Principal’s Report

It is hard to believe that already we are towards the end of Term 3. It sure has been a busy term, with students involved in sporting events, excursions and school events. We have Book Week celebrations tomorrow with the dress up parade a highlight for many of the students. Stage 3’s overnight excursion to Canberra is also rapidly approaching, as are the final weeks of our much anticipated Calf and Craft Fair on Saturday, 17th October.

Assistant Principal Interviews
Tomorrow the School Panel will be holding interviews to select the new Assistant Principal to replace Mrs Mison, who began her retirement this term. An announcement will be made in our next newsletter as to who has been selected by the panel. Class teachers will remain the same for the remainder of the school year.

Education Week Celebrations
Coming up shortly are our scheduled Education Week Celebrations. In this newsletter is an outline of the week’s activities and how you can join us for some wonderful student performances, picnic lunches and Student Led Conferences. We look forward to having you visit our terrific school and awesome students.

Speeding and School Zones
Last week, police were located close to the school checking motorists’ speed around the school zone times. It was a timely reminder to us all that the fines are hefty and the consequences disastrous if we do not obey the school zone speed limits. Please remind one another of safe practices and the appropriate places to park around the school. Don’t forget that the local Church have kindly offered parents to use their carpark as a pickup and drop of area.

School Enrolment 2016
We begin shortly to anticipate student enrolment for 2016. It is important that we have an accurate idea of numbers for 2016 to begin looking at possible class
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structures for the year ahead. If you have a kindergarten child who you have yet to enrol or if you are planning on leaving our school at the end of the year, please make sure the office is aware of this.

We asked some of our students for their thoughts this week. Here’s what they told us about school, learning and High School.

What areas in your learning have you improved this year?
Talia, 2H – ‘I have improved my maths, telling the time and my spelling because there is always maths in our homework and we have been working lots on telling the time and we do a spelling test every Friday after copying our spelling words on a Monday.’

Emily, 2H – ‘I have improved my spelling because we practice it a lot. I have also improved my times tables: I know lots of them but I’m working on getting to know them all.’

Hugh, 2H – ‘I have improved my writing as well as my division. We practice a lot in class and I also do lots of practice at home each day.’

What do you like best about coming to school each day?
Georgia, 1R – ‘I like the trees because they give us fresh air and I liked having a buddy in kindergarten.’

Cooper, 1R – ‘I like doing activities every day and playing with my good friends.’

Liga, 1R – ‘I just like doing work – every time after I finish my work I ask Ms Robinson can I do more and more and more work please.’

How are you feeling about going to high school next year?
Sam, 5/6M – ‘I’m a little nervous because not all of my friends will be there and the work is a little harder but I know other people who are going to the same school or who are already there so that will help.’

Bronte, 5/6M – ‘I know a lot of people who are going to the same school as me but I don’t want to leave primary school because most of my friends are going to another school.’

Max, 5/6M – ‘I haven’t thought much about it but I have some friends who are going to go to the same school so that will be good.’
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School NAPLAN Results
Parents will have received their child’s year 3 or year 5 NAPLAN results last Tuesday. Teachers will review school results, making plans to support improved teaching strategies in the areas identified through these results. Please make an appointment to speak with your child’s class teacher if you seek more information about your child’s results.

Tournament of Minds
Congratulations to our fantastic Tournament of Minds team who competed at Mt Terry Public School on the weekend, with fantastic results and a brilliant demonstration of teamwork, hard work and commitment, all whilst following our Core Values. A more detailed report will be in next week’s newsletter. Congratulations to all those involved!

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 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
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17 August and 16 October. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary and responses are very much appreciated.


Have a great week everyone,
Mrs Hilliar

Football Report

On Wednesday the 19th August, the Cambewarra Boys’ Football team played in the 4th round of the NSW PSSA Football knockout against Illaroo Road Public School at Sharman Park, North Nowra. It was a beautiful morning for a game and the boys were firing and ready to go. The game was closely fought between both sides and it took a moment of brilliance from an Illaroo Road player who struck an amazing volley into the top corner to break the deadlock. Three more goals were scored by Illaroo Road which saw us finish the half 4-0 down. The boys dug deep in the second half and only conceded one more goal in the second half. The 5-0 result was not a true reflection of the way the boys played. The boys were fantastic representatives for our school throughout the competition and should be proud of their achievements. Credit to the older boys who set a great example for the younger players, who are now hungrier than ever to give it another crack next year. Well done boys!!!

Mr Stanley

Stage 2 History Excursion

Last Monday, Stage 2 spent the morning wandering around the village learning about and exploring local historical sites.

The first stop was Llanthony where Mrs Hackney told them the story of Samuel Matthews and the contributions he made to our community. We walked down Goorama Drive which used the Llanthony’s driveway, we had a talk about Kenneth McKenzie who built Argyle House, the School of Arts, Llanthony, the Village Church and Fernbank before moving on to Argyle House. Here, John – who owns Argyle House – told us the history of his home and let us explore the yard, verandahs and look into the gorgeous rooms. John even gave the children some yummy morning tea which they thought was fabulous. Mrs Bryant, Mrs Driscoll and Mrs McGuire commented how lucky we are to have so much history surrounding us and a community who is so willing to share it with the children at Cambewarra Public School.

Mrs Hackney
Education Week

We are excited to be celebrating Education Week in Week 10 of this term. Education Week gives us all an opportunity to reflect and think how lucky we are to be a part of this wonderful school and community.

