Principal’s Report

It’s hard to believe we’re moving towards the end of first term. The students have been outstanding in the way they settled quickly in to the routine of school life.

Belle, Emma, Milla and Indiana have enjoyed their first term of 2014. They said it’s been ‘interesting, learning lots of new things’, that they have ‘good friends’, and that they ‘really like their teachers... especially Mr Irwin!’

Next week is a very busy one. Please keep an eye on the What’s On section to keep up with what the students need to bring or wear. We hope to see many of you attend the Easter Hat Parade and stay on to join us for lunch.

The last P&C meeting of this term is scheduled for next Monday night at 6.30pm in the staffroom. I look forward to reporting on the term’s achievements, and providing a more detailed account of the arborists report and the scope of work to be completed.

Parents of students in Years 3 and 5 will have received information regarding NAPLAN, explaining the dates and what to expect on 13, 14 & 15 May 2014. This important information and its results is used to plan the school’s focus and targets for the following year ahead. A full report of our student results is always communicated at the P&C meeting and through the Annual School Report found on our website.

School photos are scheduled for next Tuesday. Please make sure that students are dressed in full summer uniform, and that money and notes have been returned to the front office on or by Tuesday.

Have a great week everyone,
Mrs Hilliar
ISER Junior Band Program

Students from years 4-10 who have been learning an instrument for more than two years are invited to attend the ISER Junior Band Program. The program begins with a camp which runs from 25 – 27 May, at a cost of $200. For more information and an application form, please see the online version of the school’s newsletter. Thank you.

Play Mat Needed

Donation required - LARGE MAT/PIECE OF CARPET
The school requires a large mat or large piece of carpet for children to play on with toys under the COLA. If you have something suitable that you would like to donate it would be greatly appreciated. If so, please leave a message at the office.
Thank you,
Helen Bailey.

Returning Spare Clothes

Just a reminder that if your child has borrowed an emergency change of clothes from the office, please wash and return as soon as possible so other children who need them can borrow them.
It is a good idea for your child to have a spare set of clothes in their bag, as we don’t always have spares. In the event there are no spares a parent/carer will have to be called.
Thank you,
Office Staff

School Disco and Mufti Day

On Friday, the students participated in a whole school disco and dressed up in their best Easter costumes. It was a fun day for all, and produced lots of donations for the Easter raffle. Thank you to all who donated something and to those who organised the event.

What’s On This Week

Monday, 31/3
Whole School Assembly, 2pm
Rugby Trials

Tuesday, 1/4
Girls’ Cricket

Wednesday, 2/4

Thursday, 3/4

Friday, 4/4
Auskick Day, Stage 3
Boys’ Cricket

Monday, 7/4

Reminder: student-led conferences begin this week, as stated in last week’s newsletter.
Name: Eilish Norwood
Year: 5
Type of Calf: Clever, caring, conscientious

Every day at Cambewarra Public School we try to instil in our students a love of learning. We do this not only because we want our students to be passionate and engaged, but because as teachers, we ourselves are so passionate and exhilarated by the process of learning. It is for this reason that we get so excited when we see a student who moves beyond their own love of learning and engages in igniting this passion in others. Eilish Norwood is such a student. This week she not only excelled in her own knowledge of geometry, but she then aided her peers in extending their knowledge. She showed great initiative in implementing various strategies to do this, such as demonstrating various ways of drawing shapes, using google to look for definitions and giving feedback on whether students had succeeded in finding the right answer. In essence, Eilish was being a teacher – and she was a natural. Eilish says she “felt good, teaching them something”, and that she “enjoyed teaching the kids.” Eilish says she’d “be interested in being a teacher when I grow up, because it’s nice to help and it’s great to share what you know with other people.” We so agree with you, Eilish! Congratulations on your patience, kindness and your passion for sharing your knowledge. It is fantastic to see a student who not only loves knowing, but who also loves the process of learning. With such natural talent for teaching Eilish, who knows - maybe one day you’ll rule the school like Mrs Hilliar!

University of NSW ICAS Competitions - a great opportunity for our students.

The University of NSW is once again conducting competitions for schools across Australia. The tests are a great opportunity for students to challenge themselves and practice the skill of performing in test conditions. Last year students from Cambewarra Public School took part in the tests and performed well in all areas. This year the same competitions are offered to students in Years 3 – 6. Those students who have a particular interest or strength in any of these areas are once again invited to join.

Entry fees are listed below and the closing date for entry is Wednesday April 2.

Students may enter as many competitions as they prefer. If you would like your child to participate please complete the entry form below and return it to school along with payment.

Name:............................................................... Class:..................................................

