

Chapman Primary School

Communicator

Term 1, Week 1
Friday, 05 Feb 2021

What's Happening at Chapman

Term 1, Week 2

Tuesday 9th Feb

Preschool Parent Information
Session 7.00pm

Wednesday 10th Feb

School Board Meeting
5.30-7.00pm

Thursday 11th Feb

Parent Information Meeting
Kindy – Year 2 - 5.15-6.00pm
Years 3 to 6 – 6.15-7.00pm

Friday 12th Feb

SRC Assembly - 12.10pm



Photo of the week: *Welcome to 2021*

Term 1, Week 3

Wednesday 17th Feb

P&C Meeting – 6.00-7.00pm

Term 1, Week 4

Monday 22nd Feb

Kenny Koala Visit to Year 1

Term 1, Week 5

Wednesday, 3rd March

Years 2-6 Swimming Carnival @
Stromlo Leisure Centre
9.30am – 2.30pm

Recent Communications

Principal Welcome Message ([via email](#))



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Principal's Message

Dear Parent/Carers

Welcome to the 2021 school year. We have had a fabulous start to the school year, and we are all looking forward to a year of intentional learning in our safe and supportive school environment. I particularly thank our school community for your support and welcoming me to Chapman PS community.

Meet and Greet with your Child's Teacher

It was wonderful to see many families visiting teachers outside their classrooms each morning this week. This was an opportunity for you to introduce yourself to the teacher and connect with other families within the class group.

Parent Information Sessions – K-6

This year we will be presenting our Parent Information Sessions to you in a different way. Next Friday we send all our K-6 families a video link via an email to allow families to learn about their child/ren's year level learning program, routines, and unit expectations in the comfort of their own home! This will allow our school to observe COVID -19 indoor restrictions. We hope you can take time to watch each of your child/ren's teacher's presentation.

Preschool Parent information Session

We invite all preschool parents to 'a face to face' information session and parent meeting at the school on Tuesday 9th February at 6:00pm. We would like to take the opportunity to tell you in person about your child's preschool program and also how you can get involved in 2021! We will meet in the Chapman Primary School hall for this parent meeting. Please park in the Perry Drive school carpark and enter via the main gates.

The **P&C Meeting** will be held at school in the **staffroom on Feb 17 at 7pm**. All parents, carers and friends are invited to attend.

Book Packs

Thank you to the many families that ordered their child's 2021 Book Packs from COS in the holidays. We have received many boxes of orders over the break and a few late orders are being delivered this week. The teachers have been distributing the supplies to your children and/or storing them for distribution across the year. We are also chasing up incomplete orders with COS on your behalf. If you chose to buy your child's supplies from another supplier/shop please ensure these are sent in before the start of next week to allow teaching programs to begin with books.

Contact Details

It is very important that we have current contact phone numbers for parents and carers in the case of an emergency. Please make sure you contact the front office if you have a new mobile phone number, home number or have changed workplaces. It is very worrying for your child if we can't get in touch with you when we need you to collect them or support them with a concern.

Food Safety Note

A note will be emailed to all families early next week outlining the list of foods that are **not allowed** to be brought to school as part of your child's lunch or recess as they could cause another child to have a severe allergic or anaphylactic reaction. Please ensure your child's teacher knows if your child has a severe allergy, anaphylaxis or other medical condition that requires specific actions or considerations to keep them safe and healthy.

Medical Needs

All medications for children at the primary school must be given to the front office for secure storage along with written instructions on dosage etc. The front office staff can also assist you with ensuring that you have completed the appropriate Emergency Management Action Plan for your child's medical condition e.g Asthma, Anaphylaxis, Diabetes etc. These action plans must be updated each year.

Label Clothing & Personal Items

Please clearly label your child's clothing, hats, lunch boxes, drink bottles and food containers. We would like to be able to return lost items to the correct owner quickly. Parents are encouraged to check lost property which is located in the front foyer of the school near the top of the steps. Please enter via the front doors of the school.

Playground Supervision before and after School

Students are not to play on the playground equipment **before** or **after** school in either the junior or senior playground areas. Students are encouraged to arrive at school 10-15 minutes before class (no earlier than 8.30am) and leave the grounds in a similar timeframe after school. During these less supervised times we ask that students walk and talk with their friends not play running games in the courtyard. We thank families for dropping off and collecting students from the most suitable gate for your family to support us with COVID -19 requirements.