Our school celebrations will include:

**Monday 14/9/15**

**10.15am: Student Led Conferences**

Come along and visit your child in their classroom and let them show case their learning. Students will lead you through their work samples and their accomplishments they have achieved throughout the year thus far. It will give you a great opportunity to observe, explore and ask questions. You do not need to make an appointment, simply go to your child’s classroom and they will invite you in.

**11.00am: Picnic Lunch**

Come and join your child for lunch on the school grounds. We have ample room for picnic rugs and picnic baskets for you to enjoy our picturesque settings before attending our whole school showcase assembly.

**12noon: Whole School Showcase Assembly**

You are invited to our whole school show case assembly that includes performances by each stage. Alongside this, each class teacher will present a member of their class with a Core Values Award. These Core Value awards are extra special as they are peer nominated.

**Friday 18/9/15**

**Bike Day**

This day is an SRC (Student Representative Council) initiative that allows each child the opportunity to bring in their bikes from home and be involved in some school ground riding activities. More information regarding times and safety requirements will be sent home closer to the date. Last year it was a huge success and the students had a great time being able to participate in the activities provided by the SRC and teachers.

Mr Burns

Library Links

Our **Book Week Parade** is fast approaching and all our students (and staff) are being encouraged to dress up as a character from their favourite book and participate in our parade. The parade will be held on Tuesday August 25th at 12.10pm on the basketball court. Please join us if you can.

Our pop-up bookshop **Book Fair** is currently being unpacked and set up in the library. Students will view the resources this week and write a wish list. The books will go on sale from Monday August 24th to Thursday August 27th.

**Book Fair sales hours are:**

Monday 24th August to Thursday 27th August: 8.30am till 9.00am and 11.10am till 11.30am
Tuesday and Thursday after school 3.00pm till 3.30pm

Purchases can be made using cash, cheque or credit card.

Mrs Driscoll
The Cambe Calf Award

**Name:** Kye

**Year:** 2

**Type of Calf:** Caring calf

**Why:** A caring and kind friend, Kye is a deserving recipient of this week’s Cambe Calf award. Kye has consistently proven his ability to consider others and to treat everyone he meets with kindness and respect. Kye says there are many ways he tries to be a caring friend by, such as “I make fair rules for everyone when we play games”, and that he tries to be caring because “when people are nice to me then I will be nice to them.” Similarly, Kye says that he thinks it is important to care for others because “if you care for other people they will care for you.” Kye says it “makes me feel happy” to care for other people and that it is nice that people consider him to be a kind friend. Most of all, Kye is glad that his actions mean that “other people will want to be friends with me.” We are certain, Kye, that you will have many friends, thanks to your loyalty, kindness and commitment to your own friends. Thank you Kye for being such a kind and caring friend who makes our school such a happy place. Congratulations Kye!

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**Toasty Tuesday**

Students should have received their order forms for Toasty Tuesday which will be running again on Tuesday, 25 August. Pies, sausage rolls and vege rolls will all be on offer. Orders and money are due in by 9am on Monday, August 24.

Tea, coffee and slice will be available for purchase from 11:15 prior to the Book Parade at 12:10pm, with chocolate coated ice creams available for students to purchase at first break.

Thank you for supporting this Year 6 Fundraising initiative.

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**Stage Three Canberra Excursion**

A reminder that all money for the upcoming Stage Three overnight excursion to Canberra is due in NOW. Please return all money to the front office as soon as possible.

Thank you,
Stage 3 Teachers

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**Book Club**

Issue 6 of Book Club has been sent home this week and is due back by Monday, 31st August, Week 8. Loop is available for parents to order online. Thank you for supporting the school through Book Club.

Mrs Bryant

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**What’s On**

**Monday, 24/8**
Book Week Begins

**Tuesday, 25/8**
Toasty Tuesday
Book Week Parade

**Wednesday, 26/8**

**Thursday, 27/8**

**Friday, 28/8**

**Monday, 31/8**
Father’s Day stall this week
Assembly, 2pm
Dear Parents and Carers

This term, your school is taking part in the *Tell Them From Me* student survey. The survey will provide us with valuable feedback on what our students 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 them improve. The survey is completed on-line and is run by an independent research company, *The Learning Bar*, which specialises in school-based surveys.

Staff in schools will not be able to identify individual students from their responses. To ensure confidentiality, participating students will receive a unique username and password. Where fewer than five students respond to a question, the results will be suppressed. The survey typically takes 30 minutes or less to complete and will be administered by the school during normal school hours. Once the surveys are completed by students, reports are prepared and in most cases are available to schools within three business days.

This survey will help your school better understand how to improve student wellbeing and engagement. It will help the school identify what works to improve student outcomes.

Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary. Your child will not take part if either you or your child do not wish to. If, during the survey, your child is uncomfortable answering any question, he/she should leave it blank and move on to the next question. Your child can stop the survey at any time.

If you do not want your child to take part in the survey, please complete the attached form and return it to your child’s school by Friday 14 August.


Susan Hilliar
Principal
Cambewarra Public School

Dr Jenny Donovan
General Manager
Centre for Education Statistics and Evaluation
Tell Them From Me Student Feedback Survey non-consent form

If you **do not want** your child to participate in the student feedback survey, please sign this form and return it to your school.

**I DO NOT** give consent for my child/children to participate in the *Tell Them From Me* student feedback survey.

Name of student/s ........................................................................................................

Roll class/es ..............................................................................................................

Name of parent/carer .................................................................................................

Signature of parent/carer .........................................................................................

Date ..............................................

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