Principal’s Report

Open Day – Great Day for Families, Teachers and Students

Our Open Day last Thursday was a wonderful day where we celebrated the learning achievements of our students. Student Led Conferences, while more informal, were again wonderful opportunities for the students to talk about their learning progress with their families. The K-2 Student performances were delightful and our Wakakirri performance again provided the Year 3-6 students another opportunity to shine. The bike riding activities were enjoyed by those students who were able to participate, practicing many important road safety skills in the playground. The playground was awash with picnic blankets and families sharing lunch and laughter together. Thank you to everybody for making our open day such a community celebration of education. Thank you to the Year 6 fundraisers for the catering.
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Big Band Blast
Last Wednesday students from our school band spent the day with musicians from other local schools. The day was spent meeting new friends, learning several pieces of music and rehearsing for the concert at the Shoalhaven Entertainment Centre.

Mr Henderson, Band Master and organiser, spoke very highly of our students and their excellent band skills. Well done Jackson, Max, Alex, Charly, Pip, Ellie, Sam, Indiana and Jorja on a great performance from you all. Pip says “it was very hard music and it was very interesting to meet kids from other schools who were interested in the same sorts of stuff as you. It was a very lovely experience and there were very good consequences for going” and Ellie said “it was really fun and we got to learn lots of new songs that were really hard but fun. It was fun to see all different kids playing instruments. It was a really fun and a good experience.” Congratulations to all on a wonderful day.

Surveys Due NOW
School surveys were sent home with the school newsletter last week and are now due back to the office. 36% of the surveys need to be returned to ensure that the results are an accurate reflection of community perception. Another survey has been attached to this newsletter to help us reach this target. Please return completed surveys to the office by the end of the week. Collated results will be reported at the P&C meeting, in the newsletter and in the Annual School Report to be published on the school website early 2015.

Student Enrolment 2015
Staff will begin to look at possible class structures for 2015 early next term. It is important that we have up to date accurate details of our anticipated student enrolments for 2015. If you have a kindergarten student attending in 2015 and haven’t let the office know please inform them NOW. If you are leaving the school at the end of the year we also need this information. If you know of any other students K-6 planning to enrol please tell them to get in contact with us. Please inform the office with a quick phone call about your enrolment so we can accurately adjust our enrolment numbers for 2015.

School Vacation Dates
Students and teachers resume back to school on Tuesday 7 October for Term 4. Attached to this newsletter is the Term 4 calendar. Please look closely at the many scheduled events over the term and pencil in those dates relevant to your family. It’s sure shaping up to be another busy but wonderful end to the school year.

School Communication - Newsletter and Facebook Page
Our next newsletter will go home on Monday 13th October (Week 2).
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Julia and Ysabel are currently setting up a school facebook page, allowing the school to post a direct newsletter link to its facebook members and to communicate whole school events or stage/class information. The facebook page will allow us to have quick and direct communication to parents. If you currently use facebook we encourage you to find us - Cambewarra Public School - and “like us”. We will begin regularly posting relevant school information through our facebook page from Term 4 onwards.

The newsletter will continue to be sent via an email link to the community who have provided the office with an email address and as a paper copy to all families for the remainder of 2014. From 2015 the school will implement a variety of electronic methods of disseminating school information, with a paper copy of the school newsletter only sent to those families who request such. More details about our communication practices for 2015 will be given in coming newsletters, class/stage newsletters and at the P&C meetings over the coming term. If you haven’t provided the school an email address, please email us on cambewarra-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au and request to be added to our distribution list. This system will benefit the school economically and environmentally, as well as being more accessible for parents and the community.

P&C Meeting
The next P&C meeting is scheduled for Monday, 13 October with a review of the school’s NAPLAN results and beginning conversations around school enrolment numbers /possible class structures for 2015. All are welcome.

Lost Property
On Friday our Lost Property Box will be emptied and its contents sent to the local clothing bin. If your child/ren are missing uniform items we suggest that you call into the office and collect them. Many uniform items do not have names on them and therefore are unable to be returned to students.

Thank You
Lastly, I’d like to take this opportunity to thank our staff for the wonderful work they do here for the students. Our school community and our Cambe kids are very fortunate to have such a wonderful team of adults who work collaboratively together. I know they are all looking forward to their holidays for some much needed rest.

Have a great holiday with your children,
Mrs Hilliar - Principal

Contact Details

Please ensure that you provide the office with your current contact details, particularly your mobile and work phone numbers. We have had several incidents this year where we have urgently needed and been unable to contact parents because of out-of-date details. If your phone number, address, living situation or any other contact details change please be sure to inform the office – this is for your child’s safety.

