



Principal's Report

Presentation Evening

Thank you to all the students and families who attended Monday night's annual presentation evening. It was very gratifying to see the looks on the student's faces when they hear their name called for an award. Teachers always comment on how difficult the task is when choosing students for these awards. Every student has excelled or displayed improvement in their learning during 2015 and they should be very proud of their achievements.

Congratulations to all the award recipients and well done to all students for demonstrating excellent behaviour on the evening.

Thank you to the teachers and learning support officers for providing supervision during the evening. A special thank you must go to the dedicated team of teachers and office staff who organised this event, ensuring that it ran as smoothly as possible.

School Leaders

Congratulations to our new school leaders for 2016. Here's what they had to say about hearing their name announced at the Presentation Evening.

Jackson Musson

I was feeling excited at presentation Evening and wondering if I would get a leaders position ... when my name was called out first I was really excited to be leading the school for 2016. I felt very proud of myself and so were mum and dad.



Henry Jenkinson

Before the announcement I was crossing my fingers and at the same time preparing myself not to get a leaders position. I heard Jackson's name called out first and then mine. I was really joyful and happy with myself and pleased that I made it all the way through the process.



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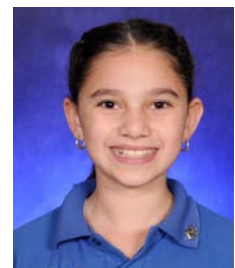
Millie Brown

I was so scared it was going to be three boys and one girl and I didn't think I would be that girl. If it was three girls and 1 boys then I had prepared myself that it wouldn't be me..... When I heard my name called out I heard it but didn't really realise it was actually me ... I was shocked and happy.



Grace Fuller

I was shocked to hear my name, I was happy and excited and very proud of myself. I was also thinking about those others who missed out.



Kindergarten Excursion to Kiama

Well done to all the Kindergarten students who represented Cambewarra School last Thursday in Kiama. The students demonstrated their excellent knowledge of the school's Core Values when travelling on the train and they listened and followed the given directions in a very grown up way. Well done Kindergarten and thank you to the Kindergarten teachers who provided this wonderful experience.



Principal's Report (continued)

Year 6 Farewell

We say an official farewell to our Year 6 students next Monday evening. Year 6 parents and caregivers are welcome to attend a special farewell assembly for Year 6 students. Following this Year 5 students are welcome to join Year 6 for a fun night of dancing and socialising. Details about this event have been forwarded to Stage 3 students and parents.

Last Wednesday the majority of Year 6 students attended their orientation day at Bomaderry High School. Congratulations to the students on being excellent role models for Cambewarra School.

I would sincerely like to wish Year 6 students all the best in their high school years and in the future. You have been a wonderful Year 6 and you will be missed. Please remember to embrace all the opportunities that high school has to offer and don't be shy to drop in and say hello to your primary school teachers from time to time.

Student Progress Reports

This Friday all students will be receiving their final progress report for 2015. Take time to sit with your children and discuss their achievements both academically and socially, and encourage your children to think about goals that they may wish to focus on for 2016. Teachers have spent a great deal of time assessing their students in readiness for these reports so it is important to read them and reflect on just how much your children have progressed this year.

P&C Raffle

All families should have received raffle tickets for the upcoming P&C monster raffle to be drawn at a special school assembly next Tuesday 15th December at 2:00 in the hall. Parents and community members can also purchase tickets from the school office up until Tuesday morning.

The final P&C meeting for 2015 was held on Wednesday at 6:30 in the staffroom. Included on the agenda was information regarding classes for 2016. Thank you to those that came along to be part of the P&C celebration at Cambewarra School and enjoying a night of fun and laughter.

Important Dates for 2016

Wednesday, 27th January – teachers return to school

Thursday, 28th January – students from Year 1 to Year 6 return to school

Friday, 29th January – Swimming Carnival Years 2 - 6

Monday, 1st February – Kindergarten students begin school

I would like to wish all students, parents and community members a happy and safe Christmas and New Year. Thank you to all parent helpers, scripture teachers, volunteers and P&C members who have contributed so much to this school.

Enjoy your holidays!!

Mrs Hilliar

Turning Circle Safety

You may have noticed the mini traffic law enforcers up at the turning circle this week. 3/4S are working towards making the turning circle a safer place for everyone.

The children are teaching the following safety guidelines:

1. Please do not take a shortcut across the turning circle. The children watch and copy your example so walk on the safe path provided.
2. Stop between the drop off zone signs.
3. Move up to make space for everyone.
4. Children should exit on the left side where it's safe. If they must exit on the right, parents need to open the door and help them move safely to the path.
5. There's a 3 minute time limit when dropping off at the turning circle.
6. Please walk small children to the steps.
7. You are required to stay within 3m of your car.

The children were very excited to see anyone who didn't follow the rules. Problems included small children getting themselves out on the right side as cars passed, parents who stopped outside the drop off zone, mums and dads who stopped to have a chat and people who didn't move up. The children handled these problems by explaining why this shouldn't happen in a polite manner.

One Dad was very happy to see the rules being encouraged. "People are actually doing the right thing because the kids are here watching them. Drivers not moving up is a big problem here."

Our new record for dropping off is officially 3 seconds!

The majority of parents followed the rules and were rewarded with a big 'thumbs up' by our students.

Mrs Hackney, who supervised, was very impressed with the enthusiasm and maturity displayed by the 9 and 10 year olds. Their willingness to teach and help children and adults was a credit to them. The project is something that we will continue in 2016, especially when we have new parents and children that might need help learning the turning circle rules.

3/4T will be supervising next week.

Sydney to Hobart yacht race.

You may remember earlier in the year Julia from the office sailed in the Sydney to Southport yacht race. She has been training nearly every weekend since then in Sydney and has been selected as part of the crew to sail in this year's Sydney to Hobart Yacht Race, on a yacht named **Kayle – Sailors with disAbilities**. It will take at least 3 days at sea, sailing non-stop to get to Hobart.

For anyone interested in following yacht Kayle's progress here are the links to the Sailors with disAbilities website – <http://www.sailorswithdisabilities.com/>

and the Rolex Sydney to Hobart website for the tracker – <http://rolexsydneyhobart.com/tracker/>

Or look them up on facebook.



What's On

Friday, 11/12

Reports go home

Monday, 14/12

Year 6 farewell disco

Tuesday, 15/12

Wednesday, 16/12

Last day of term for students

Friday, 18/12

Last day of term for teachers

Wednesday, 27/1/16

Teachers return to school

Thursday, 28/1/16

Students return (years 1-6)

Friday, 29/1/16

School swimming carnival

Monday, 1/2/16

Kindergarten students begin school

Skoolbag App

We will be using the Skoolbag app and email subscription instead of the current email system in 2016. This means you can subscribe or unsubscribe to emails yourself. If you use the app you have control over what you want to receive and receive push notifications for the things you wish to be alerted to.

We will use it for news, excursion notes, absences etc, please have a look. To find the **Skoolbag app** - search Cambewarra Public School in the **App store**. Further information is on Cambewarra Public School website, go to the link below and click on the skoolbag picture :-

<http://www.cambewarra-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/news/skoolbag>

We wish all students and their families a very happy holiday. We look forward to seeing all your happy faces back in 2016