

# Chapman Primary School

## Communicator

Term 1, Week 2  
Friday, 10 February  
2023

### What's Happening at Chapman

#### Friday 24 February

Swimming Carnival years 2-6  
Stromlo Leisure Centre  
Kenny Koala Visit  
Preschool Stripes & Turtles

#### Monday 27 February

Kenny Koala visit  
Preschool Frogs & Spots

#### Wednesday 1 – Friday 3 March

Year 5 Camp - Borambola

#### Wednesday 15 February

P&C AGM 6.15 pm

#### Monday 13 March

Canberra Day Public Holiday

If your  
child  
is sick,  
don't  
bring  
them to  
school.



Junior oval lunch and recess attraction

### Recent Communication

BASE Kindergarten Assessments  
Year 5 Camp – Borambola  
2023 Swimming Carnival  
2023 Voluntary Contributions  
2023 School Board Nominations Advice  
2023 School Board Nomination Form  
Year 6 Shirts second round orders

[https://www.chapmanps.act.edu.au/our\\_school/Permission\\_Notes](https://www.chapmanps.act.edu.au/our_school/Permission_Notes)

Front Office Hours 8.30 am to 3.30 pm  
Contact the school on [Chapmanps.info@ed.act.edu.au](mailto:Chapmanps.info@ed.act.edu.au)

### Uniform Shop Opening Days & Times

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

<https://chapman-ps-uniforms.square.site/>

### Canteen

Open – Wednesday, Thursday and Friday  
Online orders via

<https://www.school24.net.au/>



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### Principals Message

Dear parents and carers

A very warm welcome to the 2023 school year, especially to our new families to the Chapman Primary School community. What a terrific start we have had. The children have settled beautifully into their new learning spaces and are getting to know new friends and educators.

I hope everyone had a relaxing and enjoyable summer break and are eager to start off 2023 ready and willing to accept and meet the challenges ahead, learning together. Not just doing our best but meeting the challenges, learning from the outcomes and celebrating our successes.

It is a welcomed change this year to be starting our school year with the knowledge that our planned events and activities can actually go ahead. The Pandemic of the past three years has certainly made it extremely challenging to plan.

The school campus was not quiet over the summer break with upgrades and works to the preschool outdoor Yarning Circle, senior sand pit, LHQ bathrooms, junior oval shed, and school digital display sign.

As this school year begins, we as educators and parents, have an enormous gift to give. The gift of enhancing the lives of our students. The gift of teaching the children of the Chapman community, helping them grow and succeed. We all know that what we give, extends so much further. It is our duty to serve as role models. But more than that, it is our responsibility to make a positive and lasting difference to our students.

As we begin this year, let us approach it with boldness and courage. We must all draw from our past experiences and learn to make positive changes. We must all acknowledge that change is inevitable and necessary for us to keep improving. We should embrace change without forsaking our traditions. We will continue to ignite passion in what we do, guided by our commitment to excellence, to drive and sustain the quality of our learning and for us as a community to seek ways of how we can improve.

I thank in advance our parents and carers for your unwavering support that you continue to give to the school. We have been able to grow as a school community because of the opportunities that you have given us as well as the affirmation and feedback that has allowed the school to progress. I look forward to our continued partnership as we work together to realise the potential of each child at Chapman School.

I trust the year of 2023 will be one of fresh visions and great breakthroughs as we work together in partnership to soar to great heights.

Small steps can dramatically enhance a child's learning experience. And when we do this, we will be doing all that we can to make a positive difference. I urge all of us to take action. Today, let's take the small steps needed to make our school and our community an even better place to learn, to work, and thrive.

### **Welcome new staff**

This year we welcomed Kristina Delbridge, Tanya Duggan and Charlotte Millar to kindergarten, Emily Mullamphy to year 1, Tanya Stone to year 2, Jenaya Lotze to year 5, Angas Quantrill and Emma Pryor to year 6, Michele McCarthy to learning support and Patrick Dowd our Building Services Officer. We are fortunate to have such an engaged and dedicated team of teachers and staff join Chapman School.

### **IMPORTANT REMINDERS**

Parenting Plans and Family Court Orders: If you have a plan or an order in place that impacts on your child's schooling, e.g., shared parenting, access etc, it is important that I am familiar with these and that a copy is available to be kept on your child's file. All information provided is confidential.

Dogs are not permitted in the school grounds when children are in attendance.

