

Chapman Primary Communicator 2024

Term 1, Week 2

Friday 9 February 2024

Coming Events

Thursday 29 February

- Year 5&6 Netball Gala Day

Wednesday 21 February

- ThinkUKnow Parent Presentation

Tuesday 5 - Wednesday 6 March

- Year 5 Camp Birrigai

Thursday 7 March

- Chapman Come Together – Community Event

Monday 11 March

- Canberra Day Public Holiday

School Break Times

BREAK 1

10.30 am - Supervised eating time

10.40 am - Break 1

11.10 am - End Break 1

BREAK 2

12.40 pm - Supervised eating time

12.50 pm - Break 2

1.30 pm - End Break 2



Recent Notes Home

- Implementation of personal use of communication devices in ACT Public schools 2024 (email)
- Year level term overviews (email)
- Year 5 Camp Birrigai, Allergen and Food Restrictions Form, Medical Information and Consent Form
- Year 6 Camp Borambola and Medical Information and Consent Form
- Year 5&6 Netball Gala Day
- Year 6 Shirt Re-orders
- BASE Assessments Kindergarten (email)
- ThinkUKnow Parent Presentation (email)

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

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Principals Message

Welcome to the 2024 school year, Chapman School community!

I want to extend a warm welcome to all our new families joining us this year. It's fantastic to see the marvellous start we've had to the new year. Our students have settled beautifully into their new learning spaces and are getting to know their new friends and educators. I hope everyone had a relaxing and enjoyable summer break and that you're all eager to start off 2024 with a mindset ready to accept and meet the challenges ahead. We're not just here to do our best, but also to learn from the outcomes and celebrate our successes together.

Upgrades and Works at our School Campus

Even though it was the summer break, our school campus was not quiet. We continued with upgrades and works to improve our Front Office administration area. Stage 1 of the project was successfully completed on December 22, 2023, and we began stage 2 on January 8, 2024. With these works, we're also upgrading our bell system to make it easier to hear outside. Our Student Representative Council (SRC) and School Leaders will be involved in setting up the new bell system during term 1. We appreciate your patience with the ongoing building works.

The Gift of Education

As the new school year begins, both as educators and parents, we have an incredible gift to give - the gift of enhancing the lives of our students. We have the opportunity to teach and guide the children of the Chapman community, helping them grow and succeed. It's important to remember that what we give extends far beyond the classroom. We have the responsibility to be role models and make a positive and lasting difference in the lives of our students. As we embark on this new year, let's approach it with boldness and courage, drawing from our past experiences and making positive changes. Change is inevitable and necessary for improvement, but let's also embrace our valued traditions. Together, we will continue to ignite passion in what we do, guided by our commitment to excellence and the pursuit of continuous improvement.

Thank You for Your Support

I would like to express my sincere gratitude in advance to all our parents and carers for your unwavering support of our school. We have grown as a community because of the opportunities you have given us, as well as the affirmation and feedback that have allowed our school to progress. I look forward to our continued partnership as we work together to realise the potential of each child at Chapman Primary School. I believe that 2024 will be a year of fresh visions and great breakthroughs as we soar to great heights together.

Small Steps Make a Big Difference

Never underestimate the power of small steps in enhancing a child's learning experience. When we take these small steps, we are making a positive difference in their lives. I encourage 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, work, and thrive.

Welcome New Staff

I am thrilled to welcome two new teachers to Chapman Primary School this year. Joining the year 1 team, we have Kate Elliot, and in the year 3 team, we welcome Charlotte Felgate. We are fortunate to have such engaged and dedicated educators in our school community.

Important Reminders

Here are a few important reminders as we begin the school year:

- **Parenting Plans and Family Court Orders:** If you have any plans or court orders that impact your child's schooling, please ensure a copy is available on your child's file. The information provided is confidential.
- **Dogs:** As a reminder, please note that dogs are not permitted in the school grounds when children are present.
- **Smoke-Free Zone:** Chapman Primary School is a smoke-free zone, so please refrain from smoking on or around school grounds.
- **Accessing School Notes:** You can find copies of all notes sent home on our Chapman Primary School website for your convenience. Visit <http://www.chapmanps.act.edu.au/> for more information.

