

Camp Hill News

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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

The school is very busy with Parent-Teacher interviews across all year levels and celebrations of learning in all programs. It is delightful to see the energy that comes from home-school partnerships.

QSchools



I encourage families to follow our school on the Q-schools app – visit <http://qld.gov.au/QSchools>. Have a look at our school website, which is having an overhaul, and Ed-Studio on the Learning Place, which a number of classes are using.

2015 P&C Executive

Last Wednesday evening the 2015 P&C AGM voted in a new CHSIPS P&C Executive.

President: Paul Keene
Vice Presidents: Thomas Kaplan, Kathleen Goldsmith, Belinda Watson
Secretary: Rob Doyle
Treasurer: Denise Robertson
OSHC Committee Chair: Peta Stratford

I very much admire our P&C as they do so much in a volunteer basis for all our community. Paul will also join the School Council in his role as P&C president. **Our Treasurer, Denise, is unable to do a full term so we need to seek another person for this position ASAP.**

Air-conditioning

The school community has shared their thoughts on the need to install air-conditioning in our Junior Campus. I have forwarded all emails to the P&C for consideration when developing their 2015 Business Plan and to our School Council. The Department does have a procedure for air-conditioning state schools across Queensland. As a metropolitan school we are not on their horizon as they continue to install cooling in northern and western schools that often experience weather extremes due to their physical location.

To start the feasibility process I have sought some information on the installation at Camp Hill. My information was obtained from some very generous parents who have knowledge in this specialised area. Issues identified for consideration include:

- Asbestos: The Junior Campus does have asbestos (which is in a good state – as per the school Managed Assessment Report of our facilities) which would need to be managed in any installation process. This will add significantly to the costing.
- On-site power capacity: While the Junior Campus had an electrical upgrade just a few years ago, this only met the needs at that time (i.e. did not factor in the additional capacity for electricity to support air-conditioning).
- On-going costs: These will be considerable in the first three years of operation until the annual average cost is estimated. I would suggest that the parents Voluntary Financial Contribution (VFC) could go to this for the first 3 years.

Initial estimates are that the work could cost around \$130,000 – but this is just an estimate for the sake of scoping the project. It does not include issues that may come from power supply.

I know many of our parents have nominated to support this endeavour with fund raising etc. They all identify the impact on BOTH students and teachers.

In regards to the senior campus air-conditioning – while it occurred before my time – I believe that:

1. At the time of the merger of the two schools there was a grant of \$150,000 sourced by the parents and department.
2. The senior campus windows were double glazed due to traffic noise from the Old Cleveland Road and Wiles Street intersection.
3. There were issues identified with the air pollution related to the traffic immediately outside the school boundary. The air-conditioners removed the immediate impact of this as they are filtered.

I know that this is a major issue for all our school community and I will certainly be keen to work closely with the P&C Executive on the development of a plan.

Cyber Bullying



There is considerable discussion in the media in regards to cyber-bullying and government responses to this twenty-first century phenomena.

I must say that bullying in any form is unacceptable and the need for on-lookers, or observers, to take an active role in de-privatising the behaviour is an essential component of confronting and reducing this reprehensible behaviour.

I am aware that social media is a major component of the lives of many young people, but it can have the negative impact of providing a forum for unacceptable, often cowardly, behaviours. This is not limited to an age group or physical location.

