



Principal's Report

Presentation Evening

Congratulations to those students who received an award last night. Well done to all students for their outstanding behaviour throughout the evening. Thank you once again to the many generous sponsors and families who generously provided donations allowing substantial prizes to be given to the award winners. There is no doubt that our Presentation Evening is highly regarded within the school community.

Introducing School Leaders for 2015

The announcement of the 2015 School Leaders was certainly a highlight of last night's Presentation Evening. Congratulations to Sam Maher, Eilish Norwood, William Stevens and Amy Whelan. It was delightful to watch the way the new school leaders responded to the announcement of their name being called out and the passing over of the guard from this year's school leaders. This is what the new school leaders told me on hearing their name called out;

"I felt surprised. I was doubting that it was real." - Amy

"I was very shocked." - Sam

"I didn't think I would really make it but when I heard my name called out first I felt so proud that I had done it." - Will

"I was extremely shocked and really excited and I was so glad that my heart was no longer racing." – Eilish

Congratulations to our new school leaders! I look forward to watching them grow in their confidence and leadership skills.



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2015:

**First Day Back
for Students:**
*Wednesday,
January 28*

**First Day of
School for
Kinders:**
*Monday,
February 2*

School Reports

Teachers have now completed school reports to be sent home on Friday, 12 December. These reports are a summary of your child's achievements throughout 2014. Please take time to go through the school reports with your children, in particularly discussing the effort they have made thorough out 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.

Class Structures for 2015

Teachers have begun to again look at class structures for 2015. At this stage our numbers are as follows

K – 34 Year 1 – 43 Year 2 – 42 Year 3 – 50

Year 4 – 45 Year 5 – 37 Year 6 – 48

Total enrolment is currently 299 students.

Class structures were presented at the P&C meeting last Monday. Currently we are considering 12 classes with the following teachers:

STOP PRESS: *Miss Gardner has been accepted into a relieving Assistant Principal's position for 12 months at Barrack Heights Public School. This news arrived to Miss Gardner late last night so class teachers for 2015 are still being determined. We wish Miss Gardner all the best for 2015.*

K – Ms Wellington

K/1 – Mrs Sturt (temporary teacher 2015)

1 – Temporary teacher still yet to be appointed

1/2 – Mrs Mison

2 – Mr Haigh

2/3 – Ms Reitz

3 x Stage 2 Classes (Years 3 & 4) – Mrs Turner, Ms Bryant, Temporary teacher still yet to be appointed

3x Stage 3 Classes (Years 5 & 6) – Mr Burns, Mr Irwin, Mrs Merry (temporary teacher)

R.F.F. – Ms Collins, Mrs McGuire, Ms Kelly (if returning from maternity leave)

Reading Recovery and Learning Assistant Teacher – Mrs Bailey

School Librarian – Mrs Driscoll

Counsellor – Mrs Fergusson

DSTA (Defence Support Teachers Aid) – Lisa Hood

Well-Being Support Officer – Jane Ewins

Staff will re- examine enrolment numbers and class structures at the beginning of 2015 to allow for new enrolments to the school after the holiday break. Students will not go into classes for at least the first week on return and will mostly resume back to the teacher they have had this year. Once enrolment has been checked teachers will determine if class structures will remain as outlined above or if they need to change. Confirmation of temporary teachers for 2015 will be determined by the beginning of next year. The P&C meeting scheduled for February 2 will be an important one to attend if parents are interested in the class structures and teachers for 2015.

Lost Property

The lost property box is overflowing with jumpers, jackets and lunch boxes. Please check or get your child

to check the lost property box as it will be cleared out on Friday. Lost items will be donated or discarded

School Shoes – BLACK, BLACK, BLACK

The school community and P&C have high expectations of our school uniform requesting that families adhere to the correct school uniform items worn each day to school by the students. Wearing correct school shoes usually begins with what parents buy during the school holidays. It is perhaps helpful to remind parents that school shoes are BLACK. It is preferred that a proper black school shoe is purchased however if black runners are the preferred choice then please ensure these are BLACK ONLY. If there are other colours in the sole, the laces or the tongue then this is not a black shoe.

Students have been shown what is expected of the black school shoe so please don't let them tell you that they can wear a coloured runner to school every day otherwise you will be asked to purchase the correct school shoe in black. When purchasing runners for sports day please find a runner that is modest, as white as possible and definitely NO COLOURED LACES.

