suspended at night in a hammock with nothing but air below, summit some of the worlds hard mountaineer routes around 5000m high or raft down a river for 12 days through remote, untracked, unclaimed and uninhabited wilderness. It was this I wanted to share with students and so I became an outdoor educator. Taking groups of students out to experience nature at its best with the hope that they would also be inspired to help protect it.

My career has morphed along the lines of student services, working in student welfare teams across multiple settings. For the past three years I have been working as a Behaviour Support Partner across the Belconnen Schools. I have been lucky in my previous roll to be involved with Charnwood-Dunlop School, establishing some rapport with staff and students.

My life outside of school has me immersed in being a Dad. My wife and three kids are the most important part of my life. My eldest daughter is starting Kindy this year, my son loves soccer and all ball sports, and my youngest daughter is only 4 months old and growing fast. We spend our time between the coast and the blue mountains enjoying family time and camping as often as we can.

I look forward to working with you in the future.

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I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself to the CDS community. I am very happy to join the CDS team as one of the new deputies and am looking forward to getting to know the children and their families in the coming weeks.

My husband and I have three children. I have a son and two daughters. We enjoy camping getaways to various locations during the school holidays. Over the Christmas break we went to Huskisson and we have plans to go to Kiama at Easter and to Wyangala Dam for the Anzac Day long weekend. We have two dogs called Molly and Bella. Molly is a Maltese Shitzu and Bella is a Moodle.

I am a keen Brumbies supporter and look forward to their first preseason game this weekend against the Waratahs. Go the Brumbies! We also follow AFL and support Carlton. I hope that this season is better than the last few! In the NRL, I support the Canberra Raiders. In netball we follow the NSW Swifts. Both our girls play netball and I played for several years. It is one of my passions that I now enjoy from the sideline.

In 2015, I was working at Macgregor Primary School. Prior to that, I have worked at Evatt, Weetangera and Arawang. I have also worked at Burgmann Anglican School and Moss Vale Primary School in NSW. I have been teaching for over twenty years and am still loving it! It is my firm belief that it is a privilege to work with children and I pride myself on developing positive relationships and making a difference in the lives of the children that I teach. I am committed to working collaboratively with the whole school community at CDS to continue to develop and build upon our Professional Learning Community to ensure that our children receive the quality education they deserve.
Housekeeping with the Front Office Team

Wishing you all a warm welcome back in 2016, from the front office team. We have a few announcements and reminders:

**Book Club**

At CDS we send home book club catalogues once a month. Families have the opportunity to purchase some wonderful books and other items for their children and, when families order book club the school receives 20% of the total amount in scholastic rewards which we use to order books for special awards for our students.

**School Banking**

We also do school banking, if you are interested in opening an account for your child/ren or would like more information please see the front office or visit your closest Commonwealth Bank.

**Action Buses**

At CDS we have an Action school bus which brings students to school in the morning (school route 643) and takes them home in the afternoon (school route 625). The morning bus covers areas in Dunlop, Flynn, Fraser and the afternoon bus covers areas in Charnwood, Melba, Fraser, Flynn, Dunlop, Macgregor. For the specific route please view the action website [action.act.gov.au](http://action.act.gov.au). ACTION would also like to remind parents and students to check their MyWay cards and top them up if required. MyWay cards can be topped up automatically using the handy autoload service, online, over the phone via the ACTION information line (13 17 10), or in person with a MyWay recharge agent. New bus fares came into effect on 2 January 2016. Single trip concessions cash fares will remain $2.30 and MyWay fares are now $1.13. Parents and students can find more information at [action.act.gov.au](http://action.act.gov.au) or by calling 13 17 10.

**Book Packs**

URGENT reminder for book packs – if you have not yet paid for a book pack for your child please see the front office as soon as possible.

Book Pack prices:

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Payment can be made to the front office in cash only or direct deposited to the school account

**Details are as follows:**

**BSB:** 032 777  **Acct No:** 00 1164  **Acct Name:** Charnwood-Dunlop School

Please ensure when using direct deposit that you state your child/children’s name/s and that you are paying for a book pack by writing ‘book pack’ in the description. Or by the payment link to Westpac Quickweb on the Charnwood-Dunlop School website

**Student Information Check Sheets**

Today we will also be sending a student information check sheet home with each student. Please review this check sheet and make any necessary changes and then return it to the front office ASAP as it is very important that we have the correct emergency contact details for all families.

**Medical Plans**

Please also ensure that you provide the school with any medical emergency plans that are in place for your child, such as if they have asthma or an allergy. Please also provide the school with the correct medication so we are able to provide the best possible treatment for your child should an emergency occur.
School Banking is fuelling financial education.

Each term, the School Banking program will be sharing with parents, key articles and fun financial activities from the Beanstalk. The Beanstalk is our online resource designed to help parents bring money to life for their children. Check out this term’s articles and activity below.

