

Chapman Primary Communicator

Term 4, Week 10

Friday 15 December 2023

Coming Events

FRIDAY 15 DECEMBER

Last day of term 4



2024 Start of year Arrangements.

Day 1

Kindergarten

Tuesday 30 January

Families to meet in the kindergarten undercover area.

Preschool Frogs & Spots

Tuesday 30 January

Families to gather in the preschool playground area.

Years 1 – 6

Wednesday 31 January

Students to gather on the basketball courts in year level groups.

Preschool Spots & Turtles

Thursday 1 February

Families to gather in the preschool playground area.

2024 Book Pack Lists

- [Kindergarten](#)
- [Year 1](#)
- [Year 2](#)
- [Year 3](#)
- [Year 4](#)
- [Year 5](#)
- [Year 6](#)

All lists available at: [Chapman Primary Website – Notes Home](#)

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Principals Message

Our school has experienced yet another successful year. It is timely to look back on all that has been achieved and start to plan the way forward for 2024. This is an opportunity to reflect with pride and a chance to look ahead with optimism and excitement.

A number of specific strategies were identified in the 2023 school action plan and successfully implemented. Specific actions included, embedding our school Vision: *'We aim to develop students who demonstrate resilience, respect, integrity and independence; and who are academically and socially prepared for the future'* & Mission: *'We provide an exciting, innovative and holistic education to develop students who are: educationally prepared for the future; engaged and responsible learners; literate and numerate; able to solve and think critically and creatively; skilled in managing relationships; respectful to self, others and the environment; kind, caring and compassionate; resilient and adaptable; confident, happy and active local and global citizens'*. Specific strategies to develop whole school beliefs and expectations of curriculum delivery and planning in Writing were further embedded, and building staff understanding of curriculum in order to plan for highly effective teaching and learning.

Over the course of the year there have been many great achievements by our students inside and outside the classroom. Trying to summarise all that happens in a place like Chapman School over the course of a year is very hard indeed. The achievements and successes of 2023 do highlight the amazing dedication of our staff and students. Without the strong teacher and student relationships that have been established we would not be able to achieve all that we do. We also recognise the significant contributions that our families make to Chapman School and thank you for your ongoing support and the time you provide and donate to Chapman School. I also particularly thank the School Board and P&C for their unwavering support, assistance and guidance to support our school community throughout 2023.

Our volunteers are such a huge part of our school who work in so many ways to support us from coming on excursions, to helping with learning programs, to helping in the Canteen, to gardening, to being on the School Board or P&C.

Planning for the future will continue, and the school improvement team will return to Chapman in January to work towards a smooth and productive start to the 2024 school year. In particular, executive staff will finalise the 2024 School Action Plan, which will be implemented early in the new school year and teaching staff will be planning, designing engaging and relevant learning plans in January.

Staffing 2024, we welcome Emma Pryor and Charlotte Felgate to our teaching staff. Both Charlotte and Emma fulfilled their respective preservice final practices at Chapman Primary School in 2023 and Kate Elliot joins us from Farrar Primary School. The teaching teams for 2024:

Preschool:	Bronwyn Leahy, Michelle Abrahamffy, Sarah D'Abrera, Tessa Van Der Hoek, Tanya Waters, Madeline McWhirter
Kindergarten:	Libby Emerson, Alicia Norris, Charlotte Miller, Tanya Duggan
Year 1:	Denby Lovell, Emily Mullamphy, Kristina Delbridge & Lauren Dries, Alison Schouten & Kate Elliot
Year 2:	Rebecca Van Der Stap, Tanya Stone, Lily Ang, Emma Clayton
Year 3:	Sharon Smith, Jenny Puleston, Jane Mahar, Charlotte Felgate
Year 4:	Tina MacDonald, Caitlin Law, Bec Carney
Year 5:	Vanessa Ackland, Jenaya Lotze, Angas Quantrill
Year 6:	Dan Gatwood, Emma Pryor, Rachel Tollis
LHQ:	Hannah Vella and Melissa Whitehouse
PE, Sport & Health	Dean Howell
Music	Nicky Dears
STEM	Kat Tirzins
Indonesian	Damian Bolton
School Psychologist	Cheryl Makila