Chapman Primary is a smoke free zone. Please do not smoke on school grounds.

Copies of all notes sent home can be found on our CPS website

[https://www.chapmanps.act.edu.au/our\\_school/Permission\\_Notes](https://www.chapmanps.act.edu.au/our_school/Permission_Notes)

### **Staying COVID Smart in 2023**

Being COVID Smart remains a priority for all ACT public schools in 2023.

Students, staff and visitors are reminded to:

- Stay home if unwell and get tested for COVID-19.
- Stay up to date with your vaccinations.
- Practise good hand and respiratory hygiene.
- Physically distance from others when in public places.

Individual schools may implement additional measures to manage COVID-19 if deemed necessary in a particular setting. Any changes will be communicated to parents and carers.

**If your child has COVID-19, you must let the school know.** We recommend keeping your child home for at least five days.

RATs are again available from the school for students in term 1 from the front office.

**You can read more about how we are being COVID Smart in ACT public schools at**

<https://www.education.act.gov.au/public-school-life/covid-school-arrangements>

### **Safe parking around schools**

The start of the school year is a particularly busy time in our school carparks and surrounding streets. It's important that we park safely and legally to support the safety of students.

Parking on a footpath, nature strip or roadside verge can:

- Cause safety risks for pedestrians as they are less visible to oncoming cars.
- Increase the risk for vulnerable members of our community like children, people who are visually impaired, and those using a wheelchair or pram.
- Restrict the line of sight for other road users.
- Restrict access for emergency services vehicles.

Parking on nature strips can also damage trees, footpaths, gutters and underground pipes and cables. Please also remember not to park across driveways or block neighbouring residents' properties.

As students return to school remember to also slow down and stick to the 40km/h limit around our schools between 8am and 4pm.

Parking inspectors regularly patrol school zones to support safe parking and keep students safe.

If you cannot find a car park in our school car parks, we suggest parking a little further away and walking or riding the rest of the way – it's a quick and easy way to get in some exercise too.

Let's all work together to keep our kids and community safe!

More information about travelling safely to school is available on the [Transport ACT website](#).

### **Book Packs**

Thank you to the families that ordered their child's 2023 Book Packs from Blue Ink 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 Blue Ink on your behalf. If you chose to buy your child's supplies from another supplier, 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 if they come into contact with this food. Please ensure front office staff and 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.

Yours faithfully,

James M. Barnett  
Principal

### **2023 School Board Nominations**

## **Do you have an interest in being part of the decision making for our school?**

If so, you may wish to nominate for one of our vacant parent or P&C Representative position on the School Board. This year we have one one-year, and one two-year parent positions and one P&C Representative position vacant.

To learn more about being involved with ACT Public School, School Boards please visit

[https://www.education.act.gov.au/public-school-life/get-involved-in-your-childs-school/school\\_boards](https://www.education.act.gov.au/public-school-life/get-involved-in-your-childs-school/school_boards)

Nominations for these 2023 School Board positions opened on Monday 6 February. Nomination Forms were emailed to all Chapman Primary School families, are available for download from the Chapman Primary School website at [https://www.chapmanps.act.edu.au/our\\_school/Permission\\_Notes](https://www.chapmanps.act.edu.au/our_school/Permission_Notes) and are available in hard copy from the school Front Office between 9.00 am and 3.00 pm. The Nomination period will be open for 14 days from 11.00 am on Monday 6 February to 11.00 am on Monday 20 February.

We look forward to receiving your nominations.



## Introducing our 2023 School Leaders and House Captains

# 2023 School Leaders

A very big congratulations to our 4 school leaders for 2023. Eila, Riley, Annie, and Reuben.

School leaders were elected by students from years 4-6 and staff at the end of 2022. School Leaders are role models for our school. They play an important part in organising and presenting at school events. School leaders will be given the opportunity to demonstrate and develop responsibility and leadership skills throughout the year.



# 2023 School House Captains

Chapman Primary has four sporting houses:



House captains are elected by students from years 3-6. These elected leaders assist their house during major sporting carnivals and house spirit day as well as being our PBL champions.

This year we have 8 elected house captains. Congratulations to:

Austin:	Trent R and Charlotte Q
Doyle:	Mandri L and Darcy O
Namatjira:	Blake F and Emily H
Perry:	Harry C and Darcy A

Well done to these students, we look forward to the positive contribution you all will make throughout the year.

