P&C update from the President: Lisa Kennedy

My apologies for the delay in providing a P&C welcome and update in the recent school newsletters. The start of the school year is a busy time for all and although we haven’t kept you informed of what we are up too, we have been working on P&C activities and commitments with quite a bit of the behind the scenes working taking place as we start the new year.

Our school has a wonderful working relationship between the school and school community. We encourage all families to get involved in their child(ren)’s schooling. Whether it is helping out at the swimming carnival, covering library books, assisting in the classrooms, serving at the canteen or joining the P&C - it all counts towards providing our children with the best possible school years. The P&C hopes as many families as possible can help this year. There will be plenty of opportunities.

The main event for this year is our biennial Calf & Craft Fair. This is a huge event that can, historically raise significant funds for our students and school. It is our major fundraising initiative. It takes a lot of organising and volunteering to pull off such a wonderful day. Stay tuned for more information about the Calf & Craft Fair in the coming weeks.

Our school canteen is in limbo at the moment. As you would have heard the School Canteen is only open for Icy Tuesdays. We don’t have a co-ordinator at this stage who is able to run the Canteen as it was last year (one day per week) and have included the notice for our special meeting next Monday to discuss the options we have in relation to the Canteen. Please try to attend the meeting, or pass your ideas on to any of the P&C members if you think you have some options. The more ideas the better. We know operating one day per week seems to work best for our school community, but there is certainly flexibility around the day of the week and frequency. Get your thinking caps on and share your ideas. If you have a passion for healthy food and can spare approximately half a day a week to supervise the canteen operations and coordinate volunteers we would love to hear from you.

NEXT MEETING
AGM

The next P&C meeting will be on Monday, 9 March and is the Annual General Meeting followed by the March General Meeting.

Please come along and keep up-to-date with what is happening in our school.
There are a number of positions vacant for the key executive and sub committee roles as a result of a number of members having completed their maximum three years in those roles. Please have a think about how you may be able to assist by stepping into one of these roles and keep our P&C ticking along as a great partner and contributor to our school.
Anticipated vacancies include: President Secretary COOSH Treasurer Canteen Co-ordinator/sub.comm Fundraising Co-ordinator

P&C meeting dates

With the exception of this year’s AGM the P&C meets on the first Monday of each month at 6.30pm in the staffroom- ALL WELCOME. Dates will occasionally change if needed around school holidays. Also keep an eye out for upcoming notices for the Calf + Craft Fair meetings. These are held more regularly closer to the Fair date.

UNIFORM SHOP
Selling all your school uniform clothing and accessories
OPEN EACH WEDNESDAY
2pm - 2.45pm
CAMBEWARRA PUBLIC SCHOOL P&C ASSOCIATION

Canteen Operations

Urgent School Canteen Meeting. Monday, 9 March 6-6.30pm in Mrs Mison’s classroom near the COLA.

Welcome Back Breakfast

A huge thank you goes to Amanda Poulton for organising and running the P&C Welcome Back BBQ. Thanks also to Cindy Murray, Mrs Hilliar, Mr Burns and Mr Haigh for helping with the cooking and set-ups. A big welcome and thank you to all those families who came along. We hope you enjoyed your breakfast at school.

COOSH meeting dates

The COOSH meeting dates planned for 2015 are:
21 April 2015
16 June 2015
18 August 2015
20 October 2015
24 November 2015

Icy Tuesdays Term 1

A big thank you to Roz Phillips for offering to continue our Icy Tuesdays for Term 1. Cold drinks, ice blocks, ice creams and yoghurts priced from 60c to $2 will be sold in first break only.

School Banking

Every Monday 8.30-9am in the banking booth outside Mrs Mison’s classroom.

Thanks to Nichole Biggs for continuing as our school banking coordinator. Nichole has been collecting and banking our students’s money for nearly 10 years. Great job Nichole.

COOSH update

Whilst school has only been back for a couple of weeks now, our COOSH has be open since early January covering off Vacation Care for local families. Michelle and her team offered a great program through the school holidays. Emma Wood, our COOSH Treasurer continues to ensure that COOSH is managed and operated as the child care business it is - thanks Emma. While we have welcomed a number of new students and their families to COOSH this year, there are still vacancies in the ‘before and after school care’ on all days. If you are interested in using the COOSH service please contact Michelle on 0419 487 660 for any enquiry.

