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March:
Tuesday March 14 – SRC Fundraiser Pink Ribbon Mufti Day
Wednesday March 15-27 - NAPLAN
Wednesday March 15 - P&C Meeting @7.00pm
Monday March 20-24 - Parent / Teacher Interviews
Monday March 20 - Harmony Day / Week
Monday March 27 - Teacher Planning Week

April:
Monday April 3 - Cross Country Carnival
Tuesday April 4-6 - Pennant Assemblies
Tuesday April 4 - Tell Them From Me Survey window
Thursday April 6 - Easter Hat Parade
Thursday April 6 - Last day of Term 1

Principal's Post

Closing the Gap - Thursday March 16

This week we acknowledge the ongoing strength and resilience of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in sustaining the world's oldest living cultures. The 17 socioeconomic Closing the Gap targets aim to improve outcomes in these areas: health and wellbeing, education, employment, justice, safety, housing, land and waters, languages and digital inclusion. Our **Reconciliation Action Plan** (RAP) provides a pathway for us to support these initiatives in our local context. Thanks again to our supportive community for embracing these priorities.

Heritage Roof Replacement

We are about to commence maintenance work on our heritage building. In collaboration with State Archives, the Heritage Trust and our Assets Management Until (AMU) all steps are in place for the roof to be replaced with new terracotta tiles and copper down piping.

From Monday March 20 you will notice the scaffolding being assembled and safety fencing installed. The installation and compliance work will take priority up until the end of term with remediation work commencing in the first week of April. Our Kindy and Year 1 classes will be temporarily relocated to demountables, later this term and early next term, whilst the work is completed in phases. Phase 1 is the Palmer Street side of the building and Phase 2 is the Bellevue Street side. The school executive is working closely with AMU to ensure a smooth transition. We thank AMU for prioritising this work and ensuring minimal disruption to the school. Much of the work will be carried out over the school holiday period, with some disruption expected at the end of this term and the beginning of next term. Thank you for your support and understanding as this work takes place. We look forward to the completion of this important historical work.

Uniform Update

We would like to thank all parents/carers who took part in last year's uniform surveys and provided great feedback on your community views and values for our uniform. While preferences varied, there were some key themes we've taken on board to improve our sports uniform, school shirt and hat. Our criteria for reviewing the uniform reflects the following:

- Encourages a sense of belonging and identity
- Fosters unity, inclusivity and equality
- Provides comfort and safety

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- Enables participation in all school activities with ease and dignity
- Supports cost effectiveness and affordability

I would like to thank the parent volunteers who kindly worked with the school executive to refine our vision, prepare a plan and analyse the survey results. We are confident there are uniform options for everyone, with further information about how to order these items to be provided next term. Purchase of any new items will be completely optional, and existing uniform items will continue to remain available.

School Update

- 3-way Interviews, **bookings now closed** - please contact your classroom teacher to make an appointment
- NAPLAN information
- Harmony Day Invitation
- Pennant Assembly Invitation
- Easter Hat Parade Invitation
- P&C update
- Band Update

Clean Up Australia (CUA) - P&C Working Bee

Thank you to all our amazing families who were able to assist with the Clean Up Australia Day working bee on Sunday March 5. Our large school grounds are often in need of TLC and the efforts of our families are greatly appreciated. It is also a lovely way to connect with other families and at the same time make a real difference to our school. Thanks again to everyone who was able to help

Earth Hour - Saturday March 25

Earth Hour organisers are calling on all Australians to switch off and join a worldwide community of millions taking action**.** Taking care of our planet is everyone's business. Our environment continues to degrade at an alarming pace. Eastern Australia is among the 24 global deforestation fronts, and we are the only developed nation on this list. An estimated 200,000 trees are bulldozed in Australia every day. That's 8,000 trees every hour. So make the time - whether it's 60 seconds, 60 minutes or beyond the hour - to reflect on the incredible benefits nature provides us and create a better future for people and the planet.
Find more information here: https://www.earthhour.org/

Stories of Success

SRC Update:
Thank you to all parents and students who participated in this year's Swimming Carnival. Congratulations to Daringyan (Cook) for winning this event! On Sunday March 5, CPS had many volunteers help clean up our school on Clean Up Australia Day. A big thank you to all our families for making our school a cleaner, waste-free environment. On Tuesday March 14 CPS held a Pink Ribbon day to raise money for cancer research. Students wore pink and/or brightly coloured clothes and were asked to bring a gold coin donation. We hope that it is a successful fundraiser and we can't wait to tell you how much money we raised.
From SRC Leaders

Clean Up Australia Working Bee pictures