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6 June 2022

WA Day Public Holiday

13 June 2022

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School Board Meeting

24 June 2022

P&C School Disco

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

This week the WA government announced that many of the remaining Covid restrictions will be lifted in the coming weeks. At this stage it is unclear what affect that will have on our school as there are currently very few remaining restrictions in place.

We still have children testing positive and I thank parents for notifying the school promptly and following the relevant health directives. We have had close to 200 children test positive this semester. That is about 1 in 3 children who attend our school.

Semester 1 reports

As you are aware, COVID-19 continues to impact our school community and has presented us with challenges in managing both student and staff attendance throughout this semester. This has made it difficult for teaching staff to accurately provide grades and achievement standards for this semester's report.

The teaching staff will therefore focus on Literacy and Numeracy in Semester 1 reports. Your child's report will contain a grade allocation, effort allocation and a comment on how your child has performed in Literacy and Numeracy, as well as a general comment about their progress and achievement throughout the semester.

Due to continued disruptions to the learning program in other areas, there will be no grade allocations for subjects outside Literacy and Numeracy.

Use of social media and technology platforms by students

As a result of continuing disruptions caused by Covid, the use of technology and social media has become an increasingly important way for students and families to stay connected as well as providing continuity of learning for those students unable to attend school.

Generally, our students use technology and social media very responsibly. However, this is not always the case. It has been brought to our attention that some children in Year 5 and 6 are accessing different social media platforms and using them in an irresponsible and disrespectful manner.



Although this is occurring at home where the school has little control or influence, there is a flow on effect which is now causing problems at school and having a negative effect on some of our students.

Our staff regularly discuss and teach lessons on digital citizenship and using technology in a responsibly way. Caversham Valley PS sees this responsibility as a partnership between the school and parents. Although we are not in a position, nor have the desire to reach into homes after hours, we are happy to bring these issues to the attention of parents. Currently there is some inappropriate use of social media by some of our Year 5 and 6 children. I encourage families to discuss safe, respectful and responsible online behaviour, with a focus on the positive ways in which students can engage with social media. For further tips on helping children develop digital intelligence, click on this link [Good habits start young | eSafety Commissioner](#)



Some conversations with your children could be around the age requirement for many different apps (usually 13 years of age in Australia), what is an appropriate way to treat peers and why the privacy and consent of others is so important.

For tips to help your children to be safe and responsible online users, see the link below.

[Cyber safety - Department of Education](#)

NAPLAN trial

Caversham Valley PS has been selected to trial some new question and platform changes for the 2023 NAPLAN assessments. This trial will occur with our current Year 3 and 5 children. Results on student performance will not be made available, as this is not the purpose of the assessment. The trial will occur next term. Information for parents of children involved in the trial will be sent home next term.

Cross Country

What a wonderful faction cross-country we had this week. The weather was perfect, the way that the students conducted themselves was superb, parents who attended cheered enthusiastically, and a team of wonderful volunteers did an amazing job. I can't think of a better way to head into a long weekend.

George Craig

PRINCIPAL



Faction Cross Country 1 June 2022

National Walk Safely to School Day

Despite some drizzly weather, we had a great turn out for our Walk to School Day.

Thank you to all the parents and students who braved the weather to participate in this annual event which promotes walking to school as a great way for students to exercise. Remember- active kids are smarter kids!



National Simultaneous Storytime

On Wednesday 25th May, CVPS held a variety of activities around the picture book 'Family Tree', written by Josh Pyke and beautifully illustrated by Ronojoy Ghosh.

There was something for everyone in this year's text. Beautiful illustrations, a lovely story and some important themes about family, growth, changing seasons, and the natural circle of life. 'It started with a seed, and that seed was me!'



Faction Cross Country

On Wednesday 1 June, students from Year 1 to 6 took part in the Faction Cross Country Carnival. The weather was perfect, and it was wonderful to see so many of our parents on site to support our runners. Our students were fantastic, competing with wonderful sportsmanship, enthusiasm, and great faction spirit, which all added to the enjoyment and atmosphere of the day.

A massive thank you to all the parent helpers and student leaders for assisting on the day. This event would not have been possible without your help and support.

Congratulations to all involved and to all our place winners listed below.

