Principal’s Report

As the saying goes “all good things must come to an end”; we can now announce that Mrs Mison will be retiring at the end of this term. While we are very excited for Mrs Mison we are also saddened that our colleague, mentor and friend will be leaving us. Mrs Mison is a well-respected and highly regarded teacher. Many students have had a wonderful learning year as a student in Mrs Mison’s class and have seen the progress of their own learning through Mrs Mison’s encouragement and excellent teaching skills. Each day Mrs Mison had the opportunity to offer her students the world, to give them life changing knowledge and experiences... And she always did. We will miss you.

Staff will celebrate with Mrs Mison at the end of this term with the students sending Mrs Mison off through the tunnel at 2:45 pm on Friday, June 26. Mrs Mison will be officially acknowledged and thanked at the Presentation Evening on Monday, 7 December.

We asked Mrs Mison a few questions about her retirement and about our school and this is what she told us;

What I loved about Cambewarra School.
I have loved the students and the community. In the 37 years I have been teaching, Cambewarra students were engaged, interested learners who really embraced school and their own positive progress. I have enjoyed working alongside the parents at Wakakirri and at the Calf and Craft Fair and I enjoyed informing parents of the progress their children are making. I feel I have established a positive rapport with the parent community and I really look at the whole school community as very connected and supportive. I have especially enjoyed the school staff, their commitment to the teaching
profession, the support they have given me and the fun times we’ve had.

What will I miss?
Definitely all the late afternoon staff meetings and all the paperwork - only joking! I will miss the children. Teaching has become a very complicated profession inclusive of many hats that are worn daily. But one important aspect has remained constant for me - the love of teaching. I really gain so much enjoyment at seeing my students learn and progress. I still get excited when a certain lesson goes well and the students are engaged and happy about their learning; and I still reflect on my teaching to ensure I can deliver the best lessons I can. Nothing beats a smile on a student's face when they have learnt something.

What do I look forward to in my retirement?
I look forward to resting up and planning my next trip overseas. I want to pursue my painting and art more. I will be able to visit my family more often and hopefully become involved with some community groups such as the local astronomers and Landcare. I plan to continue with my swimming and become much fitter, and not have to make my lunch for school on a daily basis!
Of course I can’t forget going out for a coffee. I hope to come back to Cambe School for some relief teaching or even for social visits.

My advice for students:
Be independent and resilient learners. Try to do things for yourself and accept responsibility for your learning, your actions and your decisions. In addition, immerse yourself into reading - not the computer programs - books! Read every day. If you are not a confident reader get someone at home to read a book to you every day. Finally, love school. If you embrace school and your learning you will succeed in future years at high school. I have very fond memories of my school days, both at primary school and high school. Students should go home from school with a smile on their face every day and share their learning with their families.

Presentation Evening - Claiming the Date
Monday, December 7 has been booked for our 2015 Presentation Evening to be held at the Shoalhaven Entertainment Centre. Details of times and arrangements will be made available closer to the evening...
and knowing how fast time is already moving that will be soon!!!

Lost Property – Names Please!
Our lost property tub is again overflowing with uniform items and lunchboxes and drink bottles. Please make sure all items of clothing are clearly labelled with your child’s name as this makes it much easier to return found items from the playground.

Kindergarten Enrolments
We are now beginning to look at planning for kindergarten classes in 2016. There are a larger number of local kindergarten students who are eligible to start school but have not yet enrolled. In order to structure vacancies and classes it is important we know how many local children to expect. If you have a child ready to start school next year and haven’t completed an enrolment form please phone the office so we can send one home.
Parents Visiting Cambewarra Public School – Fantastic to see our Cambe Families at School

It has been terrific to see so many of our parents attending school to see their child receive an award at assembly, watch an item, help at sport, in the classroom with learning or assisting with the P&C, fundraising and the many committees you all help out on. We have all made positive comment over the year at how wonderful it is to see the school with parents here with the kids.

Socio-Gram Stage 3 Students

A few weeks ago I conducted a socio-graph with stage 3 students. A socio-gram is a wonderful tool to use to gauge what the students think about one another. We asked who they thought were the kindest, coolest and smartest students and the best looking… here’s what the results have told us about the kindest kids in stage 3.

