3 February 2017

Principal’s Report

Welcome to the new school year.

How quickly the summer holidays flew for our families and staff. In 2017 the school will enjoy an exciting year with some additional programs, including our biannual school Musical later in the year.

Personal Details

To ensure that families receive all information from the school I ask that if you have changed any personal details since enrolment (mobile phone details, addresses, custody information or medical status) you contact an administration officer at school so that your children’s files are current. We still find that we have attempted to contact a family in an urgent situation and the details on file are not current.

From the first day of school all families of students who present as Unexplained Absences (by 9:20am) will be contacted by the school – this is a requirement of Education Queensland. Please ensure that:

• you contact the school Absence Line if your child is away from school

• late arrivals are asked to go immediately to the school office (on either campus) and be registered – every child will receive a paper copy of their late arrival registration to take to their class teacher.

To ensure that all rolls are marked, the Junior Campus parade will be held at 9:15am on Wednesday mornings. No child is to go directly to the parade if they are late – registering all late arrivals is essential.

Medical Plans

If your child has a medical condition and requires the school to respond in a pre-agreed manner please ensure that you speak with a member of the school administration so that we can support your child’s health and safety at all times.

Individual, current, medical plans need to be provided to the school as soon as possible at the beginning of the school year, or as they are developed during the year.

I ask that families make an appointment with a member of the administration team: Michael Frearson (DP – Junior Campus); Larissa Wills (DP – Senior Campus); Sam Brown (Head of Special Education Services – HOSES) or myself to discuss the medical requirements of your child.

Each year the school staff participates in professional development programs in First Aid, including management of Asthma, Epilepsy and Anaphylaxis. While this program provides a general understanding of these conditions, each child has a unique profile and response to their medical condition – hence the need for close consultation with the school. I also encourage families to consider the option of wearing medical alert bands – I know that one of my daughters wore one for her allergy to penicillin (although in her school days they did not have the bright and trendy bands that are available now).
School Hours

The school bell chimes at 8:50am each day and school concludes at 3:00pm. There is no general supervision on the Senior Campus until 8:30am each day.

Please take the time to confirm with your child/ren the arrangements for after school collections. We often have confused/upset children who are unsure where they should be in the afternoons.

The Junior Campus has a rostered staff member on ‘Waiters’ each afternoon – all children not collected will be supervised until 3.20pm. After that they will be taken to the office so that families can be contacted. If you are running late, please let the school know so that we can make arrangements for your child.

The school Stop, Drop, Go zone operates from outside the multipurpose hall each afternoon with a staff member rostered on until 3.25pm. After that, any remaining children will be taken to the office and families contacted. Please ensure that your child is aware of their responsibilities at this zone – including moving promptly to the zone after the end of the school day.

Each year ALL schools have to address the protocols of Stop, Drop, Go zones. In reality it is basic courtesy – the zone needs to be fluid so that large numbers of cars can move through it. Parents are NOT to wait at the head of the zone if their child is not there – you need to go around the block to let the other cars move through. If you are aware that your child takes a little while to organise themselves in the afternoon, then I recommend that you arrive at the zone after the initial rush.

While waiting in the zone can be frustrating, please do not abuse the staff member on duty – this is unacceptable.

Additional Programs

During the year, students will be offered a range of additional programs, some of which may require payment. These include: Creative Dance (Term 2); Life Education (Term 1); Instrumental Music (Term 1); Choral Honours Camp (Term 1); ICAS competition (Term 1); Interschool Sports (Years 4 – 6) and various excursions, camps and incursions. Information will be sent home.

There are options for payment plans available for some programs (including Year 5 and 6 camps).

If you have any queries regarding these programs please see your teacher or a member of the administration team.

Voluntary Financial Levy

Each year the school seeks family support for school programs through the Voluntary Financial Levy (VFL) program. A letter will be sent home to all families in Week 3 of Term 1. The Camp Hill P&C have approved this program.

