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 wonderful opportunity for our students to challenge themselves and practice their skills 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 being 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 take part.

Entry fees are listed below and the closing date for payment, to be made at the office, is Wednesday, 1 April.

Students may enter as many competitions as they like. If you would like your child to participate, please complete the entry form on page 4 and return it to school along with payment.

Competition dates are as follows:

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Last Printed Newsletter

This will be the last week that we provide a printed newsletter. Information about the transition from printed version to electronic version has been communicated at the end of last year and this year through our newsletters. The newsletter will be emailed to parents who have provided the school with an email address or can be found on a link posted on our Facebook page for parents who have ‘liked’ our page. At this stage a handful of printed newsletter copies can be picked up from the front office or can be sent home with your
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child if you inform the front office by telephoning 4446 0038, though we hope to make the newsletter completely paperless at some stage.

Parent Parking in the Local Church Grounds

Our local church has generously allowed parents to park in their grounds before and after school to help create a safer environment for our children as they enter and exit from the school. This generosity is a wonderful example of a community working together for a common cause. In regards to parking in the church grounds, please find below the statement from the church as to the issue of responsibility regarding accidents or damage:

Parents of Cambewarra School children are welcome to park in the Cambewarra Union Church grounds. It is a condition of use that anyone parking in the Church grounds at any time does so wholly at your own risk. The Church accepts no liability for any injury or damage whatsoever. Further, you will be wholly liable for any injury or damage you cause.

Our local church is to be thanked for their fine example of care and kindness toward our school community.

School Band – growing in numbers, growing in skill

Our school band has now grown to over 20 students who are at different stages of learning with their instruments. All instruments that were purchased by the school many, many years ago have now been repaired and are in use by those students starting off on a new band instrument. Practicing regularly and consistently is the key to successfully learning a new instrument. I look forward to watching and listening to the progress these wonderful students make over the coming months. Here’s what a few students told us about what they enjoy about being in the band:

“I like the music” – Bridget

“I really like the sound of the flute” – Tanyel

“I just really wanted to learn an instrument” - Cody

Parent/Teacher Interviews – scheduled for the last week of this term

Parent interviews are scheduled to be held in the last week of this term. Teachers are trialling a similar structure to the way parent/teacher meetings are conducted in high schools. Each stage will send home the details of available days and times shortly enabling parents to schedule activities to make themselves available to meet with teachers at school at the end of this term.
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Library Bags
Late last year, the school was contacted by Gail Stebbings on behalf of the Nowra Lioness Group. The group very kindly offered to make some library bags for students to use; bags that were delivered to the school last week. The bags will be put to good use in the library, caring for our books. I’d like to take this opportunity to thank the Lioness Group for their generous donation, of both time and money. Your donation will be very much appreciated. Thank you.

District Swimming Team
Congratulations to our swimming team at the District Swimming Carnival. The students showed tremendous commitment and hard work, trying their best in all their events. The students must also be congratulated on their co-operation and good manners throughout the day. Particular congratulations to those students who excelled in their events and will be participating in the regional swimming carnival at Dapto on Friday. Good luck!

Bomaderry High School Information Evening
Dear Year 6 Parents and Caregivers,
It is time to begin to think of high school and where to enrol your child. Bomaderry High will be having an information evening. It starts at 5:45pm on March 4. It is a great way to find out all the exciting things the school offers and to begin the orientation process with your child.

P&C AGM – change of date
The P&C AGM date has changed. It will now be held on Monday, March 9. This meeting will see the election of our P&C committee for the year, as well as discussion about the school’s direction for the year. All are welcome to attend.

What’s On
Monday, 2/3
Assembly 2pm

Tuesday, 3/3

Wednesday, 4/3

Thursday, 5/3

Friday, 6/3
Regional Swimming Carnival Dapto

Monday, 9/3
P&C AGM
The Cambe Calf Award

Name: Bayli Batchelor
Year: 4
Type of Calf: Compassionate Calf

Why: I’m sure we have all felt, at some point in our lives, a little lost or lonely. I’m sure we also all know that any problem can be solved if only you have a friend. For one new student, daunted by the transition into a new school, Bayli was that much-needed and very welcome friend. Upon seeing a new student alone and upset in the playground, Bayli took action to ensure that this new student felt welcomed and supported in the school environment. Bayli says, “I helped them when they were crying in the cola because they didn’t have anyone to play with, so I asked them if they wanted to play with me. At the end of the day I asked them if they were feeling better and said that they can play with me again.” Bayli has shown immense compassion and empathy toward a fellow student, acting selflessly to help someone else. Bayli says she acted this way simply because “I hate it when other people cry. It makes me upset, so I just wanted to ask if they were ok.” Bayli says she felt “really happy” when she saw that the other student was feeling better, “I think I helped them feel better. They had a smile on their face and I think they were happy. I’m glad they know now that when they’re upset they know who to come to to play with.” Bayli believes it to be very important to help other people, because “it’s one of our Core Values and I always like helping other people.” What extraordinary compassion and concern Bayli has shown! Thank you Bayli for your kindness and selflessness, you make our school a much friendlier and happier place. Congratulations Bayli!

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UNSW ICAS Competition – Participation Form

If your child wishes to participate in the aforementioned UNSW ICAS competitions, please complete and return this form with any monies by Wednesday, April 1.

My child, ________________________________________, of class ____________, wishes to participate in the following UNSW ICAS competitions (please circle those that your child wishes to participate in);

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Core Values Reward System

Get set for our new Core Values Reward system! We can’t wait to introduce our new Core Values reward system to the wonderful students of Cambewarra Public School! For years the Core Values have been a huge part of our school and we are ready to take them to the next level. We know that this system will reinforce what we already do and we know that it will excite the students as they progress through the system.

There are 6 Core Values at our school:
1. Think and Act Responsibly
2. Treat One Another with Respect
3. Be Fair with One Another
4. Support Each Other by Being Kind
5. Take Care of One Another
6. Do Your Best Each Day

How the system works:
When students are demonstrating a particular Core Value consistently the class teacher will tick that Core Value off next to the student’s name. Once a student has a tick against all six Core Values they will have achieved a Bronze Level. When a Bronze Level is achieved the student will receive a Bronze Certificate at Assembly.

They will then begin to aim for a Silver level; then a Gold level and then a Platinum level. When a student obtains a level they will receive an award at assembly, their name in the newsletter and their name in the Principal’s draw. When obtaining Platinum level the student will get an invitation to a morning tea with the Principal. Once a platinum level is reached the student can then aim to get another Platinum award that year. A student can gain as many Platinum levels as they can throughout the year but will always start again at bronze level at the start of a new school year.

I know the teachers can’t wait to reward students for living and demonstrating our Core Values. We understand the importance of academic progress but we also understand the importance of creating students who are able to be wonderful citizens of our society – this is what the Core Vales at our school do so well!

If you would like to find out more about the Core Values system you are more than welcome to attend the next P&C meeting. We hope to see you there!

Yours in education,

Mr. Burns