

Term 3

Although the weather has been very wet and windy, we have had a great start to the new school term. Our Semester 2 restructure has gone smoothly and those children who moved classes, as well as those new to the school, have settled in well. The dedicated work that our staff did in organising these new classes has been very successful, with all students working hard, and fully engaged in their learning.

The start of term has been very busy, with many activities, incursions and excursions occurring. The COVID restrictions put in place during the last week of Term 2 has seen the need to catch up on rescheduled events. As always the flexibility and understanding everyone has shown is greatly appreciated.

In this newsletter you will read about many of these events and activities that your children have participated in as well as information about upcoming events such as the Faction Athletics Carnival.

Entering and leaving carparks

At Caversham Valley PS we are very fortunate to have 186 car parking spaces, on-street parking around the outside of the school, as well as the carpark at the Caversham Community Centre and the shopping centre across the road.

Generally, parents and family members have proven themselves to be both safe and considerate, which is very important for the safety of every child that attends our school. The greatest concern is how parents are lining up outside carparks, and at the 'Kiss and Drive', before gates are open for children to enter or leave. This is causing traffic to back-up on the roads around the school, blocking other road users. It also makes it difficult at times for children and families to safely enter or leave the grounds.

The following is a quick reminder for parents and families about gate times throughout the day:

- **8:05 am** – Gates open. Children who come to school without a parent wait in the Wornt alcove with the staff member on duty until 8:15 am, when they can enter class. Children who are with their parent or family member wait quietly out the front of their class until the door opens at 8:15 am.
- **8:30 am** – Classes formally start. Any child arriving after 8:30 am must collect a late note from the front office before entering their classroom.

- **2:30 pm** – Carparks open for after school pick-up. Teaching staff appreciate parents waiting quietly outside classrooms, as teaching is still occurring. Looking through windows, or waving to children at this time is very distracting, particularly for younger students, who are busy finishing their learning and packing away.

As a school and staff, we appreciate the consideration of parents in following these times and routines as it is best for your child's learning, and most importantly their safety.

P&C day

Friday 23 July was P&C Day. This is the day when all the wonderful work of P&C's across the state is acknowledged and appreciated. Our P&C has been working hard to get established, start fundraising activities, and plan for school community events. Within this newsletter is some information about our P&C's activities, as well as events they are planning for the near future.

George Craig

PRINCIPAL



HEAL COUNTRY! - PROUDLY CELEBRATING NAIDOC WEEK 2021

NAIDOC Week

Last week we celebrated NAIDOC Week. The theme for NAIDOC Week 2021 was Heal Country.

Students participated in Yarning Circles each morning which followed the structure of our whole-school Morning Meeting program but was focused on the theme of Heal Country. Topics included reflecting on our understandings of NAIDOC Week, learning about the importance of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander languages, preserving and protecting sacred places, and caring for the land.

Students embarked on a walk around the school to learn about the animals that inhabit the land where we live. They identified animal footprints and gained information about each of the animals, including creation stories that feature the animal and the animal's significance to Aboriginal peoples. When students returned to class, they created artwork on calico fabric and recorded their learning on tree leaves. These art pieces and reflections will eventually form a whole-school art piece.

Our staff members also promoted the event by looking amazing in our new CVPS NAIDOC polo shirts. Thank you to the CVPS RAP Committee for their work in coordinating the week's events.

NAIDOC week class report K1

Last week the year 5/6 students of Kardan 1 celebrated NAIDOC Week by learning words in the Noongar language, participating in a variety of activities and learning the history of the many rivers, creeks and grounds that pass through Wadjuk Noongar land.

K1 kicked off NAIDOC Week with an activity called the 'Yarning Circle', which replaced our usual Morning Meeting. Yarning Circle is an activity where something connected to the land, whether it be a wood chip or a leaf (but traditionally a Yarning Stick) is passed around the circle to indicate that the person holding it should be the only one speaking.