Weather

January and February are the hottest months of the year and I anticipate that this year will continue to present us with hot weather during school hours.

We encourage parents to send a water bottle (named) to school each day for each child. Teachers will ensure that all students refill their water bottles during the day. Lunch boxes also come with ice-blocks/cooling capacity and these are highly recommended – a steamy sandwich is not a preferred option for most of our students.

While the school has some fridges, for medication, we are NOT able to provide refrigerator space for student lunches.

Hats are mandated for all outdoor play.

The school does have some air-conditioned rooms and our P&C have a plan to continue this program across all classes. In 2017 the P&C will fund air-conditioning in Prep Red and Prep Blue. Parent support for our P&C is highly valued.

Communication

In 2015 the school undertook a Communication Audit. The recommendations included setting up a fortnightly electronic newsletter (including parent and school information), maintaining a current school website and supporting the Classroom Parent Representative (CPR) information sharing.

School newsletters will be sent out fortnightly (electronically) to all families who have registered on the program. If you have not registered please open the latest copy of the newsletter on our website and click the link at the top left. This subscription process is managed externally.

I wish everyone a happy New Year and am sure that there will be many celebrations during 2017.

Best wishes
Deborah Driver

Deputy Report

Welcome to all our new families who have started at Camp Hill this year, as well as our many returning families. The Junior School has had a calm start to the year with students and families meeting new teachers, organising routines, organising equipment and getting settled into a new year of learning. It is always a big change for young children getting used to new routines, new friendship groups and new adults to work with. It is not unusual for children to be shy, teary and a little "out of sorts" as they get used to the new changes in their schooling.

This should pass within a few days or, for some, a few weeks. The teachers are used to these reactions at the start of a year and will handle them with care and in a positive manner. If you have ongoing concerns, please contact your child’s teacher or talk to the school administration.

Children are also very tired at this time of year, having to engage in a very packed curriculum and activities within each school
day. Please ensure they are getting to bed early and getting adequate sleep. It may be mindful to set a few weeks aside without a whole lot of extracurricular activities in the afternoons, as well as planning much needed down time for the weekends.

This is a good time of the year to start setting up some school related routines at home as well. Students can work toward independence with dressing for school, organising their bag, looking at the school/class calendar to see what is needed for the day and completing any homework. Homework will start shortly in Years 1 and 2. Homework is not meant to be an arduous task for children or parents, but is meant to establish a small home routine (which will increase as your child gets older), as well as review school work undertaken in class. If you have any concerns about homework, please talk to your classroom teacher.

Michael Frearson

Music Matters

Welcome to 2017.

The Instrumental and Choral programs have continued to grow and we look forward to an exciting year of musical events.

The Music Team for 2017 are:

- Mrs Cook – Classroom Music (Mon, Tues, Wed, Thurs)
- Mr Griffin - Classroom Music (Wed)
- Ms Heratage – Strings (Wed and ½ day Fri)
- Mr Stockdale – Band (Tues and ½ day Thurs)
- Mrs Devlin – Recorder Ensemble (Fri)

Please check the newsletter every fortnight for information regarding music events for 2017.

Some of the events are –

- Anzac Day – Junior, Intermediate and Senior Choirs will be performing
- Music Camps – for String and Band Students
- Choral Honours Camp for selected Year 6 students
- Music Concert – all choirs, recorder ensemble and instrumental students
- Music Fest Competition – Concert Band and String Orchestra
- School Musical

Choir

There are four choirs – Junior (Year 1 and 2 students), Intermediate (Year 3 and 4 students), Senior (Year 5 and 6 students) and Boys (Year 3 – 6 boys).

All students are welcome.

Choir rehearsals commenced Week 2 (the week starting 30 January 2017).

Students may come to the 1st two rehearsals to try out the Choir before making a commitment for the year.

Students in Years 3 – 6, wishing to be in the School Musical will need to join Intermediate, Boys or Senior Choir as the songs will be part of the Choir Repertoire.