Our 2024 Leadership Team

Amy Jager	acting SLC Years 1-3
Jodi de Ligt	SLC Years 4-6
Dean Howell	acting SLC Specialists team
Belinda Bacon	Deputy Principal & Team Leader for Preschool & Kindergarten

School Leaders 2024

Congratulations to our school leaders for 2024:

Eve S, Charlie M, Alice B, Dusty H

The School Leaders will be given the opportunity to demonstrate and develop responsibility and develop leadership skills. The School Leaders are given the opportunity to display these skills by;

- *respecting school expectations and values,*
- *displaying good communication skills with both peers and adults,*
- *assisting in the facilitation and smooth running of whole school events,*
- *contribute their view point on whole school related issues leading the SRC,*
- *be a good role-model for other students,*
- *facilitating and leading the whole school assemblies,*
- *running lunchtime programs for other students,*
- *representing Chapman School at out of school events.*



Congratulations also to our House Captains who were announced yesterday:

Austin – Hannah C & Logan B

Namo – Giles H & Evie M

Perry – Jacob K & Ella T

Doyle - Ellen M & Annika A

2024 school start dates

Tuesday 30 January 2024 – Kindergarten & Preschool (Frogs and Spots) 9.00 am – 3.00 pm.

Wednesday 31 January 2024 – Years 1 - 6, 9.00 am meet on Basketball Court in year groups.

Thursday 1 February 2024 – Preschool (Stripes and Turtles) 9.00 am – 3.00 pm.

Over the summer break we will have works continued to be carried out in our school at the Front Office. As we draw closer to the sign off for this time of the year, I want to thank everyone at Chapman School for your support and dedication to the great cause of Public Education. I give thanks to the teaching staff for the remarkable culture of learning that continues to grow and exists here. I also give thanks for the sense of community partnership that is part and parcel of a Chapman School mindset.

I extend my best wishes for the festive season to the Chapman School community. I look forward to welcoming everyone back for the start of the 2024 academic year.

We wish everyone a safe and happy holiday,

James M. Barnett

Principal

2024 Book Packs

Our school has chosen WINC to supply back to school stationery packs for 2024. WINC is an ACT Government approved supplier for schools. We have worked closely with WINC to provide a quick, easy and secure process to order all the items your child will need at affordable and competitive prices.

Items on year level lists have been carefully selected and compiled by our teaching and executive teams to ensure your child has what they need for the 2024 learning program. ALL items on this list are necessary to support your child's learning requirements. If you have items from previous years such as library bags, pouches or headphones which are suitable to be reused, there is no need to purchase them again.

You may wish to source some or all items at an alternative outlet. If you choose this option, please keep in mind that items such as exercise books and pencils or pens are chosen specifically for year level learning. Any items purchased independently from WINC book pack orders must come to school with your child on day 1.

The school has an equity fund to assist families experiencing a situation that affects your ability to meet the costs of schooling. We encourage you to contact the school to confidentially discuss support to meet the cost of the book packs with the Principal. Please contact the front office if you would like to speak with the Principal.

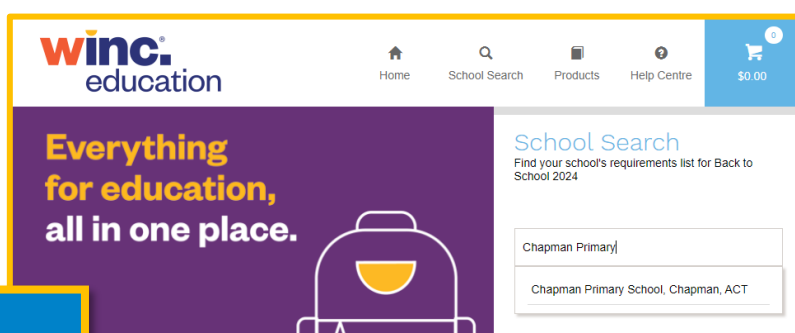
Lists

Year level stationery requirements lists were sent via email to all families for 2024 on Wednesday 29 November via email. Lists are also available on the school website at https://www.chapmanps.act.edu.au/Permission_Notes. Please scroll down to term 4 2023.

