



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Coonamble Visit

Last week, I along with Ms Brendish, had the absolute privilege of visiting Coonamble Public and Secondary schools as part of the CHIPPING NORTON NETWORK of Schools. We travelled with Holsworthy HS, East Hills Girls HS, Wattle Grove PS and Villawood East PS to observe the teaching of indigenous students, language and culture across complex school settings. It was an incredible experience and we learnt so many things to bring back to our school. It is just great to see other schools and how they set up their classrooms, playground and how they engage their community. Our connection with Coonamble PS will continue and I am hoping they will visit our school later in the year.

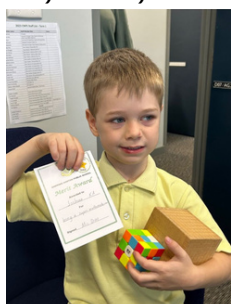


NAPLAN Testing

Congratulations to our Year 3 and 5 students who over the past week have completed writing, numeracy, reading and language/spelling tests. The children have tried their best, and the test conditions are difficult especially for our Year 3 students, in their first NAPLAN testing environment. I am PROUD of the children and we look forward to seeing the results in May. Thank you to Miss Passalis and Ms Brendish for their organisation of the testing.

MIRRUNG

Our beautiful students in Mirrung are settling in really well. They have started Music Therapy sessions and have joined in with our assemblies and Harmony Day celebrations. The children in 4/5P buddied up with Mirrung on Harmony Day for some fun activities and the kids loved it. I also want to give a 'shout out' to some senior students who have been playing with the students during their lunch and recess breaks – Eve, Iman, Serin, Mackenzie, Peter, Zach and Daijah... thank you!



Attendance Data

Missing data is temporarily excluded from these calculations.

93.1%

Attendance Rate

88.9%

DoE State

90.0%

Network

0.0%

SSSG

76.2%

Students Attending $\geq 90\%$ of the time

76.0%

DoE State

68.5%

Network

0.0%

SSSG

Our attendance data as a school is tracking well but we need to see more students attending more than 90% of the time. There are some students that are having a day off a week, this is not OK and is resulting in students missing large chunks of quality learning. If your child is absent for 3 days, they **MUST** have a Doctor's Certificate. If you have any questions about this, please speak to me.

Harmony Day

We had a beautiful Harmony Day celebration last Tuesday celebrating our cultural diversity and difference. We also made an important pledge to SAY NO TO RACISM. Racism of any kind will not be tolerated at our school. Your beautiful children were so PROUD to share their language, culture, food and to hear stories from other children.



Cross Country Carnival

This Wednesday we have our annual Cross Country carnival, where all students from Yrs 3-6 and students turning 8 this year in Year 2, participate in running or walking around South Park. The P&C will have a stall available on the day, selling drinks and snacks. We had our HOUSE MEETINGS today to go through details with students and practise our cheering.

High School Applications

High School Expressions of Interest must be submitted by the Friday 31 March. If you need assistance please see Mrs Diaz or myself.

IFTAR Dinner

Please return your RSVP for our IFTAR dinner on Tuesday 4 April from 5pm. All families, regardless of your religion are invited to attend. There are many staff attending on the night. Payments can be made online or at the school office.



Easter Hat Parade and Easter Show

Next Thursday 6 April is the final day of Term 1 and as such we will celebrate with our Easter Hat Parade for Kindergarten to Yr 4 students and we are excited to see our Stage 3 students attending the Easter Show for the first time in a little while. The day promises to be lots of fun for all students.



Parent Check in

Please come along this Thursday to our fortnightly parent Check In at 2.30pm in The Long Room. If you have questions or any feedback we would love to hear from you.

Have a great Easter holiday and please stay safe... we look forward to seeing you all back on Wednesday 26 April 2023.