Leaving Families and Students

At the end of this year we say goodbye to a number of families whose last child is finishing primary school. It is always a sad time to say farewell as we have all worked closely together to support the children to learn and become the best possible young adults, moving towards High School. Our very best wishes to Year 6, we trust that everything we have tried to instil in them, particularly living with the Core Values and maintaining a positive attitude to learning remains with them for the rest of their lives. These students have been an exceptional group of students with a good balance of fun and responsible manners to school life.

I wish you all a very Merry Christmas, a Happy New Year and a safe and relaxing holiday period. See you in 2015!

Mrs Hilliar - Principal

Thankyou Everyone – As Read at Presentation Evening by Mrs Hilliar

Good evening everyone and a very warm welcome to our distinguished guests, parents, visitors, teachers, staff, school leaders and students to the Cambewarra School Presentation Evening for 2014. Thank you Mr Waters for opening our Presentation Evening with the Welcome to Country

Tonight's Presentation Evening is an opportunity to come together to reflect on the year that has been, to celebrate the achievements of our students, and to showcase some of wonderful things we do at Cambewarra Public School.

This evening is also an opportunity where we give thanks to all those who contribute to making Cambewarra Public School such a wonderful place for our students.

Thank you to our parents for supporting the school in such positive and meaningful ways. We appreciate the many things you do to assist the learning in classrooms or through the committees you are a part of or for the role you play in running the P&C, uniform shop, Canteen or Fundraising to build school resources.

A big thanks to the office staff for everything they do behind the scenes in making our school run so

smoothly and what appears to be quiet effortlessly when it's busy.

Thank you to our wonderful support staff, our Angels as we know them here at Cambewarra, for assisting both our staff and our students in any way that they can.

Thank you to our COOSH staff for their commitment and care to students after school. To our General Assistant Bill and our cleaner Malcolm a big thank you for ensuring our school is always clean, safe and presentable for us all each day.

A big thank you to our students. You are what makes Cambewarra the amazing school that it is. Every day your positive attitudes, happy smiles and zest for life inspire each and every one of us. You make the hard work for us all worthwhile.

Lastly my genuine admiration and gratitude goes to the amazing teachers who continue to work incredibly hard every day to ensure our students are provided with the best teaching and the best learning opportunities. Teaching has become an incredibly challenging and complex role and you all go about your daily business with the genuine care and professionalism that is second to none. Thank you for everything that you do.

Thank you everyone for creating a school community of which I am so proud to be a part of.

2014 has been another successful year for Cambewarra Public School. Wakakirri was another great experience for our students as was the soundscape project where students read out the names of the fallen soldiers that can be now heard at the Australian War memorial. We had a big focus on healthy eating this year, with fantastic Lunchbox Project occurring in Year 2, and the development of our veggie garden and bush tucker and Indigenous gardens and whole school morning fitness program.

The school saw many successes in sport this year and we will hear about these successes a little later on into the evening.

Our Core Values approach continues to be a powerful and useful approach to the way we to living harmoniously and happily together. Students are using the language of values to describe their behaviour, their feelings or the behaviour of others. The Core Values continues to ensure that our school is a caring and respectful place to attend each day.

Next year will bring some changes to the staff at Cambewarra Public School. Mrs Waters retired mid-way through the year, Ms Sheritt will retire at the end of the year, Mr Ross moves to a promotion position as Assistant Principal to Mount Kembla Public School and Mr Hosler who was appointed to Callala Bay Public school through merit selection. I know you all join me in wishing our teachers the very best as they move towards new ventures next year.

We will, as always, be saying farewell to some families this year as they move to other parts of NSW or to other states. It is particularly sad for those families whose youngest child will attend high school next year. Many of these families have been a part of our school for years and we will be sad to see you go. Thank you for being a part of our school and for the connections you have made with us all here.

Tonight we recognise the achievements of those students who have excelled academically or in the

sporting arena, or who have demonstrated commitment to our Core Values or for the outstanding learning progress made in some aspect of their schooling. Though the achievements of such students should be celebrated, I believe that every student here at Cambewarra is a success and you should all be proud of your own personal achievements, in whatever field they may be.

I'd like to thank you all for attending this special evening and for supporting and nurturing all these beautiful students. I wish you all a safe and happy holiday period with your family and friends.