Safe Parking Around Schools

The start of the school year is always busy, with increased traffic around our school carparks and surrounding streets. It's crucial that we prioritise safety by parking legally and responsibly to ensure the well-being of our students. Parking on footpaths, nature strips, or roadside verges poses safety risks for pedestrians, especially for vulnerable community members such as children, visually impaired individuals, and those using wheelchairs or prams. It also limits the line of sight for other road users and can restrict access for emergency services vehicles. Additionally, parking on nature strips may cause damage to trees, footpaths, gutters, and underground infrastructure. Please avoid parking across driveways or blocking neighbouring residents' properties. If you cannot find a parking space in our school car parks, consider parking a bit further away and enjoying a quick walk or bike ride to school. It's a great way to get in some exercise too! Let's all work together to keep our kids and community safe.

For more information on traveling safely to school, please visit the Transport ACT website.

Book Packs

Thank you to all the families who ordered their child's 2024 Book Packs during the holidays. We have received many orders, and the supplies are being distributed to your children or stored for distribution throughout the year.

Contact Details

Please ensure that we have your current contact phone numbers in case of an emergency. It's crucial for us to be able to reach you when needed. If you have a new mobile phone number, home or workplace phone number, please inform the front office. Your child's well-being is our priority, and we want to ensure we can provide support when necessary.

Food Safety Note

A note will be emailed to all families early next week outlining a list of allergy aware foods that may be part of your child's lunch or recess as these may cause another child to have a severe allergic or anaphylactic reaction if they come into contact with this food. 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.

Once again, I extend my warmest greetings to everyone as we embark on this exciting new school year. I am confident that together, we can make it a year of growth, success, and positive change.

Yours faithfully,

James M. Barnett
Principal

Student Medical Needs

The beginning of the school year is a good time to assess your child's medical needs and update any information you have previously given to the school.

For information about this please visit [Medical Information](#) or contact the school front office on 6142 2400 or at Chapmanps.info@ed.act.edu.au for further advice, questions and information.

- [Medical Information and Consent Form](#)
- [Known Medical Condition Response Plan](#)
- [Medication Authorisation and Administration Record](#)
- [Medication Authorisation and Administration Record - Diabetes](#)

Volunteers and Visitors in Schools

Volunteers bring benefits and enrichment to our educational programs and activities in support of students and our school. You may wish to volunteer in the classroom or at sporting events or with our P&C in the canteen, uniform shop, class carers or book club programs. The contribution you make to our learning programs and our school by sharing your time, knowledge and expertise are greatly valued and welcomed and is a great way to be involved in your child's education. All volunteers must comply with the Volunteers and Visitors in Schools Policy and Procedures and the Working with Vulnerable People legislation. Please see [Volunteers and Visitors in Schools](#) or contact the school front office for further information and questions.

School Communication Policy

Talking with our school



Our teachers and school staff work hard every day to provide the best outcomes for every student.

Preparing for great teaching takes time. It is important that our teachers and school staff have time outside their core hours to rest and reset.

Communication with parents and carers is important to us and our staff will always work to get back to your enquiries within a reasonable timeframe. We aim to do this within 3 working days. If your matter is urgent we will get back to you as quickly as possible.

There is no expectation that teachers respond to queries from families during their personal and family time.

Every student and every family is important to us. By respecting the time of our teachers, you are helping to make time for great teaching.

We want to continue to work closely with you on your child's learning at school and do our best to respond to you in a timely manner.

We update families on what is happening at our school in a number of ways from information nights, emails, notes, newsletters, and social media. We encourage you to stay in touch with our school through these channels.

The [2024 School Communication Policy](#) was emailed to families prior to the start of this school year.

2024 Book Packs

At the end of 2023 we emailed book pack lists to all families returning to or starting at our school in 2024. Our school's chosen supplier for these 2024 requirements was WINC who provide a quick, easy and secure process to order all the items your child will need at affordable and competitive prices. Please see below the link to each year level list below if you have still to order items for your child for 2024. Items may also be purchased from many other stationery suppliers as suits your family circumstances.