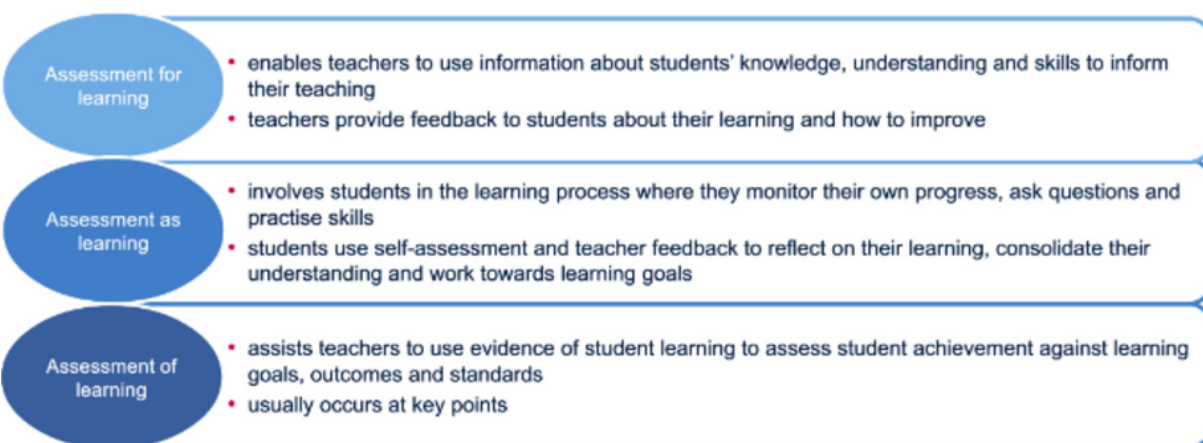
Messages From The Assistant Principals

Parent Forum- Assessment In Literacy and Numeracy

We look forward to our Parent Forums each term, as it allows our parents an insight into our classrooms and school. This forum, was dedicated to 'assessment' and the different ways teachers assess students each and every day. There are 3 main forms of assessment that we strive to incorporate into our teaching units/programs. These are: Assessment for Learning, Assessment as learning & Assessment of Learning.

Principles of effective assessment

NESA advice on assessment



After discussing these assessment forms, we enjoyed a mathematical task that showcased the assessable moments in every lesson. We had lots of fun, playing, exploring and learning maths (as well as the tricky maths words). We look forward to our next forum in Term 2.

Ms Brendish & Mrs Diaz



The Inside Scoop - School Leader's Report

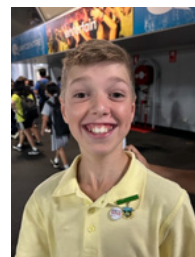
Just in case you don't know already, we have 2 new classes this year! They belong to a unit called 'Mirrung'. "Mirrung" is a Dharug word for 'belonging'.

Right now, we have a class called 'K Australia' and a class called '1-6 Fiji'. These classrooms share a brand new fabulous looking demountable that is located next to our 'Wellbeing Hub' facing the oval.

We really love playing with the Mirrung kids each day. They are nice and easy to spot with their funky red hats. The kids love to play running races, play on the little equipment area (especially the little tunnels) or join in with our soccer games.

K Australia has a teacher named Mrs Theodorou and 1-6 Fiji have a teacher named Miss Bowen. It's been really nice to see that everyone in our school has been making sure that they all feel welcome at Chippo.

Written by Zach & Esra – your super friendly Vice-Captains for 2023.



Zach



Esra



Mirrung



Thomas

Ali



Miss Bowen - 1-6 Fiji

Classroom Spotlight - 3/4 Holland

It has been a wonderful start to the year in 3/4 Holland! In eight short weeks, the class has begun to bond as a team, supporting each other in their learning.

