Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Whether you are a new family or have been here before, welcome to all. I have just watched our new Kindergarten children settle into their new classes. They have all just walked in, sat down and begun lessons. No dramas. I believe the students have been very well prepared by their parents and our transition program, to begin Kinder with confidence.

We have started the year with a few new plans for furthering our school improvement agenda. This year we are introducing an in-school music program with a dedicated music teacher. Our music program will run on Wednesdays and Thursdays. We have also continued with our popular Physical Education program and students will be involved in PE on either a Wednesday or a Friday.

Staff this year
We welcome two new teachers to our staff this year. Ms Fitzsimons will be taking the Dolphins class (Yrs. 3-4) and Mr Brus is our music teacher. We welcome back Ms Templar from maternity leave. She is our PE teacher this year. A list of staff is attached at the end of this newsletter.

School captains 2013
Our Year 6 school captains for 2013 are Lewy B, Freda H, Ariel C-E and Harvey W. I welcome them to the school leadership team.

Meet the Teacher Evening
We will hold our annual meet the teacher evening on Wednesday 13 February. Parents of students K-2 will meet in the hall at 5:00pm. Parents of students 3-6 will meet in the library at 5:30pm.

School Swimming Carnival
Our school swimming carnival will be on Wednesday 13 February at the Annette Kellerman Pool. Students turning 8 years old this year and older will be involved. A permission note will be sent home this week with details.

Dance
Every year we have a Dance program in Term 1 that will culminate in a performance at the end of the term. The popular program will start this week and a note will be sent home with payment details this week. This year due to changes with preschool enrolment, preschool children will not be involved in the whole school program. We realise this may be a disappointment for some parents but the preschool will still be involved in our end of term celebrations in some way.

P&C MEMBERSHIP – an opportunity to help your school
The first P&C meeting will be held on Monday 11 February at 9am in the school staff room. Parents/carers from preschool to year 6 are welcome and encouraged to attend. There is an annual membership fee of 50c. The P&C AGM will be held on Monday 4 March where all executive positions will be open for nomination to fill for 2013. Paid-up P&C members will be able to vote on these positions.

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Ethics classes for Years 3, 4, 5 and 6
We offer ethics classes at Camdenville as an alternative for those students who do not attend scripture classes. Primary Ethics, the approved provider of ethics classes in NSW Public Schools, has been providing ethics classes for Years 5/6 and Years 3/4 during 2012. It has appointed Bruce Laidlaw (Tel: 0413 711 536, uncle of Jasmine W in Year 6), as Ethics Co-ordinator for Camdenville PS.

For further information on the content of the ethics curriculum or to see a short video, ‘What Happens in Ethics Classes’, please refer to www.primaryethics.com.au. They also have an excellent animation “An Introduction to Philosophical Ethics” on the website. If you would like your child to join ethics classes for Years 3/4 or Years 5/6, please ask for an application form at the school office. (Continuing students need not re-apply.) Classes begin this Thursday 7 February at 2.30pm.

Before and After School enrichment programs
This year we are providing a number of opportunities for students to engage in creative and stimulating activities after school. We are supporting Mandarin classes, Art Classes, Drama and Music classes for our students. If parents are interested in finding out more, contact details for the service providers are available at the office.

Office Hours and EFTPOS payments.
Due to a reduction in office staff this year we are closing the office on Wednesday mornings from 8:30 till 9 am.

We are now offering EFTPOS at the school office for payments. We will also be offering internet transactions in the very near future. We will send out a summary of family contributions to programs this term soon.

Camdenville Chickens
Thank you to all those families who helped look after the chickens over the holidays. The children have been very happy to see them again and are loving looking after them and collecting the eggs. Remember, if you would like to buy half a dozen Camdenville eggs for the bargain price of $3 please put your name down at the school office.

Camdenville Community Choir
Camdenville Community Choir are a local choir made up of parents from Camdenville Public School and local community members. The choir meets every Thursday night at 8pm in the school hall. New members are always welcome. It’s a great way to meet other school parents and to let people in the local community know about our school. If you would like to join please contact Kate McLean.

