Principal’s Report

Great Start
What a fantastic start to 2015. As I walk around the school I see students in their classes learning and playing together nicely in the playground. I see smiles from staff and I hear them saying “I have the best class” and “my group are so gorgeous.” We are very fortunate to come to such a beautiful school with such exceptional students and parents.

Our Kindergarten students have settled in very quickly to the school routines and they have been well supported by the Buddy Program provided by our Year 6 students. In no time these students will be reading, writing, counting and growing into bright and capable school citizens.

Swimming Carnival
Last Friday was Cambewarra Public School’s annual swimming carnival. It was a wonderful day, enjoyed by students, staff, parents, grandparents and our volunteer staff. A big thank you to the students for their fantastic behaviour and enthusiasm on the day. It’s great to see you out there and doing your best. A huge thank you also to all those parents and family members who came along to support the kids, particularly to those who helped with timekeeping and organisation – we couldn’t have done it without you.

Our Support Staff
Every year our Support Staff do an amazing job keeping our school clean, safe and running smoothly. The Support Staff are the link between the community and the school and they are always happy to help out in any way possible. This year our Support Staff includes:

- Julia Wright
- Bill Bates
- Ysabel Baard
- Malcolm Schofield
- Amanda McAlister
- Di Halliday
- Emily Hilliar
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Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/cambewarraps
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Cambewarra Public School – First Impressions
This year we have had several new students join our school. As always we strive to be a school that is happy, positive and welcoming and there is no better way to test ourselves than in asking our newcomers their first impressions. Here’s what a couple of them told us.....

“IT’S GOOD, IT’S EXCITING. I THINK THE TEACHERS ARE GREAT AND I ENJOY PLAYING DOWN THE BACK BECAUSE IT IS A NICE, BIG, OPEN FIELD.” - Kizac

“It’s exciting to be here. I’ve made lots of new friends and there’s great equipment to play with.” - Kiana

Term One Calendar
Coming home in the newsletter today is a Term One Calendar. The calendar is a guide only, to assist parents in being aware of and organised for upcoming school events. Next week we will be sending home with the newsletter a financial planner. Again the planner is a guide only, to help parents begin to plan for those larger school camps and end of year activities that can sometimes be difficult to manage financially at short notice. If families are in need of genuine financial support throughout the year to meet school excursion costs please call in to the front office for a confidential Student Assistance Form, so that all students are able to participate in school events.

School Parking
Thank you to those parents who do not park in the school grounds. The staff car park is for teachers, office staff and support staff only. Please adhere to the signage at the top of the turning circle and use only the drop off zone in the mornings. THERE IS NO PARKING AVAILABLE IN THE SCHOOL FOR PARENTS - other than those who use the disabled parking access and have permission from the school to do so. A reminder to our new families that children can be dropped off in the drop off zone in the morning only. The general rule is to move through the turning circle slowly and drive as close as possible to the steps located at the front of the school. If cars are already dropping children off then move behind the next available spot. Sometimes parents may need to wait for a few minutes to move
into the designated drop off zone. Please do not drop children off at the top off the driveway, wait until there is a space available. When dropping children off please do so in a safe manner and as quickly as possible. Parents may move up to 3 metres from their cars and have up until 3 minutes to move off, however most parents are able to move off well before this time.

Please remember to help children out of the car on the kerb side and not into the traffic. A concerned local citizen informed the school last week of some parents helping their children out of the car straight onto the road with traffic coming towards them.

It is everyone’s business to keep the entry and exit to and from our school safe for ALL children.

Absences and Notifications
Students who arrive to school late MUST have either a parent sign them in or a signed note from the parent explaining the late arrival. Students leaving the school early must be signed out from the front office.

Student absences must be notified in writing to your child’s class teacher. This can be done in one of three ways - by completing one of the school absence slips (booklets can be picked up from the front office); by telephoning the school on 4446 0038; or by writing a note explaining the absence to the class teacher. Notes should be returned to the class teacher when the child returns from their absence or within two days of such.

Christmas Card Competition
Congratulations to Allira Henshaw, who was runner-up in the 2014 Christmas Card Competition for the Gareth Ward Christmas card Competition. The news just arrived to the school – congratulations Allira on your wonderful achievement!

Parent Teacher Information Evenings
Parent-Teacher evenings will be held in the coming weeks. This is an opportunity for parents and teachers to meet and become clear on the directions, routines and responsibilities for the year. We asked some of our parents: “Why are parent teacher evenings important?”