Congratulations to all of our school leaders.

Regards  
Dean Howell



### 2023 Semester 1 SRC Representatives

Our School SRC (Student Representatives Council) are elected in class by student peers to represent the student voice towards decision making in our school. Each class has 2 representatives who attend meetings each fortnight, led by our school leaders Reuben, Riley, Annabel and Eila.

Class	Representative 1	Representative 2
KAN	Heidi B	Owen T
KCM	Grace B	Jack W
KDD	Zachary F	Ivana N
KLE	Gabrielle Q	Jensen F
1DL	Arlo M	Charlotte H
1EC	Dot W	Austin R
1EM	Heidi M	Oliver H
1SS	Veronica S	Steven A
2RG		Louis G
2RT	Oliver H	Xanthe C
2RV	Ariya C	Harmony S
2TS	Zoey F	Marco K
3TW	Evie E	Arley S
3VA	Betty H	Kabir K
3JP	Zoe F	David R
3ER	William H	Aria R
4BC	Neo K	Audrey K
4CL	Rachel P	Oliver L
4TM	Asha C	Kiara F
5JL	Logan B	Patrick C
5JS	Dusty H	Zoe D
5LA	Max T	Alice B

Congratulations to our 2023 SRC members.

## 2023 School Timetable

9.00 am		Start of school day	
10.00 am	-	10.10 am	Fruit break
11.00 am	-	11.10 am	Supervised lunch
11.10 am	-	11.50 am	Break 1
1.20 pm	-	2.00 pm	Break 2
		3.00 pm	End of school day

Our school gates will be opened from 8.30 am and will be closed from 3.30 pm each day. Please make arrangements with Out of School Hours Care (OSHC) to ensure your child is safely supervised outside of school hours.

### Drop off and Pick up arrangements

The school has several **entry and exit points** located on Perry Drive and Streeton Drive. Children in kindergarten to year 6 can enter and exit through any gate that is convenient for their family's arrangements and should assemble outside their classrooms.

A **curb side drop off and pickup** area is situated in the Perry Drive carpark for drivers to safely pull up to allow children to get out of or in to cars. Please be aware that the start and end of the school day are extremely busy, and we ask that drivers move through this area as quickly and as safely as is possible. This is a NO STOPPING zone. Please do not park and leave your car unattended at any time during the school day.

Staff supervise gates after school until 3.10 pm. Students exiting via the Streeton Drive gate are to wait inside the gate to be picked up. Students in kindergarten to year 2 who have not been collected by 3.10 pm will be taken to the front office. If you are running late, please let us know so we can arrange for your child to wait at the front office.

### Before and after school playground behaviour expectations

The school PBL expectations of being Responsible, Safe and Respectful must be remembered and practices when coming to and leaving school each day. It is important that we remember:

- Students are not permitted to play on playground equipment before or after school hours.
- Students must get off bikes, scooters and skateboards at school boundaries and walk these to the appropriate storage facilities.
- Students must enter and exit the school via one of the designated entry and exit points
- Students should not enter or exit via the school front office unless they are running late, leaving early or have matters to discuss with front office staff
- Please be mindful of smaller children, parents or grandparents at busy drop off and pick up times.

### Student Medical Conditions

**Does your child have a medical condition that may require a Medical Condition Response Plan and Medication to be held at school?**

If your child has a medical condition that requires assistance over and above general first aid or if they are required to have medication held at school or administered while at school, you will be required to complete one or more of the following forms:

- a General Medical Information Consent Form,
- a Known Medical Condition Response Plan, and
- a Medication Authorisation and Administration Record

Student medical plans must be renewed annually. Medical Forms can be collected from the school front office or downloaded from: [https://www.chapmanps.act.edu.au/our\\_school/a-z\\_parent\\_information?result\\_336969\\_result\\_page=M](https://www.chapmanps.act.edu.au/our_school/a-z_parent_information?result_336969_result_page=M)

Please contact front office staff on 02 6142 2400 or at [chapmanps.info@ed.act.edu.au](mailto:chapmanps.info@ed.act.edu.au) if you have any questions.



## Chapman School Food, Drink and Allergy Awareness Message

Chapman Primary School has a number of students with life threatening allergies or Anaphylaxis reactions to particular foods. The school works closely with families to put in place personal plans to keep students with allergies safe while at school and we are asking for the support of our school community to minimise the risk of potential serious allergic reactions for children with allergies at school.