Siblings of children attending preschool are asked to wait **outside** the preschool between 3.00 and 3.15pm unless accompanied by a parent or carer as the Preschool is still in session. Older students can wait at the gate on the Chapman shops side of preschool with their younger siblings OR younger students can wait at the preschool gate on the Kindergarten side. No primary school child should enter the preschool grounds without a supervising parent/carers and are not to play on preschool equipment before or after school.

Thank you for helping us with maintaining our safe practices before and after school hours.

Each morning from 8:35am and in the afternoon at 3pm, one of the executive team will be present in the playground. For any before or after school emergency please remind your child(ren) that if they require assistance please come to the Front Office.

Sympathy & community support

We wish to send our deepest sympathy and caring thoughts to the Stavrakis- Mair, Moger and Mair families on the loss of their beloved Robbie Mair. Please know the Chapman Primary community are thinking of you and are here to support you all during this time.

We also extend our offer of support to two of our Chapman families, the Brown family, and the Schrader family, who have a family member fighting a significant health condition and ongoing treatment at the moment.

James and Staff



**Preschool Parent
Information Session
Tuesday 9th February 2021**

in

the School Hall

@ 6:00pm

at

Chapman Primary School



Please park in the Perry Drive school carpark
and access the school grounds through the
front gates to the school hall.

We hope to see all parents at our
information session and parent meeting so
we can tell you more about your child's
preschool program and how you can get
involved in 2021!

2021 School Board Nominations

Chapman Primary School Board Nominations open on Monday 8th February 2021 at 11.00am.

Positions available:

Position: Parents representative member (*A parent, carer or guardian of a student enrolled at the school*)

Number of vacancies: Two (2)

Lodgement Information:

Nominations forms are to be submitted to the school's front office between **11.00am, Monday 8th February 2021** and **11.00am, Monday 22nd February 2021**. Nominations must be submitted during school business hours: 9:00am to 3:00pm, Monday to Friday. Nomination forms will be emailed to families and will also be available for collection from the school front office from Monday, 8th February at 11.00am.

You can submit your nomination by:

- hand delivery to the Chapman Primary School front office
- email to chapmanps.info@act.edu.au
- mail to ARO, Chapman Primary School front office, Perry Drive, Chapman ACT 2611

If an election is required, the voting period will be from **11.00am, 1st March 2021** to **11.00am, Tuesday 9th March 2021** (Monday 8th March is Canberra Day public holiday).

Testing's not just for end of term

No one should have to do a test on their first week back at school! But there is one test that can't be ignored. With increased travel over the summer holidays, it is important that all Canberrans – even children - get tested for COVID-19, even with the mildest of symptoms.

While evidence suggests that young children are less likely to acquire and transmit COVID-19, their symptoms should not be ignored, with testing our best surveillance tool against the virus.

The COVID-19 test is free, quick and easy and most people receive their test result within 24 hours.

Parents and carers who are required to take their children for testing can also be issued with a carers' certificate for the time when they take their child for a test and while they await results.

Symptoms of COVID-19 include fever, sore throat, cough, runny or blocked nose, or shortness of breath.

There are seven free COVID-19 testing locations across the ACT, with four of them open seven days a week.

Some testing clinics don't have facilities to test children under the age of eight. Please check the website to make sure you're going to the right clinic: www.covid19.act.gov.au/testing.



eSafety advice for families from the Office of the eSafety Commissioner

The Office of the eSafety Commissioner has produced a range of resources to help families have conversations about online safety:

- [Online safety for under 5s booklet](#), which tackles online safety issues for children under 5 years
- [The hard-to-have conversations](#), which gives advice about how to talk to your child about tricky personal subjects
- [Cyberbullying: A guide to online bullying for parents and carers](#), which gives advice on what to look for and steps to take if your child is being cyberbullied.



Routes

Check your service timetable and locate your nearest stop

Safety

Review the safety rules around both bus and light rail services

Fares

Purchase a MyWay card online, over the phone or at a recharge agent
Check your MyWay card balance, top up or register for autoload

Keep in touch

Sign up for Transport Canberra e-news alerts on the 'contact us' page

Visit www.transport.act.gov.au to find out more



Advice for families about Death Cap mushrooms

Do not touch, pick or eat any wild mushrooms!

Death Cap mushrooms are one of the world's deadliest mushrooms and can be found across the Canberra region. Since 2002, there have been four deaths and several poisonings in the ACT due to Death Cap mushrooms.

Death Cap mushrooms have previously been found growing at and around some schools in the in the ACT. It is time to be vigilant, as the growing season has started early this year.

Parents and teachers are asked to remind children **not to touch, pick or eat any wild mushrooms**.