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

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.

It is important that your child has these items in their classroom as soon as possible to allow them to best engage in learning programs. Please contact the school on 6142 2400 or via email at Chapmanps.info@ed.act.edu.au if you are having any difficulties with making purchases.

Sport & PE News

A huge congratulations to Oliver H from year 3 who represented the ACT in Futsal at the recent Futsal National Championships. The National championships were held in Sydney. Oliver received enough votes to be included in the All-Star team. A great achievement. We are very proud of you Ollie.

What an amazing sporting start to the year we have had. Classes have been outside each day playing games and sports and enjoying this lovely weather. We have also begun our Playgrounds FRIENDS programme that allows junior school students to play games with year 6 students. This programme is available to any junior school student. The bright orange vests make the FRIENDS easy to find.



Our school swimming carnival will be held on Friday March 22 at Stromlo Leisure Centre. Information will be sent home shortly regarding this event for years 2-6.

Regards

Dean Howell

School Psychologist Corner

Welcome to the new school year.

Hopefully for most families, your child or children have settled in and are excited about the learning journey ahead. If you have a child who is struggling, remember there is some help at hand. As shared previously, our Australian parenting guru, Maggie Dent, has resources for parents of little ones who are struggling to transition to big school: <https://www.maggiedent.com/blog/transitioning-to-big-school/>



If your child is struggling with another challenge, for example, technology use, anxiety or any one of the many issues our children are facing today, remember to check out the ParentTV YouTube channel: <https://www.youtube.com/c/parenttv>. You'll find a range of resources and hopefully you connect with one of the experts that suits your parenting style.

If you need something more extensive like a cognitive assessment, one-on-one counselling, or a group program like Cool Kids (aimed at children with anxiety), please contact one of the Uni clinics (UC = 6201 5843 or ANU = 6125 8498) as they are currently taking referrals, with a relatively short waitlist of 2-3 months. Google their websites for more information.

The ACT Education Early Intervention team at Hedley Beare, Stirling are also taking referrals for students' year 4 and above in the following programs:

- * Overcoming Anxious School Refusal;
- * Addressing Your Child's Anxious Avoidance;
- * Boundaries without Conflict; and
- * Responding to Your Child's Strong Emotions.

Contact the Chapman student wellbeing team if you'd like a referral to one of these programs starting soon.

Cheryl Makila

School Psychologist

Chapman Primary P&C

Canteen

Open – Wednesday, Thursday and Friday

[Online orders](#)

Uniform Shop

Temporarily Closed

[Online Orders](#)

OSHC

Before School: 7.30 am - 9.00 am

After School: 3.00 pm – 6.00 pm

[Contacts](#)

Welcome back to school for 2024!

The P&C would like to welcome all our new families to Chapman Primary School, and welcome back all of our returning families.

The P&C provides a number of important school services, including: the after-school care program, the canteen, the uniform shop, and book club.

In addition to our ongoing services the P&C also organises lots of fun activities and makes a number of donations to the school on behalf of the school community. The P&C is a great way to get to know others in the school community and make a positive contribution to your children's education.

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

The AGM is a great opportunity for the school community to discuss the P&C's priorities for the year. Everyone is very welcome to attend, and there is no requirement to volunteer for a position so please feel free to come along and see what we get up to!

At the AGM we also elect a Committee of key positions that support P&C activities through the year.

The positions are:

- a. President, P&C Rep on School Board
- b. Vice President
- c. Vice President (Afters)
- d. Treasurer
- e. Secretary & Public Officer
- f. Facebook Coordinator
- g. Communication Officer
- h. Uniform Shop Coordinator
- i. Grants and Applications Coordinator
- j. Book Club Coordinator
- k. Class Carer Coordinator
- l. Fundraising Team

The AGM will also appoint small teams that support the P&C to deliver key services to the school community – the Canteen and After School Care.

- a. Canteen Sub-Committee
- b. Afters Sub-Committee

If you are interested in joining the P&C Committee please don't hesitate to contact P&C President Alice Falkiner, who can provide you with additional information. Keep a look out for an email with all the meeting details.

