



CAMP HILL STATE
Infants & Primary School
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Principal's Report

Welcome back to the new school year. I hope that every member of our school community had time during the vacation to enjoy friends and family and to rest after such a busy 2015. I have to say that grandchildren are very addictive.

Our year begins with some changes to staffing:

Mrs Dunbar is taking leave in Term 1 and Mrs Wills will be our acting Deputy Principal.

Mrs Sam Brown is our acting Head of Special Education Services (HOSES) with Mrs Bovey continuing her leave for another two years.

We also welcome four new members to our teaching team: Ms Kelsey King and Mr Kirk Barber who will both be joining the Year 1 team; Mr Sebastian Huston who will be joining the Year 2 team and; Mrs Kim Bury joining the Year 5 team.

Mrs Elaine Felstead, our Head of Curriculum (HOC), is on bereavement leave for the first three weeks of term and Ms Nicole Wickham will be our acting HOC.

The school starts the year with 32 classes from Prep to Year 6. Enrolment numbers, and subsequent staffing allocations, are not confirmed until Day 8 of the school year. I will advise families of any changes that may occur after Day 8.

As we start the new school year I ask families to consider the following:-

- Does the school have your current details (address, contact phone and email addresses and nominees to collect your child in case of illness)?

- Have you provided the school with any medical information/medical plans for your child? It is essential that the school is made aware of any medical conditions of our students for their personal safety.
- Are you receiving our on-line school newsletter? If not you can subscribe for future issues and view current & past issues on the schools website.
- The P & C calendar should have been sent to the youngest member in each family this week. If you have not received one please see the office.
- Are you prepared with school uniforms? If you do have a query our school P&C and Uniform shop is a wealth of information.
- Are all your child's school items named? Missing hats are an item that seem to cause a major issue for students of all ages.
- Our tuckshop is now open and menus have been sent home. Our tuckshop provides nutritious meals five days a week to our students (and staff) and is always looking for helpers if you have a spare hour or two.
- Does your child know where you will be collecting them from each afternoon (except for our Prep students who are always collected from their classrooms)?
- Are you interested in joining our wonderful Classroom Parent Representative (CPR) program? Please see the school website for details.
- Are you considering before or after school hours care for your child? If so please contact the OSHC for information on availability of places in this highly sought after program.

Great state. Great opportunity.



- Have you considered supporting the school by joining our P&C? Please see the website for information on this very valued and dynamic group.
- Are you considering supporting the school with the Voluntary School Contribution (VSC) program? Information will be sent home in Week 2 for your consideration.

Consideration of these items will help you and your child glide into the new school year.

This is the first year of our new school strategic plan (2016 – 2019) which was developed in 2015. The school undertook several surveys, analysed data (systemic and school based) explored systemic initiatives as well as international and national research and underwent a school Review as part of developing our strategic plan.

During the January Pupil Free Days (PFD) the school staff have explored the 2015 school review and our new strategic plan – as a school we are committed to delivering innovative programs of excellence in STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics) to all our students. We are ensuring that Camp Hill students have the skills and confidence to be active learners and contributors in this very exciting 21st Century.

I encourage families to take the time to meet with their child's teacher, develop a strong communication system between home and school. Our school administration is always keen to provide information and appointments can be made at both the junior and senior campus offices.

I am personally very excited about the new discoveries that we will explore this year – it is sure to be a year where curiosity will be a feature of all learning programs across campus.



Best wishes
Deborah Driver

Deputy's Report

Welcome back to another action packed year of learning at Camp Hill State Infants and Primary School. Welcome also to our 140 Prep students who have started at school this week. It has been a smooth start for all our students who appear well rested and excited to be at school.

This is a time when students can be a little anxious about changes to classes, changes to teachers, meeting new adults and making new friends. If there are concerns, please discuss with your classroom teacher. Hopefully, any initial anxiety will pass in the next few weeks as new friendships are made and students become more familiar with the adults at school.

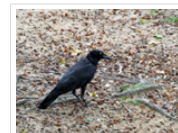
For all parents on the Junior Campus, please remember that you need to park and bring your child into school and wait until classes start. This is a wonderful time for you to ask your child what they have been doing at school. Parents also need to collect their children from the classrooms in Prep, and underneath the classrooms for Years 1 and 2. We understand that parking can be difficult before and after school, but please

ensure you park safely and lawfully outside of the school grounds.

The school car parks are reserved for staff so that parking on the street is available for parents. Please do not use the school car park for drop offs or pick up unless you have a disability sticker or have permission from the Principal. Please also use the walkways for entering and exiting the school.

Please be aware that all playgrounds and playground equipment are out of bounds for students before and after school, even with a parent present. Teachers need to be present to fulfil the risk assessment guidelines. Most families choose to organise "get-togethers" at local parks for their children to blow off steam.

We look forward to a wonderful year in 2016 where safety is our greatest priority. As a community, we can all work together to ensure the safety of our students.

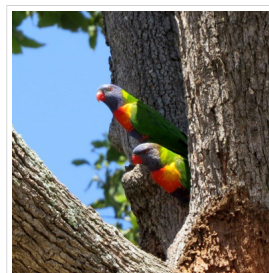


Regards
Michael Frearson

Finance Report

Creative Dance: - Thank you to those who have already paid for Creative Dance. It is now your last chance to pay as payments need to be received at the school no later than Monday 1st February – this means you will need to pay prior to Monday to allow for bank processing time. All students can attend in Week 1 but as of Week 2 students will be withdrawn from dance class if no payment has been received.

Cleaning Position: There is a vacancy for 10hr per week permanent cleaning position at the school. Please see either office for an Application package. Closing date is 3pm Friday 5th February 2016.



