



Cambewarra Public School

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Principal's Report

Kindergarten Orientation

Last Wednesday our new Kindergarten students for 2014 arrived for the beginning of their Kindergarten orientation program. I was very impressed with the way these children confidently let go of mum and dad and moved to the classrooms for an afternoon of fun activities. There are a number of new families to the school who are looking forward to helping with the P&C, helping in the classroom and the canteen.



Thank you to the existing Kindergarten families who provided afternoon tea for our new families. I know many of them found it hard to believe that it was a year ago they had their child ready to begin big school.



Thank you also to Ms Sherritt, Ms Gardner and the P&C for assisting on the day with information and being available to answer questions.

School Uniform

The school has always had high expectations with all students wearing the right items of uniform to school each day. From time to time it is necessary to remind parents what is the CORRECT school uniform. Please use the photograph as a guide to what is expected to be worn to school.

School shoes are now becoming a problem to manage. There are a number of student now wearing converse sneakers, pumps and coloured runners to school each day. Coloured shoelaces ARE NOT school uniform and are not accepted at school. Please make certain you have your child come to school each day in the correct uniform. While we understand children want to choose what they wear please use the guide on the schools website or the above photograph to check that you child leaves home each day dressed in full school uniform.



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Uniform Shop

Open Wednesdays
from
2.00pm - 2.45pm.

Canteen

**Closed For The Rest
Of The Year**

Principal's Report continues.....

Visitor's Signing In and Out

The school enjoys many visitors who come to the school regularly or for a one off visit. This can often be in the way of help in classrooms or with a school activity. The visitors sign on book is located in the front office foyer and requires all visitors to the school to sign in and out. Knowing who is on the school site in the event of a lock down or lock out is necessary to know. We always love to have the community come visit us.....you are all welcome at any time.



Classes for 2014

Staff are busy forming classes for 2014 with particular care given to placing the right mix of boy/girl ratios, a spread of academic abilities whilst at the same time finding the right balance for those students with social or behavioural needs. We are working on current enrolment numbers for 2014 with a number of families letting us know that they will not be returning to Cambewarra School in 2014. If you are moving and have not informed the office please do this tomorrow. Possible class structures for 2014 will be published in our last newsletter for the year.

Grandparents Day

The Student Representative Council initiated our first Grandparents Day today and what a delightful occasion it was. These beautiful Grandparents came into classrooms to read to the students with some students reading to them. It was such a joyous occasion to see young and old together in our school and I hope this is the beginning of seeing our special elders more regularly in classrooms. Thank you to our SRC for initiating this lovely idea



Whole School Photo

Our whole school photograph was taken today. We thank Don Wood photography for returning to photograph the whole school in what is always their busiest period. A copy will be placed in the office front window for the students to find themselves.

School Leader Speeches

Our Year 5 students applying for a school leader's position in 2014 gave their leaders speeches last Thursday to what was a very captivated student assembly. The school leaders then had an opportunity to give their speech again together in my office on Friday. I was very impressed (as were the teachers) with the confidence and delivery each student gave and the honest and sometimes funny account of their time at Cambewarra Public School. All 13 candidates are to be congratulated for the manner in which they applied themselves to the process of a school leader's position and for the maturity they have demonstrated throughout the selection process. I look forward to seeing who our school leaders are in 2014 knowing any of them will make fine leaders in our school. (continued page 3)

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Presentation Evening - 9 December

Presentation Evening is fast approaching on Monday, 9 December at the Shoalhaven Entertainment Centre. Our school gathers to celebrate individual student achievement, the announcement of the new school leaders with song and dance performances from the students. Parents and students always tell us how much they enjoy this night together and the wonderful sense of school spirit and pride that is so clearly evident. We look forward to seeing you at our Presentation Evening in a few weeks' time.

Have a great fortnight everyone,
Mrs Hilliar

Help Wanted

Is there anyone who might be able to help Mrs Turner make some chair sacks? Her original set is looking very tired. If you can spare a little time please let her know. It would be greatly appreciated.

Student Medical Forms

During Terms 3 and 4 we will be updating our medical records systems to ensure we have the most up-to-date information on your child's health.

If you have a child with a medical condition you would have received a copy of the new forms in the mail and will need to fill them out and return them to us as soon as you can.

If you need a form please contact the office or go online at <http://www.cambewarra-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/> click on Our School tab, then enrolment, then scroll to bottom and select Medical Form.pdf. The new forms will help us collect your child's important medical information and the introduction of new systems will mean we'll be able to better manage the daily and emergency health needs of your child.

We appreciate your cooperation as these need to be completed as soon as possible.

If you have any questions please call Julia on 4446 0038.

Book Club

Orders for Issue 8 of Scholastic's Book Club will be due back to school by Thursday November 28.