It is difficult, even for experienced collectors, to tell the difference between the Death Cap mushroom and edible wild mushrooms.

All parts of the Death Cap mushroom are poisonous and eating part of a mushroom can be fatal. **Cooking a Death Cap mushroom does not make it safe.**

If you suspect that you or one of your family members might have eaten a Death Cap mushroom, you must seek urgent medical attention at a hospital emergency department; even if there are no symptoms of ill health. If possible, take any uneaten portion of the mushroom with you to the hospital.

If you believe you have seen a Death Cap mushroom, keep children and animals away.

If you are concerned about wild mushrooms in a public place, please report them to Access Canberra on 13 22 81.

If you are concerned about wild mushrooms on private land, remove them using gloves and dispose of them in a plastic bag in your rubbish bin. Try to remove the whole mushroom including any part under the ground, and wash your hands afterwards. You will need to monitor the area as more mushrooms might grow in the same place.

For further information on Death Cap mushrooms, visit

<https://www.health.act.gov.au/about-our-health-system/population-health/fact-sheets>.

Upcoming P&C News events

Wednesday 17th February (Week 3) P&C Information evening - including an opportunity to hear from and welcome our new school principal James M. Barnett.

The information evening will be at 6.15pm at the school. To enable us to provide a COVID-safe space for the meeting please RSVP to chapman.pcsecretary@gmail.com

Wednesday 3rd March (Week 5) - P&C Annual General Meeting. 6.15pm at the school.

Further information about these activities will be provided on Facebook, in the next Communicator and circulated through the Class Carer Network.

Community Announcements

Local Piano Teacher

Learn piano with a friendly, fun and relaxed teacher. I have a dedicated piano studio with a Yamaha C2 grand piano, and lots of other resources to make learning enjoyable and rewarding. There is also an adjacent waiting room, and parents/carers are more than welcome to stay for the lessons.

Rates are \$35/half hour, payable by the lesson (and not upfront by the term). Flexible lesson times available. Studio in Stirling (very close to Chapman Primary).

Contact **Jeremy Turner**

Mob: 0423 983 501

Email: jturner1906@gmail.com



Dance4Fitness and Fun4Fitness Football after school programs

It's time to plan for term 1 2021.

- Are you looking for a fun activity for your children that will keep them active and put a smile on their faces?
- Would collecting your child **at 4:10pm** be easier to manage with your work schedule?
- Does your child love the idea of dancing, but there are not enough hours in the day to get them to dance class?
- Did your child miss out on playing a team sport in 2020 due to Covid restrictions?

Thursday afternoons at Chapman Primary School we can help with all of these things and all you need to do is contact us!

We are collecting expressions of interest for soccer clinics (within the school fence line) and have enrolment details for Dance/ZumbaKids sessions (in the hall), no previous experience is required, just a willingness to try something new, or take the opportunity to further develop skills.

Children come straight to us when the bell goes, and we will deliver them to you at the gates (or After School Care) **at 4:10pm**.

Please email Susan dance4fitness@live.com.au or Aidan fun4fitnessfootball@gmail.com for further information.

Or use the links below:

Enrol for ZumbaKids here

<https://Dance4FitnessFun4FitnessSchedule.as.me/CHAPMANDance1>

Register your interest in soccer sessions

her <https://Dance4FitnessFun4FitnessSchedule.as.me/ChapmanSoccerT12021>

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<http://www.facebook.com/groups/325943344152077/>



www.artkidscanberra.com

"My children get so much out of the class – they have assembled a beautiful collection of work on their bedroom doors. We really appreciate the way the class gives them new techniques as well as inspiration."



NEW at Chapman Primary School! On site, after-school art and drawing class for K* – Yr 6

Our **artKids** class develops your child's creativity and confidence through learning drawing skills, art techniques and exploring different mediums. We operate in a fun, supportive environment where there are no such things as mistakes or 'flops' in art, only 'flopportunities'!

Class will run on **Tuesday at Chapman Primary School in the STEM room from 3 - 5 pm**. Our teachers will meet the children on school grounds, provide afternoon tea and then walk kids to the class. Parents collect children from school gates at 5pm. Cost is \$38/session, payable by term, and includes all materials used in the class, afternoon tea and GST. No need to bring anything! Not sure if your child will like it? We offer a no-obligation trial class - if they don't like it, no charge. If they want to continue, the full term fee is payable.

Email me at: admin@artkidscanberra.com
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* Kindergarten children considered after trial session.

**Book online
now!**