I wish my child to compete in the following competitions (please circle)

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* The Writing and Spelling competitions require individual hand marking and this is why higher fees are charged.

Amount Enclosed: $...........................................

Signed: ..........................................................
P&C News, 31 March 2014

Next P&C Meeting – 7 April 2014
The next P&C meeting will be held on Monday 7 April beginning at 6.30pm in the staffroom. Items for discussion include removal of dangerous trees in playground, expenditure of Calf and Craft Fair Funds, canteen operations for Term 2; fundraising calendar, school social trivia night; and Term 2 fundraisers – Mothers day stall, Village Fireworks and Pie Drive.

If you were a P&C member in 2013 or would like to join up in 2014, please come along to the meeting. It’s a great way to meet both parents and the school executive and to find out about the latest happenings in the school and the activities and programs the P&C is working on. The membership fee is $2. We are slowly increasing our membership numbers however we would love to see some new faces. It is the last year for some of our older families so we need some other families to come along.

P&C AGM Elections
Following the AGM in early March the P&C has received and accepted nominations for vacant positions. The 2014 P&C Executive and Sub-Committees are:

**Executive:** President – Lisa Kennedy; Vice-Presidents – Gina Wilson-Burns and Cathy Corkett; Secretary – Jamie Bodycott & Treasurer – Linda Stevens.

**COOSH Sub-Committee:** Convenor – Paula Hinds; Minute Taker – Lynda Hare & Assistant Treasurer - Emma Woods

**Canteen Sub-Committee:** Convenor – Cathy Corkett; minute taker and assistant treasurer - vacant

**Uniform Sub-Committee:** Convenor – Nichole Batson; Minute Taker – Natalie Hall and Assistant Treasurer – Roz Phillips

**Fundraising Sub-Committee:** Convenor – Amanda Poulton; minute taker and assistant treasurer vacant.

A special thanks to those out going members Vanessa Phelan and Victoria Carmelolloti who took on positions last year and helped make the work load a little easier. If you are interested in finding out what commitments one of these vacant positions would involve please speak with the Sub-Committee Convenor and/or Lisa Kennedy on 44460610.

**Easter Mufti Day and Disco**
There were many Easter bunnies at our recent Easter mufti day. Check out the photos and see if you can spot who is behind those ears. Thank you to all those children who got into the Easter spirit and a very big thank you for all the Easter eggs, chocolates and other treats which were brought in for the P&C’s Easter raffle. A big thanks to the teachers for running the students through their disco moves. They will be ready for the P&C’s night disco later in the year.

**Easter Hat Parade**
Wednesday 9 April starting at 11am. Write it down in your diary and organise to come along and celebrate Easter with your children and their friends. The order of events is:

- 11am-11.50am - P&C Sausage sizzle lunch
- 12-1pm – Easter Hat Parade on basketball court
- 1-1.30pm – P&C Easter raffle in the hall

There will be many wonderful creations of Easter hats, Eggs on Legs and Eggoramas on display. So come along and check out the Easter fashions at Cambewarraw School.
**Easter Raffle**
Easter raffle tickets are still on sale until next Wednesday morning. The P&C ladies will be setting up the prizes in the school hall during the Easter Hat Parade, after which we will find out if we are the lucky winners. Tickets and money need to be returned to the school office. Additional tickets are also available.

**Easter Sausage Sizzle**
Easter hat parade sausage sizzle order form has gone home today. Get your orders back by this Thursday 3 April. Extra orders may be placed for family and friends. Please note the canteen will not be taking any other type of lunch order on this day.

Cathy is still looking for help on the BBQ and in preparing and serving the sausage sandwiches. If you can pop down to the canteen for any amount of time between 10am-12pm please call Cathy on 0413 214 262 or at cambemum@bigpond.com.

**Canteen Update**
As a preview of next term's canteen menu, we will be selling meat pies this **Pie Friday** 4 April, along with our usual menu. Pies will be available for lunch orders at a cost of $3.00 and 20c for sauce.

The canteen will be **closed on the last day of term** Friday 11th April as students will be away at the cross country.

The **menu for Term 2** will be sent home next week. As always we welcome new volunteers. If you have any time to spare please contact Cathy.

**Year 6 books & games stall**
Start cleaning out your unwanted books, and completed puzzles and games for Year 6’s first fundraising event for the year. They can be left at the office or brought to your classroom on a Wednesday for collection. The books and games stall will be held in June. The funds raised will be go towards the Year 6 farewell gift to the school and end of year t-shirts for Year 6 students. Previous year 6 gifts have included the bell and forts in the playground, school leader blazers, school banners, audio system for the hall and picnic tables for the playground.