Sue Smith
Principal
4 February 2013
# Camdenville Public School

## Staff Directory 2013

### Teaching

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<td>Wendy Riach</td>
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<td>Geraldine Walker</td>
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<td>Ricci McArthur</td>
<td>Learning and Support Teacher (LAST) (Mon, Tue Wed)</td>
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<td>Louisa Templar</td>
<td>Physical Education (PE) (Wed, Thur, Fri)</td>
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<td>Linda Murphy</td>
<td>English Second Language Teacher (ESL) (Thurs, Fri)</td>
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<td>Richard Brus</td>
<td>Music Teacher (Wed Thurs)</td>
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<td>Vanessa Worrell</td>
<td>School Counsellor (Fri)</td>
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### School Administrative and Support Staff (SASS)

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<td>Lyn Phillis</td>
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<td>Helen Bushell</td>
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<td>Christina Lever</td>
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<td>Marie Webb</td>
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<td>Clare Jones</td>
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<td>Deanna Barker</td>
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<td>Wendy Gould</td>
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<td>Linda Janssen</td>
<td>School Learning Support Officer (Special Needs) Library Assistant (Thurs)</td>
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<td>Bobbie Faucett</td>
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For current and new parents/carers of Camdenville Public School students, here is information on the role of the Camdenville P&C, how one can be involved in the P&C and sources of P&C information. Also included is a membership application and payment slip, for those interested in becoming a P&C member. Please either bring the membership slip and payment with you to the next P&C meeting or leave it in the P&C collection box near the School Office. If you have any questions, please contact Tanya Spillane, P&C Secretary at matthew.tanya@gmail.com.

**WHAT IS THE ROLE OF THE P&C?**

Under the Education Act, P&Cs’ objectives and functions include:

- Promoting the interest of the school by bringing parents, citizens, students and teaching staff into close co-operation;
- Assisting in providing facilities and equipment for the school and promoting the recreation and welfare of the students at the school;
- Encouraging parent and community participation in curriculum and other education issues in schools; and
- Assisting and co-operating with teaching staff at public functions associated with the school.

An important function is to provide “a forum in which parents can develop their partnership with the school and articulate their aspirations for their children’s education.”

**HOW YOU CAN BE INVOLVED IN THE P&C**

1. **TAKING UP AN EXECUTIVE POSITION:**
   You can nominate to become a P&C executive at the annual general meeting, held on the second meeting of the year. Anyone can nominate for such executive positions as President, Treasurer and Secretary. Details of the roles and responsibilities of executive roles can be found on the Camdenville Blog (camdenville.wordpress).

2. **BECOMING A MEMBER:**
   You can become a P&C member. As a member, you can be directly involved in discussions on such issues as curriculum, fundraising purposes and other matters affecting the education of your child/ren. An annual subscription fee of 50c entitles you to vote at meetings, starting from the next meeting following payment. Our meetings are usually held every 1st Monday of each month at 9:00am in the school staff room. Even if you cannot attend meetings, membership benefits include receiving advance copies of meeting minutes and agendas and being consulted on agenda issues ahead of meetings.

3. **CO-ORDINATING OR MEMBERSHIP IN A SUBCOMMITTEE:**
   You can nominate to co-ordinate or become a member of a sub-committee involved in acquiring prizes and sponsorship or running such events as the short film festival or father’s day soccer match. The sub-committees report regularly to the P&C Committee on their activities and receive financial assistance from the P&C.

4. **SUGGESTING MEETING AGENDA ITEMS:**
   School community members are welcome to offer agenda items for discussion at P&C meetings. Note, not all item suggestions may be considered suitable for meetings, but the P&C Executive will endeavour to respond to your issue. Whilst it would be preferable for agenda items to be raised in person, for people who cannot attend the meeting, the P&C Secretary or President can present the item on your behalf.
Welcome to all current and new Camdenville students and parents/carers for 2013. I hope you all had a good holiday break.

The P&C hopes all Camdenville Kindergarten and pre-school students have a great first day today.

**FIRST P&C MEETING FOR 2013**

The first P&C meeting for 2013 will be held on Monday 11 February 2013, at 9.00am in the staff room. All current and new parents/carers are welcome to attend. Please email Tanya on matthew.tanya@gmail.com if you cannot attend meetings but wish to contribute and/or be informed of P&C activities and actions.

Regards

Tanya

P&C Secretary
KIDS ART CLASSES

Art is a fun and educational way for your child to ignite their imagination and learn to creatively express themselves! This one of a kind art program covers a number of areas including drawing, painting, sculpture and printmaking. Classes are proposed to run weekly, after school hours at your school, commencing at the beginning of term 3.

Age group: Years K-6
Where: Art studio at Camdenville School
Cost: $225 per term includes all materials
Day and Time: Mondays 3-4:30pm

Please contact Sarah at sarah.fenn@rocketmail.com or 0401 082 094 if you would like your child to join an art class or you would like some more information.