

Caulfield South Primary School

SCHOOL NEWS

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Principal's Report – Chris Chant and Georgia Despotellis

This is our last newsletter leading into the final week of Term 1. School resumes for Term 2 on Monday April 24th at 9am.



Don't forget daylight saving ends at 3am on Sunday April 2nd when your clocks need to go back one hour.

Please note: School photos will be taking place on Wednesday 26th April. More information to follow.

=School for Term 1 finishes at 3.30pm on Tuesday afternoon. If you have logged into Compass you would have received the very first email about the end of Term 1 arrangements. For the families who have not logged in yet, another request to log into Compass was sent today. If you did not receive it, please check with the office staff to confirm whether we have the correct email listed. We are holding a whole school outside assembly on Tuesday afternoon prior to the dismissal to celebrate all we have achieved this term. We welcome families to join us at 3.15pm to share this important whole school event.



A message from the School Council President

As we come to the end of term, I would like to thank our teachers and the community for their work across the term. Our children will be heading off on a well earned break and we look forward to commencing Term 2 with the appointment of a new principal. Special thanks to Chris for his work over the last few months and with the new School Council executive, formation of new sub-committees and with the drive of the hard working parent committee team we look forward to an exciting term ahead.

Danny Benjamin

School Council President

PYP Professional Learning

Staff will be working with presenters and consultants next Wednesday and Thursday as we complete important professional learning around the PYP program. These important Curriculum Days ensure that our Inquiry Curriculum at CSPS is well supported and understood by staff across all levels of the school.

Mother's Day Breakfast / Luncheon

Please see below in PA section for details.

Emergency Evacuation Drill - Inside to Outside

On Monday at 9:15am, we will be having our first evacuation drill for 2023.

Parent Payments - Message from Danny Benjamin - School Council President

Thanks to those members of the CSPS who have moved on this and this is a final reminder for this term.

The 2023 school year has started successfully with all school programs underway and thanks to the dedicated efforts of the teachers, students have settled in well.

On the administration front you are probably aware we ask families to make a financial contribution to school to support the continued improvement of programs and make opportunities available for our children.

There has been a good start to the year with approximately 45% of the school community making contributions. I would encourage you to please consider making your contribution to the school which can be done via the Qkr! app or speak to the office staff who can help as well. It makes a big difference to the school and the learning experience our children have.

<https://caulfieldsthps.vic.edu.au/parents-community/#payments>

We have had a very busy couple of weeks, here are some of the major events that have occurred over the last two weeks:

Year 6 participated in a Leadership Day on Monday 27th March, Year 5 were involved in a CSIRO Scientist Incursion, the Year 3 students were involved in breadmaking and today all of the Year 5s and 6s participated in the Lightning Premiership.

Year 6 Night of the Notables

On Thursday the 16th March our Year 6 students showcased their 'Night of the Notables' inquiry through a mini exhibition, where they shared all of their fantastic new knowledge about a notable person. They dressed up as their person to add an extra element to their presentations. Thank you to everyone who visited the exhibition.

Prep Buddies Easter Egg Hunt

On Tuesday the Preps along with their Year 5 buddies participated in a fun Easter Egg hunt. Here are some comments from children in Prep C:

- We saw an Easter mouse and it was amazing! - Leo M
- We got to do an Easter Egg hunt. Then there was a special delivery of eggs. It was amazing! - Chloe D
- All of our buddies were with us, and we all got an egg. It was very fun! - Tommy L G
- We had to follow the Easter bunny's foot prints and got to eat some ginormous eggs! It was very yummy. - Ivy N
- I found all of the eggs on the hunt and we got to eat a lot of eggs. It was a great day! - Asher P



Lost Property

Lost property has continued to build over the course of this term. Please check our collection at the back of the Team Kids space and hopefully you can reclaim some of your missing uniform items. Clearly labelled clothing has a better chance of being reunited with their owners.

Open Classrooms

Our "Open Classroom" opportunities have been well attended this term. Families have made their way to learning spaces across the school and enjoyed the activities and displays of learning shared in these spaces.

Compass

Compass information and logins have been sent out to our families. Please ensure you complete the required steps and have access to our new, whole school communication platform. Flexischool notifications will be ending early in Term 2 and then Compass will be our only platform for messaging, information sharing and reporting student absences. Many thanks to our Office for rolling out this new initiative.



Recruitment Process for new Principal

The recruitment process for the new Principal is well underway. Applications have closed and interviews will be completed prior to the Easter break. As this process nears completion we will provide further updates for the CSPS community regarding this Principal selection process.

