



CAMBERWELL SOUTH  
PRIMARY SCHOOL

*Learners and Leaders*

Natasha Cummins  
Principal

Annabelle Owens  
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*'At CSPS we value community members who strive to be Learners and Leaders'*

**Wednesday 9 March 2023**

## ***Important dates***

Mar 10	Whole School Assembly Badge presentation
Mar 13	Labour Day Holiday
Mar 14	CSPS Walkathon
Mar 15-24	NAPLAN (Yr.3 & 5)
March 20	School Photo Day
Mar 20-24	Yr.2 Swimming
Mar 24	Junior Assembly Welcome Picnic
Mar 30	The Fathering Project after School Sports afternoon 3.30-4.30pm
Mar 31	Prep Grandparents Day Whole School Assembly
Apr 6	Final day Term 1 2.30pm dismissal

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## PRINCIPAL NEWS

### International Women's Day 2023

This week we celebrated International Women's Day with a focus on working towards a world free of bias, stereotypes and discrimination. A world that's diverse, equitable and inclusive. A world where difference is valued and celebrated. Here at CSPS our staff are passionate about teaching our students to value diversity and inclusion and promote opportunities for all. As a Lead Respectful Relationships School, equity, inclusion and respectful behaviour is embedded in all aspects of our curriculum and explicitly taught through our Wellbeing Curriculum. Further information on Respectful Relationships can be found [here](#).

### Marrung – Aboriginal Education Plan 2016-2026

We have recently appointed Greg Robson as a Marrung lead within our school. Marrung is a strategy to ensure that all Indigenous Victorians achieve their learning aspirations. The Marrung education plan is aimed at improving performance and success of Indigenous students in Victoria and close the gap in their educational outcomes. More information about Marrung can be found [here](#).

### Outside School Hours

It is lovely to see so many people having a play in the school grounds after school and supporting Saba's canteen. Please ensure you take all your personal belongings home with you as we are experiencing a significant number of incidents with teenagers/young adults accessing the school grounds after hours and causing damage to both school property and items left at school by families.

### Smartwatches

We are experiencing an increasing number of issues with students bringing smart watches to school. Teachers are reporting that in class students are receiving text messages which interrupts learning time. We are noticing students are playing games on their watches both during learning time and during recess which is an important time for social skill development. Additionally, a few watches have been misplaced while at school. Please consider if your child really needs to wear a smartwatch to school. As part of our regular cycle of policy review, we will review our [Mobile Phones Policy](#) this year to determine if we need to include smart watches within this policy. If you have opinions you would like to share regarding the pros/negatives of smart watches at a primary school please email me so that your views can be taken into consideration.

### NAPLAN

We wish our Year 3 and 5 students well as they complete their NAPLAN tests next week. A useful tip for NAPLAN is to ensure that both your iPad and keyboard are fully charged. Most NAPLAN tests are conducted at the beginning of the school day so it is really important that students arrive on time.

### Walkathon

Thank you to the many parent volunteers who have already signed up to help out at the Walkathon. It is a fantastic event and we encourage as many parents as possible to either volunteer (your children love seeing you stamp lap cards) or to come into school to cheer on your children.

### Camp

Finally, I'd like to thank Greg Robson, Emma Hosking, Joel Aarons, Georgia Paine and Annabelle Owens for their incredible work running our Year 6 Canberra Study Tour last week. As we have previously discussed in the newsletter, teachers are now entitled to time in lieu for attending camp. While we try and minimise the impacts to learning, all teachers attending camps will be absent from classes for a number of days this year as they acquit their time in lieu for camp.

### Evacuation Drill

A reminder that next week we will be holding a surprise evacuation drill after school hours. The evacuation drill will occur between Wednesday 15th and Friday 17th of March at 3:45pm. This means that if you are onsite when the evacuation alarm goes off you and your children will need to participate in our drill.

When the evacuation alarm is activated all people onsite will need to immediately make their way to our Senior Oval and await further instructions from a member of staff. We anticipate this drill will take approximately 10min to complete and thank you in advance for your cooperation.

**Natasha Cummins**

## Scholastic BookClub

Book club is back for 2023! Students would have brought home the Issue 2 catalogue, if not click [here](#) for the link. Book club is a great fundraiser where the library gets 'rewards' every time you buy from Scholastic and the students get so excited when their books are delivered to the classroom, so its a win-win

Place your orders via the LOOP app or visit [www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP](http://www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP) by **Thursday 23rd March 5pm**. Books will be delivered to the classroom before the end of term.

Please remember to update your child's class for your first order this year in the 'profile' setting. If you are new to Book Club, please follow the prompts to set up your profile. Use the 'GIFT' option if you want to keep your order a secret and you will be notified when you can pick it up from the office, rather than it going to the classroom.