P&C social media updates

Important information from the Chapman P&C can be found in three key places:

- The school communicator
- Our Facebook account: <https://www.facebook.com/ChapmanPrimarySchool/>
- Our class carer WhatsApp groups: The links to the class carer chats have been sent out to families via email.

Uniform Shop

Uniform Shop Temporary Shutdown Update

Due to renovation work at the school, the normal operation of the Uniform Shop has temporarily shut down during term 1 of 2024 and our stock has been put into storage with limited access to most items.

We are pleased to let you know that the uniform shop has found a temporary space from which we can now offer some essential items for online sales only.

Please note that there is a limit of 1 shirt per student at the moment till we receive new stock. Orders for more than 1 item will not be filled.

We are also requesting families to please only order items that are currently needed. Our stock is limited at the moment and we want to make sure that families who do not have adequate essentials are able to get those, before people order spares.

If a size is out of stock, we are awaiting delivery which usually takes around 2-3 weeks. As soon as items are back in stock, this will be reflected on the website.

Online orders of essential items will be filled weekly for the foreseeable future.

We would also like to inform families that while we cannot process exchanges or refunds at the moment, if you keep items with their tags on we will be able to refund or exchange once we are set up in the new uniform shop.

We would like to thank families for their patience while we sorted this out.

Preschool

The Chapman Preschool P&C is looking for volunteers! We will be holding our Annual General Meeting on Wednesday 14 February at 5pm in the preschool. All positions for the committee are open for nomination. All are welcome. We hope to see you there!

After school care

Everyone is welcome to attend the first Afters Subcommittee meeting for 2024 to be held at 6pm on Thursday 22 February. Come along and meet the community running the Out of School Hours Care service, hear what's talked about and have your say.

Please contact either Meagan Stewart (cpasc.secretary@gmail.com) or Kellie Porter (director.cpasc@gmail.com) for a copy of the agenda or if you have any questions.

Canteen

Chapman Primary School Canteen is managed and run by friendly parent volunteers from the P&C in line with Healthy School Canteen policy and ACE Education Healthy Food and Drink Choices Policy. We provide a range of homemade and pre-prepared healthy food options that are delivered straight to your child's classroom.

Canteen Manager: Emily

Canteen Assistant: Tiffany

Opening time: Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays for online and over the counter sales.

- Online orders can be placed for both break 1 & 2.
 - Online orders for break 1 must be collected by students.
 - Online orders for break 2 will be delivered to classrooms.

How to Order Online

Please place orders online at Schools24.

- Register at schools24 registration.
- You will be prompted to enter the **Chapman Primary School registration ID 2556963**.
- Please remember to list your child's full name and class.
- You can 'top up' your account to reduce credit card fees.
- More information on registering and other FAQs can be found on the school24 FAQ page.

Over the Counter Sales are available as follows:

- Break 1: Wednesday, Thursday and Friday - limited menu.
- Break 2: Thursday and Friday - full menu.

Volunteers

The Canteen relies heavily on volunteers to assist our canteen staff. We welcome all volunteers to help us with our routine. No previous experience is needed. Emily and Tiffany will support you 100%. Volunteering is a great way to learn new skills and meet other Chapman families. All members of your family are welcome, mums, dads, grandparents and all- contact Emily chapman.canteen@gmail.com

If you do wish to volunteer in the canteen please remember to complete the [Volunteers and Visitors in Schools](#) paperwork at the schools front office before your first visit.

We are excited to be able to offer Sushi once a month on a Wednesday, be sure to keep a look out on school24 with how to order, this will be a strictly pre-order service as we have to order it with our supplier Sushi Hub in Woden.

