

Principal's Message

Last Thursday, our amazing community once again rallied around one of our families in need, to support the 'Helping Hand for Harry' fundraising event. Judging by the children's faces on the day, they had so much fun participating in the colour run (teachers and some parents too!). I'm delighted to report that as a school community, we have been able to raise a whopping \$4400 to give to Harry's family. Without question, this money will achieve our aim of helping Harry's family be in a position to celebrate Christmas and it will also ease some of the financial pressure they have felt as a result of Harry's circumstances. Thank you to everyone in the community for your support of this event. Harry's mum Sandra has sent me a letter thanking the community for your generous help – you can find it further on in this newsletter, please if you have a moment, I'd encourage you to read it.

Last night, we celebrated Year 6 as their time at our school draws to a close. Although it is always a little sad farewelling another Year 6 group, it was a really fun filled night for all who attended. The hall looked great, the students looked very grown-up dressed in their best and they got into the spirit of the evening with dancing, singing and quite a bit of laughing (there was only the occasional tear at the end). Thank you to the parent organising committee for the time and effort put into making the evening so successful, and thanks as always to Jen Sweeney and her team of helpers for preparing another very tasty farewell meal. Don't forget, we give a final farewell to Year 6 on their last day of school this Friday at 2:40pm for our traditional **Year 6 clap-out**. Family and friends are welcome to join us for this. Please meet outside the admin block at 2:40pm, there is no need to sign in at the office for this event.

For those of you that were able to attend our Presentation Day assembly last Wednesday, you would know that we also farewelled a dedicated and long serving staff member in Mrs Deb Arthurs. Mrs Arthurs retires from teaching at the end of this year and we did our best to acknowledge her work and thank her for outstanding service to education. Again, I thank Mrs Arthurs for her commitment to helping children and for her contributions to Cardiff South and the broader educational sector. For those of you who were unable to make the Presentation assembly, we have reprinted further on in this newsletter an extract from her farewell speech. We wish her all the very best.

Well another 4 Terms, 41 weeks and 203 school days have passed by and we've reached the end of the 2016 school year. It's been an extremely busy and challenging year, but hopefully a good one for your children here at Cardiff South. I hope that as this week winds up, children are able to look back on the year with a great sense of pride in relation to their own individual achievements. The teachers and PTO →

Congratulations Students of the Week!

Term 4 Week 9

Junior Student Award



Isla Campbell
K/1 Green

Senior Student Award



Joanne Gordon
3 Purple

I am certainly very proud of each of them. Thank you to all our staff for their ongoing commitment to our students and their success. I am privileged to see how hard they work for the good of our students and school. Thank you also parents for your ongoing support and encouragement throughout the year – it is sincerely appreciated. I hope that as the Christmas holiday period commences, that each of our students and their families are able to spend some quality time together, relaxing, laughing and simply enjoying one another's company. May you all have a very merry, joyous and safe Christmas! See you on the 30th January in 2017!

David Holland
Principal

<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>
Wk 10. 12.12 Year 6 Farewell- 5.30pm	13.12 W-League visit Yr 4 and 5 girls	14.2 Class Party Day	15.2	16.2 Students last day of school for 2016 Clap out 2.40pm
TERM 1 Week 1- 23.1	24.1	25.1	26.1	27.1 Staff return for 2017
Week 2- 30.1 Years 1-6 students return Best Start- Kindy	31.1 Best Start- Kindy	1.2 Kindergarten begin	2.2	3.2 3-6 Swimming Carnival

Payment Changes for 2017

The department has recommended changes to the way payments are to be received in schools. As of 2017, credit card slips will no longer be provided on permission notes or term statements. If you wish to use credit card for payments, the card must be presented at the office and processed while you wait; we are also unable to take credit card payments over the phone. Whilst our office staff have always been diligent in following auditing processes, we believe this new direction will even further ensure your privacy is protected whilst making payments for school expenses.

Mid way through this year, we introduced you to the 'Parent Online Payment' system as a payment option for school related expenses. This option can be accessed through the school's website under the 'Make a payment' tab or through the Skoolbag app under 'Parent Info' – 'Make a Payment'. Gradually, more and more parents are taking advantage of this convenient and efficient tool to make payments. If using this system, please ensure you send the permission note in to the office with your receipt number, paying adult's name and date of payment.

School Banking has closed for 2016.

Well done to all our savvy savers at Cardiff South PS. There will be no more banking at school this year., however, we look forward to seeing your accounts grow in 2017. *Merry Christmas from the Banking Team*

Finalising Outstanding Payments

Thank you to all those families that have come in over the past two weeks to finalise any outstanding school payments. Your quick response to do so is appreciated. Families that still have payments owing are still encouraged to address these before the end of the week.

Final Day of 2016

Parents are advised that the final day of the 2016 school year is Friday 16th December. School will commence in 2017 for all students in Years 1-6 on **Monday, 30th January**

Second hand uniforms

Just a reminder that our office staff manage second hand uniform stock to assist families in need. As we come to the end of the school year, if there are any families that are leaving the school, or that children heading to high school – we would welcome donations of school uniform items that are still in good condition with plenty of wear left in them. If you have items that you would like to donate, please wash them and hand them in at our office. Your generosity is appreciated.

Lost Property

On Friday afternoon all remaining items in the lost property boxes will be thrown out. If your child is missing any items, please check lost property before the end of the week.

Party Day

Tomorrow is class party day. Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 are heading to the movies to celebrate their hard work this year, Year 3 and 4 will be enjoying some fun water play activities here at school and Year 5 and 6 will be trying their best to defeat one another, and their teachers, at laser tag. We hope that the students enjoy the opportunity to do something a little bit different to celebrate their work in 2016.