Any questions, please contact [jennieriedler@gmail.com](mailto:jennieriedler@gmail.com)

Happy reading! 📖



## School Photo Day

**Monday 20 March.**

School photo order envelopes have been distributed to every student and it is important that the order instructions are followed. Online ordering code: Q8T HD8 MYQ  
[Online & Envelope Order Instructions](#)

## Attendance Note

If your child will be absent from school, please enter this on Compass. There is no need to contact the teacher once this is done. Instructions via the link. [Attendance Note](#)

## Information Update

If your residential or family circumstances change, please notify the office so as amendments can be made to your family information. Your privacy is respected at all times.

## Canberra Study Tour

Year 6 students from our school have recently undertaken an education tour of the national capital, Canberra. Students were given the opportunity to participate in a variety of educational programs with a focus on Australia's history, culture, heritage and democracy. The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit the national capital as part of their Civics and Citizenship education.

To assist families in meeting the cost of the excursion the Australian Government is contributing funding of \$45.00 per student under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate program towards those costs. The rebate is paid directly to the school upon completion of the excursion.

## School Captains

Welcome Picnic call for donations/ School Captains project

This year we want to increase Indigenous displays around our school. We hope to raise money to support our project.

At the Welcome Picnic we will run a Lolly Toss (like the chocolate toss which was so much fun from the Twilight Market). We would like you to donate a bag of lollies for our lolly toss. Donations can be left at the Office. Examples of lollies might be a bag of mixed lollies, a pack of Tic Tacs or a box of Nerds.

**Zariah, Chloe, Henry, and Jack  
School Captains**



## PE news

### Boroondara Division Swimming

An enormous congratulations to Xavier B (9/10 Boys Backstroke), Patrick W (9/10 Boy's Butterfly) and Alessio K (9/10 Boys Backstroke), who competed at the Boroondara Division Swimming event at Monash Aquatic on Wednesday. Xavier B finished 1<sup>st</sup>, Alessio finished 6<sup>th</sup> and Patrick finished 2<sup>nd</sup>. Xavier and Patrick will progress through to the Eastern Metropolitan Region Finals on Friday 24 March. All boys should be so please with their efforts and we're incredibly proud of them all as a school community.

### Glen Iris District Tennis

Congratulations to Mia A, Ted R and Leo S who competed at the Glen Iris District Tennis Finals last Friday. Students played full court matches against students from our district. Special mention to Ted R and Leo S who both made the finals with Leo S winning the boys competition for the day. He will now progress through to the Boroondara Division Tennis Finals. Well done Leo!

### Inter School Sport

Welcome back to our Year 6 students after a week in Canberra. This week our students will travel to St Michael's for their matches. Good luck to all students!

### Run Club

Run Club will return next week in preparation for Cross Country in Term 2. Run Club is open to all students and designed to build confidence and a running base prior to the event. Run Club will be held on Wednesday and Friday mornings from 7.20am – 8am at Nettleton Park. A sign-up form with dates can be found below: [CSPS Run Club Sign Up](#). All students are encouraged to attend. Parents are encouraged to get in touch if they would like to assist.

Daniel Evans

## Music news

### Boroondara Eisteddfod

The Boroondara Eisteddfod will open shortly - March 20. Some great prizes are up for grabs, as well as the fantastic opportunity to get some fantastic experience in front of an audience and to get some expert advice from experienced judges.

<https://www.boroondara.vic.gov.au/boroondara-arts/whats/boroondara-eisteddfod>

### Celebration

Our very own Mia Z in Year 5 is excelling in playing the oboe. She has excelled with the help of Mr. Redman over the years, and now the Melbourne Youth Orchestra. Congratulations Mia.

### NEVR Concert- Fire and Rain

High achieving music students may participate in the North East Victorian Regional (NEVR) Concert held at Hamer Hall. A return to this great event after 3 years! Students learning at school or with a private tutor in Wind, Brass, String or Percussion instruments may make inquiries. Please come and see me if you wish to participate. Entries close on March 10 so you have to be quick now!

<https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing?eid=1015459&>

### Assemblies

Lots of instrumental students are starting to learn the National Anthem. Please come along to the Monday 'Anthem Preppers' club if you would like to lead the Anthem at assembly.

Students will start performing at assembly from this week. Come along and enjoy the music!

Catherine Lyons



## Fundraising News



### Walkathon!

Information for the Walkathon is now on Compass. We are really looking forward to one of our favourite events! Jump on board with sponsoring students here: <https://forms.enrolnow.com.au/amanda/walkathon>. You can also print a form from the attachment on Compass or pick one up from the office. If you would like to help volunteer on the day, recording laps as the students come through their house stations, we'd love to see you! Sign up here [volunteersignup.org/MWWJC](http://volunteersignup.org/MWWJC).

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## Local Sporting Clubs

[Willison Park Tennis Club](#)

[Ashy Redbacks Junior Football](#)

[South Camberwell Tennis Club](#)

[Camberwell Sharks FC](#)

[South Camberwell Basketball Club](#)

[Ashburton United Junior Football Club](#)

[Ashburton Willows Cricket Club](#)

[Riversdale Soccer Club](#)

[STC Sth Camberwell Cricket Club](#)

[Toorak East Hockey Club](#)