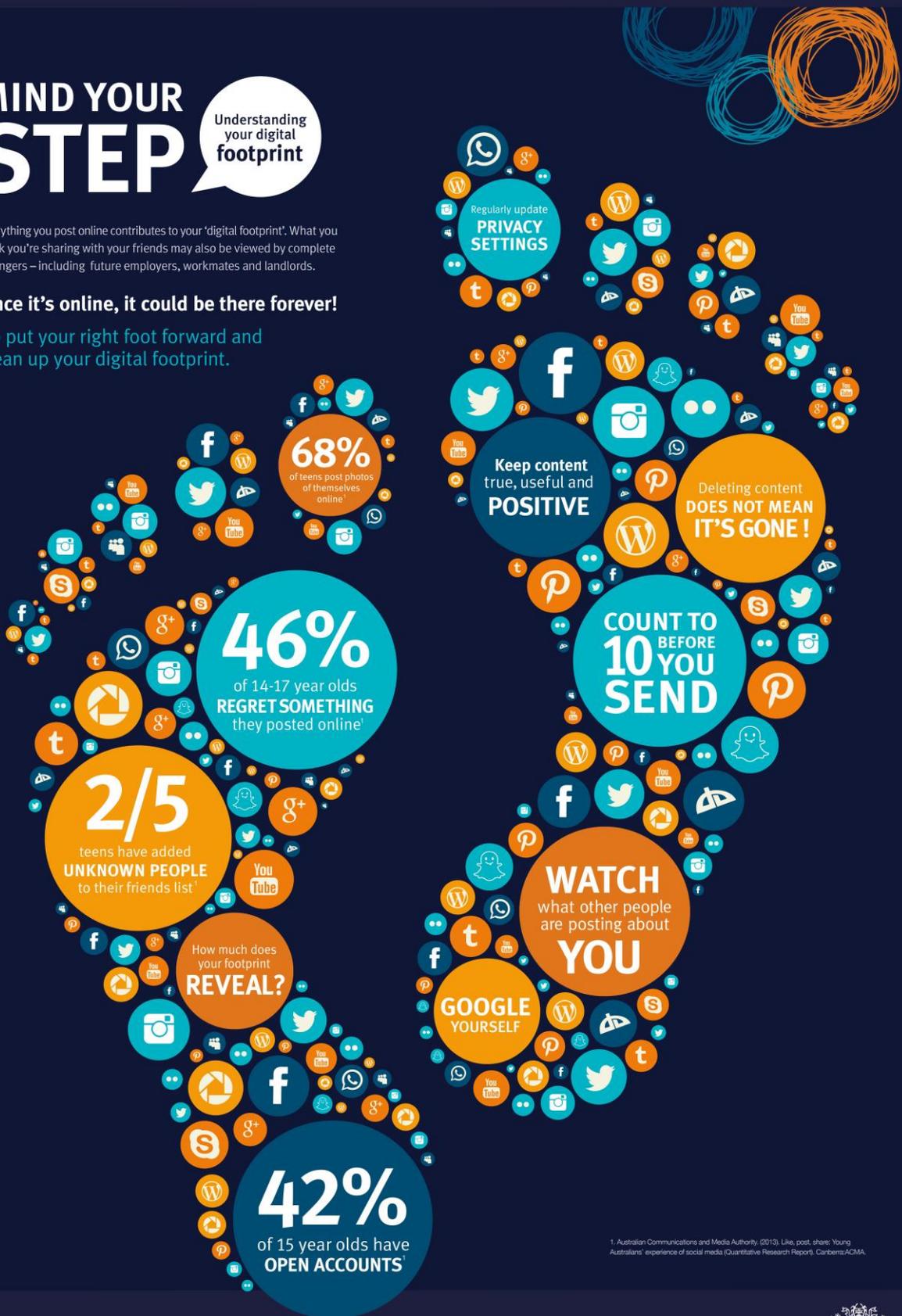
MIND YOUR STEP

Understanding your digital footprint

Everything you post online contributes to your 'digital footprint'. What you think you're sharing with your friends may also be viewed by complete strangers – including future employers, workmates and landlords.

Once it's online, it could be there forever!

So put your right foot forward and clean up your digital footprint.



1. Australian Communications and Media Authority. (2013). Like, post, share: Young Australians' experience of social media (Quantitative Research Report). Canberra:ACMA.

At Camp Hill we offer a range of programs to provide our students with the skills to identify personal dangers and strategies to manage them. Each year our Adopt-a-Cop, and other qualified providers, offer the students information related to this area – parents will be advised of these later in the year. We also offer parent information sessions on this topic and I encourage parents to take the opportunity to attend these to learn of the new issues facing your children and how to provide them with skills for self-protection. Home is a critical area for access to ICT and the positive and negative influences that they bring. No longer is Stranger Danger limited to people children meet in the public domain.