We are all most commonly aware of serious food allergy or anaphylaxis to nuts and products made from or including nut ingredients such as peanut butter and chocolate nut spreads, snack bars, biscuits and confectionery items such as candy canes and lollies. You may not be aware that at Chapman Primary School, we have children with allergies to other foods including dairy products, eggs and kiwifruit.




*It is important that foods with  
nuts or nut products and lollies  
not be sent to school.*

We do realise the difficulty in preparing a healthy, balanced lunchbox for children to sustain their busy minds and bodies during a school day. To support this, Chapman Primary School has a **no food sharing policy**, and we ask that you speak with your children to remind them not to share their food with anyone at school, even with their best friend, because it may make them very sick.

Chapman Primary School supports the Healthy Living Traffic Light System in schools, categorising food and drinks according to their nutritional value and levels of energy, saturated fat, fibre, sugar and salt. This follows guidelines in the ACT Public School Food and Drink Policy 2016 which is in line with the Australian Dietary Guidelines 2013 and includes the *National Healthy School Canteen: Guidelines for healthy foods and drinks supplied in school canteen 2013 (NHSCG)*.



"If kids learn healthy eating habits from an early age, it sets them up for a long and healthy life." <https://www.health.act.gov.au/about-our-health-system/healthy-living/fresh-tastes/about-fresh-tastes>

-  You can support us by ensuring your child has a lunchbox filled with a good choice of healthy food and drink to fuel them with the right energy to get through a busy day of concentration and play while at school.
-  You can support us by ensuring that your child has as many green foods as possible and limiting the number of red foods at school or even saving the red foods for home.
-  You can support us by making sure your child has a reusable water bottle each day that they can refill at our school bubblers.





## School Assemblies

This year we will recommence our fortnightly school assemblies. Assemblies will take place fortnightly on even week Fridays at 2.15 pm.

Each cohort will host two assemblies per year showcasing their learning with an emphasis on the Arts where possible. Assemblies will be led by our School Leaders and hosting cohort. The Australian National Anthem, Acknowledgement of Country and School Song will be included, and Principal Awards will be handed out.

## Photography and recording at our Assemblies

To respect the privacy wishes of others we ask that families **do not take photographs or recordings of proceedings.**

If you wish to take photographs of your children at school, please ensure this is for your own personal use only and limit photographs to your own children as much as possible. Please be mindful off and respect the privacy of children who may accidentally appear in your photographs if posting these on social media platforms.

## 2023 Book Pack Requirements

## Have you ordered your child's school stationery for 2023?

There is still time. Blueink have a limited supply of Chapman Primary School Book pack items which are still available at the discounted Back to School prices. Once these stocks are ordered, families may miss out on these discounts.



### How to order:

1. Go to <https://www.blueinkgroup.com.au/cps>
2. Enter the access code: CPS@
3. Select the year level your child will be **going into in 2023**
4. Enter your child's full name (first and surname please)
5. Select the year required and click "Add to Order"
6. View your child's book list in the cart at the top of the screen
7. Go to "Checkout" to confirm your order
8. This will take you to the secure payment page to enter your credit card details
  - *Although you will be prompted to add your address, all packs will be delivered in a bulk to the school ready for the 2023 school year.*

## Delivery Service

Orders will be delivered to your child's classroom.

Year level lists on the school website: [https://www.chapmanps.act.edu.au/our\\_school/Permission\\_Notes](https://www.chapmanps.act.edu.au/our_school/Permission_Notes)

If you have chosen to source items from these lists from an alternate supplier, please ensure these are delivered to your child's classroom by Monday 13 February to ensure your child has what they need to complete their classroom learning programs.

## Help with the cost of schooling and everyday essentials

The school can help families meet the costs of schooling or everyday essentials – such as personal hygiene products including sanitary hygiene items, school uniform items, book packs and stationery, school excursions, camps, transport and enrichment activities.

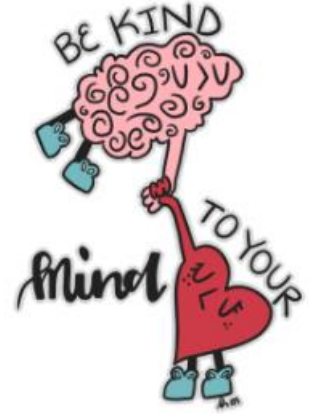
Part of public education's important objective is making access to education more equitable for all students, regardless of personal circumstances. If you are experiencing a situation that affects your ability to meet the costs of schooling or everyday essentials for your child, we encourage you to talk to us. Families who are looking for help with the costs of schooling can:

- talk to the school principal or other staff member about their situation,
- have a relative, caseworker, friend or advocate make contact on your behalf.

