Principal’s Report

The Tell Them From Me Student Feedback Survey
I am delighted that this term our school, like many others in the state, will participate in a Department of Education and Communities initiative: the Tell Them From Me student feedback survey. The survey aims to help improve student learning outcomes and measures factors that are known to affect academic achievement and other student outcomes. The focus of the NSW-wide survey is on student wellbeing, engagement and effective teaching practices.


The survey is a great opportunity for our students to provide our school with valuable and quick feedback on what they think about school life, how engaged they are with school and the different ways that teachers interact with them. Schools in Australia and around the world have used the Tell Them From Me survey to help improve how they do things at school.

I want to assure you that the survey is confidential and school staff will not be able to identify individual students from their responses. The survey is conducted online and will typically take less than 35 minutes to complete. It will be administered during school hours between 9 March and 2 April. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary.

A consent form for parents/carers about the survey is being sent home with students. If you do not want your child or children to participate, please return the form to school by Friday 27 February. Copies of the form and FAQs are available from the website above.

Parents Volunteering in the School
Our school is fortunate to have many parents and friends assisting teachers and the office staff in a voluntary capacity. It is a requirement that schools keep a
register of these volunteers by having them complete a volunteer declaration form, available at the office. Most volunteers have already completed this process, however if you are newly volunteering in some capacity in the school then please call into the office to complete the volunteer declaration form, alongside completing the 100 points identification validation. A reminder to anyone volunteering their time; you need to call into the office to sign the visitor’s book, both on arrival and departure. There are over fifty people who provide us with voluntary support and we are very grateful that they do.

Updating eMail Addresses and Contacts
Posted home last week were the 2015 emergency contact information and request for school fees. Please make certain you return your forms, even if there are no changes. There have been times when office staff has been unable to contact parents in urgent situations, so please make certain that our information is updated and correct by returning your form.

Food Allergies in the School Community
At the beginning of the school year it is important to once again remind parents that we have a number of children and staff in our school with food allergies and allergies to deodorant from spray cans, ranging in severity from mild and moderate to severe, requiring and epipen and immediate ambulance support. To help keep these staff and students safe there are a number of practices that we need to follow;

Food should not be shared. Children should only eat food that is packed for them.

Birthday cakes and class celebrations involving food should be discussed with the class teacher prior to their arrival allowing opportunities for those parents of students with food allergies to provide something else to eat for inclusion at these celebrations.

Students are, under no circumstances, to bring spray deodorant to school.

If we can practice these simple yet common-sense rules, we can help teach everyone about how we help people with allergies to keep safe.

Contacting Teachers
From time to time it is necessary to talk with teachers about problems your child may be telling you about at school. The first point of call is to always check with the teacher that what your child is telling you, is actually happening. Please contact the from office on 4446 0038 to leave a message for the teacher to call you and arrange an appointment.

It can sometimes be necessary to involve the Assistant Principal in charge of the student’s stage. The Assistant Principals are:
Mrs Mison, who supports Kindergarten and Stage One;
Mrs Turner, who supports Stage Two;
and Mr Burns, who supports stage Three.
Please contact the school if you wish to speak with one of the Assistant Principals.

The first point of call is always with the class teacher. If the problem continues then the Assistant Principal will become involved.

P&C News
The P&C AGM will be held on Monday, 2 March at 6:30pm in the staffroom. All are very welcome to attend – hope to see you there!
What’s On

Monday, 16/2
Assembly, 2pm
Boys and Girls’ district basketball trials

Tuesday, 17/2

Wednesday, 18/2
Scripture Starts

Thursday, 19/2

Friday, 20/2
Welcome back brekky BBQ
District AFL trials

Monday, 23/2

The Cambe Calf Award

Name: Isabella
Year: 1
Type of Calf: Conscientious Calf

Why: Isabella is conscientious school citizen, striving to do her best in every area. Academically, Isabella is known to be a committed and dedicated student, working until success. “I do my best each day” says Isabella, “it makes me feel happy and I enjoy the work when I do my best in class.” Socially, Isabella is a caring friend, always ensuring that those around her feel happy and included, “I try my best so that everyone feels happy and they have a friend.”

Isabella’s philosophy for being kind is simple; “it’s just nice to be nice to people. I want them to be happy, I want to be kind.”

Isabella’s attitude and actions prove just how genuinely she believes in doing her best simply because it is the right thing to do. Isabella has proven herself to be an outstanding school citizen, conscientious in every way. Congratulations on your award Isabella, Cambewarra Public School is lucky to have you.
Cambewarra Annual P & C

Friday Feb 20
07:30am – 9:00am

BACK TO SCHOOL BREKKY BBQ
& Welcome to New Families
a chance to meet new faces and friends.....

RSVP by 09:00am Wednesday February 18 to the school office with a gold coin donation per person

Please book us in:*

Name/s?: ____________________________
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How many in total (parents / carers / children) attending?:     Adults_________   Students__________

I include $___________ donation to the Breakfast cost / P & C Donation

volunteers required to assist – contact Amanda 0417 441 799 amanda.s.poulton@gmail.com