24 February 2016

Principal’s Report

We have nearly reached the midpoint of Term 1 and the school is busy with numerous programs of inquiry and celebration. I am delighted to say that our Prep students are showing great interest in their learning and have settled in to the routines of school life – well done to their families for the effort that they put into preparing their sons and daughters for school.

This year the P&C are focusing on the 90th anniversary of the (previous) Camp Hill State School. A major commitment will be the school FETE on Saturday 30 July 2016. The Fete committee are well underway with their plans for this major event but are calling out for support for two key positions: Publicity/PR person and an Entertainment Officer. If you think you can help in these two pivotal areas please contact Kathleen at the P&C office to discuss the anticipated roles. Your support will be greatly appreciated.

On Friday 1 July 2016 there will be a celebratory dinner to mark this milestone for our school community – information about the dinner will be provided shortly. I know that I am already hearing from past students about this event. It is delightful knowing what an important role Camp Hill State School has had in so many people’s lives and the regard it is held in by past students.

School calendars are available from the P&C office on the senior campus.

Creative Dance

To celebrate our Creative Dance program there will be a DISCO on Friday 18 March 2016 in our school multipurpose hall. The change to Friday night from our usual Saturday night function is due to the Brisbane City Council elections that will be held the following day. The disco timetable will be:

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Information on Meal Deals will be sent home to all families via our parent reps.

I encourage families to come along and enjoy the celebration of this exciting program. I also need to remind families that you are required to stay for the first program with your sons and daughters. The disco is being organised by our Special Education Program with all funds raised going towards their programs.

Clarification of School Hours

The school hours are formally 8.55am to 3.00pm. Students in Prep are encouraged to come into their classrooms to set up their day, with their parents, from 8.45am. The school encourages students to arrive at school around 8.30am and be prepared for the school bell at 8.50am. Students who attend the OSHC program are under their supervision until 8.55am each day (the formal start of the school day).

Queensland Creative Academies

Last Friday, February 19 Mr Frearson and I attended a meeting with a group of primary and secondary schools who are working in partnership with the Queensland Creative Academies. The Academies are part of State education and provide very innovative programs for students identified as Advanced or Gifted. This includes programs for students from Years 5 - 12 on an outreach or online basis. I am very excited about this partnership and look forward to sharing future information with our families. Please visit the Queensland
Academies website for further information or make a time to see either Mr Frearson or myself.

**Religious Education**

Religious Education begins for students from Years 1 to 3 on Wednesday, February 24. All students should have received an information form regarding this program. Parents do have the option to withdraw their children from this weekly program by completing the relevant section in the RE information form. If you have any queries please see a member of the school administration team.

**School Fauna and Flora**

This time of the year sees many of our native animals moving across the campus. We have our koala families in residence, numerous birdlife and lizards and some ‘new’ families of possums. One of the strengths of our school is the care and respect that our students show to our wildlife. We certainly do have plovers (several families) on our ovals, but they do not ‘attack’ the students as they have never needed to defend their chicks – the mutual respect for each other is delightful. One of our talented teachers has been photographing our animals and I will be placing the photos around the campus and in correspondence. One of the joys of being at Camp Hill is the large grounds that provide such a safe environment for our wildlife. I must draw your attention to our delightful (and humorous) frogmouth owl – he really is a character.

Thank you to our keen Year 3 animal supporters who have been watching, but not interfering with, our new possum family. The boys and girls have been so very careful with this new family and we are very impressed with their maturity. We also have two new koala families on campus, bringing much joy to the students.

**Ekoalas**

Our Ekoalas are a (very) dedicated team of students and staff who take a hands-on approach to supporting/developing our ecosystems across campus. The students work each week (in their own time) on a project the supports the Green theme of the group. Their leadership is seen by their actions as well as their words. Thank you to our parents who ensure that their children can participate in this program and a special thanks to our staff members who are leaders of this team.

**Library Monitors**

Library Monitors are essential members of the school leadership program. Each year Mrs Peta de San Miguel identifies a group of keen students to work with her in the library on programs to support the students across campus. I commend these students for the commitment they put into these additional programs.

**School Student Council**

Our Student Council are a representative group of students who meet regularly with a teacher to identify and support programs of a humanitarian nature for our school. The students are keen, compassionate and committed young people who are working to support others in need. Well done.

**Medical Plans**

The school administrations have nearly completed the audit of all individual student medical plans across campus. These individualised plans are essential for the wellbeing of our students. I ask parents to immediately notify the school if their child has a change to their Health Plan. The school works closely with families to manage these (very) significant management plans.