How to order

Visit wincschools.com.au and enter our school's name to start.

Please follow the instructions included with your child's list.



Delivery Service

Packs ordered before 15 December 2023 will be included in a bulk delivery to the school in January 2024 with no additional postage charges. These will be in your child's classroom when they arrive on day 1 next year.

Packs ordered after 15 December 2023 will be delivered to your home address and will incur postage costs as advised in the ordering information from WINC. Please DO NOT request packs ordered after 15 December to be delivered to the school as the school will not be staffed to accept delivery. All book packs delivered to your home must come to school with your child on day one.

To contact WINC

For all queries regarding 2024 Back to School Stationery Packs please contact [WINC](https://wincschools.com.au) directly.

Enviro Squad



Enviro Squad went for a walk to meet Maureen and Carol, who are members of the Cooleman Farm Neighbourhood Park Committee. The Enviro Squad students helped with some special jobs at the park, which involved counting and measuring trees, and checking how many large rocks are in the park. This will help to form some fun activities. Enviro Squad members then enjoyed some time in the park, and a picnic lunch together.



PBL @ Chapman

Congratulations to every house this year on your amazing PBL results. The points total has been a closely run race all year but, at the end of the year there can only be one winning house and this year, the winning house is Doyle. A HUGE congratulations to Doyle on winning the house cup this year.

Darcy and Mandri were presented with the house cup and proudly accepted this on behalf of Doyle.

DOYLE 8,909	AUSTIN 8,841
PERRY 8,802	NAMATJIRA 8,777



We have already started the 2024 token count this week with students still being able to earn tokens for being, safe, respectful and responsible.

We hope that 2024 will be even more successful and we can surpass our record-breaking totals of this year.

The PBL team.

School Psychologist Corner

Wishing all the Chapman families a time to find calm amidst the holiday chaos. Some of us love Christmas (and listening to Michael Bublé! Yep, that's me!) but I am also mindful that it can be a tough and emotional time for some families, for many different reasons. It's important for all of us to find time for some self-care, rest, and recharge. If you'd like a few strategies, check out Maggie Dent's holiday message from a few years ago:

<https://www.maggiedent.com/blog/finding-calm-amidst-holiday-chaos/>

I look forward to sharing more next year when school returns.



Cheryl Makila
School Psychologist

Happier January 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
 1 Find three things to look forward to this year	2 Make time today to do something kind for yourself	3 Do a kind act for someone else to help brighten their day	4 Write a list of things you feel grateful for and why	5 Look for the good in others and notice their strengths	6 Take five minutes to sit still and just breathe	
7 Learn something new and share it with others	8 Say positive things to the people you meet today	9 Get moving. Do something active (ideally outdoors)	10 Thank someone you're grateful to and tell them why	11 Switch off all your tech at least an hour before bedtime	12 Connect with someone near you - share a smile or chat	13 Take a different route today and see what you notice
14 Eat healthy food which really nourishes you today	15 Get outside and notice five things that are beautiful	16 Contribute positively to your local community	17 Be gentle with yourself when you make mistakes	18 Get back in contact with an old friend	19 Focus on what's good, even if today feels tough	20 Go to bed in good time and allow yourself to recharge
21 Try out something new to get out of your comfort zone	22 Plan something fun and invite others to join you	23 Put away digital devices and focus on being in the moment	24 Take a small step towards an important goal	25 Decide to lift people up rather than put them down	26 Choose one of your strengths and find a way to use it today	27 Challenge your negative thoughts and look for the upside
28 Ask other people about things they've enjoyed recently	29 Say hello to a neighbour and get to know them better	30 See how many people you can smile at today	31 Write down your hopes or plans for the future			

ACTION FOR HAPPINESS

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Chapman Primary P&C

Canteen

Open – Wednesday, Thursday and Friday

[Online orders](#)

Uniform Shop

Monday – 8.45 am to 9.15 am
Wednesday – 2.45 pm to 3.15 pm

[Online Orders](#)

OSHC

Before School: 7.30 am - 9.00 am
After School: 3.00 pm – 6.00 pm

[Contacts](#)

Thank you, volunteers!



