

Cambewarra Public School

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NEWSLETTER

2013 - Term 4 Week 8

Issue 13

Principal's Report

Presentation Evening - Monday December 9

Our much anticipated Presentation Evening is fast approaching.

The details are as follows:-

Students arrive at 5:30pm

Students meet their teachers outside the Entertainment Centre

Parents are seated by 5:45pm

Presentation begins at 6:00pm

Students wear school uniform

All students are expected to attend

Our Presentation Evening is always a highlight of the school year where we acknowledge and celebrate the improvements and achievements of many students.

Our evening relies heavily on the generous sponsorship and donation of our local businesses. These are located in our Presentation Evening Program.

Thanks to Mr Burns and the office for organising this year's Presentation Evening. It's a big task!

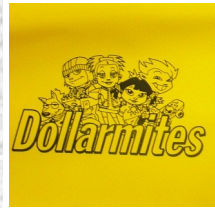
The staff and I look forward to sharing the night with you all.

School Reports

Teachers have now completed school reports to be sent home on Friday December 13. These reports are a summary of your child's achievements throughout 2013. Please take the time to go through the school reports with your children, in particular discussing the effort they have made throughout the year.

Parents wishing to seek more information from the report are encouraged to make an appointment with the class teacher during the last week of this term.

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Canteen

Closed For

The Rest Of

The Year

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Uniform Shop

Open Wednesdays
from
2.00pm - 2.45pm.

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Class Structures for 2014

Teachers have begun to look at class structures for 2014. At this stage our numbers are as follows:-

K - 42	Year 1 - 45	Year 2 - 53	Year 3 - 42
Year 4 - 45	Year 5 - 49	Year 6 - 43	

Total enrolment is currently 319 students.

Possible class structures were discussed at the P&C meeting last Monday, particularly regarding forming straight classes where possible and stage classes when students couldn't all be placed into a straight class.

Currently we are considering the following class structures:-

2 x straight classes of Kindergarten students	2 x straight classes of Year 1 students
2 x straight classes of Year 2 students	3 x Stage 2 classes (Years 3 & 4 students together)
1 x 4/5 class with Year 4 and Year 5 students together	3 x Stage 3 classes (Year 5 & 6 students together)

Staff will re-examine enrolment numbers and class structures for 2014 during Week 9 of this term. We are carefully considering the straight Year 1 and straight Year 2 classes and how these may be impacted by potential new enrolments. It may become necessary to form a Year 2/3 class to accommodate new local Year 2 enrolments, and if so then the Year 1 and Year 2 students will be converted to form four Stage 1 classes.

Staffing for 2014 is yet to be finalised, with the merit selection of a new classroom teacher currently underway. Ms Kelly will remain on maternity leave for all of 2014, while Mrs McGuire will continue her maternity leave for Terms 1 and 2. Both these positions will be temporarily filled whilst these teachers are on leave.

Communication Survey Results

The survey sent home last term was tabled at the last P&C meeting. A full copy of the survey will be found in the school's Annual School Report, to be updated to the school's website in early 2014.

The survey identified that the school is particularly poor in its communication of children's progress in literacy and numeracy.

When asked:-

'Parents are regularly informed of their child's progress in literacy and numeracy,' 17% said this was 'very like our school', 29% said this was 'quite like our school,' 37% said this was 'not like our school' and 9% said this was 'not at all like our school.'

These results indicate that nearly 50% of those surveyed do not believe the school regularly informs them of their child's progress in literacy and numeracy. What a terrible result. This is information we should be providing to parents; an understanding of their child's learning and how this sits alongside the expected standards within particular stages of learning. I decided it was important to investigate further, by meeting with a number of parents to ask if these results were surprising. They all said no. I recorded the responses each parent made throughout the conversation and I can confidently report that not one parent interviewed felt they understood where their child sat within the learning standard of that particular year group. Many offered suggestions of how we could improve this. These ideas will be taken to the staff for discussion, followed by recommendations of the P&C planning for Term 1, 2014. What is now clear is that we need to help parents understand how their child is doing at school, the progress they are making and the areas they need focus on, and how this can be communicated home so parents can better help students improve their identified weaknesses.

Possible Ideas

Teachers to provide parents with a mid term progress report.

Structured parent /teacher interviews outside the student lead conferences.

Communication sheets/checklists between home and school.