**Social Media**

Could I please ask all parents to be mindful of using photos of children at school during school hours/school events on social media, particularly Facebook. To use an image of another child, you must have the permission of that child’s parent/s.

**Lunch Time Programs**

These programs are offered to our students across both campuses. On the Junior Campus, Bookworms operate in the library on Tuesdays and Wednesdays and Construction Club is held on Thursdays at 2nd break. On the Senior Campus the Library is open every day at first break and the Games Room operates on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Some of the programs are very popular and may ‘fill up’ quickly, so I encourage your son/daughter to move quickly to the program after they have finished eating their meal.

The school also has an after school hours Chess Club on Tuesdays at 3.15pm in the music room on the Junior Campus. If you are interested in this program please contact Gardner Chess on (07) 55227221.

*Best wishes*

*Deborah Driver*

**Deputy Principal’s Report**

Homework is an integral part of your child’s education. In the early years, emphasis is placed on learning the basics of literacy and numeracy. Homework enables parents to become actively involved in their child’s education.

In Prep it is important to continue reading to your child every night. Children can choose books they are interested in or are their favourites. This allows your child to use their knowledge of the world, predict what is going to happen, ask questions and pick out known letters and words.

Parents are able to use the Junior School library to borrow up to 5 books each night in order to provide a variety of reading materials. Mrs De San Miguel, our librarian, is very knowledgeable of the types of stories that may be of interest to your child. Some children prefer non-fiction and factual type books, while others enjoy fairy tales and narratives.
As children move through the Prep year, they will gradually pick up letters, words and sentences while you are reading.

A range of activities will be asked of students throughout the Prep year according to their level of development. Word bags, child talks, show and tell, letter, word and number games may all be components of activities to undertake at home. Your child’s teacher will let you know when these are to occur.

Students in Years 1 and 2 will have started their homework program from last week. The homework program is designed to consolidate basic sight words, spelling, number facts and reading and to begin to establish a routine for homework to take place. This routine helps to establish homework and study practices for your child’s educational future. Some tips include:-

- Homework in the early years should be no more than 10 minutes per night. Most teachers divide homework across the week.
- Ensure there are days that are homework free.
- Identify a time of the day for homework to develop into a routine. Many families do their homework as soon as they get home after some afternoon tea. Others have success in the mornings after breakfast.
- Get children to do their homework in the same place ie. the kitchen table (away from distractions like the television or the computer.)
- Reward children with a favourite activity after completing their homework eg. playtime, television, computer time.
- Homework shouldn’t be a struggle. If there are problems, please see your teacher.
- Most children read before bedtime. This could be a great time to do home reading. Alternatively, many students do home reading at school in the morning, waiting with their parents for school to begin.

If you require any further information, please come and talk to someone at school.

Michael Frearson

**Upcoming Events**

- Feb 27th Swim Club Captains Carnival
- March 2nd Book Fair starts
- March 4th Grandparents Day
- March 8th P&C Working Bee
- March 9th Free Dress (Chaplaincy) – Colourful Kids Theme
- March 16th Fair meeting and P & C Meeting
- March 18th Creative Dance Disco
- March 19th Election BBQ P&C / Swim Club Age Championships
- March 22nd Choral Honours Camp
- March 23 Full School Parade (Easter Raffle Drawn) / Swim Club Trophy night
- March 24th End of Term 1

**Step Up**

The Step Up program addresses the academic needs of students by supporting them in small groups through a range of programs. During Term 1, the following Step Up programs are in place:

**IMPACT Numeracy** – All students in Year 3 and Year 5 participate in small groups. Students participate in four half hour sessions each week where they are taught specific numeracy problem solving strategies and then solve problems throughout the week using these strategies. The strategies are:

- Act it Out
- PPW - Part Part Whole
- DaD - Draw a Diagram
- Looking for a Pattern
- MaD-T - Multiplication and division triangle
- Multistep

**Focused Teaching Groups** – Throughout Prep to Year 6 small groups of students work with Step Up staff on programs in literacy and numeracy. The aim of this support is to complement the teaching of reading comprehension, aspects of writing and problem solving in Mathematics in all classrooms. Students are supported in either the classroom setting or the Step Up teaching area.

The programs are delivered by a team of class teachers, Support Teachers Literacy and Numeracy (STsLaN) and highly trained teacher aides.

If you have any enquiries about the program please feel free to contact Mrs. Nicole Vokes (Support Teacher Literacy and Numeracy).