“To know if there’s an issues or any special things to know to better help in class” – Sandrine
“I like to know what the teachers are thinking and can inform you of for the year.” - Vanessa

The Buddy System
Our Kinders have had a huge start to the school year. Their days have been full of learning, playing and becoming accustomed to all the new routines of Cambewarra Public School. What has helped Kindergarten settle in quickly and happily has been the “Buddy System” which sees our Kindergarten and Year 6 students paired together to help with the integration into school life. Our Year 6 students have been a wonderful source of support, comfort and fun to our newcomers, and they have fully embraced the Core Value of responsibility. Thanks for helping Year 6 and congratulations Kindergarten on making such a positive start to big school.
The Cambe Calf Award

**Name:** Shelby

**Year:** 2

**Type of Calf:** Caring

**Why:** They say the only way to have a friend is to be a friend, an art that Shelby has mastered. Shelby consistently demonstrates friendship, in the playground and in the classroom. She is kind and courteous in all things. Shelby says “it’s important to help people,” and she likes to care for her friends by helping them in the playground, particularly if she sees that someone is hurt; “I help them and I take them to a teacher.” Shelby also tries to be a good friend by making sure everyone is happy and having fun, “if I see people alone in the playground I say ‘would you like to join us?’” Shelby says “I like helping people, because helping is caring. I feel really good when I know that I’ve helped other people.” Shelby says the reason that she takes so much care to be a friend is simple: “I want to make other people feel happy.” What outstanding awareness and concern for others. Congratulations Shelby on being such a wonderful friend, your award this week is very much deserved.
CPS Swimming Carnival 2015

Our first carnival for the year, the swimming carnival, was held last Friday, 6 February at the Bomaderry Pool. The weather turned out beautiful and a super day was had by all! This was with much thanks to the teachers, the volunteer helpers, the pool staff and, most especially, the students! Their behaviour was fantastic and many people commented on how well everyone listened to the announcements and participated with enthusiasm. Well done Cambe kids! 😊

It is difficult to thank individual people but I would like to name a few:

- Ian Waters for all his very generous help to prepare before the day and for his fantastic assistance to set up and help on the day.
- Nichole Batson who was there on the Tuesday before so that Bill could deliver the tents and the barbecue. Nichole was also there early on Friday morning to help set up. She was also a timekeeper and stroke judge for the entire day.
- Glenda Maher who kindly delivered two more much-needed shelters the morning of the carnival. Glenda also helped to set up and was a timekeeper throughout the day.
- Amanda Poulton who was there very early on Friday morning to help set up and who worked hard all day to provide the children with those yummy sausage sandwiches.
- Jo Rogers who gave up her day to come and so generously help us out.
- A very special mention must also go to the many parents and grandparents who helped as timekeepers and judges (I won’t name you individually for fear of leaving someone out!).
- An additional ‘Thank you’ to all the Cambe parents and grandparents who came on the day to support their children and to cheer our wonderful athletes on.

Thank you to each one of you!
You are all winners! 😊

The results of the 2015 Cambewarra Swimming Carnival are as follows:

Open Boys 100m Freestyle

1st Hayden Batson
2nd Sam Maher
3rd Alex Cornell
4th Max Hyam

Open Girls 100m Freestyle

1st Bronte Windsor
2nd Jorja Poulton
3rd Chloe Marshall
4th Windsor Breeze

7/8yrs Boys 50m Freestyle

There were no 7 and 8 year old boys who competed in this event this year.

7/8yrs Girls 50m Freestyle

1st Lakota Morris
2nd Laila Marshall
3rd Leilani Charalambous
4th Windsor Breeze

9yrs Boys 50m Freestyle

1st Riley O’Carroll
2nd Kyle Munro
3rd Kynan Gardiner
4th Oliver Barnes

9yrs Girls 50m Freestyle

1st Gabrielle Johnson
1st Chloe Marshall
2nd Lauren Stevens
10yrs Boys 50m Freestyle
1st Hayden Batson
2nd Corey MacPhail
3rd Riley Field
4th Owen Waller

10yrs Girls 50m Freestyle
1st Maddi Merritt
2nd Charly Poulton
3rd Ruby Davidson

11yrs Boys 50m Freestyle
1st Sam Maher
2nd Max Hyam
3rd Max Legzdin
4th Lachie Barnes

11yrs Girls 50m Freestyle
1st Jasmine Smith
2nd Libby Horgan
3rd Ellie Fischer
4th Milly Brown

12/13yrs Boys 50m Freestyle
1st Jacob Smith
2nd James Phillips
3rd Alex Cornell
4th Kurt MacPhail

12/13yrs Girls 50m Freestyle
1st Bronte Windsor
2nd Jorja Poulton
3rd Nikki Murray
4th Eilish Norwood

Junior Boys 50m Breast Stroke
1st Hayden Batson
2nd Brayden Hare
3rd Oliver Barnes
4th Zac Maher