Teachers to focus on five students a week, sending home a more detailed checklist with short comments on progress to date and areas to focus on.

Students making folders of the learning that is sent home each term for parents to look at and make comment on.

I would like to thank those parents who responded to the survey or allowed me to question them a little more deeply, this helped me understand what was not occurring within the school and how to assist parents to know and understand how their children were progressing with literacy and numeracy (and all the other aspects of learning).

I gained some very valuable and worthwhile insights about communicating student learning to parents from teachers and ways in which we can improve on this in 2014.

Have a great fortnight everyone.

Mrs Hilliar
Principal

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Library News

Our Library is closed for student borrowing so we can prepare for the annual Library Stocktake. We would like all students to return their Library books as soon as possible. As always, the first class to return all their books get ice blocks as a reward for their great core value of "being responsible". Could you please assist your child with their search for lost books and, if unable to locate them, pay the replacement cost.

Thanks for all the support received this year,
Sue Agar (Teacher Librarian)

School Banking

If you have been saving this year with School Banking and collecting your silver Dollarmites tokens, then now is the time to redeem them for a reward before you miss out. You need to use your tokens before the end of Term 4 as you will not be able to use them next year.

Once you have chosen the reward item(s) you would like to receive, complete the coupon on your rewards card and take it, along with your 10 tokens per reward, to school with your next school banking deposit.

Important: Our Dollarmites Moneyboxes will no longer be available from next year. Some rewards are in limited supply and are on a "while stocks last" basis.

Melinda Steep | School Banking Specialist

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Catholic Scripture Christmas Performance

Dads and Mums of Kindergarten, Years 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 Catholic Scripture students are invited to our Christmas Performance on Wednesday December 4 from 2.00pm-3.00pm in the COLA area of Cambewarra Public School.

Parents of Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2, if your child is a SHEPHERD could they bring a **towel or tea towel** with something to tie it around their head and possibly a light coloured t-shirt to wear on the day please.

If your child is an ANGEL a light coloured top or dress (white if possible) to wear on the day. Please don't go out and purchase new items just what you have at home. The children know if they are either an Shepherd or an Angel.

See you on December 4.

Cate Bye, Catholic Scripture 0434 898 088

Swimming Carnival 2014

Swimming Carnival Years 2-6 on Friday January 31, 2014 at Bomaderry Swimming Pool.

Cost will be \$7.00 - doesn't matter if you are a swim club member or you are dropping children off you still need to pay the \$7.00, due by Friday December 6, 2013.

Stage 3 Science Fair

Students in Year 5 and 6 have been busy this term preparing for the Science Fair on Wednesday December 4.

The theme will be "Moving On" and the projects will feature experiments that demonstrate movement of any kind.

Parents and grandparents are invited to view these projects in the hall between 12.00 noon and 1.20pm.



Movember

Mr Hosler has grown quite a moustache over the last few weeks.

Please support the Movember Foundation and Troy for his great effort by making a donation which can be given to the office or directly to Mr Hosler.

Friday November 29 is the last day you can make a donation.

The money raised will assist with research and awareness into men's health issues including prostate cancer, testicular cancer and mental health.

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List of supplies needed for classes at start of year 2014

