Principals Report Week 3

Bike Helmets

It is good to see the majority of children wearing their helmets when they are riding their bikes and scooters to and from school. Following the tragedy over the holidays recently it is a timely reminder to everyone to wear helmets at all times when riding our bikes or scooters. Please talk to your child about this issue if you find them not wanting to wear their helmets.

Attendance and Student Absences – Government Procedures

Below is a reminder of parent responsibilities for your child’s attendance at school. I posted these last year and thank everyone who followed these procedures in 2015.

If your child has missed school, you are required by law to inform the school within 7 days of the child’s first day of absence. Ideally written notification is made to the class teacher however a phone call to the school office can also be satisfactory. If your child is sick, a medical certificate from the doctor would also suffice. The note must include your child’s name, class, date of absence and a justified reason for the absence.

Absences for the following reasons cannot be justified absences and will most likely be recorded as unjustified.

• Shopping
• Sleeping in

• Working around the house
• Minding siblings
• Birthdays
• Haircuts
• Weather conditions (e.g. too hot, too wet)
• Airport visits for relatives
• Car trouble
• Other family members are sick
• Attending a school approved event with a sibling (not for themselves; e.g. to watch a sibling’s sporting event)

NB: Frequent partial absences (e.g. late arrivals) are now time cumulative and can add up to many full day unjustified absences.

Justified reasons for absences may include:

• Sick or infectious diseases
• Religious holidays
• Unavoidable medical appointment (please try to make appointments out of school hours)
• Urgent family situations (e.g. funeral….)

Children are not recorded as absent from school if they are:

• Representing the school (e.g. zone sport carnival)
• Attending Stewart House
• Attending an alternative school planned program
• Travel and Family Holidays are no longer given an exemption from school attendance.

• The Principal cannot accept a reason for travel during the school term if it is not in the best interest of the student. Reasons must be specified on the application form and travel documentation such as an e-ticket or itinerary attached to the application.

• If the Principal approves the leave it will be recorded as Approved Leave and will be recorded against the child’s leave record. This type of leave is no longer an exemption from school attendance.

• If the Principal does not approve the leave it will be recorded as Unjustified Leave and will be recorded against the child’s leave record. A poor record of unjustified absences may result in referral to the Home School Liaison Officer.

School Car Park

The car park is for STAFF ONLY. A few parents have permission as they display a disability sticker on their car. Please DO NOT use the staff car park or walk your children through the car park. This is extremely dangerous.

Early Arrivals to School

Teachers are not on duty until 8:30am each morning. Please do not drop your child at school too early as they will be unsupervised in the playground. This is not safe for your child. If you require your child minded before school, an Out of School Hours care service is offered in our school hall. Please contact the office for details.

Meet The Teacher – Years One to Six

These term one meetings are being scheduled for most classes on Tuesday of week 5, 23rd February. An interview schedule will be provided for parents to book a time with your child’s teacher (years 1-6) online. It will be a time primarily for parents to share information about their child to the teacher and also for the teacher to give some initial thoughts on the students to the parents. We trust you will be able to attend.

Mr Wray
Principal

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Principal's Awards

Congratulations to the following students who have reached the level of Principal’s Award:Maddison Breuer - 2H, Cooper Everson - 2BK, Dylan Breuer - 4/5G, Brooke Alexander - 4/5G (x2).

Special mention to Rebecca Makhlof-3/4N who has reached the level of Principal's Medallion. Well Done!

Well done to all these students.
School Banking

We will re-commence school banking this Thursday 11th February. This is ONLY for existing school banking users. The Banking Bin will continue to be outside the Library on Thursday mornings. Please remember to fill in your child's name, the date, account number etc to make our parent helpers work easier.

New students will receive an information pack on Friday 12th February. A Commonwealth Bank Representative will be attending the K - 2 assembly on this day to present some information on school banking and will remain after assembly for anyone wishing to sign up. On Monday the 15th February the representative will return to the school from 2:30 - 3:30pm as an additional sign up time for those new students wishing to participate in school banking. Pre-school children may also participate in our school banking program. This is a great fundraiser for the school.