CANTEEN TERM 1, 2024		SANDWICHES/WRAPPS	
<u>Open for online orders:</u>		(LUNCH ORDERS ONLY)	
Wed/Thurs/Fri - Recess (Break 1)		Vegemite sandwich	\$3.50
& Lunch (Break 2)		Cheese sandwich	\$4.00
<u>Open for counter service:</u>		WRAPS	
Recess - Wed/Thurs/Fri		Cheese with optional lettuce/carrot/mayo	
Lunch - Thursday & Friday		\$5.00	
HOT FOOD		Chicken tender with optional lettuce/carrot/mayo	
(LUNCH ORDERS ONLY)		\$5.50	
Chicken tenders (2) with bag of carrot sticks	\$6.00	*PLEASE NOTE: Prices are subject to change without notice	
Tomato sauce	\$0.50	DRINKS (Available at lunch over the counter)	
Lasagne	\$6.00	Just Juice fruit box	
Mac and Cheese	\$6.00	(Apple, Paradise Punch, AppleBlackcurrant)	\$3.00
HUSK Bakery Meat Pie	\$6.00	Milo	\$2.00
HUSK Bakery Sausage Roll	\$6.00	Plain Milk (300ml)	\$2.50
HUSK Bakery Chicken and Leek Pie	\$6.00	Sipahh straw -	
Toasted Baked Bean Jaffle	\$4.50	(chocolate, strawberry, vanilla, choc mint, caramel, marshmallow, cookies & cream)	
Toasted Cheese sandwich	\$4.00	\$0.50	

SNACKS (Available at lunch over the counter)

Slushie (fruit juice-based)	\$2.00
Paddle pop (Rainbow)	\$2.00
Frozen yoghurt cup (choc/vanilla OR watermelon/mango)	\$1.50
Fruit tube (GF)	\$1.00
Frozen Watermelon or Pineapple Slice	\$0.50
Air-popped popcorn	\$0.50
Anzac biscuit	\$0.50
Chocolate Weetbix slice	\$0.50
Cheesy Bite	\$0.50

RECESS SNACK MENU

A limited menu will be available during recess.

Weekly specials will be advertised on the chalk boards**

Seasonal Fresh Fruit	\$1.00
Apple/banana/orange/pear	

Smoothie	\$1.00
Various Fruit/milk/yoghurt	

Baked items	\$1.00
Various baked items	

Up & Go TM 250ML	\$3.00
(Chocolate/Strawberry/Vanilla)	

Community Messages

The New Southside Initiative – Community supporting families



The Southside Initiative is a collaboration between YWCA Canberra, Woden Community Service and Community Services #1 that aims to develop community driven solutions to better support vulnerable children 0-8 years and their families. The Initiative was developed in late 2022 in response to the 2021 [Australian Early Development Census \(AEDC\)](#) data which suggests there is an increasing number of Canberra children being identified as developmentally vulnerable across one or more of the 5 AEDC Domains.

This Initiative uses a collaborative and community focused approach to develop and trial practical activities and initiatives aimed at improving life outcomes for children and families who live in the southside. Visit [Southside Initiative - Healthy Schools Network ACT](#) for more information and to access the following resources:

- family support services directory
- parent and carer support courses available in term 1
- join an early year's community of practice in 2024
- community services at Lanyon and more.

Online Safety Webinars - 2024

The Online Safety Education team are committed to supporting school communities to develop their online safety skills and knowledge. The team aim to increase the number of safe and positive online experiences students have and reduce the number of online safety incidents that impact on learning environments.

There are multiple webinars running each term with both afternoon and evening times available that will help your family be more confident and safer online by:

- understanding online safety and risks young people face,
- learning strategies to prevent and respond to online issues,
- supporting your child to be safe online,
- knowing where to go for further support.

Register for the Parent & Carer Online Safety Webinars – 2024 online at https://bit.ly/2024_OnlineSafetyWebinar_RSVP

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INTO YOUR BROWSER**

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Build Your Tomorrow. Today!

Young Engineers Robotics LAB

Term 1 2024

Enrol Now

Group 1
Bricks Challenge
Kindergarten to Year 2
Fees \$ 269
8 Weeks Program

Group 2
Engineering+Robotics
Year 3 to Year 6
Fees \$ 279
8 Weeks Program



Chapman Primary School
Every Monday
Weekly Classes
From 3.15pm to 4.30pm

Program starting on the 12th of Feb 24
No classes on Public Holiday

Follow the booking link below and look for your school
<https://app.iclasspro.com/portal/yecbr/booking>

Payment is online and will be calculated automatically at the checkout on pro-rata basis.

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