Junior Girls 50m Breast Stroke
1st Ruby Davidson
2nd Gabrielle Johnson
3rd Chloe Marshall
4th Tara Cornell

11 Yrs Boys 50m Breast Stroke
1st Lachie Barnes
2nd Sam Maher
3rd Max Hyam
4th Max Legzdin

11 Yrs Girls 50m Breast Stroke
1st Jasmine Smith
2nd Milly Brown
3rd Libby Horgan

12/13 Yrs Boys 50m Breast Stroke
1st Kurt MacPhail
1st Mac Burns
2nd Alex Cornell
3rd Jacob Smith
4th Will Stevens

12/13 Yrs Girls 50m Breast Stroke
1st Bronte Windsor
2nd Jorja Poulton
3rd Eilish Norwood
4th Serena Wright

Junior Boys 50m Back Stroke
1st Hayden Batson
2nd Owen Waller
3rd Charlie Dunn
4th Kyle Munro

Junior Girls 50m Back Stroke
1st Gabrielle Johnson
2nd Charly Poulton
3rd Chloe Marshall
4th Tara Cornell

11 Yrs Boys 50m Back Stroke
1st Sam Maher
2nd Lachie Barnes
3rd Max Hyam
4th Max Legzdin

11 Yrs Girls 50m Back Stroke
1st Jasmine Smith
2nd Libby Horgan
3rd Milly Brown
4th Ella Hartnett

12/13 Yrs Boys 50m Back Stroke
1st Jacob Smith
1st Mac Burns
2nd James Phillips
3rd Alex Cornell
4th Will Stevens

12/13 Yrs Girls 50m Back Stroke
1st Bronte Windsor
2nd Jorja Poulton
3rd Amy Whelan
4th Meg Brown
Junior Boys 50m Championship Freestyle
1st Hayden Batson
2nd Corey MacPhail
3rd Riley O’Carroll
4th Owen Waller
4th Riley Field

Junior Girls 50m Championship Freestyle
1st Maddi Merritt
2nd Charly Poulton
3rd Chloe Marshall
4th Gabrielle Johnson

Senior Boys 50m Championship Freestyle
1st Jacob Smith
2nd James Phillips
3rd Alex Cornell
4th Sam Maher

Senior Girls 50m Championship Freestyle
1st Bronte Windsor
2nd Jorja Poulton
3rd Jasmine Smith
4th Eilish Norwood

Junior Boys 50m Butterfly
1st Hayden Batson

Junior Girls 50m Butterfly
1st Chloe Marshall

12/13yrs Boys 50m Butterfly
1st Mac Burns

12/13yrs Girls 50m Butterfly
1st Bronte Windsor
2nd Jorja Poulton

Congratulations to all the students who participated in the carnival. All students who entered any 50m or 100m heat received points for their house group.

To avoid confusion, could parents please remind their children that although they may have gotten a place in their heat, the above results are the overall result (the final result) for each event. Also, only children who have turned 8 or will be turning 8 or older in 2015 are eligible to attend the district, regional and state carnivals.

The first, second, third and fourth place getters will receive their ribbons at the assembly to be held at 2pm on Monday, 16 February. Family and interested community members are, as always, invited to attend our fortnightly assemblies to help us to recognise student achievements.

Please note: In most events, it is the first and second place getters who will be eligible to attend the District Swimming Carnival. They must, however, satisfy the qualifying time. This may mean that a child who places 1st or 2nd in our carnival is not invited to participate in the District Swimming Carnival, if qualifying times do not meet the criteria. The District Swimming Carnival is scheduled to occur on Thursday, 26th February at the Bomaderry Pool.

The relay teams are the four fastest 50m freestyle swimmers from all the junior boys, junior girls, senior boys and senior girls who participated on the day.

House Captains and Vice Captains
It will also be at the above assembly (on Monday, 16 February at 2pm in our school hall) that House Captains and Vice Captains will be officially announced for 2015. This is where a family member is
invited to attend to pin the badge on their child. However, if you cannot attend on the day, Mrs Hilliar would be proud to perform that job for you.

The **House Captains and Vice Captains for 2015** are as follows:

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Congratulations to the above students. We will also be announcing the sporting house that has won the 2015 School Swimming Carnival! Get ready House Captains and Vice Captains!

Our next carnival will be the Cross Country Carnival to be held on Friday, 2\(^{nd}\) April.

My heartfelt thanks to everyone again for making this carnival a successful event for our children!

Martina Reitz
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**LAST DAY TERM 1 – Thursday 2 April, 2015. Teachers and Students FIRST DAY BACK, 21 April, 2015.**