Thank you,
Mrs Hilliar - Principal

Sports News

Interim Dates for 2015

At this stage we have booked our three school carnivals for 2015. However, please be aware that these dates are not set in concrete and may, due to unforeseen circumstances, change. The interim dates are as follows:

School Swimming Carnival – Friday, 6 February 2015
School Cross Country Carnival – Thursday, 2 April 2015
School Athletics Carnival – Friday, 12 June 2015

School Sporting Team Uniforms

Has your child been a member of a school sporting team in 2014 or even earlier? Please have a really good look at home for any items of clothing that may belong to one of our school sporting teams. This is especially important for any of our Year 6 students, who will be moving onto high school next year. Thank you to those children who recently returned some uniforms. These can be handed in to the office with a "No questions asked" guarantee!

Thankyou

A big 'thankyou' to all the parents and carers who supported their child/children in any sporting activity this year. You are too numerous to name individually. Thank you, also, to the parents and carers who supported the school carnivals. Without your help, these carnivals would be much less successful for our students. We hope we will again have many of you wonderful volunteers helping us in 2015.

Have an active and sun-safe summer holiday!
Martina Reitz - Sports Coordinator

Catholic Scripture Concert

Catholic Scripture is putting on a Christmas Celebration Concert on Wednesday, 10 December (tomorrow). The concert will be held from 2-3pm under the school COLA. We would like to invite all parents and carers to come along. Any queries please phone Rosanne on 0409 985 959.

What's On

*A reminder
that Health
Care Plans
need to be
returned (for
those children
that need one)*

Wednesday, 10/12

Wacky Wednesday
Mufti Day
Last Scripture for 2015

Thursday, 11/12

Friday, 12/12

Year 6 Big Day Out - Jamberoo

Monday, 15/12

Year 6 Farewell Evening

Tuesday, 16/12

Wednesday, 17/12

Last Day of Term Four
Year 6 Farewell Tunnel 3pm

First Day Back for Students 2015:

Wednesday, 28/1/15

First Day For Kinders 2015: Monday,
2/2/15

Supplies Required for Starting 2015

Please ensure your child's items have his/her name clearly written

<p><u>Kindergarten</u></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>4 large glue sticks A <u>small</u> 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>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 <u>no bendy or steel rulers</u> 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>Pens – 2 red, endless amount of blue - <u>no eraser or clicky pens please.</u> 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>

Getting started is easy

Fill out the expression of interest form below and return it us or your child's school. We will contact you to organise your tuition enrolment.

Student details.

School Name

Student Name

Year/Class

Date of Birth

Instrument choices

1.

2.

Parent details.

Parent Name

Daytime phone number

Mobile phone number

Email and Snail-mail please

Music is fun, but it is so much more. To quote Dr Who ...
"Music isn't just orchestras and pop stars and downloads and concerts."



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everyone's got a song inside them
– every single one of you."***

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- Accessories sales.
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- Theory & musicianship.
- Instrument hire for our clients.

Who are we?

Richard Hodge, M Mus Ed. and

Maree McGrath, M Mus Ed., Dip Teach

What do we do?

We are the people who make music fun for your child. Music is our life and our work. We take it seriously.

We are totally committed to music education and have maintained our own ongoing education.

As well as taking private students, Maree holds a part-time classroom music teaching position at St Michael's Primary.

Richard is a full time instrumental tutor and has students at a number of schools in the Shoalhaven and at Oxley College in Bowral.

We each run band programs in schools and we are both involved in the local music scene through the Shoalhaven City Concert Band and also the AMTC show band on occasions.

Richard is the current musical director of the Shoalhaven City Youth Band and Maree directs the Shoalhaven City Concert Band.

It is our belief that students who play in some sort of ensemble make better progress and remain committed to their instrumental studies longer, so we encourage all of our students to join a group as soon as they are able.

When we are not teaching we are involved in performing or writing music. You may have seen us in the 'orchestra pit' at AMTC musicals. Richard has written a set of tutor books for beginner and intermediate brass students. We both arrange music for our students and groups.

Where's our shop?

Despite the fact that we sell accessories, music books and instruments, we do not operate a shop. We are primarily a tuition business and we supply consumable items such as reeds, mouthpieces, cork grease, neck straps and tuition books to our students (and anyone else who knows about us).

We offer advice about making the right choice of instrument for your child when the time comes to purchase your own, and help source an instrument if required. Our prices on a range of new and used instruments are very competitive as we have few overheads.

Fees for 2015 School Bands

- Band program per student is \$125/term + \$85/term instrument hire, cleaning kit, book and music stand
- Instruments available include: flute, clarinet, saxophone, trumpet, trombone, euphonium
- All hired items are returned when exiting the program
- All invoices are for a full term and are payable in advance before students are entered on the timetable
- Occasionally schools have band instruments available for little or no cost