On the last day of NAIDOC week, the class reflected on the importance of preserving nature for the many generations to come hence this year's theme, 'Heal Country'. We each wrote a Noongar word we had learnt this week onto paper leaves that will be sewn onto a tree filled with other leaves from other classes around the school. We then painted part of the mural's background with native animal track symbols, littering the yellow fabric with vibrant colours. This wonderful mural will soon be displayed in the library for all students, teachers and parents to see.

Marianne Sularte – K1

"I learnt how to make traditional damper. I enjoyed the art and the walk because it was so fun and very interesting!" -*Hritika K3*

"I really enjoyed the cooking and Cass' visit because I really like cooking and Cass' story was very interesting." - *Willow K3*

"I liked when we learnt the Noongar names for the animals on the track, for example: Yonga is Kangaroo." - *Olly K3*

"I liked the animal walk because I learnt many names for animals in the Noongar language." - *Japjot K3*

At Caversham Valley Primary School, we acknowledge that we are learning and growing on Whadjuk Noongar boodja. We value the memories, traditions and knowledge of our Elders past and present, and pay our respects as we walk together to a reconciled future.



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Beekeeper Incursion

This week the entire school has been **buzzing** about the bee incursion that students from K-6 attended.

During the incursion students learnt about the European Honey Bee, how it collects pollen and nectar and how they build honeycomb. They heard about the role of the worker, drone and queen bee as well as the life cycle of a bee. Students learnt about the important role bees play in pollination and the survival of all living things. They had the opportunity to observe a secure bee hive up close, where they could see the bees hard at work building their honeycomb. Students learnt about how beekeepers extract honey for the purpose of food. They even heard about some of the native bees we have in WA and their lifestyle. The most exciting part of the incursion was by far the honey tasting at the end!

"It was so fun, we got to learn about bees and I learnt they have five eyes and four wings."
Ashton D2

"AMAZING! I learnt that if the queen bee dies they feed royal jelly to a larva until it is a new queen bee."
-John W3

"I learnt that the boy bees don't do that much and the girl bees kick them out. I found it interesting how they make the hexagon shapes for the honeycomb instead of circles. It was very fun, we got to taste the honey!"
Makayla K4

A big thank you to Roy Murphy from Bee Educated for coming in and delivering the incursion.

Bees are such incredible insects, I can barely **BEE**-lieve it!

Cassidy Metcalfe

Science Teacher



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Cross Country Interschool Carnival

On Thursday 29th July we had 34 students compete in our inaugural Interschool Cross Country Carnival, against Brabham Primary School and Caversham Primary School. The top 3 students (boys and girls) from Years 1-6, were selected to represent their respective schools.

Caversham Primary School hosted the event, with the track being a mix of oval, grass areas, mud pits and large puddles for our students to run through. The students absolutely loved the 'off road' elements of the cross-country track.

We had some great success across all year levels, with 13 medal winners from Years 1-6.



Bailee Kidd
Nathan Koko
Lucy Sharp
Oliver Annall
Kevin Lally

Year 3
Year 3
Year 4
Year 4
Year 6



Joshua Yeboah
Khiara Lally
Jaxon Foote
Penny Watson
Joel Tasker

Year 1
Year 2
Year 2
Year 3
Year 4



D'Artagnan Gosling
Ruby Ellis
Lola Annall

Year 1
Year 2
Year 3



Our students demonstrated excellent sportsmanship when cheering on their own peers, as well as encouraging students from Caversham and Brabham Primary Schools across the finish line. This showed great kindness and respect, which are two of our values.

Thank you to Valentine Carter and Ricki Bouse for assisting on the day. The day would not have been possible without your help and support. Thank you to all those parents who came to watch and support our students.

Caversham Valley finished in 2nd place overall on 344 points, with Caversham Primary winning the perpetual shield with 352 points – what a close finish!

It was a great day for all our participating students and their families. Well done to all.

Miss Cookson

Phys. Ed. Teacher

School Community Picnic Lunch and Open Classroom Afternoon

On Friday 17 September CVPS will be having a school community picnic lunch on the oval. Parents, carers and close family members are invited to bring their lunch to eat with their child/ren. After lunch you are invited to come into your child's class/classrooms where they will lead you through the work they have been doing this term and the different teaching strategies we use. The outline for the afternoon is below:

12:35 pm – Arrive at the school oval.