I must say that the program last year was highly successful and the students could share the strategies they learnt with their teachers and class mates. If a member of our community becomes aware of an issue related to cyberbullying (of or to any aged person) please contact the police. Our Adopt-a-Cop is also available to discuss concerns.

While this is not a frequent issue for primary aged students, it is something that has the potential to harm those involved.

I must say that I did encounter this at another school and the ability of specialists to identify the source of the cyber-bullying, and take action, was very encouraging.

Communication Audit

As technology moves so very quickly in this age of cyber connections it has become apparent that a review of school communications would be valuable. Last year I identified the need for the review and this year have tendered, and accepted, a review of school communications through a formal School Communication Audit. This is a very exciting program and will involve all stakeholders in our community.

I will provide details on the audit early next term. While I do not know where the audit will take us, I am very excited about implementing its recommendations.

Classroom Parent Representatives

I must say a big thank you to our Classroom Parent Representatives (CPR). Their enthusiasm and commitment to sharing information across our campus is very impressive. Such energy!

I am hoping that our **school telephone** system is repaired very quickly. Thank you to the parents who have used email to advise the school of absences or information related to their children. It is a strange situation where one of the school mobiles is the only phone taking calls into the school on diversion! Thank goodness for emails.

I wish everyone a happy and safe vacation. Our OSHC program will continue over the formal break and there will be some facilities upgrades occurring on campus.

I am off to Canberra to play with my granddaughter – one of the joys of being a GarGar. Best wishes,

Deborah Driver





Reminders and Requests for ANZAC Day – Saturday, April 25

The ANZAC Day March commences at 8.00am from Camp Hill Hotel.

Students who are intending to march need to be there by 7:30am.

Carina Police will provide support for the march along Old Cleveland Road.

Students will be informed prior to ANZAC Day about seating arrangements.

The Choir will be performing from the covered area outside Senior Campus library under the supervision of Mrs Cook and Mrs Rosenthal.

Special guests will be seated under the small covered area.

There will be 25-30 161 ACU (AVN) Army cadets attending on ANZAC Day. This year they will take a greater role in the ceremony. There will be a Catafalque Party.

Other local state schools, private schools and community groups have designated seating areas.

On ANZAC Day Mrs Dunbar will need assistance to put up tents, tables and possibly placing chairs etc. She will be at school by 6:30am.

SPORTS NEWS

District Sports Representatives

Congratulations to Jayde B who has gained selection in the U11 Lytton District Rugby League side. Jayde will now play in the Met East carnival early next term. We wish him the best of luck.

District Sport Trials

Students turning 10-12 years in 2015 are able to express interest to nominate for district sport trials. Lytton District is the first step of school representative sport. Successful students go on to compete at the Met East regional carnival trials. The level is very competitive and it is suggested that only students with previous or current involvement (those who have played in the highest division for their age group) express interest.

Sports on offer in **Term 2** are: **Cross Country, Rugby Union & Tennis**

CHAPPY CHAT

Giant Book Sale

It's happening again and we need your help! This event is huge and keeps getting bigger every year. It would be amazing if you could spare a couple of hours to help set up the thousands of books with the Chaplaincy team in the afternoon of Saturday the 2nd May and also assist and pack up on Sunday the 3rd May. If you would like to volunteer please contact Sophie Byrne from the Local Chaplaincy Committee sbyrne@bigpond.net.au or contact Chappy Mal directly malcolmb@chappy.org.au

Did You Know?

Every week Chappy Mal runs a lunchtime alternative play program called the “**Legendary Lego League**” on the Senior Campus. It runs on Fridays with 12-20 students. The group is made up of children, chosen by staff, with their buddies. A lot of the Lego in the group has been donated by some very generous CHIPS families and charitable organisations such as the Salvation Army. The eight micro Star Wars kits that have just been donated are greatly appreciated. The LLL is an opportunity for students to mix with other students, make friends, relax and allow the flow of creativity through building assignments, group tasks and free-play. Any donations of Lego that isn't being used at home would be greatly appreciated. It can be donated for a period of time or to the LLL permanently.

