



Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2021

Attendance

## Principals Message – Mrs. Bahia Almir

Student engagement and learning is our main priority for 2021. Teachers have had collaboration time to plan for student learning and use data to drive teaching.

To help us communicate and share student progress more effectively with our parent community, our school uses the 'Skoolbag' app. We are asking all parents to download this app as it will be used to send newsletters, alerts and other important information.

There are 3 easy steps to follow:

1. Download 'Skoolbag App'
2. Search School 'Chullora Public School'
3. Click Add

## Positive Behaviour for Learning

Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) is the new behaviour management strategy being used in our school. PBL builds effective environments where positive behaviour is more effective than problem behaviour. It builds systems that support teaching, learning and leading whilst creating learning environments that encourage pro social behaviour by teaching all students what is expected of them. There will be a PBL parent information session on Thursday 4th March at 9am in the school hall. Numbers are limited to 50 parents, so please call the office on 9642 4266 and reserve your spot.



Attendance is part of Chullora's strategic improvement plan. We are wanting to work in partnership with parents and caregivers to ensure students are coming to school regularly and on time. Please keep your child at home only if they are unwell, as they will miss out on important learning if they are not at school. If your child is away, please bring in a doctors certificate the following day explaining the absence.

Below is the 'Every Minute Counts' flyer from the department outlining how loss of learning time impacts student outcomes.

When your child misses just...	that equals...	which is...	and therefore, from Kindy to Year 12, that is...
10 minutes a day	50 minutes of learning each week	Nearly 1½ weeks per year	Nearly ½ a year of school
20 minutes a day	1 hour and 40 minutes of learning each week	Nearly 2½ weeks per year	Nearly a year of school
½ hour a day	½ a day of learning a week	4 weeks a year	Nearly 1 ½ years of learning
1 hour each day	1 whole day of learning each week	8 weeks per year or nearly a term a year.	Over 2 ½ years of learning

*Your child's best learning time is at the beginning of the day...*

**Check the time your school starts. DON'T BE LATE!**

## Fathering Project

The fathering project was founded in 2013 by Dr Bruce Robinson. It is an initiative built to create a better interactive platform for dads to engage with their children. At CPS we are calling this initiative 'Men that Matter' and we are looking to help strengthen the communication between child and parent.

### How does it work?

We are inviting dads or father figures including, older brothers, uncles and grandparents to come onto our grounds to partake in activities with their child.

## Homework Workshops

In Week 5, our Assistant Principals organised homework workshops for each Stage. The purpose of these sessions was to share information about each Key Learning Area that students will be learning about in class, how to best support your child with homework and important dates.

Students also participated by asking many questions at the end of the session! We all look forward to an exciting and productive year.



## Stage 3 Incursion by the LMA

Stage 3 students (Years 5 and 6) have been invited to participate in a program called 'Jumpstart' by the Lebanese Muslim Association. It is a **free** initiative that is run in schools for 5 weeks from Monday 1<sup>st</sup> March until Monday 29<sup>th</sup> March. The sessions are to encourage children to engage in a healthy lifestyle. Each session will go for 2 hours and allows children to have fun through interactive and hands on lessons whilst raising awareness of healthy living through interactive cooking lessons. Please ensure your child has brought in their permission note to be able to partake in this great opportunity.



## Student Representative Council (SRC)

The SRC is a group of students, elected by their peers to represent the wider student body and their views. The SRC facilitates leadership and decision making for all students in the school. It provides students opportunities in leadership skills, citizenship skills, communication and decision-making skills as well as building up and encouraging school spirit.