For further information please contact the Education Directorate [ETDStudentWellbeing@act.gov.au](mailto:ETDStudentWellbeing@act.gov.au)

## School Psychologist corner

**Welcome** to the new school year. Hopefully the transition back to school has been a smooth one from our long school break. If you have a child who has started Kindergarten and is experiencing **separation anxiety**, there are some great tips from Australian parenting guru, Maggie Dent:



- Fill an empty, lidded container with kisses from loved ones and tuck it in the bottom of their backpack.
- Draw funny pictures on their lunch bags or leave a lovely note in their lunch box.
- Teach them how to take 3 big breaths and breathe out the butterflies hiding in their tummy or gently rub their tummy telling the butterflies they are safe.
- Have them wear a lanyard with a photo of someone they love – they can look at it often and even ‘talk’ to them throughout the day.
- Help build a special connection to one teacher or staff member who is nurturing their transition to school. Have a photo of them up at home and talk about them sometimes. Secondary attachment can work magic!

You can read more in any of her blogs: <https://www.maggiedent.com/blog/sensitive-kids-starting-school/> and <https://www.maggiedent.com/blog/10-tips-ease-separation-distress/>.

And the second set of tips this week comes from Child Development Specialist, [Dr. Siggie](#), sharing tips on giving behaviour specific feedback. We all find it easiest to just say “**Be Careful!**” when a child is doing something that might be dangerous, or we want to protect furniture and belongings. If it’s effective and your child responds just as you wish, then no need to read any further. If you’re frustrated that they don’t appear to be listening, or are finding the instruction too abstract, then the following tips and scripts may be helpful.

- *"I need you off the counter right now."*
- *"No jumping on the couch/bed/chair. I know you love to jump, and you can do that where? Yes, outside, on the trampoline."*

In general, being clearer and more specific is going to be a more effective way of communicating with your child. Say exactly what you want them to do:

- *I need you to carry that cup/plate/dish carefully*
- *I need you to either walk in the house, or go for a run outside*
- *Swinging that inside could break something - be mindful of your surroundings*

**PARENTING TIP:**  
Sometimes, all you need  
to say to your child is:

*"I know it's hard to not  
get what you want.  
I also know,  
you can do hard things  
and still be ok."*

@dr.siggie

As always, enjoy the journey, they grow up fast 😊.

**Cheryl Edward**

School Psychologist

# Friendly February 2023

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

SUNDAY



6 Get back in touch with an old friend you've not seen for a while

7 Show an active interest by asking questions when talking to others

8 Share what you're feeling with someone you really trust

9 Thank someone and tell them how they made a difference for you

10 Look for good in others, particularly when you feel frustrated with them

11 Send an encouraging note to someone who needs a boost

12 Focus on being kind rather than being right

13 Smile at the people you see and brighten their day

14 Tell a loved one or friend why they are special to you

15 Support a local business with a positive online review or friendly message

16 Check in on someone who may be struggling and offer to help

17 Appreciate the good qualities of someone in your life

18 Respond kindly to everyone you talk to today, including yourself

19 Share something you find inspiring, helpful or amusing

20 Make a plan to connect with others and do something fun

21 Really listen to what people say, without judging them

22 Give sincere compliments to people you talk to today

23 Be gentle with someone who you feel inclined to criticise

24 Tell a loved one about the strengths that you see in them

25 Thank three people you feel grateful to and tell them why

26 Make uninterrupted time for your loved ones

27 Call a friend to catch up and really listen to them

28 Give positive comments to as many people as possible today



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## Author in Residence Program @ CPS

Hello Chapman community,



First day of school

I am excited to be working with the students, staff and families of Chapman Primary on Mondays this year in the newly created role of 'Author in Residence'.

For those who may not know me, I am a Chapman parent and children's author. My debut picture book, *Jingle Belly*, was published by Larrikin House in November 2021. My second book, *The Perfect Book*, will be out in March this year and is self-published. I am crossing my fingers and toes for that elusive second contract and often have manuscripts sitting with publishers, patiently waiting for any kind of response! I will be well placed to talk to the students about the publishing industry and how important it is to develop resilience and a thick skin when working in the creative industries.