**Habits of the Mind**

Working with Habit 7 “Questioning and Posing Problems”, the Year 5 and 4/5 students have been examining what a problem is and the difference between a big and small problem. They came up with some fantastic ideas of their own to describe what a problem is:-

IT IS SOMETHING THAT IS IN YOUR WAY; IT NEEDS TO BE SOLVED; IT IS A BAD THING; IT IS A DIFFICULTY; SOMETHING THAT YOU CAN’T FIGURE OUT FOR YOURSELF AND NEED HELP WITH.

Rudyard Kipling who lived in the 19th Century and wrote ‘Jungle Book’, also wrote the following poem:

I keep six honest serving men, 
They taught me all I knew, 
Their names are What and When, and Where, 
And Why and How and Other.

And then one day I saw it happen, 
My father’s looking straight at them,

The students then thought about how people would go about solving problems if the words who, what, when, where, why and how didn’t exist.
Music News

CHOIRS

All of the choirs have been rehearsing over the last couple of weeks and learning Songs for Anzac Day and other repertoire. Rehearsals are as follows:

- **Junior Choir** (Years 1 and 2): Thursdays at 1st break with Mrs Rosenthal (aro012@eq.edu.au)
- **Intermediate Choir** (Years 3 and 4): Tuesdays at 1st break with Mrs Cook (mcook10@eq.edu.au)
- **Senior Choir** (Years 5 and 6): Monday mornings at 8.00 a.m. with Mrs Cook
- **Boys Singing Group** (any boys from Years 3 – 7) will commence on Monday 14 March at 1st break with Mrs Cook (mcook10@eq.edu.au)

CONCERT BAND AND STRING ORCHESTRA

Band and Orchestra rehearsals have commenced.

Band rehearses on **Tuesday mornings** in the Music Room (Junior Campus) at 7.50 a.m.

Orchestra rehearses on **Wednesday mornings** in the Hall at 7.45 a.m.

Students learning an orchestral instrument at school are required to participate in Concert Band or String Orchestra after they have been learning their instrument for 12 months. This is part of their commitment to the Instrumental Program.

RECORER ENSEMBLE

The Recorder group have commenced rehearsals with Mrs Devlin on Friday mornings at 8.00 a.m. in her room. These students play the anthem on Senior Assemblies and will be performing at other events throughout the year.

Sports News

2016 Lytton District Swimming Trials

Well done to our 15 students that participated at the Lytton District swimming trials on Friday, February 12. The swimmers competed against others from 33 different schools around our district at Moreton Bay College. The level of ability and competition was exceptional and many of our students swam personal best times.

Congratulations to Lily C, Charlotte B, Brock R and Tyler C for qualifying to make the Lytton District team. These students will now compete in the Met East regional swimming trials at Chandler in the upcoming weeks.

District Representative Sport Opportunities

Students turning 11-12 years 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 and we have 33 schools in our district.

To be nominated, students should have current or past involvement in that particular sport or similar and it is suggested they play in the highest division at their club. Students must be nominated by the school to attend as we are limited to numbers that we are able to send. For more information, the district website is:

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

Sports to still have trials this term are:

Girls Basketball; Rugby League; Girls Hockey; Boys Hockey; Girls Softball; Boys Softball.

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

District Sports Representatives

Congratulations to the following students who have gained selection in Lytton district sporting teams this term:

- Brock R – Swimming & AFL
- Charlotte B – Swimming
- Lily C – Swimming
- Tyler C – Swimming
- Shae M – Netball

Cross Country Training

Students turning 10-12 years old in 2016 (born 2004-2006) are able to express interest in attending the Lytton District cross country carnival. Training is at **8.00am Friday mornings** on the main oval. Students interested in being nominated for this, must consistently attend training each Friday morning. Children attending must bring a water bottle, suitable running shoes and any medication required e.g. Ventolin. A spare shirt to run in is advisable. The carnival is held early in Term 2 at Villanova Park, Tingalpa.

Sporting Schools

We have been lucky enough to be approved funding to increase participation in physical activity through a Government initiative called Sporting Schools. This term, class teachers had the opportunity to have their class involved in a four week hockey development program run by QLD Women’s Hockey Association. This will begin this week and continue through to Week 9.

Sports Funding

Need help with sports funding? The Government offers financial assistance for travel expenses and costs for joining local clubs. For more info, go to the below link:


Library News

Book Fair

Wednesday 2nd March – Monday 7th March
Open before and after school in D Block Junior Campus.
Grandparent’s Day

Our annual Grandparent’s & Special Friends Day will this year be held on Friday 4th March 2016. Your child is invited to bring a grandparent or special friend to visit their classroom. Many teachers have claimed this date in their class newsletters & preparations have begun for a fun morning.