Warm Regards,

Chris Chant and Georgia Despotellis

End of term message from Georgia Despotellis

I would like to thank everyone for the warm welcome I have received in my first term at CSPS as Assistant Principal. It has been an absolute pleasure getting to know the staff, students, families and the entire community. I have been impressed by the dedication of the staff to our students and the quality of the teaching and learning programs at our school. The support from the community, working alongside the school, to ensure we keep our students at the centre of everything we do is pivotal to enable us to create individuals who will thrive in the future as well-rounded members of our society.

End of term message from Chris Chant

I would like to thank the Caulfield South Primary School community for their welcome and support offered during my short time as the Principal. As I finish my role here I would like to acknowledge the wonderful students who have shared with me their learning, the professional staff who work tirelessly to create such a wonderful school, our administration and leadership team who have continued to steer the improvement of the school and finally to our parents who have made my work a little easier through their unwavering support of the school and the initiatives in place. I will return to Caulfield Junior College with many fond memories of my time as the Principal of this very special school.



Change of break times for 2023

Please note the following break times:

Recess: 11am-11:30am

Lunch: 1:30-2:30pm

It is difficult to find children during these times, to make it easier to collect your child, please come before or after break times and notify the teacher or office that you'll be coming.

Student of the Week Awards

This year, we have responded to the difficulties families faced in trying to coordinate attendance at assemblies with student awards. It has become increasingly complex to try to guarantee the timing of awards and the communication of this to families. To avoid upset and disappointment when assemblies need to be rescheduled, awards will now be a lovely surprise for students and families. This ensures equity for students whose parents are unable to attend and eliminates the discussion to try to accommodate family requests.



There is a change to our school assembly format in 2023.

Each term will begin and end with a whole school assembly. Whole school assemblies will take place in the first week of term and on the last day of term. These will take place on the quadrangle (weather permitting).

Other assemblies throughout the term will cater separately for our Senior School (Years 3-6) and our Junior School (Prep-Year 2). All Senior and Junior School assemblies will be run on alternate Wednesday afternoons from 2:50 pm in the Hall. Please see the following schedule for key dates:

Tuesday 4th April: Whole-School Assembly (end of Term 1)

Families are welcome to attend all assemblies. We look forward to seeing you there!



Remember Lunch Orders are available for Years 1 - 6 every Thursday and Friday.

Prep Lunch Orders will start Week 3 in Term 2.

Please ensure your child/ren's Year level and class are correct.

If you do not already have the app, please download to ensure you keep up-to-date with all our CSPA information. Flexischools will let you know what is happening at school, in your year level and is the only way to order school lunches.



Please note that all payments for Excursions/Incursions/Camps/Swimming will be under the 'Activities' tab on Qkr!. Drum Corps payments are under the ' Music' tab. When you open the app and have CSPA set as the school, 'Activities' will be the first tab. The Year level will be noted on the appropriate activity,

We have had a number of parents paying twice for the same excursion. We ask parents to request a receipt from Qkr! at the time of payment to avoid this issue.



Benvenuti (or welcome) to our Italian Words of the Week

Grazie & prego = thank you & you're welcome

Buongiorno = good day / hello
Buona Pasqua = Happy Easter

Ciao (bye)

Signora Bilonis

CSEF

Please be advised that you may be eligible for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF), if you have a current approved Centrelink card.

The CSEF can be used towards camps, sports, incursions and excursions. Each child in your family will get \$125 for the year to use towards these activities.

The application form is attached. Please fill out and return to the office with a copy of your Centrelink card.

Please note, if you have previously had CSEF in the past, you do not need to fill out a new application as this will roll over to the new year if your Centrelink card is still valid.

Second Hand Uniform Shop

We will be posting dates of our upcoming Second Hand Uniform Shop dates soon. Please keep an eye on Flexischools and upcoming newsletters for when these are happening.

A big "Thank You" to all our volunteers.



TeamKids runs the CSPA Out of Hours School Care program each morning and afternoon on school days and Pupil-free Days.

Extra Curricular Activities at CSPA

Chess Club - Wednesday lunchtimes

UJEB HIP - Monday, Tuesday & Thursday mornings before school

Junior Rockers - during school hours on Tuesdays and Wednesdays

Soccerwise - Wednesday afternoons after school
Tennis Hot Shots - Monday mornings before school
UJEB Jewish Life Program - Wednesday mornings before school
Drum Corps (Year 5-6): Friday mornings before school

Important Dates

Friday 31st March - Year 5 & 6 Lightning Premiership
Tuesday 4th April - Last day of school for students for Term 1
Wednesday 5th April - Curriculum Day - no students at school
Thursday 6th April - Curriculum Day - no students at school
Friday 7th April - Good Friday - no students at school

Monday 24th April - First day of Term 2
Tuesday 25th April - ANZAC Day - no students at school
Wednesday 26th April - School Photo Day

Term Dates 2023

Term 1: 30th January - 4th April (Wed and Thurs are Curriculum Days)
Term 2: 24th April - 23rd June
Term 3: 10th July - 15th September
Term 4: 2nd October - 20th December

To keep up-to-date with CSPS information, please ensure you have the Flexischools app. The Community Calendar on our website is also a useful source of information.

