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CWSC Newsletter 2020 Term 1 Week 6

Principal's Message

Parents as Partners in Learning

Thank you to all of the families who have participated in our recent parent teacher interviews. This is an important opportunity for us to connect and learn about your child, as well as establish strong home-school partnerships. Our teachers value your input and look forward to working together to provide the best learning environment and opportunities for your child in 2020. If you have been unable to attend please contact your child's class teacher or stop by the front office to make an appointment.



Last Tuesday evening we held a Tucker & Yarn session where Bianca Bailletti and Corey Grafan welcomed our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander families in and provided an opportunity for us all to learn about our rich cultural heritage. It was great to explore where our mobs derive from, share expertise and develop further plans for how we can 'Connect to Country', explore and respect the beautiful Ngunnawal land on which we live and learn.



CWSC mission and vision

We are revisiting our school mission and vision in 2020 and are seeking your input. Thank you to all who have contributed so far. Please click on this [link](#) to see the themes that have emerged and vote on your preferred options.



Swimming Carnival Success

Congratulations to all who participated in our recent swimming carnival at CISAC. It was a fun day of competitive races and novelty events with some great house spirit observed. I was particularly impressed by the increased number of students who participated in competitive events, it was our largest group ever. I was so pleased to see our year 5/6 students stepping up and being great role models, showing other students the power of positive involvement. A special mention to year 6 student Oliver Noble who participated in every possible event. A great growth mindset! We now have 20 students who are eligible to represent our school at the South Weston Carnival. Thank you also to the volunteers who helped out on the day, we appreciated your support.

Finally, congratulations to the winning house ROSEWOOD!



Safety in our carparks

Thank you to all family members who are walking or riding to school to ease the traffic congestion at drop off and pick up times. This is also a great way to increase physical activity. Thank you also to those who park safely in our carparks and follow the signage. I urge you all to be vigilant of child safety and

teach your children to enter and exit the car safely in the correct areas. Please do not park in the drop off zone. Encourage your child to meet you at the pick up area so that they can safely hop in and you can drive away. The pick up time from 2:45 - 3:15pm can get very congested and frustrating if people do not follow the parking guidelines. This is a very short period of time in the day, please prevent frustration and accidents by being observant of the expected parking behaviours.

Passions & Pursuits

The children across Kindergarten - year 6 have excitedly commenced our first Passions & Pursuits program for the year. This multiage, interest based opportunity occurs on Friday afternoons from 1:45 - 2:45pm. Students elect to follow an area of passion or pursue a new area of interest with other students from across the school. This initiative is a great way for children to make friends beyond their cohort and to get to know other staff members. This term we have dance, soccer, chess, coding, cooking, gardening, paper crafts, beading, forensic investigations, comic drawing, handball, lego masters, playground exploration, nature journaling and the GROW Cafe on offer. We thank all of the parent volunteers and welcome any others to join us.

Student Representatives - PCB

Congratulations to four of our year 6 students, Elise Harradine, Oliver Noble, Silas Lamshed and Promit Sarker who have all been selected in the 2020 Primary Concert Band! We are very proud of your efforts and look forward to watching you perform and grow as musicians.



School Board

Congratulations to the following community members who have been elected onto the School Board. These positions are two year appointments.

Ms Kaitlin van den Engel is our new staff member representative. She will join Tamarah Barden.

Jo Stratton is our existing parent & citizen member. She will be joined by Himali Mazmudar who is newly elected. Dr Karol Czarnota has been reappointed as our third parent & citizen member.

Introducing IB - Our PYP journey

Please view the Learner Profile video attached this week.

Some of our students from the 5/6 classes have been hard at work putting their ideas about the Learner Profiles into a video for the whole school to enjoy. At this stage this is the first draft. Many thanks to Varsha, Silas, Moses, Rijan, Lailani, Isabella, Aly, Oscar and Dylan for your creative representation of the ten attributes of the Learner Profile.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QAFqKv6wqj4>

Celebrating Student Learning

Congratulations to 3GS who hosted our first Senior Assembly last week. It was great to celebrate and share the learning that have been doing so far this year.



Congratulations to our swimming super stars who were awarded with their ribbons at the Assembly. We wish our selected representatives all the best at the South Weston Swimming Carnival.



Student Parliament

Today our Prime Minister, Deputy Prime Minister, Ministers for Environment and Ministers for Finance met with Mrs Nicholson, Mrs Meredith and Mrs Robbins to discuss our growing waste production and bills at Charles Weston School.

Mrs Robbins shared our increasing waste bills and asked the students if they would be interested in assisting the school to become more sustainable and reduce our bills. The students were very enthusiastic and had incredibly mature and innovative ideas. Mrs Meredith was able to share her expertise and interest in composting, recycling and setting up waste systems.

The Ministers have arranged to learn more about becoming 'Waste Warriors' with Mrs Meredith and then sharing this learning across the school. They are planning to visit all classes, introduce different waste disposal systems in each class, run engaging assembly reminders and develop school wide plans to reduce our bills and waste production. Look out for their messages and education in the coming weeks as we establish these sustainable practices across our school. Hopefully by taking action at school our children will be able to support further action in the home and community.



What is School Parliament? How do we share our ideas?

At Charles Weston School we have a procedure of passing a Bill for the school. This procedure starts when someone has a bright idea, if they are a year 5/6 student they would write it on a post it note and then put it into the bill box, it will then be passed on to the correct minister. If the student/teacher/parent is not in 5/6 they will go to their class minister and tell them about the idea.