Overall Results



Kooyar 361 points



Yoorn 286 points



Quenda 261 points



Waalitj 226 points



Individuals Results

2022	CHAMPION	RUNNER-UP	THIRD PLACE
YR 1 Girl	Pranati Thalluri	Abigael Garrigan	Grace Lang
YR 1 Boy	Ashton Kidd	Michael Wulff	Oliver Miles
YR 2 Girl	Hallie Williams	Caitlin Meredith	Taylor Rere
YR 2 Boy	Konnor Felstead	D'artagnan Gosling	Joshua Yeboah
YR 3 Girl	Khaira Lally	Alina Sharma	Ruby Ellis
YR 3 Boy	Jaxon Foote	Nicholas Gao	Hayden Frusher
YR 4 Girl	Bailey Kidd	Charlotte Williams	Angel Rustia
YR 4 Boy	Hudson Ryder	Liam Kerr	Aotea Wiringi
YR 5 Girl	Lucy Sharp	Alicia Riddell	Aaliyah Boddy
YR 5 Boy	Oliver Annall	Sam Nielsen	Ethan Yankey
YR 6 Girl	Nevaeh Kickett	Bianca Maldonado-Reveggino	Alpha Simi
YR 6 Boy	Jeril Austin-Jeoso	Cooper Nielsen	Smit Desai

These students will be invited to the DERBAL interschool cross country carnival held at Caversham Primary School on Monday 13 June. Good luck to all runners.

Kaboom Music Incursion



Last week, students from Years 1 to 6 experienced a fantastic performance from the Kaboom percussion team.

The Kaboom team are passionate about harnessing the fun side of music and showing students that music can be played with even the simplest of objects. Some examples of their performance skills can be viewed on the link below.

[Kaboom Percussion - YouTube](#)

The performance featured an exciting blend of music and science, with a heap of fascinating home made and recycled percussion instruments. Students and teachers alike were captivated by a bottlephone, made of recycled plastic bottles pumped up with air; a thongophone which uses different lengths of pipe to produce different notes; and music played on an assortment of common household items including boxes, kitchen utensils and buckets.

The performance was fun and interactive, with students using body percussion to explore different rhythms and grooves to create music. It was great to see our students tapping on seats, clapping and drumming at recess and lunchtime as they practiced their percussive skills. The performance is sure to inspire the students as they continue to explore rhythm with percussion instruments in music lessons this term.

Harmony Day Recipe Book



Thank you to everyone who contributed recipes for Harmony Day. Mrs Watson has been very busy compiling a recipe book which will be shared with the school community in the coming weeks via Connect. We hope that you and your children enjoy these delicious recipes which represent the many cultures that make up our school community.



School Councillors Report

Kaboom Music Incursion

On the 26th May, the Kaboom percussion team arrived at our school and showed off their amazing instrumental skills on instruments made from recycled materials. WOW! Did you know that they have even performed in front of the Queen?

Reconciliation Week

This week is National Reconciliation Week with the theme 'Be Brave. Make a Change.' All the students have been participating in fun learning activities, which began the week before where we talked about the meaning behind 'Sorry Day' and the stolen generation.



Cross Country Carnival

On the 1st of June, CVPS held their Cross-Country carnival where years 1 to 6 participated in long distance running events. Parents came and supported their children who did a fantastic job. The winning faction ended up being Kooyar by 40 points, Yoorn came second, Quenda was third and in fourth place was Waalitj. We were so proud of everyone who raced in the event and supported their friends in such a tough race.

Block in Focus: Balga

This week in the Balga block we questioned a few students about what they like about school. They are all looking forward to hitting 50 Dojo points soon and participating in the faction carnival. In their class they are learning about different animals, letters and age-appropriate addition sums.

We hope you enjoy the rest of the semester.

Student Councillors

Abby, Christian, Sophie and Zidan

P&C News

Plans are well underway for a student disco in Week 9. More information will follow.

Tickets will be available for purchase next week.

Save the following dates in your diary

Thursday 23 June (Kindy/PP disco)

Friday 24 June (Year 1-6 disco)

Upcoming P&C General Meeting

There will be a virtual P&C General meeting on Monday 13 June at 7:30pm. School Community and teachers are welcome to attend. Email cavershamvalleypandc@gmail.com for further details.