The P & C will be providing Morning Tea under the Year 1 building from 10:00-11:00am. A gold coin is requested to help cover costs.

Schedule of events

8:15 - 9:00am Visit to Book Fair in D Block Junior Campus
9:00am – 10:00am Visits to Prep, Year 1 & Year 2 classes
10:00am – 11:00am Visits to Year 3-7 classes
10:00am – 11:00 am Morning Tea hosted by P & C at Junior Campus (visitors only as children will be in class) or visit to Book Fair.

School Council

The role of the School Council is to develop the strategic direction for the school and monitor the implementation of the plan. During 2015 the Council focussed on two key objectives. The first was to understand what the school community values (our key motivators), and the second was to develop our strategic plan for 2016 – 2019.

Naming our Values

After consulting with students, staff and parents/carers in our community we were able to name five key values that will underpin the planning and operations of the school into the future.

The values as defined by the school community are:

Respect – have an admiration for our own talents and those of our friends
Resilience – be healthy and happy in body and mind; enjoy the opportunity to learn from challenges.
Community – strengthen our community by being a contributor, embracing diversity creating a sense of belonging.
Friendship – form and maintain relationships that embrace tolerance, acceptance and togetherness.
Persistence - put in the effort to embrace adversity, learn from experience and achieve your desired level of excellence.

The second objective was to develop the Strategic Plan for 2016 – 2019. Our objective was to create a plan that covers the life of the school. Using the school review results from 2015 as the foundation of the plan, the Council identified eight areas for strategic focus and developed long term objectives for each of these areas.

Strategic Overview - Objectives 2016 - 2019

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<td>Pursue academic and physical readiness that enables Camp Hill students to explore and develop their strengths as confident and capable learners in preparation for secondary education.</td>
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<td>Ensure Camp Hill provides a 21st Century learning environment where ICT is embedded in all teaching and learning.</td>
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<td>Provide all Camp Hill students with the five citizenship skills of Tomorrow’s Citizens (Healthy; Informed; Democratic; Creative and Sustainable).</td>
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<td>School Environment</td>
<td>Create a modern multipurpose sustainable environment that maximises teaching capability and engagement in learning for all students.</td>
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<td>Develop a culture of high student engagement and parent and community partnerships that achieve collective responsibility and accountability for student performance and wellbeing.</td>
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<td>Create a financial capacity to enable the school to function with transparent and accountable autonomy.</td>
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<td>Long term Capability</td>
<td>Continually develop the capability in our school leadership and the expertise of all teachers to deliver explicit, precise, purposeful and deliberate high quality teaching for all students.</td>
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Focus for 2016

To best realise our goals over the next four years we need to focus our attention on targeted areas and put our best effort in to achieving our goals. In 2016 the Council has identified our priority focus will be on initiatives that relate to the following areas of focus:-

1. Curriculum
2. School Environment
3. Readiness for High School
4. Technology

Some of the initiatives of the next 12 – 24 months include:

- The continual improvement in learning outcomes for our students. Specific activities in this area will be highlighted by the Principal and other school leaders throughout the year.
- The Council is working with the Department of Education to explore the option of developing a
master plan for the school to help guide future development.

- We are investigating creating partnerships with key High Schools and other learning institutions that will expand our capacity to support all our students to be well prepared for high school.
- Finally the council is focused on upgrading the ICT infrastructure, increasing our capacity to utilize online learning programs and tailor learning opportunities for our children.

These are all important objectives that will take time to achieve. With the school community supporting our push forward we are very confident our school motto, ‘Together We Achieve’ will be demonstrated in dynamic and productive partnerships within the school and school community and will empower our students to be productive and confident contributors to the 21st Century.

_Damien Colbert_  
Chairperson – School Council

**Science News**

**Spotlight on Science**

Attention! Please make space on your calendars for the World Science Festival being held in Brisbane from March 9 – 13.

Details can be found at:  
http://www.worldsciencefestival.com.au

The event is celebrating the intersection of Science and Art. There are over 50 events on the program for those curious about Science - Dr Karl’s Great Moments in Science, Turtle Hatching, Free Kids Films and Chasing Down the Comet (my favourite, as guest speakers from the European Space Agency talk about the robotic space probe, Rosetta, and its incredible 11.4 billion kilometre journey chasing down the 67P/Churyumov–Gerasimenko comet). It looks like an exciting 5 days!