The Chapman Primary P&C would like to extend a big thank you to all the members of our school community who have volunteered or otherwise supported us over the year. We know that your time is a precious resource, so spending any amount of it to support the Chapman Primary School community is so appreciated. Our thanks as well to Mon Perry for their generous contribution towards our teacher appreciation gifts.

We would like to take this opportunity to give a run-down of all the services and activities the P&C has been responsible for this year.

The P&C provides a number of important school services, these include: the after-school care program, the canteen, the uniform shop, and book club. If your family has engaged with any of these services this year, it is thanks to our tireless teams of volunteers.

In addition to our ongoing services the P&C has also organised a number of fun activities, including: the mother's and father's day stalls, the colour fun run, the disco, so many fun canteen events, the democracy sausage sizzle, the Woden Weston Athletic carnival sausage sizzle, a huge range of preschool fundraisers (including the fantastic trivia night), the kindy tea towels, and many more.

The P&C also makes a number of donations to the school on behalf of the school community. This year, the P&C has committed to donating \$43,000 towards the revamp of the junior playground. The P&C also makes an annual donation to each classroom, as well as organising gifts for the teachers' appreciation day and their end of year gifts. This week, the P&C were proud to provide the awards presented to Year 6 students at their graduation. Congratulations to all award winners and best of luck to all Year 6 students as they continue to high school next year!

Formal Notice of AGM

The first P&C meeting of 2024, and the Chapman P&C Association AGM will be held on Wednesday, week 3 of Term 1.

P&C social media update

As part of our initiative to make the P&C more accessible, we are setting up accounts on Facebook and Instagram. All of our essential information will still be provided via the school newsletter and our WhatsApp groups. We hope that by including further avenues of communication we will have a wider reach into the Chapman school community.

Our new Facebook account can be found here: <https://www.facebook.com/ChapmanPrimarySchool/>


A link to our Instagram account will be sent out via the WhatsApp chats, and next year's first newsletter.

Canteen

The canteen would like to thank everyone for another fantastic year, we have had a fun filled year with many sausage sizzle and hot dog days to boot!! The children really enjoyed our new winter menu item Butter Chicken and the Bacon and Egg rolls have been a hit this term. We are looking forward to adding some additional items and tweaks to our menu next year. We wish to thank all our amazing volunteers who have helped bag some lunch orders, cook some sausages, serve the masses over the counter, we literally could not do it without you. A big thank you to the P&C for all your support this year as well and last but not least a massive thank you to our canteen manager Emily and her trustworthy assistant Tiff, your hard work does not go unnoticed, we hope you enjoy your break.

A friendly reminder we are closed for the first week of the new term to allow for cooking, ordering and sorting the canteen.

Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays,

The Canteen Team 

Uniform Shop

Due to renovation work at the school, the Uniform Shop has temporarily shut down until at least the beginning of term 1, 2024. Due to these works all of our stock has been put into storage. Our online shop will be closed until the renovation works are completed and we have moved into the new premises.

Thank you to all the uniform shop volunteers who have helped out over the year!

Preschool

A big thank you to all the parents, families and volunteers who supported the Preschool P&C subcommittee this year. We raised over \$6000 through various fundraisers, such as the Hot Cross Buns, PicturePlates, Cookie Dough and Mango fundraisers, Grill'd trivia night, and the Bunnings BBQ. We couldn't have done it without the support of the Chapman Primary School community - thank you to all of our supporters and especially our volunteers.

With the money raised, we have purchased a new outdoor cubby house for the preschool playground, subsidised Zumba classes for our preschoolers and supported our teachers and educators in their teaching and learning experiences for our kids. We have also ensured there is a healthy fund for future programs.