Writing for children is my passion and I am always on the hunt for new and fresh story ideas, so I am thoroughly looking forward to engaging with and being inspired by (ie. stealing ideas from) the Chapman students over the duration of the year. Mwahaha!

I will be working in classes on a range of stimulating and creative writing tasks. We will be looking at identifying and generating story ideas, planning narratives, writing and editing, more editing, even more editing, creating illustrations and the publishing process. This will link perfectly to the school writing goal: To improve the rate of growth in writing for all students.

Firstly, I will be working with Year 6 in Term One to further develop their narrative storytelling skills with the aim of producing a picture book suitable for their Kindy buddies and themselves.

I will also be hanging out with the LHQ cohort, where we will share stories and explore what it is to be an author.

We are looking to create opportunities for those students who would like some extension in their writing or those with a passion in this area.

We are also aiming to produce an anthology of the top student work across all year levels, with a book launch to be held during Book Week festivities in August. More details on this to follow!

I will be based in the library with the amazing Specialist Team, when not in classes. If you have any questions, queries, skills in this area, ideas for writing, illustrating expertise, graphic design knowledge or printing prowess, please feel free to get in contact. We would love to involve the community in developing this exciting program.

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# P&C News

Are you interested in joining the Chapman P&C? We'd love to have you!

The P&C is a great way to meet people, connect, and be involved in the school community. We contribute to the school community in a range of ways including:

- Organising events that bring our school community together (like our spring mini-fete or our end of year Colour run celebration)
- Hosting Class Carer WhatsApp Groups (an opt in way to connect with other families in your child's class, a trusted source of info about what's happening, and timely reminders)
- Running the school canteen and Out of School Hours Care (OSHC), delivered by our professional canteen and afters teams.
- Running our uniform shop with a great team of volunteers
- Recognising and celebrating teachers and school staff
- Raising and donating funds for improvements to our school (for example at the start of 2022 Chapman P&C donated \$120,000 to accelerate the roll out of the school's ICT Plan)
- Connecting with the Principal and the School Board to have a say on our school
- Participating in the ACT P&C Council, to have a say on broader ACT Government education policies

The P&C meets on Wednesday nights of week 3 and 8 in each term, commencing at 6.15pm in the school staff room (entry via the front office).

If you are interested in playing an active part in our school community, we welcome you to contact us. Volunteering in the canteen or uniform shop is a great way to participate (as little or as much time as you have) or if you feel you've got skills that can contribute to our activities (after school hours too) please contact us at [Chapman.pcsecretary@gmail.com](mailto:Chapman.pcsecretary@gmail.com) or come along to our next meeting to hear about the types of volunteer roles we have.

**Next Chapman Primary School P&C Meeting -  
AGM and election of new P&C Executive Committee members  
Wednesday 15 February 2023 - 6:15pm  
School Staff Room (near the front office)**

The meeting will start with a formal AGM (which we are legally required to hold) including the election of our 2023 Executive Committee members. This will be followed by our more informal gathering to hear from our Principal James Barnett and discuss issues of interest to the group.

All members of the school community are invited to attend. The agenda papers for the evening and minutes of our previous meetings were attached to an email circulated to the school community on 2 February 2023. Further information about the P&C is on the school website [P & C - Chapman Primary School \(chapmanps.act.edu.au\)](http://chapmanps.act.edu.au).

Executive positions that will be elected include:

- |   |                                       |
|---|---------------------------------------|
| • President, P&C Council representative | • 2 x Fundraising Coordinators        |
| • Vice President                        | • Communications Officer              |
| • Vice President (Afters)               | • Uniform Shop Coordinator            |
| • Treasurer                             | • Grants and Applications Coordinator |
| • Secretary & Public Officer            | • Book Club Coordinator               |

Please don't hesitate to reach out to the P&C Secretary, Jack Knowles, for detailed position descriptions or any other information you would like - [chapman.pcsecretary@gmail.com](mailto:chapman.pcsecretary@gmail.com)

We look forward to seeing you there!

## **An update from Kristina, our Uniform Shop coordinator**

### **Uniform Shop Opening Hours Term 1**

Mondays 8.45 to 9.15 am

Thursdays 2.45 to 3.15 pm

#### **Volunteering in the Uniform Shop**

We are actively seeking two more volunteers in the Uniform Shop to help during opening hours, and with online orders or deliveries (these times can be flexible to suit you).