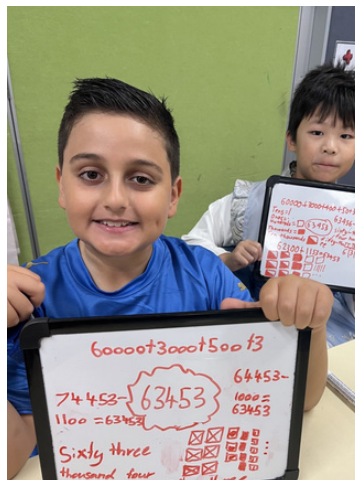
In Numeracy, students have explored Whole Number, Length and are beginning to work on Addition and Subtraction. Students are developing their mental computation of mathematical strategies during Number Talks, considering a range of strategies they could use to solve a given problem. They are working hard to explain their thinking to others. As the term goes on, it's been fantastic to see children challenging themselves to try some new strategies and experience success.

In Literacy, students have been engaged in many collaborative and independent tasks, focusing on various key concepts including how to read fluently, identify the purpose and audience of a text and answer literal and inferential questions. It has been wonderful to see students transfer these skills into their work in Literacy Groups, where they are working towards personalised learning goals. In writing, we have already written many texts, focusing on character development and narrative structure. Students are working hard to develop ideas, draft and edit their work.

I have loved seeing students begin to set their own goals, take on teacher and peer feedback, and review their work. This links well to our class theme, DARE. We are DARING to Dream, Achieve, Reach and Succeed in everything we do both within and beyond the classroom.

3/4 Holland, you should be very proud of all your learning and achievements so far this year. Keep striving for your goals!

Mrs Hennessey



Harmony Day 2023

Hi, my name is Fatimah Fayad and I am our school Ambassador. Harmony Day is such a special day for me. I love that everyone comes together and shares their unique food, clothing, language and beliefs, without any judgement. I believe that everyone belongs, no matter their appearance or background. In this role, I get to hear student voice and listen to the thoughts and ideas of my peers. I interviewed students across the school, and this is what they had to say about their Harmony Day experiences.

What is your favourite thing about Harmony Day?

My favourite part of the day was when I got to stand in front of the whole school and speak on the microphone to share my language. I said, "Hello, my name is Benjamin and I am Spanish" – Benjamin, K Vanuatu
The best part for me was that I got to wear orange and my Year 6 buddy came into my class. We made a kookaburra that was different to every other kookaburra in the tree, but it's ok to be different. – Noah, K Vanuatu

Did you wear cultural dress or bring a delicious cultural treat?

I wore a traditional dress from the Philippines and I also brought a meal called Chichacorn. – Mika, 1 Morocco.

Did you learn anything about any friend's backgrounds?

I thought my friend was Australian, but she is actually from the Philippines. I didn't even know! – Tino, 1 Morocco.

Are you more accepting of other people's cultures now that we have celebrated Harmony Day?