Don't forget, if you have a preschooler starting in 2024, the Preschool subcommittee would love to hear from you! All the best for the holidays!

The Preschool P&C Subcommittee

Book Club

A big thank you to all the Chapman families for supporting the Scholastic book club this year.

The credits earned from the program allowed us to purchase a range of books for the school library this year for all students to enjoy.

We look forward to your continued support - and fostering a love of reading - for our students in 2024.

P&C Business Manager Role

Chapman P&C Executive Committee is exploring the option of employing a Business Manager to support the operation of the P&C to relieve the administrative burden that is currently done by volunteers.

The role would support the delivery of key services to the school - including the Canteen, After School Care Service and the Uniform Shop, as well help to organise P&C school events and activities - like the disco we had to cancel earlier this term.

It would be a part time, flexible role (about 15 hours a week).

If you have any views on this role, or if you are interested in being our business manager, please contact P&C President Alice Falkiner chapman.pcpresident@gmail.com.

Online Safety during School holidays

With the holidays just around the corner, your children might be spending more time online for entertainment and to connect with their friends. As a parent or carer, you can help them have safe and positive experiences online. Have a conversation with your child today about how to stay safe online and to deal with online safety issues like cyberbullying, inappropriate content or unwanted contact.



The eSafety Commissioner ([eSafety.gov.au](https://www.esafety.gov.au)) has lots of great advice and resources for parents and carers to help keep young people safe online.

Keeping children safe online during summer holidays

During the summer break, children often spend more time online. Help them to have fun and keep them safe from online risks like inappropriate contact, online grooming and sexual extortion. Here's how:

1. **Stay involved** – regularly check their online activities and connect with them by playing online games together. For more information on the latest games, apps and social media, including how to protect your information and report harmful content, visit the [eSafety Guide](#).
2. **Set family rules together** – decide which devices and apps are okay and when to use them. [Download a tech agreement template](#) and get working on a set of rules that will work for your family.
3. **Teach consent** – Use holiday photos to discuss why asking people before taking or sharing their picture is important. These everyday opportunities to talk about consent can make it easier to say no to an online request that makes them feel uncomfortable.
4. **Stay informed** – A [new joint resource](#) with Crime Stoppers NSW and the ACCE includes tips on signs to look out for and ways to protect your child online. eSafety also has several [resources for parents](#) on how to keep your child safe online.
5. **Know where to get help** – If your child is under 18, the best way to get help on inappropriate contact is to report it to the [Australian Centre to Counter Child Exploitation](#). For reporting to eSafety, [learn what you can report and how to report](#).

Keep your child safe online and enjoy the holidays!

Give a tree a drink.

Have you noticed your neighbourhood street trees recently? Are they thirsty? This summer is going to be hot and dry. We encourage all school students to help protect our urban forest and make our city a great place to live by regularly watering their street trees. Water saving tip: take a bucket in the shower with you, and use the excess, to water the base of a street tree at least once a week. Canberra's incredible trees provides much needed shade, clean our air and provides habitats for local wildlife. Help us protect trees so they can protect us.



The ACT Government has almost 60,000 young trees on the current watering program. While young street trees are watered by the ACT Government regularly to ensure their establishment and survival, the community can help by giving their local trees a drink over summer. For more information about caring for our public trees, read [City Services Trees and Nature](#).

Transport over the school holidays

A school holiday bus timetable will be in place from Monday, 18 December 2023 to Sunday, 28 January 2024 inclusive. The school holiday bus timetable will deliver the same reliable network and frequency that is currently in place just without the school services and diversions over the six-week period.

Free travel will be available on Christmas Day and from 5:00 pm New Year's Eve for bus and light rail services. Visit www.transport.act.gov.au to plan your school holiday travel.