<p><u>Kindergarten</u></p> <p><i>Please ensure your child's items have his/her name clearly written</i></p> <p>A water bottle A lunch box A library bag A school hat A raincoat Whiteboard markers A reader bag 2 large glue sticks A paint shirt A box of tissues A ream of white A4 paper 1 x bottle hand wash</p>	<p><u>Stage 1</u> Years 1 & 2</p> <p><i>Please ensure your child's items have his/her name clearly written</i></p> <p>4 large glue sticks A small pencil case A4 sized homework book Lots of lead pencils 1 small set of coloured pencils A box of tissues A ream of white A4 paper A raincoat A library bag A reading folder</p>
<p><u>Stage 2</u> Years 3 & 4</p> <p><i>Please ensure your child's items have his/her name clearly written</i></p> <p>A library bag A reading folder 2 glue sticks 3 lead pencils – HB if possible 2 erasers – not motorised type please A sharpener – not motorised type please 2 A4 display folder (for assessment tasks and maths sheets) Coloured pencils, textas and highlight pens A 30cm wooden ruler with cm and mm markings no bendy or steel rulers Small pencil case for the desk for pens and writing. A water bottle A paint shirt A box of tissues A ream of white A4 paper School hat An A4 exercise book for homework 1 thumb drive 8GB labelled and keyring attached 1 pack of post-it notes: 7.5cmx7.5cm Scissors</p>	<p><u>Stage 3</u> Years 5 & 6</p> <p><i>Please ensure your child's items have his/her name clearly written</i></p> <p>Pens – 2 red, endless amount of blue - no eraser or clicky pens please. 2 glue sticks 3 lead pencils – HB if possible 2 erasers – not motorised type please A sharpener – not motorised type please 3 X A4 display folder (for assessment tasks and maths sheets) 2 chisel point black permanent markers (for art and calligraphy) Coloured pencils, textas and highlight pens A 30cm wooden ruler – no bendy or steel rulers A large pencil case for pencils, textas etc. Small pencil case for the desk for pens and writing A small dictionary A water bottle A paint shirt A box of tissues A ream of white A4 paper School hat - named An A4 exercise book for homework Clear contact for book 1 thumb drive 8GB labelled and key ring attached Scissors Post it Notes 75mm X 75mm 1 pack of at least 6 highlighters</p>

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What's On Term 4

Week 8	
Thursday November 28	Book Club - Issue 8 orders due Kindy Kiama Excursion permission note and payment due today
Friday November 29	Stage 1 Excursion to Killalea State Park Last day for donations for Movember Stage 3 Big Day Out final day to pay
Week 9	
Monday December 2	Kindergarten Kiama Excursion - 8.45am depart 3.00pm return P&C Meeting 6.30pm in the staffroom
Tuesday December 3	Year 6 Orientation at Bomaderry High Sausage Sizzle and Ice Block Deal - orders and payment due
Wednesday December 4	Scripture Performance 2.00pm-3.00pm Stage 3 Science Fair 12 noon-1.20pm
Friday December 6	Christmas Mufti Day P&C Sausage Sizzle and Ice Block Years 2-6 Swimming Carnival 2014 notes and money due
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	Bulletin Issue 14
Friday December 13	Reports go home
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
Friday January 31	Swimming Carnival Years 2-6 Bomaderry Swimming Pool
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:-*

*Art 4 Kids
Squid Studio*

*Cambewarra Village
Church Carols Evening*

Free Skateboard Workshop

Holiday Camps Berry

Kangaroo Valley Pre School

Kids' Fishing Workshop

*Land's Edge Surfing Lessons for
Everyone at Seven Mile Beach
National Park*

*Post Separation Cooperative
Parenting Service - Our Children
Workshop*

School Banking

Sids and Kids Safe Sleeping

*South Coast Institute of Performing
Arts*

The Great Moscow Circus

P&C News

Well its hard to believe that the year is almost over. The weeks have gone by and so too has the organisation and running of the P&C - COOSH, the uniform shop and school canteen, the Calf and Craft Fair, our social and fundraising activities like the Welcome 2013 BBQ, Trivia Night, raffles and Fun Run and of course our monthly meetings. There is one more **P&C meeting** for the year - **next Monday 2nd December at 6.30pm in the school staffroom**. There are some Christmas treats to celebrate the end of the year and to start off Christmas festivities. Please come along. The agenda for the meeting will include - Christmas raffle; planning for 2014 including Welcome 2014 BBQ, canteen opening times for Term 1, 2014 AGM and reporting; fundraising activities planner for 2014; and the P&C's annual report for 2013.

P&C Meeting Dates for 2014

All P&C meetings are held on the first Monday of each month during school Term beginning at 6.30pm in the school staffroom. All are welcome to attend. Dates for 2014 are: 3rd February, 3rd March (AGM and general meeting), 7th April, 5th May, 2nd June, 4th August, 1st September, 4th November and 1st December.

2014 P&C AGM

The P&C's 2014 annual general meeting (AGM) will be held on Monday 3rd March. All positions will be declared vacant and open for nomination. It is extremely important that all or even most positions are filled in order to enable the P&C to run and be effective in 2014. We really need some more people to offer their time and commitment to help us run our uniform shop, COOSH, canteen and other social and fund raising events. Some of our P&C members will be moving onto high school and others have completed their maximum 3 year term in a position. If you would like to find out more about how you can get involved in a P&C Subcommittee or position, please call Lisa Kennedy, President on 4446 0610 or come along to the December P&C meeting.