We will be in need of an additional person to take a more active role in May and June as our Uniform Shop Coordinator will be away. Please contact us at [uniformshop.chapmanps@gmail.com](mailto:uniformshop.chapmanps@gmail.com) if you are able to help out.

#### **House Shirts**

Thanks to everyone who placed their order for House Shirts. We have delivered some of those orders already but are still waiting for the big delivery from our supplier. We will deliver the remaining orders as soon as they arrive. As we are all volunteers, this might be happening in batches.

#### **Uniform Donations Welcome!**

The Uniform Shop is always grateful to receive donations of good quality items of school uniform for sale as second-hand items through the shop. Unfortunately, we still have to throw a significant quantity of donated items away as they are not in a usable condition.

Please consider the following before donating items:

- Zippers should be in full working order
- Items do not have holes
- Items are not stained or marked
- Items are not excessively colour faded
- Items have the Chapman Primary School logo

## **An update from Meagan, our Afters Coordinator**

**We have a number of casual staff employment positions available as well as one full-time staff employment position - all with above-award pay rates**

Casual staff shift options are available throughout the week:

- Term time - Monday to Friday during the hours of 7:30 – 9.00 am and 2:45 – 6.00 pm
- During school holidays for vacation care - Monday to Friday during the hours of 7:30am - 6pm (half day shifts).

No qualifications necessary.

One full-time staff position is available for a Diploma Qualified educator, or a suitable person willing to obtain their Diploma through a Traineeship.

- 38 hours a week, split shift, with the potential of flexible working hours.

All employees must be at least 17 years old and hold a current Working With Vulnerable People card.

If you know of someone who may be interested, or if you have any questions about the roles, please get in touch with Kellie at [afters.cpasc@gmail.com](mailto:afters.cpasc@gmail.com)

## **An update from Jo, our Class Carer Coordinator**

Whilst the Schools Administration System (SAS) is used for all formal communication with families, including important information from the P&C, the P&C also operates a Class Carer network via WhatsApp for parents and carers to share information, questions and reminders with other parents and carers in their child's class.

An invitation email with a link will be sent out shortly to all families to opt in to join your child's class WhatsApp group.

Participation is optional but it's a great way to receive reminders for school and P&C events as well as the opportunity to connect with other parents and carers more informally.

### Call for volunteer Class Carers

Volunteer Class Carers are parents or carers who are the point of contact to receive and pass on messages from the school and P&C to other parents and carers in the chat. They are connected into a network with the other Class Carers, as well as the P&C Class Carer Coordinator, so are able to help answer questions as they come up through the year.

It's an easy job that has great benefit to your class community. If you'd like to volunteer as your child's Class Carer or you have any questions, please email Jo at [chapmanclasscarer@gmail.com](mailto:chapmanclasscarer@gmail.com)

### An update from Emily, our Canteen Manager

- Online Lunch orders can be placed from Wednesday to Friday
- Over-the-counter sales are available on Thursdays and Fridays.

Menu options are included below and can also be viewed through the Chapman Canteen portal on [School24.net.au](https://www.school24.net.au). Further details below.

#### How to place a lunch order

1. To register, go to <https://www.school24.net.au> and click on login/register in the top right of the screen. You'll need our school's registration ID which is 2556963.
2. Once you've registered, set up your children and their class/es so that the system can remember those details each time you order. This means that we can deliver your child's lunch to their classroom.
3. You may also choose to 'top up' your account. This will reduce credit card fees as it will be a once-only payment.

More information on registering and other FAQs can be found on the [School24 FAQ page](#).

Please email Emily at [chapman.canteen@gmail.com](mailto:chapman.canteen@gmail.com) if you have any troubles, questions or feedback.

### Call for volunteers in the Canteen

The Canteen runs successfully thanks to the wonderful contribution of parent and carer volunteers. Come join the fun, helping out with counter sales and preparing lunch orders. Shifts are on Thursday or Friday between 9am and 12pm.

Please email Emily at [chapman.canteen@gmail.com](mailto:chapman.canteen@gmail.com) with your contact number and availability for term 1 you're keen to help out. You can volunteer on a regular basis, ad-hoc or even just once off. It's fun, easy and social!