All students are expected to come in full school uniform as normal. Stage 2 students may wear a swimming costume with shirt/rashshirt underneath or bring a change of clothes (another uniform) and a towel. If students have their own roll-on sunscreen, then they are encouraged to bring it and apply it, otherwise, there will be sunscreen available at school

Are you Leaving Cardiff South Public School?

As we draw the school year to an end, we would like to ensure we have our numbers right for our 2017 class planning. If you know you are leaving our great school and are attending another in 2017, please complete the slip below and return it to the office by Thursday. We appreciate your assistance.

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Student Name/s: _____ Class: _____
_____ Class: _____
_____ Class: _____

New school: _____

Last day at CSPPS: _____

Parent/s name: _____

Signed: _____

Date: ____/____/____

Getting to know..... Santa Clause

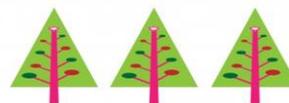


<i>Where do you live?</i>	North Pole
<i>How many elves do you have?</i>	Thousands
<i>Do you have a favourite reindeer?</i>	Rudolph
<i>Favourite snack when you deliver presents?</i>	Milk and fruit cake
<i>Do you like your milk hot or cold?</i>	In Aus-cold
<i>What time will you get to Australia?</i>	Around 3am
<i>Are the kids at CSPS on the naughty or nice list?</i>	Mostly nice



Happy Birthday

11	Dylan Trute	4/5 Maroon	14 th December
9	Brodie Spamer	3 Silver	15 th December
11	Chloe Walandouw	5/6 Ruby	15 th December
8	Piper-Lee Harrison	2 Blue	15 th December
9	Caleb Thompson	3 Silver	16 th December
6	Jayda Thompson	K/1Green	16 th December
8	Lanna New	2 Blue	17 th December
9	William Bergquist	3 Purple	18 th December
9	Nate Wright	3 Silver	18 th December
9	Nash Smith	3 Purple	21 st December
11	Chloe Scanlon	5/6 Jade	21 st December
11	Riley Butet	5/6 Jade	21 st December
7	Maddison Bashford	1 Aqua	22 nd December
6	Jermaine Sumner	K Gold	23 rd December
11	Brandon Cannon	4/5 Maroon	24 th December
11	Ryan Power	5/6 Ruby	25 th December



P&C Christmas Raffle Winners

- 1st - Nate Walandouw
- 2nd - Isla Thompson
- 3rd - Wendy Flanagan
- 4th - Isla Thompson
- 5th - Amy Trute
- 6th - Reef Lawler
- 7th - Susan McCabe
- 8th - Shane Morgan
- 9th - Emma Agland
- 10th - Brooke Dyson
- 11th - Isla Thompson
- 12th - Kellie Sumner
- 13th - Corey Fletcher

Canteen Roster

Wednesday 14th

Chris Scanlon

Megan Noble

Madelyn Thompson

Friday 16th

Cheryl Jardine

Emma Daly

Cindy Redpath

Fran Story

Thursday 8th December, 2016

Dear Mr Holland, staff, students, parents and the community of Cardiff South Public School,

Firstly, I want to send a big **thankyou** to everyone for the love and support that has been shown to our family and for participating in such an epic event to help us out; we appreciate it more than words can say.

I guess most people by now know that Harrison has been in hospital for a very long time and has not been able to attend school for a whole term.

Finally, he has been allowed to come home, but still has a long road ahead until a full recovery. Unfortunately Harrison still needs to go back to the hospital at least five days a week for ongoing treatment but at least now we can see positive signs of improvement.

This has taken a very bad toll on our family as David has had to quit working to look after Harry while I have been keeping things going at home with Georgia. It has most definitely been a very emotional time for us which makes the support of our whole school community so very special.

I would like to wish everyone a safe and happy holiday and are looking forward to, hopefully a much brighter 2017.

Love from the Bowderns

To The Cardiff School Community,

What an absolute privilege it has been to spend my career as a teacher and share my life with yours at Cardiff South.

From when I met my first teacher Miss Jones I knew that was what I wanted to become. Then when I had my Year 6 teacher Ed Charlton he was funny and I learnt learning could be fun. Long haired Mrs Duffel taught me about style (doesn't mean I learnt it well) and Mr Tonks taught me about ethics and social justice and that learning could open doors to any future I dreamed possible.

I am a living example of the difference an education and persistence can make. Within two generations my family has gone from my mum leaving school in sixth class to care for her ill mother, to my two sons: my eldest becoming a doctor for Hunter Area Health my youngest an engineer working with the CSIRO while completing a double degree.

I know I am just a humble link in a chain from those who have passed before me, into the future. And although humble I have never seen myself as just a preschool teacher. While engineers help to build incredible bridges and roads and buildings, I know I've helped build engineers. And while artists create beautiful statues I know I've helped create beautiful futures.

It fills me with incredible happiness when I hear of preschool or primary children I've taught who are now getting jobs, attending university, becoming parents and leading successful lives of their choosing. I want those of you who I've taught to know how very proud of you I am, and how very much I enjoyed being your teacher.

For those of you who were parents of children in my care I appreciated your input and kindness and acceptance of me. Thank you for that.

And to all my teaching colleagues thank you for what you do every day to help the children in your care. And especially to Mrs Lorraine Roberts, Mrs Colleen Conrick, Mrs Kristy Winter, Ms Lyn Baldwin and Mrs Leanne Millward, Mrs Emma Nash and Mrs Donna Onions thank you for all you did to help me to provide a challenging quality fun learning environment for our children. Each one of you treated the children with great kindness and respect.

I wish all within the Cardiff community the best, for life's kindest moments in long prosperous, exciting, healthy futures.

Fond regards

Deb Arthurs



A Helping Hand for Harry

8th December 2016





Farewell to our wonderful Year 6 students