_Mrs McMillan_  
Lead Teacher – Science

**Ekoalas’ Echo**

We have had a fantastic turnout for students signing up to the Environmental Club (Ekoalas) at our first couple of meetings this term. Our meeting times are slightly different to last year:

- Year 5 students meet at 8:00am on Wednesday mornings
- Year 6 students meet at 8:00am on Thursday mornings.
- Both grades of Ekoalas meet during the first break on Thursday at 11:00am in Mr Hunt’s room.

Some Year 5s may attend on Thursdays and some Year 6s may attend on Wednesdays if that is more convenient for parents or if the child has other commitments on that particular morning.

Term 1 is usually busy for the Ekoalas and this term is no exception. Ekoalas Ice-cream Day was a great success last week. Students get unbelievably excited, almost as they’ve never had an ice-cream in their lives before!

Then there is a massive amount of weeding and tidying up to do after the gardens have been left to run riot over the summer holidays – welcome to our jungle!

Clean up Australia Day for schools is going to be on Friday 4th March. The Ekoalas’ focus this year is to reduce the amount of plastic used at school and also to eradicate plastic litter from the school grounds. Millions of tonnes of plastic end up in the oceans of the world and this is becoming a major environmental crisis. Clean up Australia Day will be a great way to start this campaign. To find out more about how you can do something to reduce plastic in the environment go to:


Lastly, this time of year sees a plethora of critters around the school grounds: scaly ones, furry ones and feathered ones. Don’t forget this is their home, so they need to be treated with respect and be offered our protection. We’ve had sightings of koalas, joey possums, bearded dragons and tawny frogmouths over the last few weeks – amazing to see in such a busy part of the city.

_Mr Hunt_

**P & C News**

**Swim Club**

Our Camp Hill swimmers have been busy with carnivals. Congratulations to the 42 swimmers who swam in the Ron Hall Shield against Holland Park and Wishart. Camp Hill came third against two very strong Clubs. Our Club Captains Carnival was a very entertaining afternoon with the pool full of Heroes and Villains battling it out. Thank you to our Club Captains Emma, Lydia & Brooke for organizing this event and to all of the participating swimmers.

A very special welcome to all of our families who have joined the Club this year.

For new families to the school:-

_Squad training_ is held after school Monday to Thursday and before school on a Tuesday and Wednesday morning.

_Adult training sessions_ are on Tuesday and Thursday night and Saturday morning.

_Club night_ is on a Friday night. Club starts at 7.00pm and ends at approx. 8.30pm. It is a relaxed family night - our emphasis is on fun and friendship. Each child is
encouraged to reach their personal goals whether it is improvement in their confidence or swim times. New families are always welcome.

Learn to swim classes are held on Friday afternoons and Saturday mornings.

DATE CLAIMERS:

Age Stroke Championships – March 19
Season Break-Up Party & Trophy Presentation – March 23

For more information on our Club please call Bernadette Larter 3398 2250 (Club Secretary) or Cheryl Rollason (Coach) on 3823 4698 or 0407 577 822.

Enjoy the season!!!

Swim with the Camp Hill Crocs!

Tuckshop Tidbits

Tuckshop Roster for Thursday, February 25 – Wednesday, March 09

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The Tuckshop is in need of volunteers. If you can spare an hour or two once a month it would be greatly appreciated. Mums, dads, aunts, uncles and grandparents are all welcome. Lunch and tea/coffee are provided. All profits raised in the tuckshop go back to the P&C so they can continue their great work around the school.

Tuckshop will be closed from THURSDAY 24th March for the Easter break and will reopen on MONDAY 11th April.

Uniform Shop News

We are currently out of stock of Size 10 blouses & Size 8 shirts. New stock will be arriving in approximately two weeks. Backorders are being taken and will be delivered as soon as the stock arrives.

A new online ordering system is arriving soon for the Uniform Shop. We are just fine tuning a few features and will notify everyone as soon as it is ready (approx. March 1st). This will enable you to order and pay online and then we will deliver. No printing out or scanning of order forms. Until then, our usual order form is available on the school website.

It was a manic start to the year and a huge “THANK YOU” to Ruth, Karen & Denise who jumped in to help the day we were swamped and to my regular helpers Gail & Tracy. Thanks so much to you all and to all the parents who were very patient at this busy time.

Remember it is swimming season. We stock goggles for only $16, Swim Caps for $6 and Swim Bags for $10.50. If you cannot make it to the shop, please email us and we will endeavor to help you in any way.

Uniform Shop trading hours are:-
Tuesday and Thursday 8.15am - 9.30am under “D” Block, Primary Campus

Lee-Anne Currie - Uniform Shop Convenor
Email: camphillpcuniforms@bigpond.com

General News

Queensland Academies Open Day