Mayor Joanna Gash Visits Cambewarra Public School

Shoalhaven's Mayor, Ms Joanna Gash visited Stage 3 students last Thursday as a follow up to their Canberra excursion earlier this term.

Ms Gash began by remarking how highly regarded Cambewarra School is in the Shoalhaven community. The children felt very proud of their school with this comment.

Mayor Gash told the students of her life in Australia as a young immigrant from Holland, and how she always wanted to help others.



She was very candid with her evaluation of her performance as Member for Gilmore including some of the mistakes she has made in her 17 years in office. She also told how proud she was of her many achievements during her term as Member, and the many important people she has met (including the Queen, Barack Obama, world leaders and eight Australian Prime Ministers). Ms Gash answered all the children's questions in a personal manner and her visit was very well received. As a parting question Ms Gash asked the students who would like to become a politician. The response was rather luke warm: only 2 boys and 1 girl....maybe!!

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What's On Term 4

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 today Bulletin Issue 13
Thursday November 28	Book Club - Issue 8 orders due
Friday November 29	Stage 1 Excursion to Killalea State Park Last day for donations for Movember
Week 9	
Monday December 2	P&C Meeting 6.30pm in the staffroom
Tuesday December 3	Year 6 Orientation at Bomaderry High
Wednesday December 4	Scripture Performance
Friday December 6	Christmas Mufti Day Sausage Sizzle
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	Assembly 2.00pm Christmas Raffle drawn at assembly Year 6 Presentation Evening
Tuesday December 17	Year 6 BBQ at Village Green Class parties
Wednesday December 18	Last day for students
Dates for 2014	
Term 1 Week 1	
Tuesday January 28	Teachers First Day Back
Wednesday January 29	Students First Day Back
Wednesday January 29 to Friday January 31	Best Start Assessment for Kinders
Week 2	
Monday February 3	Kinders FIRST DAY

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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**

Goldfish Toy Shop



Movember

Mr Hosler is showing signs of a moustache growing.

Please support the Movember Foundation that raises money for research and awareness into men's health issues including prostate cancer, testicular cancer and mental health issues by making a donation which can be given to the office or directly to Mr Hosler.

P&C News

It was a small meeting of P&C members last Monday. The results of the school's communication survey were presented and raised a number of issues for both the school and the P&C. The P&C will now be reviewing the results to identify how we can better communicate and engage with the school community. The success of the Calf and Craft Fair was also discussed. Although the final fund raising amount has not been determined yet, \$10,000 has been offered to the school for the purchase of priority IT equipment so it will be available for the start of the 2014 school year. The allocation of other funds will be determined at later P&C meetings.

The last P&C meeting for the year will be held on Monday 2 December in the staffroom beginning at 6.30pm. All are welcome to attend. Details on the agenda will be provided in the next school newsletter.

Free Books Take-up

The leftover children's books from the Calf and Craft Fair proved to be a great hit with students last Thursday. Eight boxes of books were snapped up by many enthusiastic children who then spent the remainder of their break time reading the books. It was a wonderful sight to see so many children with books. It has been suggested that maybe a book swap could be organized next year to encourage students to find a new book. If you're having a tidy up of books over the upcoming months please keep them and bring them to the school office.



Christmas Mufti Day - Friday 6 December

End of year Christmas cheer—wear your Santa hat or some Christmas gear!

Instead of bringing a gold coin donation we ask you to please bring a hamper item for the P&C Christmas Raffle. Anything you'd love to receive in a hamper prize, we would love to have you donate. This might include chocolates, crackers, shortbreads, Xmas cakes/puddings, fruit mince pies, decorative items, bon bons, etc. Items can be left at the uniform shop or they will be collected from classrooms. Any donations of alcoholic beverages must be delivered to the office by an adult.

Sausage Sizzle and Ice Block Deal

The P&C will be holding a sausage sizzle on Friday 6 December. A sausage sandwich and zooper dooper meal day will be offered as well as slushies will be available during both breaks. A note and order form will be sent home. If there are any parents who are available on the day between 10am - 1.30pm to help cook, serve and clean up, could you please contact Cathy Corkett on 0413 214 262. It doesn't matter how long you can stay, all help is greatly appreciated. Thank you to Mr Waters who has already volunteered his BBQing services.

Christmas Raffle

The annual P&C Christmas raffle is on again this year. We have some great donations of vouchers and goods from the Fair which with the Christmas goodies collected on Christmas Mufti Day will make up some great hampers and prizes. Raffle tickets are soon to be sent home to all families. As usual tickets and money need to be returned to the school office. Additional tickets can be collected from the office. The raffle will be drawn at a special afternoon school assembly on Monday 16 December.