



Cambewarra Public School

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2013 - Term 4 Week 4

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Principal's Report

Udderly Successful Calf and Craft Fair

What a fantastic day we all had at the Calf and Craft Fair last Saturday. The weather was perfect allowing everyone to enjoy the activities and stalls. Cindy Murray, Fair Coordinator was an outstanding organiser bringing together many families working towards providing such a great day for everyone. Cindy's Fundraising Team and Fair Committee worked consistently all year organising the variety of stalls, competition, raffles, moo poo run, prizes and sponsorship. Thank you to those who have assisted in some way towards the Fair, either in the lead up, in the wash up or on the day. Thanks also to the many sponsors who assisted - as we know the success of the Fair can only be enticing if there are plenty of prizes to win which all come from donations from the sponsors.

Thank you to our great staff that willingly provided their time on Saturday to support and assist the Fair's success. The children always love to see their teachers on a weekend!!!

Cindy will report on the amount collected from the Calf and Craft Fair in the P&C report at the coming P&C meeting next Monday evening.

Thank you to the P&C for the stall they provided at the Shoalhaven River Festival on Saturday. Leftover Calf and Craft merchandise was sold to the wider public raising another \$800.

Another great example of the dedication and hard work of the greater school community.



Students testing their skills on the mechanical bull

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Canteen Closed For The Rest Of The Year

Deadline for information in Term 4 Week 6 edition is noon Tuesday November 5

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Some of the stalls and activities available for everyone's enjoyment



The Dunking Machine
A refreshing part of the day



Wello



Mr B

Year 6 Fundraiser Donut Day

Donut Day, Wednesday November 13. Pay \$2 for an iced donut made by P&R Bakehouse at North Nowra. They will be sold at the canteen in break times on Wednesday November 13. Please bring your \$2 on the day.

Using Social Networks and Stage 3 Students

There has been another reported incident made to me about students from this school using social networking inappropriately. I have attached another article for parents to read, refer to and speak with their children about. Please note the reference to children using social networking that children need to be at least 13 years old to use Instagram. It would appear that most Stage 3 students in this school are using Instagram and many using Facebook and Kik. I strongly urge all parents to read the article coming home in this newsletter and discuss the contents with their children. (See attachment on pages 8-9)

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Principal's Report continues.....

Evacuation Drill Practice

With the current events of bushfires around the state, students and teachers practiced an emergency evacuation drill last Tuesday. All aspects of the drill were conducted particularly well with students understanding what the particular bell signals mean and where they are to proceed to.

Parents have been asking where the students go if there is a bushfire and the following is where we go and what we would do:-

In the event that the fire is close to the school, students will be evacuated to either the school hall (not enough time to move safely and quickly away from the school) or the Village Green or the old school depending on where the fire is coming from.

The Village Green is located in the new subdivision area of Cambewarra. Entry to the Village Green is just before Hockey's Lane and just after Victorious Way. The old school is located on Main Road.

Parents would collect their children from the place of evacuation and only when the police and bushfire incident managers have given the direction to do so.

If access to the school was blocked then students would stay in the hall with teachers until the emergency is over and direction given to release children to their parents.

Kindergarten Orientation

Our new 2014 Kindergarten students begin their Orientation Program next Wednesday November 6, at 1.45pm in the hall. The P&C are organising uniform displays with our current Kindergarten parents providing afternoon tea for the new families. 2014 Kindergarten students return again on Tuesday November 12 from 1.50pm - 2.50pm and Tuesday November 26 from 12.30pm - 2.00pm without their parents and will be introduced to their Year 6 buddies for 2014.

I look forward to introducing our newest addition to the school community in the next newsletter.

P&C Meeting

The next P&C meeting is scheduled for Monday November 4 beginning at 6.30pm in the staffroom. The results of the communication survey and recommendations will be presented at this meeting along with possible class structures for 2014 for P&C input.

Have a great fortnight everyone.

Mrs Hilliar

November

During the month of November, Mr Hosler will be growing a moustache to raise money for the Movember Foundation. The Movember Foundation is an organisation that raises money for research and awareness into men's health issues including prostate cancer, testicular cancer and mental health issues. The Movember website www.movember.com.au outlines a number of health issues amongst men and gives a number of statistics that many people in Australia and across the globe may not generally know including:

- Excluding skin cancer, testicular cancer is the most common cancer in Australian males between the ages of 15 and 39.
- Researchers estimate that around one in eight Australian men (1.3 million) experiences depression at any given time.

Donations to support Mr Hosler and the fight against male health issues can be made directly to Mr Hosler or through the office (please complete an envelope and 'post' in box in foyer as usual) from now until Friday November 29. We would like to thank you in advance for your support of this great cause.