POSITION VACANT

COOSH Child Care Educator

Cambewarra Out of School Hours Service (COOSH) seeks a permanent-part time child care educator for 12 to 15 hours per week for before and after school and vacation care.

Essential criteria are:
• Certificate III in Children’s services
• First aid certificate (including asthma and anaphylaxis)
• Current working with children check and police check
• Proven experience working with 5 to 12 year olds
• Ability to plan and implement programs for 5 to 12 year olds
• Be organised, flexible and able to respond to shifting priorities.

If this position is for you, please request an information pack from cooshcambewarra@hotmail.com

Applications close on Monday, 9 March 2015

CASUAL POSITIONS...

In addition, if you are a qualified Child Care Educator seeking casual hours only, please forward your details addressing the selection criteria for the Child Care Educator position so we can consider adding you to our casual list for busy periods such as vacation care and when staff are on leave.
27 February 2015

Urgent School Canteen Meeting

When: Monday 9 March 2015
Time: 6-6.30pm
Where: Mrs Mison’s classroom near the COLA
Why: The school canteen may need to close

Dear Cambewarra School family

The Cambewarra School canteen requires the school community’s help if it is to open in 2015. The canteen is run by the P&C with volunteer helpers and student canteen monitors. There are no paid workers.

We have a canteen coordinator who oversees the management and operation of the canteen. Last year Cathy Corkett took on this role and was able to open the canteen for lunch orders on a Friday. The P&C is extremely grateful for the tremendous effort and time Cathy gave to the canteen last year. Cathy had 12 parents and grandparents helping her on a term roster which was also gratefully appreciated.

Although the canteen provides a lunch ordering service and is economically viable, it more importantly provides students with confidence and skills in making decisions on what to buy and eat. Eating healthy, managing your money, speaking to adults, waiting your turn and using your manners are some of the traits students develop when using the canteen. It also provides our Year 6 canteen monitors with the opportunity to develop their customer service, food handling and money skills.

The canteen also provides volunteers with wonderful experiences. You get to see the personalities of students and the great dynamics and interactions across the school years. It’s always intriguing watching a year 6 student helping a kindy work out their buying options with 40c to spend.

Unfortunately Cathy is no longer able to continue as our canteen coordinator for 2015. The P&C is looking for a new coordinator to ensure another year of canteen lunches. Icy Tuesday will still run under the coordination of Roz Phillips.

Operations over the last four years have shown that the canteen is viable when operating one day a week with volunteer help. Unless the school community is prepared to support the canteen with volunteer help, the P&C will have no other option than to close the canteen. Please come along to our canteen meeting to discuss and determine the future of our school canteen.

If you would like to discuss the canteen operations please contact Cathy Corkett on 0413 214 262 or myself on 4446 0610.

Yours sincerely

Lisa Kennedy, President
Cambewarra School P&C
**ELECTION DAY STALLS**

**VOLUNTEERS WANTED**

We need to see if we have enough people available to assist with an Election Day BBQ and Cake Stall along side the Craft Table on 28 March.

Jobs on the day include working the BBQ for egg & bacon rolls in the morning or sausage/steak sandwiches later in the day, staffing the Cake Stall table or in the canteen serving drinks or other jobs to help the day run smoothly - even an hour of your time would be a huge help.

On the Friday (day before) before we would be looking for helpers to get the donated cakes ready for sale, labelling, pricing, packaging where needed. This is usually a fun time working in the Canteen. Cake plates will be sent home the week before in preparation for the stall.

We know the Cambewarra Village community look forward to our election day BBQ/Cake Stalls and it would be great to continue the tradition. Can you please contact Gina or Amanda if you are able to help out in some way on the day so we are sure we can do this.

We usually try to wrap up after the lunchtime rush on Election Day.

Gina Wilson-Burns  e: SandGBurns@bigpond.com  text 0412 022 014
Amanda Poulton  e: amanda.s.poulton@gmail.com  text 0417 441 799

**ARE YOU A BIT CRAFTY?**

Well, we have exciting news!

In addition to the Calf and Craft Fair stalls in October, we will be having a craft table at the upcoming State election on 28 March.

Do you have any craft items you could contribute?

Would you like to help running the stalls?

If you thought “YES” to any of these, please contact Tina Chapman or Karla McPhail via the front office.

The Craft Table on Election Day is a great way for us to promote the Fair and set the scene for the types of products people can expect when they attend the CALF + CRAFT FAIR in October.