Enrolments are now open at: www.det.act.gov.au

We are accepting documents to confirm enrolment application at: Building 1 on Madgwick Street. Monday-Friday 8:30am – 4:00pm

An Out of Hours Care Provider has been appointed and will commence on 2 February, 2016

Save the Date
5 November 2015
Minister Visit
16 December 2015
Transition Tours

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Purpose
We would like to welcome everyone to the first of our regular newsletters designed to keep you updated with our progress toward our commencement in Term 1, 2016.

Building Works Progressing
Yes, we will be opening in 2016!

Many of the classroom buildings are now complete, you will notice some great colourful new touches being added to distinguish each classroom building. Next time you walk or drive by with your child have a look at the different colours that have been added to our buildings. Each classroom block is a different colour, how many can you spot?

Our furniture has all been selected and ordered along with the ICT devices. This will all be ready for term one. It will really start to look like a school once this is all delivered.

The landscaping is progressing with work occurring on the inside play spaces. The main oval is being developed at the moment along with the retaining walls, stairs and landscaping in this area.

The car parks are going in with access from the road being cut in. A pram crossing is also being cut in on Madgwick Street for access to the preschool. Before school commences we will develop an access plan for cars and pedestrians to ensure everyone’s safety. This plan will be distributed to all families and we would appreciate your cooperation in following the guidelines. Please visit us during office hours if you would like to get a closer look at the progress that is being made to the site.

Meet the Minister
Joy Burch ACT Minister for Education will be at Charles Weston School on Thursday 5th November at 3.30pm to meet the community. We would love to have some of our foundation students and families attend this afternoon tea.

This will be a chance to meet some of the staff, the Minister and have a look around Building 1.

If you would like to attend please RSVP via the schools email address: coombsps@ed.act.edu.au or phone 61420404 by Tuesday 3rd November.
Out of School Hours Care
The tender process for our Out of School Hours Care provider has been completed with the successful tender being Communities@Work.

Communities@Work is committed to providing the highest quality child care services providing children with the best possible start to their learning and education experience. They have almost 40 years of experience in provision of child care in Canberra. They currently operate 16 before and after school care programs and 6 vacation care programs across Canberra.

They will be offering before and after school care for Preschool to Year 6 students of Charles Weston School - Coombs

We are looking forward to working with the Communities@Work team.

Enrolment forms and additional information will be sent to families as soon as possible.

School Uniforms
We have selected colours and designs for our school uniform. Providers are being sought and once this has been decided we will issue an order form for parents.

Orders will be placed through ‘Flexischools’ our online ordering system and then we will email everyone once uniforms are ready to be collected. We will be asking for some volunteers to assist us on collection days.

At this stage the uniform will consist of:

**Bottoms**
Navy blue either cargo shorts, or skorts for summer.
Navy blue track pants, or straight leg pants for winter.

**Tops**
Emerald green, navy blue and white polo shirt sleeve tops for summer.
Emerald green long sleeve polo and a polo fleece full zip jacket in Navy for winter.

Summer dress will be navy, green and white.

There will be two different styles of summer hats, and a beanie for winter and a school backpack will also be available. All tops, jackets, hats and the backpack will display the school logo.

In the coming newsletters we will include photos of the selected uniform.

Meet the Staff
Each week we are employing new staff. Currently working at the school are:

Kate McMahon – Principal
Suzanne Vincent – Business Manager
Gerry and Anita – Administration assistants

We will also welcome Nicole Nicholson – Deputy Principal in the coming weeks.

Our classroom teacher selection process is almost complete and in the coming weeks we will be able to let you know who our classroom and executive teachers are for 2016.

All of our staff are very excited about joining the Charles Weston School community.

Message from the Minister
Parents and Carers

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 http://www.det.act.gov.au/canberra-public-schools to find out more.

Joy Burch MLA
Minister for Education and Training