Year 7 Selective School Placement for Government Schools

It seems very early to be talking about High School placement for our students in Year 5 but there are some important dates and information that need to be forwarded if you are considering applying for a position in a selective High School. Online applications are now open and the applications close on November 18. You can find the application form at: www.school.nsw.edu.au/shsplacement If you would like more information you can grab an information booklet from the office. All applicants are required to sit a Selective High School Placement Test to be held on Thursday 13 March 2014.

Trent Burns, Assistant Principal

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What's On Term 4

Week 5	
Monday November 4	P&C Meeting 6.30pm staffroom Year 2-6 Assembly Year 5 speeches for Leader PSSA Cricket Bathurst 4 - 7 November
Tuesday November 5	Musica Viva Performance
Wednesday November 6	Kinder 2014 Orientation 1.45pm-3.00pm in the Hall School Leader speeches
Wed Nov 6 - Fri Nov 8	School Leader Interviews
Week 6	
Monday November 11	Assembly 2.00pm
Tuesday November 12	Kinder 2014 Orientation 1.50pm-2.50pm
Wednesday November 13	Bulletin Issue 12 Donut Day bring \$2
Week 8	
Monday November 25	Assembly 2.00pm
Tuesday November 26	Kinder 2014 Orientation 12.30pm-2.00 pm
Wednesday November 27	Killalea Excursion permission notes due Bulletin Issue 13
Friday November 29	Stage 1 Excursion to Killalea State Park Last day for donations for Movember
Week 9	
Tuesday December 3	Year 6 Orientation at Bomaderry High
Wednesday December 4	Scripture Performance
Week 10	
Monday December 9	Assembly 2.00pm Presentation Evening Whole School
Tuesday December 10	Year 6 Big Day Out - Year 6 Farewell
Wednesday December 11	Reports go home Bulletin Issue 14
Week 11	
Monday December 16	Year 6 Presentation Evening
Tuesday December 17	Year 6 BBQ at Village Green Class parties
Wednesday December 18	Last day for students

Uniform Shop

Open Wednesdays from 2.00pm - 2.45pm.

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Community Notice Board

*See the school notice board
for all community news.
On the board is the
following:-*

***Cambewarra Village Church Carols
Evening***

Child Tax Offset

Hammond at Home - Volunteers

***Keeping Kids in Mind
A Course for Parents Experiencing
Conflict after Separation
2014 Dates***

Lyrebird Preschool for 2014

***Meningococcal Foundation
Kids Christmas Party***

Saver Plus

Southern Cross Cultural Exchange

Toy Grab 2013

Defence School Transition Aide (DSTA) News

As the new DSTA at Cambewarra Public School I would like to share some information with families about my new and exciting role. In my first days at Cambewarra I have been very busy familiarising myself with the school surroundings, staff and students and my main priority for the rest of this term is to get to know all of the Defence students and their families.

My primary role as DSTA is to assist Defence families settle into our school and help in reducing the impact and challenges unique to a Defence lifestyle. I am here to welcome new Defence students to our school and farewell students when they move on. I also support students during times of deployment and partial absences and create opportunities for students and families to meet each other. I can also provide links to other support agencies or just be available for an informal chat.

There are currently 29 students enrolled at Cambewarra that have been identified as belonging to a Defence family. I will be contacting each of these families over the coming weeks to introduce myself and provide additional information about my role and how I may best help their family. I am also aiming to ensure that all Defence families who attend our school have been identified so that I am able to offer them support and services. One way of gathering more information about our Defence families is to conduct a short survey. **If you are a serving Defence member or partner/spouse please spend a few minutes completing the attached survey and return it to the front office. Thank you.**

I will be at school on Thursdays & every second Wednesday from 9.00am to 3.00pm. I can be contacted on 4446 0038 or lisa.hood2@det.nsw.edu.au. Please feel free to make an appointment to come and meet me. I am excited about the opportunity to work in this beautiful community and look forward to building friendships and offering support to the Defence families of Cambewarra.

Lisa Hood
Defence School Transition Aide

Cambewarra Public School—Defence Families Survey

The purpose of this survey is to gather information from Defence families who have children attending Cambewarra Public School.

The information collected is confidential and will be used by the Defence School Transition Aide (DSTA) to identify the individual needs of each family and offer support and assistance if required.

Name of Student(s) _____

Class(es) _____

Name of serving Defence Member _____

Please circle: NAVY ARMY AIR FORCE

Current posting or deployments _____

Any known upcoming postings, deployments or courses _____

Contact details of serving member and spouse/partner phone and email _____

Thank you for completing this survey. *Lisa Hood, Defence School Transition Aide*

Please return the completed survey to the front office by Wednesday November 13

P&C News

The **next meeting** will be Monday 4 November in the staffroom beginning at 6.30pm. Items for discussion include debriefing on Calf and Craft Fair, results of school communication survey, canteen meal days, Kindy Orientation Day afternoon tea, Christmas raffle and Year 6 farewell gift. All are welcome to attend.