Student of the Week



Junior School Assembly

Year Level	Student Name	Reason
Prep A	Max V	For displaying excellent listening and concentration skills. You are also a very caring and kind class member of Prep A. Well done Max!
Prep B	Ari G	For being a responsible and respectful classmate. Always following instructions and working hard. Thank you Ari!
Prep C	Ezra O	For making a wonderful start to his schooling at CSPA. Well done Ezra!
Prep D	Oscar E	For showing enthusiasm and being a great thinker by explaining his ideas.

1A	Sienna R	For being a kind and caring member of our class.
1A	Erin L	For being knowledgeable by noticing that a mini MAB block is the equivalent to a centimetre.
1B	Sebastian P	For being an engaged learner during reading groups as he was able to spot many words with the digraph sound for the week.
2A	Charlie G	For his improved efforts to be a principled class member: listening respectfully, contributing to discussions, and completing his best work.
2A	Romi D	For demonstrating that she is knowledgeable during writing tasks by using commas and choosing appropriate adjectives, verbs and nouns.
2B	Neve D	For demonstrating her knowledge of graphs in a highly articulate way when exploring how to represent data.
2B	Jax G-G	For thinking through his process for making a graph when exploring how to represent data.
2C	Lara S	For being an excellent role model to her peers by demonstrating her principled nature and upholding 2C's Essential Agreement when in the classroom.
2C	Adam N	For consistently approaching school with a positive attitude and always trying his best with every activity he is presented with.
2D	Ellie R	For being knowledgeable and sharing her thoughts, ideas and opinions during class discussions.

Senior School Assembly



Year Level	Student Name	Reason
3A	Emily Y	For her creativity when designing her MAB monster during our maths tasks last week.
3B	Issy K	For being a leader and communicator during our We Are What We Eat Inquiry Unit
3C	Jade G	For always trying her hardest in class and for being such a wonderful listener.
3C	Alfie T	For working well with his peers and making sure everyone is included.
4A	Asher R	For being a hard working, principled member of the class and always doing his best.
4B	Chantelle C	For seeking clarification and applying feedback to improve her work.
4B	Julian T	For being an active listener and sharing his ideas during classroom discussions.
4C	Sam B	For being a respectful member of 4C, for always doing his best and producing great quality work
5A	Maya G	For showing great determination and resilience to consistently do her best in all areas.

5A	Sera Solomon	For demonstrating a positive attitude to all school activities. Well done Sera!
5B	Talia S	For using time management effectively during the NAPLAN period.
5B	Jonah R	For making the right decisions in class and showing persistence in his maths.
5C	Zac S	For showing genuine kindness by being a good friend.



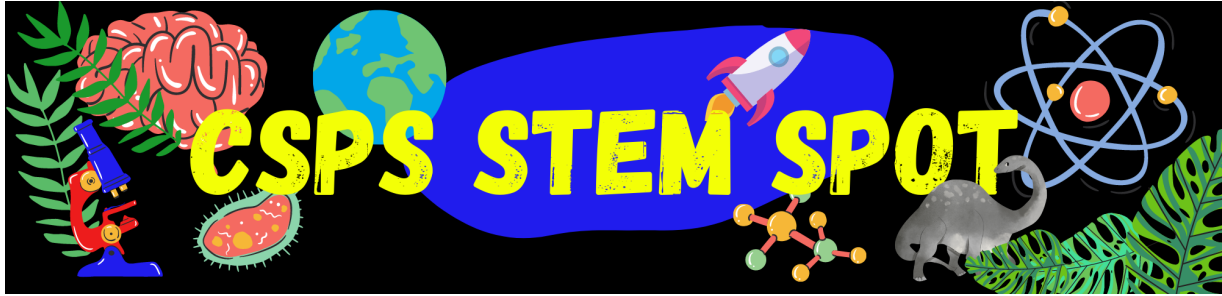
Expressions of interest to host our Italian Language Assistant

Our Language Assistant is arriving soon! To help her transition to life here in Melbourne, we are asking for a volunteer family, or families, to host this young lady for some of the first month of her stay. After their first month, the Assistants are expected to organise their own accommodation for the rest of the year.