### School Canteen Menu - Term 1

CANTEEN TERM 1, 2023		DRINKS (over the counter and lunch orders)	
<b>HOT FOOD</b>			
(LUNCH ORDERS ONLY)			
Chicken tenders (2) with bag of carrot sticks	\$6.00	Just Juice fruit box	
Tomato sauce	\$0.50	(Apple, Paradise Punch, AppleBlackcurrant)	\$3.00
Lasagne	\$6.00	Milo	\$2.00
Mac and Cheese	\$6.00		
Toasted Baked Bean Jaffle	\$4.50	Plain Milk (300ml)	\$2.50
Toasted Cheese sandwich	\$4.00	Sipahh straw -	
		(chocolate, strawberry, vanilla, choc mint, honeycomb, caramel)	\$0.50
<b>SANDWICHES/WRAPS</b>		<b>SNACKS</b>	
(LUNCH ORDERS ONLY)		Slushie (fruit juice-based)	\$2.00
Vegemite sandwich	\$3.50	Paddle pop (Rainbow)	\$2.00
Cheese sandwich	\$4.00	Fruit tube (GF)	\$1.00
		Vanilla Ice cream cup (GF)	\$1.00
<b>WRAPS</b>		Frozen Watermelon or Pineapple Slice	\$0.50
Cheese, Lettuce, grated carrot	\$4.50	Air-popped popcorn	\$0.50
Chicken, lettuce, grated carrot	\$5.00	Anzac biscuit	\$0.50
		Chocolate Weetbix slice	\$0.50
		Pikelets (3)	\$0.50
		Cheesy Bite	\$0.50
<b>*PLEASE NOTE: Prices are subject to change without notice</b>			

## COVID Safety Message

### Staying COVID Smart in 2023

Being COVID Smart remains a priority for all ACT public schools in 2023.

Students, staff and visitors are reminded to:

- Stay home if unwell and get tested for COVID-19
- Stay up to date with your vaccinations
- Practise good hand and respiratory hygiene
- Physically distance from others when in public places

Individual schools may implement additional measures to manage COVID-19 if deemed necessary in a particular setting. Any changes will be communicated to parents and carers.



**If your child has COVID-19, you must let the school know.** We recommend keeping your child home for at least five days.

#### COVID-19 Symptoms

Fever or chills, cough, sore throat, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, loss of smell or taste, runny or blocked nose, muscle pain, joint pain, diarrhoea, nausea, headache, vomiting, loss of appetite, fatigue, unexplained chest pain, conjunctivitis (eye infection).

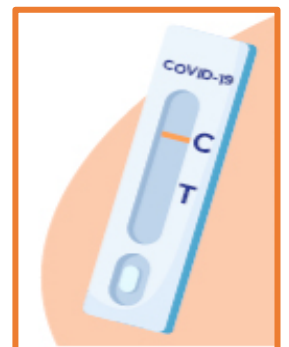
Students are no longer required to isolate if they are household contacts and may attend school.

#### RATs

RATs are again available in term 1 from the school front office for students, provided to students upon request as needed.

**To request RATs please contact the front office** Phone: 6142 2400 email: [chapmanps.info@ed.act.edu.au](mailto:chapmanps.info@ed.act.edu.au)

**You can read more about how we are being COVID Smart in ACT public schools at** <https://www.education.act.gov.au/public-school-life/covid-school-arrangements>





## Community Messages

**TERM 1  
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CODING CAMP**

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**SC-ORE**  
**SC-ORE Orienteering**  
**2023 Term 1**  
A before school body and brain work out.  
4-week Challenge for Primary School aged children  
**Teams 2 girls and 2 boys**

Thursday 2 March	Torrens Primary School (Torrens)
Thursday 9 March	Chapman Primary School (Chapman))
Thursday 16 March	Trinity Christian School (Wanniassa)
Thursday 23 March	Holy Family Primary School (Fadden)

**SC-ORE online [registration](#)**  
For more information visit [Orienteering ACT](http://act.orienteering.asn.au/juniors/blue-sparks/sc-ore) (act.orienteering.asn.au/juniors/blue-sparks/sc-ore)  
Or email [schools@act.orienteering.asn.au](mailto:schools@act.orienteering.asn.au)



**Registration closes 24 February 2023**  
There are no expectations on schools or teachers to organise any aspect of students' attendance.  
Parents and carers are responsible for their child/children.

**A Day at the Lake - ACT**



**Sunday 12th February**  
10:00 am – 2:00 pm  
Black Mountain Peninsula, Acton ACT

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