Calf and Craft Fair - what a great day

The weather was warm and sunny, there were helpers everywhere and the crowds came. This year's Calf and Craft Fair turned out to be a great community social day with a chance to have some fun on the fair games, buy something sweet from the Cake Stall or something crafty from the Craft Stall and have a sausage sandwich or tea and scones in the shade of the school playground. There were many school faces as well as some families and friends who no longer attend our school.

A very big thank you goes out to our Fair Coordinator, Cindy Murray for ensuring it all came together. Cindy spent many hours over the last 10 months coordinating and arranging the activities and tasks that go into making the Fair work. Cindy was assisted by our enthusiastic stall coordinators who helped spread the work load and responsibilities.

Thank you to the 85 families and teachers who volunteered on the day. Congratulations to Lisa Courtney, who was the lucky winner of the Volunteers' Raffle. Lisa assisted with the chocolate wheel leading up to Fair day and then spent her time helping with face painting on Fair day.

We would like to thank the 73 students who entered once or many times in the Pavilion. The hall was well decorated with the displays and there were many comments made about the quality of the works. Congratulations to Emily Zerafa, Bella French, Jacob Zerafa and Lauren Singleton for being the most successful exhibitor in each of their stages. A full list of winners will be listed in the final Calf and Craft Fair newsletter coming out next week.

Moo Poo winner

Congratulation to Vicki Turner who was lucky enough to have our Fair cow poo on her number. Vicki won the \$1,000 Moo Poo prize. Vicki has revealed that her friendly pat on the cow as she walked past could have been the lucky charm.

Calf and Craft Fair Raffle winners

Congratulations to the lucky winners of the Fair prize packs.

Pack 1 - Darling Harbour Holiday sponsored by Darling Harbour Cottage & Captain Cook Cruises - David Edge

Pack 2 - Handmade Quilt by Karen Tipping - Ann Edmestone

Pack 3 - Kiama Holiday sponsored by Kendalls on the Beach Holiday Park & Ritzy Gritz Mexican - Jeffrey family

Pack 4 - Rabbitohs Legends Memorabilia - Hartnett family

Pack 5 - Gift Voucher from Tippos, Bomaderry - Blakeney family

Pack 6 - Painting by Margaret Wilson - Alison Havadjia

Calf and Craft Stall at Shoalhaven River Festival

Our hard working mums and a few smaller helpers were at it again last Saturday, setting up a Calf and Craft Fair stall at the Shoalhaven River Festival community markets and stalls. There were craft, jams, preserves and tombola's for sale, with the tombola's proving to a be a hit with the children. We had a few Cambe families stop by to say hello. Sales from the day totaled just over \$800 which will push the total funds from the Calf and Craft Fair a bit higher.



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Free Books Available on Thursday 31 October

There are many boxes of books leftover from the Fair. The P&C will be offering children's books to students in the COLA during first and second breaks this Thursday 31 October. Students are encouraged to have a look and see if there is a book or two they would like to take home. All remaining books will then be collected by the Cambewarra Rural Fire Service for their Book Fair.

2014 Cambe Cow Calendar available at school office

If you missed out on grabbing one of our special 2014 Cambe Cow Calendars at the Calf and Craft Fair then you can pick them up at the school office or wait until School Presentation Night on Monday 9 December. We have had a great response to the calendars with many comments about the impressive artwork. A display of the artwork will remain in the windows of 1/2K until the end of November so check it out.

The Calendar was funded by the generous support of the Southern Rivers Catchment Management Committee, South Coast and Highlands Dairy Industry Group, McColls Transport, Berry Dairy Farmers Milko, Art 4 Agriculture and Jaffa Design and Publishing. We thank these local businesses and organisations for their ongoing support and involvement with our school.

Year 6 Donut Day Fundraiser

Year six students, with some help from their teachers and families, have organized a donut day for Wednesday 13 November. For \$2 students can buy an iced donut specially made for our school by the North Nowra Bakery. The donuts will be available during break. Funds raised on the day will go towards the Year 6's gift to the school.

2014 Kindy Orientation Day - Wednesday 6 November

The P&C will be organising an afternoon tea to welcome all our new and existing Kindy 2014 families. KG and KMc will be asked to bring a plate of food with the P&C serving tea and coffee in front of the hall. If you are at school around 2.30pm, please come down to the hall and have a cup of tea with our new families. If you can help serve tea and coffee, please contact Lisa Kennedy on 4446 0610.

Sausage Sizzle meal day

With the closure of the school canteen, the P&C would like to run a special meal day for students in Term 4. A sausage sizzle is being considered for a Friday towards the end of November. It would be great if any parents who are available on a Friday between 10am - 1.30pm to help cook, serve and clean up could contact Lisa Kennedy on 4446 0610. It doesn't matter how long you can stay, all help is greatly appreciated. Once the P&C can confirm a roster to help on the day, a date will be set and an order form sent home.