This idea is then formed into a Bill and presented at our School's House of Representatives Parliament sitting by the Ministers in charge of the Bill. When the Bill is presented all the Members of Parliament (everyone in year 6) vote. If a majority votes 'yes' for the bill it is passed up to the Senate. (that is run by the teachers). The Senate talks about the bill and decides whether the bill needs amendments or can be passed as a new idea at our school. If the Senate passes the bill it needs to be signed by the Governor General who is Mrs Nicholson.

Thank you for taking the time to read our explanation on how Parliament works at Charles Weston School. If you have any great ideas please follow this process.

Process

Idea → Inform Year 6 Minister → Minister Writes a Bill → Debated at House of Representatives (students) → Debated at Senate (teachers) → Signed by Governor General

Elise and Evan

PBL Focus

https://charlesweston.schoolzineplus.com/_file/media/71/week_7_8_focus.pdf

Update from the Front Office

UNIFORM SHOP OPENING HOURS :

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday 8:30 am to 10:00 am

Tuesday 8:30 am to 10:00 am

Thursday Closed

Reminder :

Athletics Carnival is on Friday 13 March 2020, there will be no canteen available at school on that day.

COVID-19 Update:

For a COVID-19 update please read the information that will be sent this afternoon via email.

Tips from our School Psychologist

School Psychologist

Hello everybody, I'm Megan Tomlins, the school psychologist, and this year is my third year at Charles Weston School. For those who haven't met me I wanted to introduce myself and to let you know a little bit about what I do at the school. I am here every Wednesday and every second Tuesday. As the school psychologist I work as part of the Student Achievement Team to help with learning, engagement and social/emotional wellbeing for students with extra needs. My role includes: consulting with the school team to support students; being involved in investigating learning issues; extra supports for students with disabilities; and providing support and recommendations to teachers and parents about learning, social, emotional and behavioural issues and referrals to helpful agencies and professionals outside the school. Referral to the school psychologist usually comes through an executive teacher or the Student Achievement team. We work with teachers to think about what can help, so if you have concerns about what is going on for your child, the best place to start is by talking to your child's class teacher.



I also wanted to share with you some helpful resources for all families. The Raising Children website has lots of articles about different aspects of children's lives and development across all the years of childhood and adolescence. Here's the link to the school age page about connecting and communicating as a starting point <https://raisingchildren.net.au/school-age/connecting-communicating>

We'll also include an article from the Parentlink service each newsletter. I've picked out topics that I think might be of interest to you. I hope the year has started well for you and your children and I look forward to another year at Charles Weston!

P+C Update

The P & C held our Annual General Meeting on Tuesday 25 February and welcomed many new and returning faces.

This AGM saw the retirement of some founding committee members who have been an integral part of the establishment and development of the P & C to date. We would like to especially extend our gratitude to Gaby Wade and Sharyn Macrae who retired from President and Secretary roles respectively. Both were instrumental in the creation of the P & C and without them we would not have the fantastic support and momentum we have today. I would also like to thank Keerthi Thummalapally who has stepped down after being a fantastic treasurer but will be continuing on the committee as a general member.

Our new committee for 2020 is made up of the following:

President	Michelle van Lier
Vice President & Fundraising Coordinator	Terri Guirguis
Secretary & Communications	Justin Murray
Treasurer	Divya
Public Officer	Bill Noble

We welcome back Keerthi Thummalapally, Cheryl-Lynn Noble, Sally Chung and Jo Stratton to the committee, along with new members Monique, Bethany, Himali and Andrew. We look forward to working together and continuing to build the P & C going forward.

Upcoming Events

The committee is getting ready for our next second-hand uniform stall. Keep an eye on Facebook for dates and times. Thank you to everyone who has already donated! If you have uniform items you no longer require, there is a hamper located at the front office for collection.

Our next meeting is on Tuesday 24 March at 7pm in the Community Room. Please come and join us if you have any questions or are interested in volunteering.

Calling all bakers! Neighbour Day is being held by Mingle on Sunday 29 March at Link Park in Wright. The P & C will be hosting a bake sale and selling drinks at the event. Keep an eye out for details and how you can get involved.

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A.C.T. TOUR DATES: Monday 19 to Friday 23 October 2020

What is our show suitable for? Ages 3, Primary & Secondary levels (years 1-6)
 The performance and language material (L1/L2) is adapted accordingly
 Where do we perform? At your school - a local school or community centre
 How long is a show? 45 minutes (including 15 min. for set up & 20 min. for 15 min. for the show)
 What is the cost per show? \$4,000 (incl GST) per school or \$100 per student & a minimum booking cost of \$750 (incl GST) per show
 Is there a minimum number of students? No - minimum number of students, however there is a minimum booking cost
 Is there a maximum number of students? 200+ students are allowed and all booked in the time of the show when the show will be performed.
 We can perform up to 2 shows a day.

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ARAWANG NETBALL ASSOCIATION STILL TAKING PLAYERS FOR THE 2020 WINTER COMPETITION

Come join the fun with us for Saturday netball

When:

Season starts:

Year 5 & 6, Inters and Seniors - Saturday 21 March 2020

Years 2 to 4 - Saturday 2 May 2020

For more details on round please see our website:

<http://arawangna.act.netball.com.au/files/39126/files/Calendar/ana%20calendar%202020.pdf>

Who:

Juniors (teams from Year 2 to Year 6)

Intermediates (Year 7 to Year 10)

Seniors

Contact us:

For teams and contact information please see our website <http://arawangna.act.netball.com.au/> and head to 'looking for a team'