We are seeking an expression of interest from one, or two of our families here at Caulfield South to help our Language Assistant transition to life in Melbourne for 2 weeks, from the afternoon of Friday 21st April until the weekend of the 6th and 7th of May. After this, a family from Armadale Primary has kindly offered to have her for the next 2 weeks.

So, if you have a spare bed/room and you would like to take up this amazing opportunity to get to know our Language Assistant, whilst helping her find her way around our beautiful part of the world, please email the school. The Language Assistants are generally highly qualified University graduates and they are keen to get to know all about our culture and life here in Australia.

Signora Bilionis



Term 1 STEM Update

Our first term of STEM @ CSPS is drawing to a close and we have certainly packed a lot in! Throughout the school, students have found out about coding, started to learn about the importance of fair tests, and conducted experiments to find out about the world around them. A big focus of our STEM lessons this term has been asking “What if...?” questions.

This week, Year 5 welcomed CSIRO STEM Professional Dr Laura Fitzgerald, to share her expertise as a research chemist. Students investigated how different coloured dyes work with silk and cotton, and learnt that silk adsorbs colours really well.



Year 6 students have explored how the Earth changes through processes of erosion and weathering, and created their own model landscapes to investigate how rivers shape the landscape.



Year 4 students have spent a lot of time learning how to program tiny computers called Micro Bits, and this week, they used their coding skills to create a litter counter. This will help them to keep track of how much recyclable and non-recyclable rubbish is building up in the school yard - next term, we hope to use this information to come up with some solutions for this huge problem!

In Year 3, it was all about food this term and our STEM program supported their inquiry into We Are What We Eat. This week, we made ice-cream in our STEM class, and students were amazed to find that you can make things colder than ice by adding salt! Last week, we asked the question “Which chocolate melts first - dark, milk or white?” and students showed incredible restraint as they observed, but didn’t taste their experiments!



The Year Ones have loved experimenting with simple household substances this term to expand their understanding of chemical sciences. They have learnt how soap breaks down fats and oils, and have seen how both turmeric and cabbage reacts with acidic and basic substances creating colour changes. Our students have learnt about the word ‘react’ and are thinking a lot about how science involves asking ‘what if’ questions, making predictions and reflecting on the results of our experiments.

Science Talent Search News

It has been wonderful to see so many students applying to participate in the Science Talent Search. All the project proposals submitted showed great creativity, and Ms Patel has accepted all the entries! In Term 2, Ms Patel will meet regularly with STS students to check their progress as they complete their entries by the end of Term 2.

If you have any questions about our STEM program, please contact Ms Patel
m Patel@caulfieldsouthps.com

Green Machine Updates

Recently, Green Machine created some beautiful natural art, now hanging under the orange shelter, as a collaboration with the year 6 Art Leaders. We started this project in 2021 but we put it on hold because of other projects. Now we finished and it is being proudly displayed for all the students, teachers and parents to see. Thank you to the lovely Mrs Pappas for helping us with this project's creative flair, and Ms Janine Wright and Mrs Zoe Whitaker for making this project possible.

We are also happy to announce that our new CSPS e-waste bin is finally finished and ready for some electronics to recycle. You will find it in the year 6 end of the SLC.

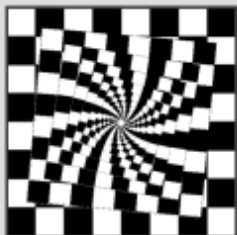


Keep an eye out for any new updates. Thanks and remember, **STAY GREEN!**

By **Dori D and Addie R**, proud members of Green Machine.



Chess Ideas



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Caulfield South Chess Club 2023

**Term 2 Classes commence.
Wednesday 26th April**



Dates: 26/4 – 21/6 = 9 weeks

Time: Wednesday Lunch Time

Cost: \$17.00 per lesson \$153.00

Students will not receive a refund for classes missed for absentees but students commencing *after* the first week **do not pay** for the earlier lessons. School camps or swimming can be deducted off as well.

Payments must be made online at:

www.chessideas.com.au -

Go to Pay Fees – Click on Term Fees

Enter the amount from your registration form 153.00
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Next pages enter all details for your child as asked:

Chess username or ID please put N/A Click to pay:

You go to PayPal where you can pay with a PayPal
account or click credit card payment at the bottom of
page, no American Express or Diners card

All Payments need to be made by the second week of Chess

If your child has a *medical condition*, we should please
advise us.