**Money and maths**
Whether your child is or isn’t the biggest fan of maths, you can make sure their financial literacy develops strongly with fun money lessons. One tip is to get your child to sort a mixed pile of coins into individual $2, $1, 50c, 20c, 10c and 5c piles. Then, challenge them to make a dollar in as many different combinations of coins as they can think of. Read on for more tips at commbank.com.au/moneyandmaths

**How to teach your kids to save**
Teaching your children to save is important, but what is the best way to go about it? One tip is to help them set their own savings goal. By choosing their own goal they will be more motivated. Plus, it will help make it a fun experience for them. Read on for more tips at commbank.com.au/savingsgoals

**Activity: Money Maze**
Help your child develop their addition skills with this fun maze. More Money Mazes can be found at commbank.com.au/moneymaze

Make sure you keep a look out for more fun financial education from the School Banking program in next term’s School Newsletter.
School Banking 2016 is set for the outback.

Since 1931, the School Banking program has been introducing interactive and exciting new ways to teach students lifelong money skills. This year’s program invites your child to join the Dollermites on a wild outback adventure through the Canyon of Savings.

Your school has received parent packs that include all the gear you need to get started. If you haven’t received a parent pack yet, please ask your School Banking Co-ordinator.

Equipping smart savers with eight new reward items in 2016
The School Banking program continues to encourage good savings behaviour by rewarding students with thrilling reward items. For every 10 deposits made through the program, students can redeem a reward from our Outback Savers range. The first two reward items released in Term 1 include Flying Snake Tails and Wildlife Writer Sets.

You could meet Bindi and Robert Irwin at Australia Zoo
This year, we’re giving students the chance to win a family trip for up to two adults and three kids to explore Australia Zoo and meet Bindi and Robert Irwin, plus:

- A full day Platinum Zoo Adventure Tour, where you’ll get to pet wombats, cuddle koalas and feed wallabies, all while your personal photographer captures every incredible moment.
- Domestic return economy airfares to Sunshine Coast, Qld, 4 nights’ accommodation, 5 days’ car hire and $1,000 spending money.

Students who make 15 or more School Banking deposits by the end of Term 3, 2016 will automatically receive an entry into the competition.

For more information, visit commbank.com.au/schoolbanking
Lantern Festival 2016

Lantern Making Workshop
1.30 - 3.30pm Sunday 21 February 2016
Cook Community Hub, 41 Templeton St, Cook

Come and make a lantern, be creative and then bring your lantern to the Lantern Festival. For adults and children (young children will need to be accompanied by parents). Cost $3 pp.

Bring a cutting board, scissors, ruler and pencil
Workshop Bookings essential to acfs.event@gmail.com or Jean 62547732

Festival: Saturday 27 February 2016
6 pm to 8.30pm
Come and enjoy the colour and spectacle in the Beijing Garden in Lennox Gardens, Flynn Pl, Yarralumla

Entry is Free.
Bring your own lantern or buy one there. Prizes for best hand-made lanterns.

For further information please email acfs.event@gmail.com or ring Carol on 6247 8231
Proudly sponsored by the ACT Government Office of Multicultural Affairs
Diabetes ACT are running two special tours in addition to the usual Supermarket Tours which are aimed at teaching parents how to decipher nutritional panels and help them to choose healthier options when shopping for school lunches. These tours are for anyone interested in healthy eating as well as parents of children living with diabetes.

We need help to promote these tours and we are asking you to please forward this information on to anyone that you think may be interested in joining a Supermarket Tour. The details for the tours are below and also a link to our website booking page. More details about our tours can also be found via the link.

**School Lunch Box Tours**

Wednesday February 3rd – 10.00am – 12.00pm

Tuesday February 9th – 10.00am – 12.00pm


Free for Diabetes ACT Members - $20 for non-members. This fee covers the cost for resources supplied on the day which includes a pocket sized book “Healthy Shopping guide” to take all the hard work out of shopping.

There are over 40 million Scouts in the world today and in the ACT there are Scout Groups in more than 35 local communities. Scouting helps creates friendships, confidence, life skills and much more. Boys and girls aged 6-25 are encouraged to try come and try our 3 week FREE offer.

Simply contact your local Scout Group, go to our website www.scoutsact.com.au or give us a call on 1800 SCOUTS

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**Term 1 Program**

- 10-week high quality technical development
- Inclusive environment – everyone is welcome
- Football Federation Australia curriculum
- For boys and girls age 7 to 12
- Age-appropriate skill development

6 February to 10 April (with school term)

Location: The Mint Oval - Deakin

Sessions run every Saturday & Sunday morning

Register for 2 sessions per week and get 30% off
Don’t miss out on this amazing value!

brilliantfootball.com.au
Change of Contact Details?

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.

Please email:

info@charnwoodps.act.edu.au

www.charnwoodps.act.edu.au

CHARNWOOD AFTER SCHOOL CARE

Where: Charnwood Dunlop School Hall
When: Monday to Friday
Time: 3:00pm – 6:00pm
Cost: $29 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!!!!!!