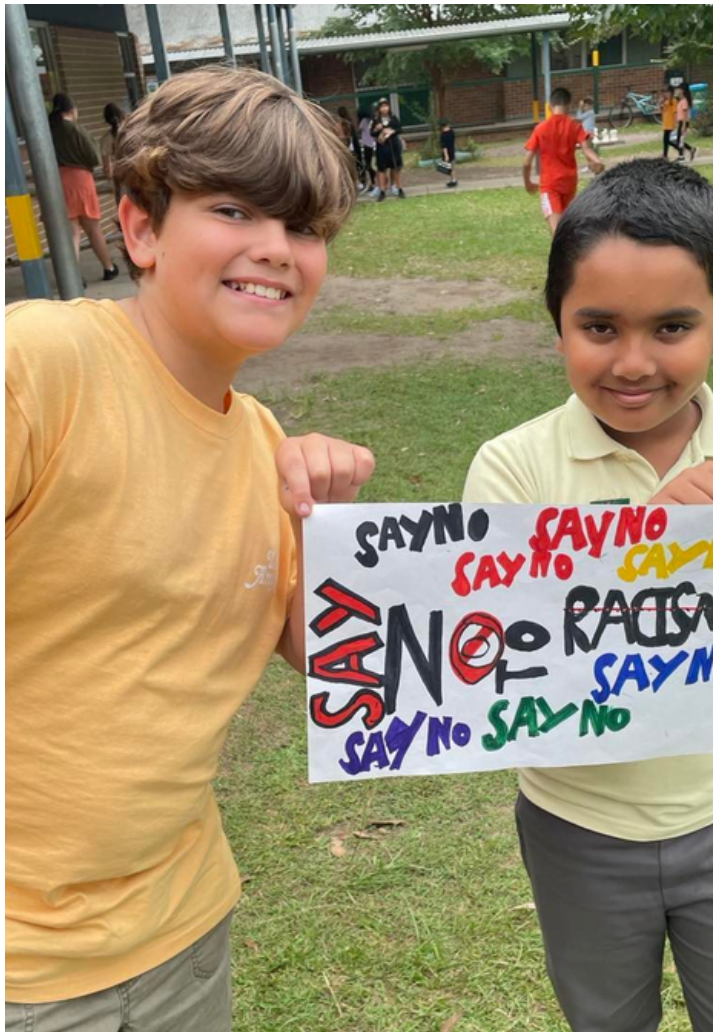
Yes, we are more aware of how many different backgrounds our friends are from. It is fun to learn about what other people believe in and celebrate. Other people's clothes were beautiful, and the food looked good too. If we all had the same backgrounds and beliefs, it would be quite a boring world. Johanna and Anna, 4/5 Portugal

What was the most important thing you took away from our Harmony Day celebrations?

We are all different, yet the same. No matter our appearance, we are all equal. – Liam, 5/6 Japan
I believe that it is important to accept everyone, regardless what stereotypical messages might come from the media or people that influenced us. A message I will remember is that Racism is not okay, and it stops with us! - Areeb, 5/6 Japan

Harmony Day was organised by Mrs Jodie Dore & Mrs Crystal Washington





Pulse Alive

Pulse Alive is a large-scale event, that provides high-quality opportunities in the performing arts for students and teachers in Greater Sydney NSW public schools and beyond. Pulse Alive provides performance opportunities for students of all abilities from Kindergarten to Year 12.

23 girls from our school performed as part of 'Absolutely Everybody', a mass dance ensemble. The group was made up of 531 students, the largest dance item in the show. Our girls started working on this item in Term 3 of 2022 and performed this routine at Ken Rosewall Arena, Sydney Olympic Park, on Friday 10 March 2023.

Our students were required to attend two full day rehearsals at Netball Central, Olympic Park to work with the choreographer and the students from 19 other schools to perfect the routine. This group of students were also part of a whole cast finale which involved them learning choreography for two additional songs that were performed from the seated section of the arena. This was a massive undertaking as these items were not rehearsed as a full cast in the arena until hours before the show.

The girls were outstanding ambassadors for our school, showing respect and dedication to their item. We should be so proud of their achievements. This group will be performing 'Absolutely Everybody' at the whole school assembly on Tuesday.



P & C News

Hello CNPS families!

Here we are off the back of another very successful BBQ event!

This weekend just gone, the P&C held the state election BBQ to raise funds for our school!

Thank you to all the families who donated , whether it was baked goods, sausages, bread, onions or time! The amount of support was outstanding! Thank you to all the staff who were able to also come down on the day and support the running of the BBQ. Our events wouldn't be so successful without you all!!

We are almost at the end of term but not before we get through a few more important days!

We will hold a pop up stall at the school x-country this Wednesday & of course please don't forget to get your raffle tickets back for our Easter raffle at the annual Easter hat parade in the last week of school!

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Upcoming dates

27/3 MUFTI DAY - donate an Easter Egg

29/3 Cross Country

31/3 High School Applications close

3/4 Go Blue for Autism Day

4/4 5pm Iftar Dinner

6/4 LAST DAY OF TERM 1

EASTER HAT PARADE/EASTER SHOW



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