**Year 6 Wacky Wednesday**
Wacky Wednesday is another Year 6 fundraiser. Year 6 would like to open the canteen for special first break lunches and snacks on a Wednesday but need some help. They are looking for mums, dads, friends who can prepare and serve food between 8.30am and 12pm starting in Term 2. Please email Natalie Hall on n.coote@bigpond.com for further information to place your name on the roster. Year 6 will soon be seeking suggestions on what foods to offer. So far they have pancakes, hot dogs, sausage sizzle, donuts and milkshakes as possible items.

**COOSH Recruitment**
The COOSH Subcommittee is currently organising recruitment of a COOSH Co-ordinator, COOSH Child Care Worker and Book-keeper. Please keep an eye out in next week’s newsletter for all the details on these positions. If you know of someone who may be interested in joining our COOSH team please let them know of this wonderful opportunity to work with and care for students of Cambewarra School.

**COOSH Vacation Care Program**
Pick up your vacation care program at COOSH or phone Sue on 0419 487 660.
ISER Junior Band Program 2014

Students from Years 4-10 in Public Schools in the Illawarra and South East Region of NSW and have been learning an instrument for a minimum of 2 years are invited to be part of the ISER Junior Band Program.

This successful program has been running for a number of years and members of the group have gone on to become part of the Performing Ensemble and Southern Stars Orchestra.

We are looking for students who play one or more of the following instruments and can read music at least to a grade 2 level to form a large concert band and rock band.

*Strings, Flutes, Clarinets, Saxophones, Trumpets, French Horns, Trombones, Baritones, Keyboards, Electric/Acoustic Guitars, Bass Guitars, Drummers and Percussionists.*

Guitarists MUST be able to read music, either ‘tab’ or notes and know some basic chords and progressions.

The 2014 Program begins with a 3 day 2 night residential camp at Stanwell Tops Conference Centre from

**Sunday 25th May to Tuesday 27th May.**

All students who wish to become members of this program must attend the camp.

The total cost of the program will be $200.

This will include the cost of the camp and rehearsal days and performances costs. It will also help to cover tuition from qualified music staff, a booklet of music for the year and a CD.

Please post the application form to Helensburgh Primary School by **FRIDAY 9th MAY**

The form must be sent with a cheque or money order and needs to be made out to: ‘Helensburgh Public School’

ISER Junior Band Program  
C/O Alison Garvie  
Helensburgh Public School  
Lukin Street  
HELENSBURGH 2508

All students who apply and fit the criteria are accepted into the program. There are NO AUDITIONS.

Enquiries can be made to:  
Greg Costello (Coordinator)  
Figtree Heights Public School  
gregory.costello@det.nsw.edu.au  
Alison Garvie (Assistant Coordinator)  
Helensburgh Public School  
agarvie@aapt.net.au
Illawarra South-East Region Junior Band Program 2014

Student Application Form

Email Communication (very important!)

Once you have sent this nomination form with an attached cheque or money order for $200 (please do not send cash) to Helensburgh Public School, please send an email to Alison Garvie. agarvie@aapt.net.au. In the email could you please state:

- your child’s name and school
- your contact name.
- specify any special dietary requirements.

This address will then be used to keep you informed of events throughout the year.

Please use BLOCK LETTERS and circle where appropriate

Student’s Surname: ___________________________  Male / Female

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Student’s Given name: ___________________________

School: ________________________________________

Year at School:  4  5  6  7  8  9  10

Home Address: ___________________________________________

Contact phone no/s: ____________________________ ____________________________

Best email address: ______________________________________

Main Instrument: (Please be specific, eg: alto saxophone) __________________________

Second Instrument: (if you play one) __________________________

Were you part of this group last year?  Yes / No

How many years have you been learning? (having lessons) _____

Sight Reading Ability:  Basic. / Good. / Very Good

Parent’s Signature: ____________________________  Date: _____________
Principal's name: ________________________________

Principal's Signature: __________________________
Camp Information

Stanwell Tops Conference Centre (The Tops) on:

Sunday 25th May – Tuesday 27th May 2014

Parents please note;

We ask that you arrive at the centre no earlier than 5:30pm on the Sunday. We will be having dinner at the centre at 6:30pm.

The camp will conclude with a short concert for parents at 1:30pm on the Tuesday. Here is a checklist of what you will need to bring to camp:

- Suitable clothing and footwear (it will be cool at night)
- A sleeping bag or set of single sheets and a pillow and PJ’s and towel/toiletries
- Your instrument in good working condition (please have it checked over before camp)
- Spare reeds, valve oil etc.
- A music stand (essential) and instrument stand if you have one
- A pencil and highlighter
- Keyboards (with stand) and guitar players must have a small amp and leads
- Drummers to bring their own kit (will be contacted re this)

We will have a concert on Monday night for anyone who would like to perform a piece on their own, so bring along something you can play confidently

Please bring the medical form and publicity and consent form to the camp.