Music News

Instrumental Music:

All Instrumental lessons will commence in Week 2. Woodwind/ Brass and Percussion lessons will be on Tuesdays or Thursdays and String lessons will be on Wednesdays or Fridays. Students will be notified during Week 1 as to which day they will be having their lesson.

All items will be required at the 1st lesson.

Concert Band Rehearsals: All students who have been learning a Band instrument in 2015 are expected to attend Concert Band. It is a compulsory part of the Instrumental Program. The **1st rehearsal** for 2016 will be on **Tuesday 9**

February in the Activities Hall. (Remember to bring some ear plugs.) Students need to **arrive at 7.45 am** to commence the rehearsal at 8.00 am. All students need to be early to set up chairs and music stands.

String Orchestra Rehearsals: All students who have been learning a string instrument for a full year are expected to attend String Orchestra. It is a compulsory part of the Instrumental Program. The **1st rehearsal** for 2016 will be on **Wednesday 10 February** in the Activities Hall. Students need to arrive **no later than 7.45 am** to set up chairs, music stands and have their instruments tuned.

CHOIRS:

There are 3 choirs in which students can participate. The **Junior Choir** is for Year 1 and 2 students, the **Intermediate Choir** for Year 3 and 4 students and the **Senior Choir** for Year 5 and 6 students.

A **Boys Singing Group** will also be available to any boys in Years 3 – 7, starting in March. Please check future newsletters for details.

Rehearsals during Week 3:

Junior Choir – Thursdays during 1st break (Conducted by Mrs Rosenthal)

(1st rehearsal 11 February) Email: arose12@eq.edu.au

Intermediate Choir – Tuesdays during 1st break (Conducted by Mrs Cook)

(1st rehearsal 9 February) Email: mcook10@eq.edu.au

Senior Choir – Monday mornings at 8.00 am (Conducted by Mrs Cook)

(1st rehearsal 8 February)

Rehearsals will be in the Music Room on the Junior Campus for all Choirs. If you have any questions regarding Choir, please contact Mrs Rosenthal or Mrs Cook for more details.

CLASSROOM MUSIC:

All students in Years 3, 4 and 5 will be learning Recorder in classroom music lessons. Students will need to have their Recorder each week for their music lesson. Please make sure that your child has their name clearly marked on their Recorder.

Sports News

Term 1 PE Lessons – Swimming

PE swimming lessons will begin immediately in Term 1 for students in Years 1 - 6. Children are required to return their swimming permission note ASAP to allow them to participate. Please make sure all belongings are named. The following items are required for swimming:

Swimming Cap (Compulsory)

Sun/Rash shirt or old t-shirt

Girls – One piece togs

Boys – Speedo type togs, football shorts or skins (Preferably no long board shorts please)

Goggles (Optional)

Towel

Swimming bag

Cross Country Training

Students turning 10 - 12years old in 2016 (born 2004-2006) are able to express interest in attending the Lytton District Cross Country Carnival. Training will begin at 8.00am Monday 15 February (Week 4) on the main oval. Students interested in being nominated for this must consistently attend training each Monday morning.

District Representative Sport Opportunities

Students turning 11-12years old in 2016 (born 2005-2006) are able to nominate to attend district sporting trials. The trials are of a very high standard, as they are a representative opportunity. We have 33 schools in our district. Students must be nominated by the school to attend. For more information, the district website is:

<https://bulimbass.eq.edu.au/Extracurricular/Sports/Pages/Lytton-District-Sport.aspx>

Sports on offer this term are:

Netball, AFL, Girls Basketball, Boys Basketball, Rugby League, Soccer, Girls Hockey.

To register interest, please see Mr Bourke as early as possible in the first term.

P & C News

Why should I become a member of the P&C?

Our school's Parents & Citizens' Association (P&C) strives to support the school to provide the best learning environment for our **children**. The **P&C committee** work closely with the school in many ways, such as providing Uniform Shop, Tuck Shop and **Out of School Hours Care (OSHCS)** services, **as well as** fundraising to support significant projects such as school infrastructure and community support programs. The P&C can only achieve its goals by making smart decisions through discussion amongst its members and then taking action, often through the fantastic volunteers from the school community.

Membership gives you a voice on how the P&C is run. Only **P&C** members can vote on issues up for decision, including voting in the P&C executive at the annual general meeting (AGM) and making amendments to the P&C's constitution. Members also receive agendas and minutes from meetings via email so they can keep abreast of current events and initiatives that the P&C is working on.

Membership is for one year. To join the P&C, you should download a membership application form from our website or request one from camphillpc101@bigpond.com and bring it to a P&C meeting for validation (or submit it before the AGM on the 17th March 2016 - you don't need to attend a meeting if you do this). P&C meetings are held on the third Wednesday of each month and are shown on your school calendar.

We encourage you to become a member of the P&C and play a direct role in shaping our school community.

Uniform Shop News

Welcome back for 2016!

The extended trading hours for the uniform shop are as follows:

Wednesday 27th 8.15 - 10.00

Thursday 28th 8.15 –10.00

Friday 29th 8.15 - 10.00



The Uniform Shop returns to normal trading hours on Tuesday 2nd February.

A new online ordering system is available for the Uniform Shop

<https://schoolshoponline.net.au/camphillipss> which will enable you to order and pay online. This system will also be available for the Tuckshop in the future. Make sure you “Register”.

Click on this link for the latest on the uniform shop Order Forms & updated trading hours. **Book Cover order forms are online also:**

<https://camphillipss.eq.edu.au/Facilities/Uniformshop/Pages/Uniformshop>

Uniform Shop trading hours are –

Tuesday and Thursday from 8.15 - 9.30 am under “D” Block, Primary Campus

Lee-Anne Currie - Uniform Shop Convenor

Email:- camphillpcuniforms@bigpond.com