COOSH Summer Vacation Care 2013

COOSH had another very busy and fun packed vacation care with lots of new faces which was lovely to see. With the last day of term 4 being Wednesday 18th December approaching fast, we have started working on our summer vacation care program and hope to get these out soon. Please book places as soon as possible as we have many new children enrolled and would hate for anyone to miss out. We have many exciting excursions and activities planned.

Summer vacation care 2013 is available from 19 Dec -20 Dec, 6 Jan – 24 Jan and 28 Jan (pupil free day).

COOSH is closed for 2 weeks & one day **23 Dec - 3 Jan and 27 Jan (Australia Day public holiday)**

Please feel free to pop in and pick up a COOSH pamphlet or give us a call on 0419 487 660 Sue, Brooke, Taisha and Leanne.

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INSIGHTS

by Michael Grose – No. 1 parenting educator



What's the big deal with Instagram?

Kidproof's Catherine Gerhardt gives the parenting lowdown on Instagram, the new social media phenom currently sweeping across girlworld.

Earlier this year my 11-year-old asked me if she could have access to Instagram. Heard of it? It's a social networking phenomenon that is taking the tween population by storm. In a nutshell, Instagram is a photo sharing app that makes photos fun.

Instagram is steadily growing in popularity among young and teen social networkers. At first it seems a relatively harmless way of sharing photos with each other via a smartphone. You can crop, adjust, reduce red eye and add filters. Even very ordinary photos can suddenly become appealing and interesting.

However, we are hearing from a lot of schools that Instagram is quickly taking over the social networking circuits and creating havoc within and between social groups. It is a sideways slide into social networking. Set up an account and within seconds you are able to comment, like and check out what your friends are doing. Facebook is out, Instagram is in.

What parents need to know

Instagram is a social networking service, and just like all other social networks "You must be at least 13 years old to use this Service". Why 13? The age of 13 has to do with COPPA – the Children's Online Privacy Protection Act (in the USA) which simply applies to the online collection of personal information by persons under 13 years of age. A child who provides a fake birthday to get onto a social networking site is helping that site break the law, as they are unknowingly collecting information from an under-age child. The internet is the biggest public place our kids can possibly hang out in. Rules and guidelines are there for good reason.

How does it work?

Users can upload a photo from their smartphone photo album or take a photo right then and there and use Instagram to change the way the photo looks. Instagram



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may be used as a photo-sharing social network on its own, but users also have the option to upload the photo to a number of other social media sites simultaneously, including Twitter, Facebook, Flickr, Tumblr and Foursquare –depending on which one(s) the user syncs their settings with.

Privacy

The most important thing for users and parents to be aware of is that Instagram defaults to a public setting. Your profile and photos are public unless you tell it otherwise. Many parents may feel more secure knowing that their child has set their account to private, but watch to see how many followers your child has allowed onto their site. A child with a private setting that claims to have 222 followers means they have accepted 222 people to follow them, and not many tweens can say they genuinely socialise face-to-face with that many kids – no way! Remember even a private setting is still in a global public space, and the user's profile information is always public.

Signing up for an Instagram account requires that the user provide a username. In many cases young children use their real first and last names to create their accounts. To make matters worse, the sign-up process has an optional phone number section where users can submit their

phone number as part of their **public** profile. Talking with your kids about what is private information, such as a phone number, and explaining why we don't give this away is a great place to start.

Geotagging

Once a photo has been taken and is ready to share, the option of 'geotagging' – including details of the location of the photo – comes up. This option has to be checked, however as with most touch screen devices errors can easily occur and a photo can be inadvertently geotagged. Geotagging is a great way to showcase where a photo was taken, but it can also alert others to where the photographer has been, if not where they might be at that moment.

Blocking and reporting users and content

Although it seems innocent enough, there are users out there who will post inappropriate pictures. People will and do upload nude photos, drug use, and other inappropriate content. Social networking sites such as Instagram provide tools to block or report content and users and it would be a good idea to learn how to use them.

What can I do?

As a parent, continue to monitor your child's internet presence. At this time, it is not possible to sign up for an Instagram account on their website – it must be done by downloading the app to a smartphone. The app may be on your child's mobile device without you even knowing about it.

Help your child adjust their privacy settings at the outset so that their photos are only shared with face-to-face friends. Speak with your child about the safety concerns you may have if they accept requests from people they do not have real-life relationships with.

Sign up with Instagram yourself and have a go so that you understand how it works. If your child has an account, follow your child and monitor their behaviour to determine if Instagram is an appropriate hang out for them.

The answer for my 11 year old daughter was "not yet". However, she is welcome to use my account with my permission as we learn to navigate this new world of social media and digital citizenship together.