**Go to www.chessideas.com.au for our home page, to see
upcoming tournaments and events.**



PA Monthly Meeting

Our first monthly meeting for the year is on Monday 3rd April, 7:30pm at the School Hall. Feel free to join us if you'd like to help with the Term 2 events.

SAVE THE DATE for CSPS Mother's Day celebrations!

The CSPS Parents Association is hosting two events for Mother's Day this year.

Mother's Day Breakfast - Friday 5 May 2023 8:00am-8:55am in the School Hall.

Put the date in your calendar now so each student's mum/special female in their life can attend. Ticket info will be announced soon. Ladies, get ready to celebrate yourselves together with your child/ren over a delicious breakfast!

Mother's Day Lunch - Friday 12 May 2023 12pm at The Esplanade, St Kilda.

Get dressed up, bring some friends and enjoy a two-course lunch & drinks (child free!) Ticket info will be announced soon, limited places available!

Upcoming events in Term 2

- Mother's Day breakfast
- Mother's Day lunch

Keep an eye out for more info.

PA Multi-Event Fundraising - \$20 Contribution

You would have seen as part of your school payments, the \$20 PA Multi-Event fundraising contribution in the 'Other Contributions' section. For background, this payment at the beginning of the year was initiated a couple of years ago to overcome students having to bring in coins for fundraising events such as Icy Pole / Sausage Sizzles / Casual Clothes Day, etc. as this would save parents searching for gold coins multiple times a year.

In 2023 these events will be:

- 4 Icy-Pole Days
- 2 Sausage Sizzles
- 4 Casual Clothes Day

Thank you to all those parents who have made their payments, it is much appreciated!

CSPS AFL FOOTY TIPPING 2023

LEADERBOARD

RANK	TIPPER	TOTAL SCORE
1	Maddox the Great	14
2	Daniel K	14
3	maxshark	13
4	Panayiotis S	13
5	flying high sandra	12

WEEKLY WINNERS

Round 1:
Harry S
Panayiotis S

Round 2:
maxshark
Daniel K

Weekly winners receive a voucher from Mr Brightside (1st); and Caulfield Fish and Chips (2nd) who can collect their prize from the school front office.

Well Done!!



NEWSLETTER



WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING

We brought Jewish culture to the service celebrating Purim during after school care sessions, the 6th and 7th of March, making masks and shakers as part of the celebration. Thanks to all of the Parents who suggested this idea!

We also celebrated World Wildlife Day with the 'TeamKids goes Wild Party', The children had a blast planning and designing many different arcade style games in the lead up to the day and had even more fun actually getting to play them for prizes. The games they created included Animal ping pong, pin the tail on the cheetah, an animal scavenger hunt with endangered animals and a research activity about endangered animal profiles (including Gorillas and African Forest Elephants). It was great to get the children involved in creating our programming and helping them voice ways to improve the service. Building a sense of belonging, leadership and engagement during our session is always the goal of TeamKids.

As community engagement, TeamKids organised a Grab and Go breakfast for parents the 14th of March with healthy and yummy breakfast options. Our children played star roles, welcoming families to the service and serving the parents breakfast.

During cooking club, we learned how to make Anzac biscuits and pancakes (a favourite at Team Kids). At STEM Club, the children got their hands dirty learning about chemical reactions with the activity Magic Milk (dishwasher liquid in milk). We finished off making playdough as sensory experience which were of course turned into monsters.

We're looking forward to an exciting next fortnight!

IMPORTANT DATES



THURSDAY 23RD MARCH

TeamKids Lunchtime Legends
Rainbow Party – International Day of Happiness

TUESDAY 04TH APRIL

End of Term Party – Easter Celebration – TeamKids Special

WEDNESDAY 05TH AND THURSDAY 6TH APRIL

Pupil Free Day – Team Kids will operate from 7 am to 6 pm

TEAMKIDS CLUBS ASC WEEK:

MONDAY

BSC: Gardening
ASC: Jugar Warriors

TUESDAY

ASC: Art Attack

WEDNESDAY

BSC: Coding
ASC: Lego Master

THURSDAY

ASC: Super Sports

FRIDAY

BSC: Cooking
ASC: STEM



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CSPS AFL FOOTY TIPPING 2023

JOIN US FOR THE NEW FOOTY SEASON!

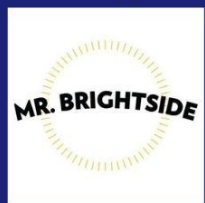
The CSPS footy tipping competition is back for 2023!

There's two weekly prizes for the best tipsters and a trophy awarded to the overall winner.

Registration is free, and simple, via the Footytips website/app:

www.footytips.com.au/comps/CSPS

Good luck!!!



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