Looking for a P&C Secretary

Please keep reading. Do you want to become involved in the P&C and help support our school community? Can you come to meetings on the first Monday of each month during school Term at 6.30pm for no more than 2 hours? - 8 meetings in 2014. Can you prepare meeting agendas, minutes and the occasional letter in word templates? If you answered yes to these 3 questions, then the P&C needs you.

Like all positions on the P&C, the Secretary position will become vacant in March 2014. After 3 great years on the computer, Gina Wilson-Burns is saying goodbye to minutes to work on other P&C activities. The P&C will need someone to come forward and help out.

If you would like to find out what our P&C Secretary does, please call Gina on 0412 022 014 or Lisa Kennedy on 4446 0601. Please come along to our December P&C meeting to find out more.

Christmas Mufti Day - Friday 6th December

Don't forget Christmas Mufti day next Friday 6th December. Wear your Santa hat or some Christmas gear and bring along 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

Order forms have gone home for the Christmas sausage sizzle on Friday 6th December. Orders and payments are due back at the school office by Tuesday 3rd December. 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.

Christmas Raffle

Christmas raffle tickets have also been sent home. Additional tickets are available at the school office. The raffle will be drawn at a special afternoon school assembly on Monday 16th December. There are some great prizes - a girls bike from Tippos Cycles, Bomaderry; a hand sewn quilt and hanging stand, a 10 person party pack at Ulladulla Funland; vouchers to Taronga Zoo, Jamberoo Action Park, and Powerhouse Museum; and much, much more. Keep a lookout for a complete list at the office.

COOSH Update

The final building repair works have been completed and the COOSH building is now looking spick and span both inside and out. Many thanks to Paula, Emma, Sue, Brooke and Taisha and their helpers for their ongoing efforts over the year to ensure a safe, welcoming and practical COOSH building for our students. COOSH is always keen to receive feedback on its operations and building. If you have a suggestion please write it down on the COOSH Feedback form or speak to one of the girls.

COOSH 2014

If you have before and/or after school child care requirements, then don't forget to register a spot for COOSH in 2014. Sue, Brooke and Tashia have started the registration list and certain days are filling up fast. All existing and new students will need to complete the COOSH enrollment form and pay a bond to secure a spot. Also all outstanding 2013 fees will need to be paid before a booking for 2014 will be accepted. If you have any enquiries about COOSH or fees, please call Sue on 0419 487 660.

COOSH Vacation care

The Christmas/Summer vacation care is fast approaching and spots are also filling up fast. Activities such as a slip and slide day at Bomaderry OOSH, a movie at the Roxy cinema, cooking days, treasure hunt, tennis, and an excursion to Bomaderry pool are some of the planned fun.

Vacation care is offered on Thursday 19th and Friday 20th December and then from Monday 6th January to Tuesday 28th January excluding Monday 27th January (Australia Day holiday). Opening hours are 7am-6pm.

All students will need to complete an enrolment form. Also, all outstanding 2013 fees (both vacation and/or before and after school care) will need to be paid before a vacation care booking for this Christmas/summer will be accepted.

For more information on vacation care check out the COOSH tab on the school's website, pop into COOSH and see staff between 7am- 9am in the mornings and 2:30pm-6pm in the afternoons, call on 0419 487 660 or email staff at cooshcambewarra@hotmail.com

2014 Term 1 Opening of Canteen

Suggestions are currently being sought on ways the P&C can open the school canteen for Term 1 next year. With the success of Icy Tuesday, the P&C would like to offer students opportunities to buy lunch, munchies and/or drinks next year in Term 1. There could be another Icy Tuesday, special meal deals, a sausage sizzle, Friday pie and sausage roll day. The suggestions are endless, but helpers are not. If you are keen to help us open the school canteen next year for Term 1 please come along to the December P&C meeting or call Lisa Kennedy on 4446 0610. Further information will be provided and sought after the December P&C meeting.

Uniform Shop

The uniform shop will only be open for the next three Wednesday afternoons. It will not be open on the last day of school - Wednesday 18th December. The ladies will be back however on the first day back at school for students - Wednesday 29th January from 2-2.45pm. If you can't make the opening times then you can always place an order with payment via the office and your items will be delivered to your child's classroom within the next couple of days.