Congratulations to our 2021 SRC representative who have been sworn in:

<b>Class Daffodil</b>	Lincoln B
<b>Class Lavender</b>	Mahmoud E
<b>Class Silver</b>	Kanwar Chandi
<b>Kindy Emerald</b>	Omar E and Jayda M
<b>Kindy Ivory</b>	Adam O and Rana A
<b>Kindy Orange</b>	Umar M and Samara E
<b>Kindy Teal</b>	Baker O and Ruby E
<b>1 Fuchsia</b>	Hamzah E and Yuqi L
<b>1 Indigo</b>	Isaac G and Aleena E
<b>1 Sage</b>	Nouh A and Ayah A
<b>2 Aqua</b>	Mohamad K and Fatima R
<b>2 Ruby</b>	Youssef A and Rania D
<b>3 Denim</b>	Noah O and Khadijah N
<b>3 Turquoise</b>	Adam H and Jasmine A
<b>4 Kobe</b>	Karim H and Zuriella A
<b>4 Sapphire</b>	Khodr M and Jemimah N
<b>5 White</b>	Adam H and Rokaya C
<b>5/6 Fawn</b>	Amir Y and Khadijah Y
<b>6 Magenta</b>	Omar J and Sara A





## Swimming Carnival and District Swimming Carnival

Thank you to Miss. Fitu for organising a wonderful swimming carnival on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> February. Our swimmers received their ribbons at the Monday morning assembly for receiving placement at our swimming carnival. Congratulations to the students below for their efforts.



Eleven of our students made it to the District Carnival where they competed against students from our neighbouring schools on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2021. They had a fantastic day and made our school community proud.



## Road Safety during Pick-Up and Drop-Off

Parents please ensure the safety of your children as you are picking them up and dropping them off to school. If we can encourage all parents to use the crossing to ensure we are keeping each other safe. When picking up your children from the Norfolk Rd entrance please ensure you are standing outside of the marked area as shown in the photo below.



## 2021 NAPLAN Testing

NAPLAN is an annual assessment for all students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. It tests the types of skills that are essential for every child to progress through school and life. The tests cover skills in reading, writing, spelling, grammar and punctuation, and numeracy. The assessments are undertaken every year in the second full week in May. More information will be provided closer to the date.

NAPLAN Online provides better assessment, more precise results and a faster turnaround of information. To prepare your child for NAPLAN style examinations, we will be holding a NAPLAN Online practice test. All students are expected to participate in the online practice tests:

**Who:** All students in Years 3 and 5

**What:** Test questions from the domains of reading, conventions of language and numeracy

**When:** Thursday 25th March

**Why:** Students become familiar with types of questions, tools and functions of the NAPLAN Online tests and we can complete planning within the school and identify any technical issues that need to be addressed before the tests in May.

**How:** NAPLAN 2021 environment through locked down browser.

Please schedule appointments outside of school hours and ensure your child is at school on this day.

## Creating Arts Filming Opportunity with Mrs. Alexiadis

A film crew visited our school on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> March, to record students and Mrs. Alexiadis receiving the Operation Art Outstanding Student and Teacher award. The award was presented by Jordan Austin the Relieving Director of Arts, Sport and Initiatives for the collaborative artwork created last year by Kevin (Year 6 in 2020) and Nigel and Fatima (Year 6 in 2020). Their artwork will be exhibited at the NSW Art Gallery before becoming part of the permanent collection at Westmead Children's Hospital.

Well done to these fabulous students whose artistic talent has been recognised by members of the department.



## AGM Meeting and P&C Information

On Monday 1<sup>st</sup> March, the school held its 2<sup>nd</sup> P&C meeting where parents were voted in for positions that assist the school in making it a better place for the students. Congratulations to the following parents for receiving the following positions:

<b>President</b>	Susan Naaman
<b>Vice President</b>	Anna Chami
<b>Vice President</b>	Khadiga Kouwayder
<b>Treasurer</b>	Leila Hadid
<b>Secretary</b>	Maryam Khallouf

## Ordering Uniform and Lunch

There is now a new online ordering system for both the canteen and uniform shop.

Please go to [www.MySchoolConnect.com.au](http://www.MySchoolConnect.com.au) to set up your account and register your child. Or download the app from Apple/google play store.

## Contacting the P&C

Best way to contact our P&C is through their Facebook page or by email [chullorapublicschool@pandcaffiliate.org.au](mailto:chullorapublicschool@pandcaffiliate.org.au)

## P&C Meeting

Next P&C meeting is on Monday 15th March at 9.30am.