Taekwondo is an effective and fun martial art that can build children's confidence, coordination and respect for themselves, others and possessions. The children who participate in the Chapman Taekwondo Club will practice practical self-defence skills and improve strength, flexibility, discipline and social skills. They will do partner empathy exercises and even experience basic meditation in a safe and friendly environment.

ies offer a variety to regular lunch time play and are super convenient for parents.

TAEKWONDO CLUB on TUESDAYS

First break – 10.40am in the school hall

SPECIAL JOINING FEE FOR TERM 1 2024 \$110

No special clothing, equipment or experience is required.

Just a drink bottle, a good attitude and a smile 😊

If your child would like to try a class for free, please ask them to go to the hall after they've eaten at first break this Tuesday!



To book your child in for next year, please contact **Instructor Sharon** on utkdcanberra@outlook.com



TERM AND HOLIDAY PROGRAMS

ONSITE after-school, structured drawing and art class on Tuesdays, 3 - 5 pm at Chapman School for K*-Yr 6. Not sure? A once-off paid Trial class is available.

**Kindy kids must trial first.*

- Our Award-winning, structured classes build creative confidence: learn techniques and skills in drawing, cartooning, anime, painting, sculpting, collage, and more.
- We provide fun, supportive environment: "There are no mistakes or flops in art, only flopportunities!"
- Fee: \$43.05 per session, payable by term. Includes all materials, supervision during afternoon tea before the class and a light snack.

BOOK NOW!

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Welcome to Zumba® Kids - Where Fitness Meets Fun!

Welcome to our dynamic Zumba® Kids classes tailored for pre-school to year 6 students. It's not just a dance class; it's an adventure where children can be active, groove out to their favourite music, and develop lifelong healthy habits.

What to Expect:

Our Zumba® Kids classes are a fusion of fitness and fun! Our kid-friendly routines draw inspiration from World music, current hits, and movie soundtracks. We break down the steps, infuse games, activities, and cultural exploration, making every class engaging and educational.

The Benefits:

Dance is more than just movement; it's a key to fostering a healthy lifestyle and a natural integration of fitness into children's lives. Our classes go beyond dance, incorporating vital elements of childhood development such as leadership, respect, teamwork, confidence, self-esteem, memory, creativity, coordination, and cultural awareness.

Expressions of Interest for 2024 Classes:

Excitement is building for our 2024 classes! Register your child's interest now to ensure this engaging program continues. Invoices will be sent out each term, and payments can be conveniently made online via credit/debit cards or EFT.

Class Details:

- When: Every Thursday at 3 pm. We encourage the children to have a quick fruit break and drink before we get started, so don't forget to pack something extra in their lunch boxes.
- Meeting Point: Outside the music room (the actual space we dance in may vary each week, depending on weather and space availability)
- Pick-Up: 4:10 pm at the Streeton Drive gate

Term Fees (including GST): \$192.50 per term.

Enrol your child in a program that blends fitness, fun, and invaluable life skills. Join us in creating a healthy and vibrant future for your little ones!

Register your interest now to secure their spot in the 2024 classes!

Simply click the link: <https://www.fun4fitness.net/service-page/zumbakids-chapman-2024>

If you want to know a bit more about us, please feel free to look through the rest of our website:

<https://www.fun4fitness.net/>



CANBERRA SUMMER CRICKET CAMPS

Times: 9am - 3pm each day
(8:30am drop off, pick no later
than 3:15pm)



DECEMBER 2023

CAMP 1 - 6th - 8th DEC

CAMP 2 - 11th - 15th DEC

CAMP 3 - 18th - 22ND DEC

JANUARY 2024

CAMP 4 - 8th - 12th JAN

CAMP 5 - 15th - 19th JAN

CAMP 6 - 22th - 25th JAN

VENUE:
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\$450 for 5 Days

\$375 for 4 Days

\$295 for 3 Days

\$110 per Day



Our camps include T20 games and high-quality coaching with specialists in batting, bowling, fielding & wicketkeeping focusing on the specific technical, tactical, psychological & physical skills required in each discipline.

Players will be exposed to a variety of games and drills designed to improve confidence, self belief, concentration, team work and leadership skills all while having a ball with their friends.

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