HABITS OF THE MIND

‘Oscar Organisation’ is the focus in the Junior Campus with the children learning some skills from this clever character. Children who are organised are better able to plan and do their best work. They learn how to organise their time, take care of belongings and put things away when they have finished using them. Each child in Prep has made a ‘bag tag’ for their school bags. They can use these as a checklist when organising what they need to put in their bags to take to school each day. The Year 5 students have shown persistence in learning how to ‘sign’ some Nursery Rhymes in Auslan. They are preparing to buddy up with some Year 1 classes to share their skills! As the term comes to a close, the students in the Senior Campus are reflecting on the Habits of Mind they have focussed on this term.

SCIENCE NEWS

On Tuesday, March 17th, Dr Kathryn Fairfull-Smith, from the CSIRO ‘Scientists in Schools’ programme, came over from the University of Queensland to give the Year 6 students some exciting and informative lessons. She focussed on the subject of changes in the states of matter and the children were enthralled by her experiments and demonstrations.



I enjoyed our time with Dr Kathryn. It was fun and we learned a lot. My favourite part was when Dr Kathryn put a bottle on the table and filled it with dry ice. She put a balloon on the top and it started to fill. It popped! It gave everyone a fright. Dr Kathryn's visit was extremely worthwhile.
(Brodie K)

GENERAL NEWS



Farewell Hope

Goodbyes are hard, but after 13 years at Camp Hill the time has come for a new chapter in my life. I have bought a house in Warwick and will be finishing as your Crossing Supervisor on the 2nd April 2015 as we close for the Easter Holidays. I have watched so many of you through the years grow up and move on to the next stage. So to all of those past and present at Camp Hill SIPS, I bid Adieu.

I will miss you one and all!

*Regards,
Hope*

C & K Carindale Community Kindergarten

A Fresh Change Is Coming in 2016 at C & K Carindale Community Kindergarten!

In 2016 we will offer a **new choice of hours!** Your child will now be able to come either 2 days per week, 8.30 am to 4.00pm or a 5 day fortnight, 8.15am to 2.25pm. This is a fantastic opportunity for all children to enjoy the wonderful experience C & K Carindale Kindergarten has to offer. Don't miss out; put your name on our waiting list now. Offers will be emailed in mid July 2015.

Children are eligible for a 2016 position if they were born between the 1st of July 2011 and 31st of July 2012 (dates have recently changed).

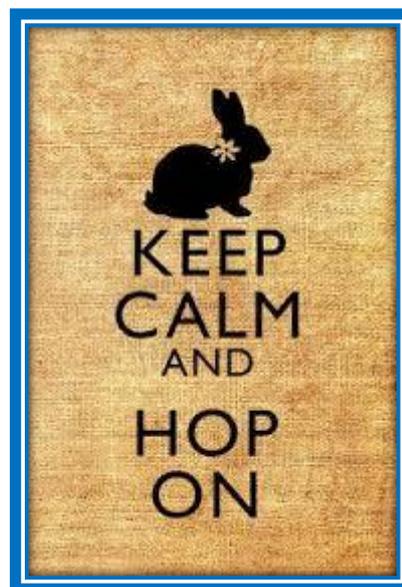
Give your child a great start to their education and become a part of our Kindergarten community. Limited vacancies for 2015 are still available.

For more information please call us on 3324 8011, check out our website www.candk.asn.au or email carindale1@candk.asn.au. We would love to hear from you.



Shave for a Cure

On Saturday 14th March, three former Camp Hill Students had their heads shaved to raise money for the Leukaemia Foundation. Lily Meagher, Rachel Tilley and Sophie Walsh bravely had their locks chopped. In total, they raised over \$10 000. Lily has a brother Max in Year 4, Rachel is currently the Swim Club Captain and Sophie works at OSHC – once a Camp Hillian, always a Camp Hillian!



Happy Easter