**Principal’s Report**

**New School Leader – Belle Jeffrey**

Last week one of our 2015 School Leaders moved away to a new school, providing a vacancy in our school leadership team. This is been the first time that this situation has occurred, and to rectify this vacancy it made sense simply to move to the student next to receive the position from the process conducted at the end of 2014.

Belle Jeffrey was inducted today at our morning assembly with her badge coming as a complete but welcome surprise to everyone. We welcome Belle to the Leadership Team and know she will fulfil this role with confidence and enthusiasm. Here’s what Belle had to say about her surprise this morning; “I was telling myself I wouldn’t get it so as not to be disappointed which made it more of a surprise when my name was announced. I feel proud.”

**Fond Memories of Cambewarra PS from a Former Student**

The following passage appeared in Bomaderry High School’s newsletter last week. It is some nice feedback about Cambewarra Public School teachers from former Cambewarra Public School student Bonnie Dean.

“Congratulations to a former student of Bomaderry High School, Bonnie Dean (nee Cord) who graduated from the University of Wollongong with a Doctorate of Philosophy (PHD) from the Faculty of Business last week. Bonnie thanked the amazing teachers at Cambewarra Public School and Bomaderry High School, who have been her early role models of effective teachers and sparked her curiosity and passion for learning.”

**Fundraising Success**

At the end of last term 45 students participated in the school’s fundraising event to raise funds towards ongoing technology resources for student learning. We are really appreciative of these students and their families who were able to get behind the P&C’s fundraising drive by raising much needed funds to assist the school resources. A special mention goes to Rihanna Nye.
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who raised a total of $700. Awesome effort for such a little one!

A total of $2603 was raised by the following students:

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District Athletics Carnival

Congratulations to our school athletics team for a fantastic effort at the District Athletics Carnival. A number of students now move onto the regional athletics carnival, later this term. Please read further on in our newsletter for the District Athletics Carnival Report. We send those students our best wishes for a great day.

Mr Stanley and Mr Irwin said “The day ran really smoothly with a great team of students who did their very best on the day. The students were a pleasure to take for the day.”

Many of you wouldn’t be aware that Mr Stanley and Mr Irwin had the sole responsibility of organising the District Athletics Carnival, having never undertaken such a big organisational task before now.

A parent from Callala PS called the school to rave about how well-organised the District Carnival was. She said ‘The two teachers (Mr Irwin and Mr Stanley) were very informative and had great communication, especially considering all the changes and hiccups with dates and venues, but in the end it was one of the best organised carnivals I’ve been to. A lot of other people were also very happy with a how well the carnival ran.’

Great feedback for Mr Stanley and Mr Irwin and very well deserved.

The Tell Them From Me Student Feedback Survey

I am delighted that this term our school - like many other public schools in the state - will participate in a Department of Education initiative: the Tell Them From Me student feedback survey.

The survey is a great opportunity for our students to provide us with valuable and quick feedback on what they think about school life, how engaged they are with school and the different ways that
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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.

Students in Years 3-6 participated in another online student survey in Term 1. Results from this survey were published in the newsletter and at the P&C meeting. This 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.

I want to assure you that the survey is confidential. The survey is conducted online and will typically take less than 30 minutes to complete. It will be administered during school hours between 17 August and 16 October. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary.

A consent form and FAQs for parents/carers about the survey is being sent home with students. If you **do not** want your child/ren to participate, please return the form to the school front office by **Friday 14th August**. Copies of the form and FAQs are available from the website above.

**The Partners in Learning Parent Feedback Survey**

Our school will also be participating in the *Partners in Learning* parent survey, another part of the *Tell Them From Me* suite of surveys (student, teacher and parent surveys) on student engagement. The survey asks parents and carers questions about different factors that are known to impact on student wellbeing and engagement.

Running this survey will help our school understand parents’ and carers’ perspectives on their child’s experience at school. These include: communication between parents/carers and staff, activities and practices at home and parent/carer views on the school's support of learning and behaviour. This valuable feedback will help our school make practical improvements.

The survey is conducted entirely online at home or on public computers. The survey will typically takes 15 minutes or less to complete and is completely confidential. The parent survey will be conducted between 17 August and 16 October. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary and responses are very much appreciated.


**Thanks Mrs Turner and Mr Irwin**

Great job Mrs Turner acting as Principal in my absence. From all accounts Cambewarra Public school continued to run smoothly under your leadership and guidance. It was lovely to hear the children continued to visit the Principals office for chats and stories.

Thank you to Mr Irwin acting as the Assistant Principal while Mrs Turner was Principal. The stage 2 students, parents and teachers appreciated your support and guidance.

Have a great week everyone,

Mrs Hilliar
**The Cambe Calf Award**

**Name:** Riley  
**Year:** 3  
**Type of Calf:** Courteous Calf  
**Why:** “Really big people are, above everything else, courteous...” – Thomas J. Watson, Sr.

Riley is certainly a big person with a big heart, and his ability to be courteous exceeds belief! Riley was first nominated for this award by Mrs McGuire, who noted how lovely it was when Riley said thank you to her for coming to teach his class. Riley’s courteousness was further noted by others in our school, with his peers all acknowledging his kindness and saying what a great role model he is. Riley says he first learnt courtesy from his sister, “my sister always said she said ‘thank you’ to Mr Burns, and I want to be like my sister because she’s really nice.” Riley also says “I think it’s important to treat people with respect because if you treat them with respect they will do the same for you. It’s important to be kind and courteous because I just think it’s the right thing to do.” What fantastic concern and awareness for others, Riley. Riley says he hopes to “make other people feel happy”, and when asked about being a role model he said “It makes me feel happy to be a role model and I hope that if I’m a good role model then others will do the same – I want to help other people and I hope other people will too.” Riley said he felt “happy, excited and proud” to be getting this award, and so he should – Riley is an outstanding member of our school who sets a shining example and makes everyone around him feel happy and valued. Congratulations Riley and thanks for being such a courteous school citizen!

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**What’s On**

- **Monday, 10/8**  
  Athletics Assembly, 2pm  
  AFL Batemans Bay

- **Tuesday, 11/8**  
  ICAS Maths

- **Wednesday, 12/8**  
  T.O.M. meeting 3-4pm

- **Thursday, 13/8**

- **Friday, 14/8**

- **Monday, 17/8**  
  Whole School Assembly, 2pm

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Library Links

Our pop-up bookshop **Book Fair** will be here in just over two weeks. Famous author, Mem Fox (of ‘Possum Magic’ fame), believes we should read at least three stories a day to our children. “Children need to hear a thousand stories before they can begin to learn to read.” Our Book Fair will be a great opportunity to stock up on reasonably priced books for family, friends and gifts.

Book Fair sales hours are Monday 24th August to Thursday 27th August 8.30am till 9.00am and 11.10am till 11.30am. The library will also be open Tuesday and Thursday after school 3.00pm till 3.30pm. Purchases can be made using cash, cheque or credit card. Students will have an opportunity to view the books the week before, week 6, and fill out their wish list.

Our annual **Book Character Parade** will be held on Tuesday 25th August at 12.10pm on the basketball court. The students are encouraged to come dressed as their favourite book character. We invite you to join our celebration.

Mrs Sue Driscoll
Teacher/Librarian