12:40 pm – Children come out to the oval to have lunch with family (they can bring their lunch from their bags or parents/family bring it to the oval)

1:10 pm – Children return to classrooms. Parents pack-up their lunch.

1:20 pm – Classrooms open for parents/carers for open afternoon.

2: 25 pm – Parents/carers open afternoon ends. Children pack up for the end of the day.

2:40 pm – School finishes.

Library Volunteers needed

We currently have hundreds of home readers and new library books ready for covering.

Our School Library Officer is looking for parent volunteers to help cover books on Wednesday and Friday mornings between 8:30 and 10:30am.

Please note, parents and legal guardians of students do not need a Working with Children Check.

If you can assist, please see our Library Officer, Caterina McKenzie (available Wednesday to Friday) or contact the school office.



P&C news

Bunnings Sausage Sizzle – The Caversham Valley PS, P&C would like to say a massive thank you to the whole school community for their support with the Bunnings Fundraiser which was held in Term 2. In total we made \$1220 profit that will be used to support our children.

A special thank you to all P&C members for donating their time in the lead up to the event, as well as on the day. A huge shout out to Joshua Wells, Michael Byatt, Mick Geissmann, Bronwyn Sharp, Ande Dolson, Elise Kerr, Andrew Burns, Lalita Kumari, Brad Harrop, Amber Burns and Ivonne Reveggino. Your help on the day was greatly appreciated and we really hope to see even more parents at future events.

All families are able to get involved in any way they can, no matter how big or small the contribution. This could be through donating your time at events, purchasing goods when fundraising events occur, or coming to P&C meetings to share your thoughts and ideas. It all helps us to provide additional resources to the school and our children.

The P&C is planning some more events this term. Below are the upcoming events and more information will be sent to parents in the very near future:

- Father's Day Raffle. Tickets will be on Sale the week before Father's Day (30/8- 3/9)
- School Disco - Friday 10th September in Koorongkool Miya (Undercover area)
- School Colour Run - Friday 5th November

If you are available to help out, offer donations or have any questions relating to the P&C and/or events please send an email to cavershamvalleypandc@gmail.com

School Councillors Report

Although the term has just started, we have already had a fun packed term with more ahead for all students at Caversham Valley Primary School.

Funky Friday was off to a fantastic start last Friday. Thank you to all students who have requested songs. We are keeping a long list and creating weekly playlists that are built around what you want to hear!

NAIDOC Week is a significant part of Australian and Indigenous culture. To celebrate NAIDOC Week at CVPS, we participated in multiple activities last week. This year's NAIDOC Week theme is Heal Country. Some activities were; the Track Walk, where we looked at a bunch of different tracks of native animals; Yarning Circles in place of our Morning Meetings, where we used a natural object to take turns in speaking and sharing; art activities; cooking traditional meals; singing Indigenous songs and learning Noongar words for numbers and colours.

This term we will also have lots of fun incursions, like the beekeeper incursion and BILYA KAATIJIN by the Yirra Yaakin Theatre Company. The beekeeper incursion taught us all about bees, how beekeepers collect honey from bee hives and what equipment they use to collect honey. The BILYA KAATIJIN is a drama performance presented by the Yirra Yaakin Theatre Company, which is all about waterways and how the water travels all around the world, and we look forward to seeing this later in the term.

This term we also have 2 very exciting sporting events coming up, the Athletics Carnival and Interschool Athletics. In the Athletics Carnival, we will be having a lot of team games and individual events for students from Kindy to Year 6 to participate in. A big congratulations to all the students who represented CVPS at our Interschool Cross Country which was held last week, we are so proud of you all!

We also have Book Week coming up in Week 6, with more information to come soon about the exciting events the school has planned.

This term we hope students enjoy all the great activities and events that the teachers and staff have prepared for them. Don't forget to say 'Hi!' to us around the school!