Stage 3’s Kindest Students are Sam and Ellie

This is what Ellie said when she found out she had been voted the kindest kid in stage 3:
“I am a bit surprised that I have been voted as one of the kindest kids in stage 3. But I’m really happy about this because it makes me feel as though I have helped others and people to know about me. My parents will be very proud with this news because they talk to me about being a good person.”

Sam was also surprised to find out he also was voted as the kindest kid in stage 3. Here’s what he had to say: “I was surprised. I didn’t think that I’d be the kindest. I wasn’t expecting it. Mum and Dad will probably be proud. I let people play and don’t bully people and I think I’m pretty fair to people. My parents say do your best and be kind and people will want to be around you.”

Stage 3’s funniest student is Bailey

This is what Bailey had to say about this:
“I didn’t expect it at all. I don’t think I’m funny, I just hang around my friends and chill out. It comes quite naturally – I talk and people seem to laugh. I feel energetic when I make people laugh and it gives me confidence; it makes me a better person and makes me feel brighter. I try to make other people feel good inside; try to give them the nice, happy feelings.”

We will continue to share the positive results over the coming weeks in our newsletters and in our assemblies. Teachers will continue to use the examples of those students who have been named as the kindest etc. to help support and unpack the perceptions of others and how actions and words help to shape others’ views of ourselves.

Have a great week everyone. Remember it’s the long weekend this coming weekend and that means no school for Monday and no newsletter for that week.

Mrs Hilliar
The Cambe Calf Award

Name: Meg  
Year: 6  
Type of Calf: Caring Calf  
Why: This week’s cambe calf award goes to Meg, whose kind, caring and considerate nature has not gone unnoticed. Teachers and students alike have been touched by Meg’s kind nature and are the better for it. Meg says “no one likes to be treated uncaringly, so it’s good to help and care for others. I think it’s really important.” Meg does her best to help students in the classroom and out in the playground, “I try to be nice to others and help them if they’re hurt or need help with their learning.” One student who has especially benefitted from Meg’s help and kindness is Kayla. Kayla told us how Meg helps her; “she helps me a lot, especially with the puppet play. I really like when Meg helps me, she makes me feel cared for.” Meg says this is really important to her - to help other people. She says her aim is to “put a glow in their day. I really hope people feel happy because of me.” Meg you can be very assured that people do feel happy because of you! Your kind and generous spirit makes everyone happier. Thank you for all your caring, keep up the fantastic work.

Bronze Core Values Awards

Congratulations to those students who received their bronze Core Value awards last week at assembly. Here are some photos from the presentation:

What’s On

Monday, 1/6  
BHS Yr 7 advisor visit  
Tuesday, 2/6  
Wednesday, 3/6  
ICAS Science Exam  
Thursday, 4/6  
Friday, 5/6  
Stage 1 Wollongong Science Centre Excursion  
Year 6 Asian Expo  
Monday, 8/6  
Public Holiday – NO SCHOOL
Student Representative Council

On behalf of Cambewarra Public School, I would like to congratulate the following students on being selected for the 2015 Student Representative Council. These students submitted a nomination form, successfully completed the set project, presented their ideas and leadership skills to their stage and were voted by their stage peers to represent them this year.

Stage 1
Emily Zerafa
Talia Hackney

Stage 2
Ruby Davidson
Charly Poulton
Lucinda Reilly
Lauren Stevens
Cameron Hertzberg
Chloe Marney
Connor Kingdom
Bayli Batchelor
Isabella Croft

Stage 3
Henry Jenkinson
Grace Fuller
Yasmin Phelan
Hayley Keel

“I feel proud and happy that I was voted by my friends and peers.”
- Cameron

“I am happy that I can set an example for the younger students.”
- Bayli

“I believe the process of going through being selected for the SRC has helped with my confidence.”
- Stage 2 Girls

The Student Representative Council will drive and be actively involved in a range of leadership activities that relate to the broader school improvement process. It is expected that all students attend all meetings and attempt all activities.

Thank you to all students who participated and were unsuccessful in gaining a position on the SRC this year. I would strongly encourage you to apply next year as well as to take on any leadership opportunity that may arise throughout the year.

Mrs Sarah Sturt
SRC Coordinator