Thank you,
Office Staff
Library News

Thank you to everyone who joined in celebrating “Book Week”. The Book Fair was generously supported with just under $3500 in sales. Further appreciation is extended to those families who kindly donated books to the library. Please note reorders have been lodged and I will disperse the orders as soon as they arrive in the library.

It has been a busy term in the library with Year 1 students learning how to email from their school email account. As part of their learning, Year 1 is developing awareness and understanding for appropriate content for emails. Year 2 produced terrific slideshow presentations on “The Lunchbox Project”. Meanwhile, Kindergarten has been learning how to log into their school portal. 4/5R is currently taking part in CyberSafety lessons which is resulting in rich conversations about acceptable internet usage. All classes have a weekly borrowing session and it is great to hear discussions between the students about the books they are reading.

I am always available to help with your child’s selection of books so please encourage your child to borrow regularly from the school library.

Angela Urquhart – Relieving Teacher Librarian
Student Work - Families Past and Present
By Haylie – 2H

As a part of the Stage 1 HSIE unit ‘Families Past and Present’ some students were asked to interview a parent about life when they were 8 years old and write an information report about it. This is my information report.

In 1990 my mum was 8 years old, and just like me, she liked to play lots of games and do lots of learning. When she was 8 years old there was not as much technology as today and the toys she played with were different to the ones I have today. There have been many changes over time including changes in fashion, games, toys and technology.

When my mum was 8 years old she used to wear a blue and white school dress, black school shoes, white socks, overalls, colourful patterned pants, puff paint shirts, plastic jelly sandals, colourful scrunchies in her hair, and cardigans.

When my mum was eight she did roller skating and bike riding, played scrabble and watched movies. She also played with Barbies, slap bands, trolls, teddy ruxpin, tenage ninja turtles, pop balls, my little pony, dolls, marballs, slinkys, colouring in books.

School Fees
Thank you to all the families who have already paid their School Fees (Voluntary Contributions) of $45 per student per year. We will shortly be sending out reminders and if you are not sure if you have paid please ring and I can check for you.

Thank you for supporting the school, Alison Howells, Administrative Manager

CPS Facebook Page
We have launched our school facebook page. If you are interested go to the link below to like and share the page. Make sure you turn notifications on to be alerted to our news. Stay tuned as this page evolves into a very beautiful and informative page about our lovely school. https://www.facebook.com/cambewarraps

What’s On
Monday, 15/9
Whole school assembly, 2pm

Tuesday, 16/9

Wednesday, 17/9

Thursday, 18/9

Friday, 19/9
Pioneer Farm excursion – Stage 1 & ES1
Last day of school for Term 3

Monday, 22/9
School Holidays begin

Future Dates
7 October - Staff and Students return to school
28 October – Grandparents’ Day Morning Tea
30 October, 13 November and 20 November – Kindergarten Orientation Days
My mum regularly used a VHS player to watch movies on, cassette tape player to listen to music, TV, ring dial telephone, Atari game console, instant photo camera (Polaroid) and an Apple computer with a floppy disc.

When my mum was 8 in her spare time she would play with her bike, played with her friends outside, listen to music, jump on trampoline, roller skate, swimming at the local pools have sleep overs, read books and write lots of stories.

These are some other things she did when she was 8 years old.

Although some things like technology, clothing and toys have changed over the years since she was young other things like games we played and sports haven’t changed much at all over time. It’s interesting to see how much technology has changed in 24 years though and how things like mobile phones, internet, Facebook, iPads and laptops have all been introduced since then some things like reading and writing stories are now even done on computers like e-books and word documents.

The Cambe Calf Award

Name: Sam
Year: 3
Type of Calf: Consciously Considerate

Why: Consciousness of self and others creates considerate, caring and kind children. And these children go on to be role models in their communities. It is so pleasing to see Sam emerging as one of these future leaders. Sam has been making a conscious effort to ensure he is considerate. This effort has paid off, as Sam is living his Core Values and thinking consciously about the way he treats others. “It’s made a difference to other people” says Sam, “and when I’m kind and caring other people are kind and caring to me.” Sam thinks his mum would be especially proud of his behaviour, “Mum would be proud of me, because I’m doing the right thing and that’s important to my family.”

Sam’s peers have also noticed how thoughtful Sam is, saying “I think he has become a kinder person because he is more patient and is really nice”, whilst another classmate said “he is more patient, and he doesn’t make fun of other people. He is a better friend and lets anyone play if they want to. It makes me feel happy.” How highly Sam is thought of by his peers! Sam says he is proud of his behaviour, and he thinks that other people now think he is a lot nicer. He says his conscious effort to be considerate has made him feel “calm.” Sam has shown extraordinary self- reflection and this has made him a pleasure to be around. Congratulations Sam on being a kind and thoughtful person. Your consciousness and consideration is appreciated by everyone around you.