Student Councillors

Agam, Sophie, Yashica and Arnesh

Caversham Valley Primary School: Faction Athletics Carnival Information

Our Faction Athletics Carnival will be held on Tuesday 31 August (Jumps and Throws) and Wednesday 1 September (Track and Team Games). Friday 3 September is our reserve day in case of poor weather that poses a safety concern for the children. Some initial information for parents is within this newsletter. Over the next couple of weeks, estimated times for the events, and a program for the day will be sent to parents via Connect.

31st August & 1st September: Morning Procedure

- Students are to arrive at school and be in their classrooms for the morning roll at 8:30am
- Teachers will move students to the oval for a 9:00am Start

Tuesday 31st August: Jumps, Throws & Long Distance

Jumps: 9:00-10:30am

- The top 3 male and female students Years 1-6, from each faction, will compete in the Long Jump event for their year group
- Each competitor will have one practice jump and 2 official jumps
- Jump Mats will have a line where each jump will be measured from

Throws: 9:00-10:30am

- The top 3 male and female students Years 1-6, from each faction, will compete in the Throws event for their year group
- Competitors will be using a Vortex
- Each competitor will have one practice throw and 2 official throws
- Throws will be measured from a designated line to where the Vortex lands

Long Distance: 10:45-11:30am

- The top 2 male and female students Years 1-6, from each faction, will compete in the Long-Distance event for their year group

Year	Distance
3 Boys	200m
3 Girls	200m
4 Boys	200m
4 Girls	200m
5 Boys	400m
5 Girls	400m
6 Boys	400m
6 Girls	400m

Wednesday 1st September: Sprints, Team Games & Relays

Sprints: 9:00-10:30am

Division	Year	Distance
(Div A-E)	1 Boys	50m
(Div A-D)	1 Girls	50m
(Div A-D)	2 Boys	50m
(Div A-E)	2 Girls	50 m
(Div A-C)	3 Boys	75m
(Div A-C)	3 Girls	75m
(Div A-D)	4 Boys	75m
(Div A-C)	4 Girls	75m
(Div A-B)	5 Boys	100m
(Div A-B)	5 Girls	100m
(Div A)	6 Boys	100m
(Div A-B)	6 Girls	100m

RECESS – 10:30-10:50am (students to eat in their Faction Bay)

Team Games: 11:00am-12:30pm

Year	Event	Year	Event
1 Mixed	Tunnellball	4 Mixed	Leaderball
1 Mixed	Corner Spry	4 Mixed	Passball
1 Mixed	Flag Relay	4 Mixed	Flag Relay
2 Mixed	Tunnellball	5 Mixed	Leaderball
2 Mixed	Corner Spry	5 Mixed	Passball
2 Mixed	Flag Relay	5 Mixed	Flag Relay
3 Mixed	Leaderball	6 Mixed	Leaderball
3 Mixed	Passball	6 Mixed	Passball
3 Mixed	Flag Relay	6 Mixed	Flag Relay

LUNCH – 12:30-12:55pm (Students may eat with their parents if they are present, or MUST stay in Faction Bay with their teachers)

Relays- 1:00pm to 1:30pm

Year	Distance
1 Mixed	50m
2 Mixed	50m
3 Mixed	75m
4 Mixed	75m
5 Mixed	100m
6 Mixed	100m

PRESENTATIONS: 1:30-2:00pm

- Champion Boy and Girls Year 1-6
- Faction Shield

If parents want to take their children home after presentations, they must find their FACTION BAY TEACHER and get their named ticked off the FACTION ROLL before departing.

Championship Medallion Points:

- A champion boy and girl medallion will be awarded for Years 1-6
- Events that will be counted towards championship points:
 - Jumps
 - Throws
 - Long Distance
 - Sprints (A Division)

K/P Faction Carnival:

- Kindy will host 2 carnivals on the mornings of the 30th August (Monday) and the 2nd September (Thursday)
- Pre-Primary will host their carnival on the 30th August in the afternoon
- K/P teachers will send out their carnival information to parents

All times are subject to change and must be read as estimate start and finish time.

Ribbons will be presented for Jumps, Throws and Long Distance on the day. Points will be allocated and included in the total Faction scores announced on Wednesday.