Rehearsal times are as follows:

- **Junior Choir:** Thursday at first break
- **Intermediate Choir:** Tuesday at first break
- **Senior Choir:** Monday at 8:00am
- **Boys Choir:** Monday at first break

Please note that the Music Room is now on the Senior Campus and rehearsals will be in this room. Junior Choir students will be escorted by a teacher from the Junior Campus to the Music Room.

Instrumental Lessons and Rehearsals

All lessons commenced this week (Week 2). Students should have received a timetable. Please ensure that your child has all of the items they need for their lessons – instrument (if your child is using a school instrument, they will receive it after the return of the loan agreement form), tutor book, cork grease, valve oil etc.

They do not need to bring their music stand. It is for use at home when practising.

Concert Band and String Orchestra will commence rehearsals in Week 3.

Concert Band is for students who have been learning for 12 months or longer and is on Tuesday Mornings at 7:45am in the Instrumental Room (Room 25). Please remember to bring ear plugs to rehearsals.

String Orchestra is for students who have been learning for 12 months or longer and is on Wednesday mornings at 7:45am. Students will be notified of the venue for the rehearsal.

Students beginning lessons in 2017 do not attend String Orchestra or Concert Band until after they have been learning for a full 12 months.

Recorder Ensemble

Any students interested in joining this group should see Mrs Devlin. Rehearsals are on Friday mornings at 8:00am in Mrs Devlin’s room.

Habits of the Mind

Welcome back to the new 2017 school year. The “C” focus for this month, February, is CONSIDERATION.

We are mindful of this as we settle into the new school year, being aware of how our words and actions affect others.

To begin the school year, students on the Junior Campus will look at how they can be like Connie Confidence and Charlie Confidence as they begin their 2017 school journey. Connie and Charlie are characters from the ‘You Can Do It’ Program, a Social Skills program developed and designed for young children, which is used in HoM lessons. The students will meet each character via puppets, songs, stories and drama during focussed teaching lessons.
The Senior Campus students will review the characters from the Y.C.D.I. program and reflect upon how they have become more confident, organised, persistent, and resilient and how they relate and get along with others. Each class will explore some of the 16 Habits of Mind as the year unfolds as well as participate in programs designed to enhance thinking skills.

Library News

Welcome back to another great year of reading! Your school library is here to help you with all your recreational reading, research and information skills, as well as a cool place to relax and chill out!

All classes have started borrowing this week. Can you please ensure your child is returning their library books in a proper library bag, clearly marked with their name on the outside. This is our best way to ensure books don’t go missing or become damaged in transit (squashed bananas in books are so not nice!)

All students are able to access our library system 24/7 from home or school. The link is on the front page of our school website – just look for the big red circle with an I for information! https://camphillss.eq.edu.au/Pages/default.aspx

Resources, including websites, can be searched directly without needing to use a student login. By using their MIS ID students can login and see current and past loans, and write reviews on resources. All classes will be instructed on this and provided with MIS logon and password in the next few weeks. If you would like to see this in action, or have any questions please email or pop in to Library for a quick tutorial.

Opening hours

Junior and Senior Library:
- Before school 8:30 - 9:00am every day
- First break 11:15- 11:45am – every day

Senior Library only:
- Second break – Mon, Wed, Fri

Sports News

Term 1 PE Lessons

During the first term of PE, students in Years 1-6 will be swimming. Prep students will be involved in a number of introductory physical activities, with lessons being on the oval or in the hall. PE lessons will be run by Mr Bourke and Mrs Roberts.

Year 1-6 students will need the following for swimming lessons:
- Swimming togs
- Rash shirt/sun shirt
- Swimming cap
- Towel
- Bag to put everything in
- Goggles are optional

Students who cannot participate for suitable reasons, must provide a note to their classroom or PE Teacher.

Year 1-2 swimming requires a ratio of 1 adult per 10 children in the water. Year 3-4 swimming requires an extra volunteer to help with out of water supervision. Any parents or guardians that are able to help with school swimming, please see your child’s class teacher. For safety reasons, younger children are not able to accompany parents when they are supervising class swimming.

Lytton District Representative Sport

Lytton District is the first stage of school representative sport. Students turning 11-12yrs old in 2017 (born 2005 and 2006) are able to express interest. The possible outcome of opportunities are as follows:

School nominates student for districts > Student gains selection for Lytton District at regionals > Student gains selection for Met East region at states > Student gains selection for QLD at nationals.

Sports on offer during Term 1 are:
- Swimming
- Boys & Girls Basketball
- U11 & U12 Netball
- U11 & U12 boys Rugby League
- Boys AFL
- Girls and Boys Soccer
- Girls Hockey

Sports on offer during Term 2:
- Girls and Boys Softball
- Cross Country


Book Club: Orders due on LOOP app or online by 9 February. See brochure for details.
• Girls and Boys Touch Football
• Rugby Union
• Tennis
• Golf (Met East trial)
• Girls Rugby League

Schools are limited with nomination numbers. Nominations depend on previous experience, current involvement, physical ability and age. Please see Mr Bourke or Mrs Roberts ASAP to register interest in district trials. The district sport website link is below

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

**Brisbane Heat Cricket Promotion**

On Wednesday 8th February from 8:15-8:50am, there will be a Brisbane Heat promotion on the school’s main oval. This is open for P-6 students and parents are welcome to join in. Students will be able to be involved in some casual cricket games using modified equipment and enjoy some fun in the morning before school. Due to current weather conditions, a change of shirt/clothes is advisable.

**Senior Campus Cross Country Carnival**

This term will be the Senior Campus Cross Country Carnival. The date for the Year 3-6 carnival is Wednesday 29th March, from 9:00-11:30am.

Training is offered to students through their class teachers and also Friday morning training with Mr Bourke. Friday morning training will start at 8:00am Friday 17th February.

**CHSIPS Environmental Club – ‘The Ekoalas’**

The Environmental Club, or Ekoalas, as students in the club are known, is open to all Year 5 and Year 6 students. The club is coordinated by Mr Hunt and Mr Branagan.

The Ekoalas participate in a wide range of activities. They learn about many aspects of gardening such as how to use tools correctly and the art of composting. They also learn how to plant seeds and seedlings and how and when to harvest fruit and vegetables.

The club also focuses on nurturing our wonderful environment at Camp Hill. A quick look at the Google satellite image of Camp Hill illustrates that the school and its grounds is a green triangle, like a large slice of cake in a very busy part of Brisbane. A veritable oasis. We are wonderfully lucky to have a resident population of possums, both brushes and ringtails and birds that have made the grounds their home such as plovers, tawny frogmouths and kookaburras. Amazingly, we are visited on a regular basis by koalas and sometimes rare birds such as bush stone curlews. To look after and encourage this biodiversity, over the past few years, students in the club have planted a wide variety of native plant species and put in many koala-food trees, such as Queensland blue gums and tallowwoods.

The Ekoalas are always on the lookout for koalas and when they are spotted, we contact the rangers at Daisy Hill Koala Sanctuary who are plotting and recording koala sightings in South-east Queensland.

The club also promotes a greener and cleaner environment at school and gets involved with campaigns such as Clean Up Australia Day. A focus for the Ekoalas in 2017 is to see a dramatic reduction in the overall waste at school, particularly plastic litter. At the end of the year, Ekoalas in Year 6 spend an exciting day exploring Moreton Bay with the Moreton Bay Environmental Education Centre where, amongst other things, they learn about the effect our actions on the land have on the marine environment.

The Ekoalas have had a genuine and positive impact on the school over the past few years and have had a massive effect on raising awareness of the importance of looking after our precious slice of the environment.

• Year 5 students meet at 8:00 on Wednesday mornings
• Year 6 students meet at 8:00 on Thursday mornings.
• Both grades of Ekoalas meet during the first break on Thursday at 11:00, usually 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.

**P & C News**

Welcome back and to all our new families to Camp Hill, welcome!

This year is going to be another amazing year and we will keep you posted as to what is going on.

**Volunteers Needed**

We are always looking for volunteers to assist with different aspects of the P&C. Helping in the tuckshop, fitting uniforms, or maybe you have ideas for fundraising ... We would love to hear from you, so email us on admin@camphillpandc.com.au.

**Upcoming Events**

**Prep Welcome BBQ**

*Date Saver: Sunday 5th February, 4:00 – 6:00pm*
*Location: Outside school tuckshop – details to follow*

Come along and have a lovely afternoon meeting all the families for Prep 2017. From Prep, we build some wonderful friendships both for the children and the parents, so what better way to start than with a BBQ.

**Fundraising**

**5c February**

It is back! Start saving your 5c coins. The first, and one of our most popular fundraising events, has started. Bring in your 5c pieces throughout February for collection! The competition gets tough - which class will win this year?
Keep an eye out for the flyer providing more information. There are prizes for the classes on each campus who raise the most money!!

**Tuckshop Tidbits**

The tuckshop is already in full swing. A very important change everyone:

Flexischools orders are now cut off at 8:15am. Please ensure your order for that day is placed before then.

**Uniform Shop News**

We are having a sell-out of all our remaining book covers. All 50% off! Scrapbook covers now $1.50, A4 covers now $1 and Exercise Book covers $0.50c each. Plenty of colours available but first in will get the colour choices.

Remember our online store is available for your convenience. We deliver to your child Tuesdays & Thursdays, but make sure you put your child’s class on the order!

Please note, our email address is now: uniforms@camphillpandc.com.au

https://schoolshoponline.net.au/camphillipss

If you cannot make it to the shop, please email us, always happy to help.

Uniform Shop trading hours are:

Tuesday and Thursday 8:15 – 9:30am under “D” Block, Senior Campus

Lee-Anne Currie
Uniform Shop Convenor

Email: uniforms@camphillpandc.com.au

**WELCOME BACK!!** We extend a special welcome to all the new families who have joined the Club for the second half of the season.

Training and Club night have started.

For new families to the school:

**Squad training** is held after school Monday to Thursday from 3:30pm and before school on a Tuesday and Wednesday morning (morning training is only for swimmers who are in the 4:15pm sessions).

**Adult training sessions** are on Tuesday and Thursday night from 6:00 to 7:00pm and Saturday morning at 6:30am.

**Club night** is on a Friday night. 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.

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

**TRAINING FEES:** A reminder that training fees for Term 1 are due. If you have not yet paid your fees, could you please attend to this ASAP. Thanks.

**Date Claimers:**

- Club Captains Interclub carnival – 25th February
- Ron Shields Carnival – 4th March at Holland Park
- Age Stroke Championships – 18th March

For more information on our Club please visit our Website below or contact Bernadette Larter (Club Secretary) 0414 638 740 or email secretary@camphillswim.club, or Cheryl Rollason (Coach) on 3823 4698 or 0407 577 822.

http://www.camphillswim.club/

Enjoy the season!!!

*Swim with the Camp Hill Crocs!*

**February Calendar Sponsor**

Special thanks this month to our February Calendar Sponsor, 5X5 Indoor Soccer.

**General**

**5X5 Indoor Soccer**

*Fun for all ages- Prep to Year 7*

Mondays 6-7pm @ Camp Hill Sports Hall, Ferguson Road, Camp Hill

**Soccer Camp**

1st week of every School Holiday

9-11am Monday to Friday

Harry Makridakis
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**Activities on offer at Camp Hill**

Parents and families often make enquiries about activities that are available on or around our school grounds, before and after school and on weekends. The attached list shows these activities and provides a contact name and number. Please be aware these activities are provided by external companies and enquiries or bookings cannot be made via either school office.