Thank you again to our wonderful parent helpers, who have given up their time to run the school banking program. All of their efforts and your regular deposits last year raised a massive $2500.00 that was used to buy more guided reader packs for classrooms.

Book Packs / Voluntary Contribution

For the 2016 school year, parents are asked to support the school and your child’s learning by purchasing a book pack for individual use at school.

Book Pack Cost: $25 per student.

This payment covers the cost of books, magazines, some texts, and paper supplies. If paying online please select ‘Other’ and enter ‘Book Pack’ as the description.

In addition to the Book Pack, the voluntary School Contribution will be:

One child - $40.00 Two children - $70.00
Three or more children - $100

These contributions will be used to support the purchase of additional resources for all students to use in classrooms in all Key Learning Areas. If paying online please select ‘Voluntary Contribution’.

Payment of the above is requested by the end of Week 5, Term 1 2016. Please keep your receipts as you may be eligible for a tax rebate.

A copy of the Book Pack note can be found on the school website. Please return the completed slip, along with your payment to the secure payment box located in the school front office. Payment would be appreciated by the end of Week 5 – Friday 4th March 2016.

Books will be distributed to students by class teachers.

Meet The Teacher Appointments

The first term interviews are an opportunity for you to provide information about your child to their new teacher. This may include information of a medical, educational or social nature. These interviews are not a progress report from the teacher to you. However, the teacher may share with you some of their early observations and together you can determine some educational goals for your child for the term.

Once again, this year interview bookings will be handled online using the site:

www.schoolinterviews.com.au

Please find attached instructions on booking your own interview time.

NB: All interviews must be booked prior to the interview days.

Bookings open on Wednesday 10th Feb at 7.00pm

Bookings close on Monday 22nd February at 12.00pm

P&C AGM

Our P&C AGM will be held on Wednesday, 10th February at 7:00pm in the staffroom. Everyone is welcome to attend. Our P&C has worked very hard last year and support many programs and initiatives within the school. It is also a great place to meet new parents and find out a little more about the school. We look forward to seeing some new faces there this week.
Parent Online Payment (POP)

Parents are reminded that it is now possible to make online payments to the school for amounts owing for students via a secure payment page hosted by Westpac. Payments can be made using either a Visa or MasterCard debit or credit card. The payment page is accessed from the front page of the school’s website by selecting the tab $ Make a Payment.

Items that can be paid include voluntary school contributions, excursions, sales to students (e.g. book packs) and sport. There is also a category called “Other” which can be used to pay for items not covered in the previous headings.

It is a legal requirement that a signed permission slip for all activities is provided and the online receipt number should be written on the permission/payment slip before sending into school.

Please contact the school office if further information is required.

Community Notices

Campbelltown Performing Arts High School

Year 7 Information Evening

10th February, 2016 at 6pm

Parents and students are welcome to attend an evening that will provide an opportunity for prospective students & families to meet key personnel; develop an understanding of the school's priorities, programs and subjects; Tour the school's state-of-the-art facilities; and gain information about the enrolment and audition process.

Auditions for Year 7, 2017 will be held on 14th, 15th, 16th, 17th & 18th March 2016.

Application forms will be available on this evening or at www.cpahs.nsw.edu.au

Audition applications close 26th February, 2016.

For more information please call our Performing Arts Faculty on 4625 1403

Campbelltown City Challenge Walk

The Campbelltown City Challenge Walk is on again this year on Sunday 13 March and notes have been sent home today. If you are considering entering, Currans Hill Public School are entering a team and we would love you to enter as one of our team members. It is simple to enter, when completing the form make sure you complete Section 2 with the Team Name as Currans Hill Public School and tick the section next to Primary School.

Last year we had great success in this team category with CHPS coming first in the 11km and second in the 6km events!