We are located in the BORONIA section of the camp.

If your child has **any special dietary needs** please note these on the medical form (and let us know with the email with confirmation)

For detailed information on the Stanwell Tops campsite itself go to their website at:
ISER Junior Band Program 2014

Publicity Consent Form

I give permission for:

Student’s name: ____________________________

School: ____________________________

To participate in any promotional activities pertaining to the Illawarra South-East Region Junior Band Program in 2014.

This includes still photographs, audio and visual recordings as well as approved use of media including newspapers and external publications and on the Department of Education and Training internet sites.

Parent / Guardian Name: ____________________________

Parent / Guardian Signature: ____________________________

Date: ____________________________

Please bring this form to camp.
MEDICAL HISTORY AND PARENT/GUARDIAN CONSENT

1. Does your child suffer from any chronic illness or disability? If yes, please specify.

______________________________________________________________________________

______________________________________________________________________________

If your child has asthma and requires a puffer, please ensure this is brought to the camp.

Please note that any medication brought to camp should have the child’s name, dosage and dosage times clearly marked. Only medication in the child’s name will be administered.

2. It is advisable that all children should be properly immunised against tetanus and poliomyelitis. The child should therefore have received a booster injection against tetanus within the last five years. If there is any doubt about the matter, parents should consult their family doctor.

3. In the event of any accident or illness, I authorise the obtaining on my behalf of such medical assistance as my child may require including the summoning of an ambulance service.

4. I also undertake to pay medical fees and/or cost of medically prescribed medications, which may be incurred while my child is at the camp. (In all such instances parents will be notified by phone immediately).

MEDICARE NUMBER __________________________

1. At various times during the Camp students may have their photo taken or vision shot of them. I agree to have such photos or footage being used within the camp for concert slideshow and similar purposes, published on the southernarts website to promote the camp and in the local media.

2. I agree to my child’s attendance at the camp and his/her taking part in any excursion arranged for children in connection with the Camp.

In the event of my child behaving unsatisfactorily, I am aware that I will be notified and that he/she will be sent home for the remainder of the camp without reimbursement of funds.

SIGNATURE OF PARENT/GUARDIAN: ________________________________

PLEASE BRING THIS FORM TO CAMP
Nowra Junior Golf Program 2014

When: First Sunday of the Month starting 2nd March
Where: Nowra Golf Club – Fairway Drive North Nowra
Times: 2pm – 4pm
Ages: 7-13 years
Cost: $5.00
Equipment needed: Clubs and balls will be provided. Students can bring own equipment if they want.

More info: The children will be doing drills and fun games followed by a 3 hole ambrose game. The children will be supervised by volunteers that are members of Nowra Golf Club. The volunteers have completed a community coaching with the Jack Newton Golf Foundation.

Contact: John Bond 0448661318

Golf is a fun activity and great life skill!
Shoalhaven Football (soccer) is running School Holiday Clinics in April.
Venues – Huskisson 14th & 15th 9 am – 12 noon Cost $70
Shoalhaven Heads 16th & 17th 9 am – 12 noon Cost $70
Sth Nowra 23rd & 24th 9 am – 12 noon Cost $70
To register mjonno1@bigpond.com.au 0488034500

HOLIDAY TENNIS CLINICS
14th 15th 16th April and 22nd 23rd 24th April
9am to 12noon each day
To enrol please contact Mark or Vicki Pritchard on 0427961101 or 0412134840

WINTER JUNIOR TENNIS COMPETITION
Starts Friday 2nd May
All enquiries please contact Mark or Vicki Pritchard on 0427961101 or 0412134840
Kids’ fishing workshop

Kids 8–14 years old are invited to come and learn to fish safely and responsibly. Instructors are experienced volunteers and staff from the Department of Primary Industries.

The day runs from 10 am–2 pm and involves fishing techniques, bag & size limits, fish handling for catch & release.

COST: $40 PER CHILD, and includes rod & reel combination, shirt, hat, tackle box and show bag — all to take home!

BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL. Maximum 25 participants.

Locations and DATES

Greenwell Point                               Tuesday 15th April 2014

To book, ring Stephen Thurstan, Primary Industries NSW, Ph 02 4220 8484 or 0438 245 190 or e-mail stephen.thurstan@dpi.nsw.gov.au

Workshop details are on the web: