Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Congratulations to all our champion swimmers who competed at the District Swimming Carnival last week. A special notice to those students going on to the regional competition; congratulations to Callum, Rowan and Emer. We should also mention our boys relay team, Tom, Callum, Rowan and William who brought the house down with their winning race.

Bed wetting
A new DVD based program, Bedwetting Cured, has been developed by Dr Mark Condon and Physiotherapist, Margaret O’Donovan. It outlines a successful program for parents to implement at home with their children. For more information please visit the website: www.bedwettinginstitute.com.au or phone 1300 135 796.

Volunteering at Camdenville
Our new Learning Assistance and Support Teacher, Ms McArthur is looking for volunteers to be involved in our Camdenville Catch Up tutoring program running again this year. She will be implementing a skills-based reading program and will be providing tutors with training and support. Tutors will provide 1:1 support for identified students. The benefits to students can be great. If you are interested please fill in an Expression Of Interest form at the office. Come along and get involved.

Harmony Day
This year due to Easter being two weeks before the end of term 1, we will not be having an Easter Hat parade in the primary school for K-6. Preschool however, will be having a parade. For K-6 this year we will concentrate our energies on celebrating Harmony Day. On Thursday 21 March we will have a special assembly and children will be involved in presenting their cultural heritage and learning about inclusivity. Children are invited to wear something that expresses their cultural background (or something orange) and to bring a national dish to share for lunch with their classmates. This is an opportunity to celebrate the diversity in our school community. Ms Hostrup has provided more details later in this newsletter. For more information on Harmony Day see http://www.harmony.gov.au/

Preschool Vacancy- we still have vacancies in preschool, especially for group B - Thursdays and Fridays.

Premiers Reading Challenge
The Premiers Reading Challenge is open again. Across the state in 2013, 230,000 students completed the challenge. At Camdenville 75 students completed the Premiers Reading challenge. This year we would like to see the same, perhaps even more! Mrs Walker our school librarian will be helping students register and record their books again.

Debating Challenge Years 5 and 6
Ms Hostrup is inviting interested Stage 3 students (years 5 and 6) to be involved in a debating club at school with an opportunity to compete against other schools in our area. She will be asking students to attend some training in debating over the next few months. Encourage your children to put their immense persuasive skills to good use.

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Congratulations to the following students on receiving a Book Award.

**DUSTY (DUGONGS)**  **BIANCA (DOLPHINS)**

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Congratulations to the following students.

**OLIVE (SEALIONS)**  **JOSH (STINGRAYS)**

For receiving the special “Caught You Being Good” Award.

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**School Choir**
Mrs Riach has started choir again at lunch time on Thursdays. Currently she has only 17 students attending choir practice. Parents are asked to encourage their children to attend the Thursday sessions.

**Earn and Learn Maths and Science resources.**
Mr Baker has put an article in the newsletter about the Woolworths Earn and Learn 2012. Thank you to all those families that supported the school and brought their shopper dockets to us.

**Important Dates for Term 1 and 2.**
Not to wish our lives away but a few dates of importance to help you plan your holidays with your children. **Term 1 ends on Friday 12 April.** We will be having a special Dance Performance on that day where children will present their class dance items. The students have all been receiving instruction from David from TaDa. School will resume for children on **Wednesday 1 May.** This year teachers will be involved in two days of professional learning on Monday 29 and Tuesday 30 April due to the roll out of the new National curriculum.

**Mind Matters**
St George Girls High School is again hosting MindQuest. On Saturday 6 and Sunday 7 April. Gifted and talented primary school students (years 1-6) are invited to attend the fast paced and challenging workshops. The program activities are designed to enrich and extend students of similar interests and abilities. Application forms have been given out to students identified by teachers as those who may best benefit from the program. If your child has not received one and you are interested please call in at the office to discuss with me. Entries close Friday 8 March.

**Macquarie University School Chess Challenge**
On Sunday 24 March schools are invited to take part in the Macquarie University School Chess Challenge. If there are parents interested in putting in a team of 3 players please contact me to discuss possibilities.

Sue Smith
Principal
4 March 2013
### WEEK 5

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<td>Freda</td>
<td>Excellence in all areas of class.</td>
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<td>Caiden</td>
<td>Trying hard with all his work.</td>
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<td>Calum</td>
<td>Always being a hard-working student.</td>
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<td>Darcy</td>
<td>A fantastic effort.</td>
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<td>Jayden</td>
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<td>Jenevieve</td>
<td>Always taking pride in her work.</td>
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<td>Always trying his best!</td>
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<td>Viola</td>
<td>Presenting to the class with confidence.</td>
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### ***Friendship Award***

Moses (Sharks)

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<td>Momoko</td>
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<td>Tahalia</td>
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<td>Alex</td>
<td>A huge effort in becoming an increasingly responsible student.</td>
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<td>Christopher</td>
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**ASSEMBLY MONDAY 9AM**

**PARENTS, CARERS AND FRIENDS WELCOME**
BUILDING HEALTHY HABITS
Children are learning habits that will often last them a lifetime. Consider the following:

Turn off the TV or computer and get active
⇒ Set a limit on the amount of time children watch television or spend on the computer. Two hours a day is the maximum. Too much screen time limits physical activity.
⇒ On the weekend, live life instead of watching it on TV. Find a new place to hike, bike or run. When you hear “I’m bored” – think of something active to do.
⇒ During the winter months, avoid allowing children to watch too much TV or play video games. Encourage active play, which builds social, mental and physical motor skills.

Why reduce television time?
⇒ studies have shown we use less energy watching TV than sitting still
⇒ TV influences the food choice of kids – Australia has a high rate of food advertising during children’s viewing hours
⇒ TV replaces time a child can be active and enjoy physical activity
⇒ there is an association between TV watching and being overweight
⇒ 40% of children 5 – 12 years report watching an average of two hours or more of television or videos a day.
Camdenville Debating Team

We are very excited to offer debating again at Camdenville. We will be participating in the Premier’s Debating Challenge competition, debating against teams from local schools in Terms 2 and 3.

Year 5 and 6 students are eligible to try out for the team on **Friday 8th March** at lunchtime in the Dugongs classroom.

Children wishing to try out will need to prepare a 2 minute speech on the topic ‘Is sooner better than later’.

As part of the selection process students will also be asked to give an impromptu speech on a topic with only 3 minutes to prepare.

Please come and see me if you have any questions or would like more information.

Michelle Hostrup
Assistant Principal

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Mathematics Resources

A big thank you to all the families and friends who helped in the purchase of our new mathematics resources bought using our Earn and Learn stickers from the Woolworths promotion.

Using the stickers we were able to purchase a variety of resources, including magnifying glasses, volume and capacity kits, counters, dice boxes and thermometers.

The students and staff thank you greatly for your assistance in making this happen.

Mr Baker
Assistant Principal

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In the garden

We have all been working hard to get the garden ready for the new year. This week we started planting some vegetables in the garden. We have planted potatoes, capsicum, broccoli, peas and beans. Each class will be looking after the garden to make sure all the plants have enough water so we can have a fantastic harvest!

Today we found a big witchetty grub in the garden when we were digging in the dirt to make the soil good for the plants. Then we put the witchetty grub in a flower pot and we put some dirt so the birds wouldn’t eat the big witchetty grub. We planted capsicum, broccoli and marigolds.

By Paul and Kayla (Dugongs)
CAMDENVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOL P&C
BULLETIN

CAMDENVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOL P&C EXECUTIVES FOR 2013 –

At today’s P&C AGM, the following P&C executives were elected:

President – Meg Watts
Treasurer – John Inverarity
Secretary – Tanya Spillane
Vice President – Grants – Michael Balleine
Vice President – Purchasing – Vanessa Erickson

Thanks to those elected above for offering to be an executive of the Camdenville P&C.
Thank you also to all the P&C members who attended today’s AGM and General
Meeting. Thank you to former treasurer, Michael Standen, for all his great work last year.

The next P&C meeting will be held on Monday 8 April, 9:30am in the Library. Please
provide any Agenda suggestions to Tanya at matthew.tanya@gmail.com by Friday, 23
March.

PLEASE SHOW YOUR SUPPORT FOR SOCIAL SCHOOL

Please sign-up to Social School’s newsletter at http://www.socialschool.com.au/ and see
for yourself how the network can help you and your school’s fundraising efforts. If you run
a business, why not provide your details to the network’s School Business Register and
potentially reach a wider Inner West audience.

The more Camdenville School parents sign up to the network, the more likely local
businesses and restaurants will be interested in offering dining deals and other discounts
to our school community, as well as offering potential fundraising opportunities for our
school.

Regards

Tanya Spillane
Camdenville Public School P&C Association Secretary
February 6, 2013

To the parent organisation and members of your school community

Dear Friends of Public Education

Welcome back to the 2013 school year.

The opportunity for our children to succeed in their education must not be predetermined by wealth, location or family background or constrained by inadequate resources.

As President of the Australian Council of State School Organisations I am writing to ask for your support in a vital campaign to deliver equitable funding for education in Australia. We are at a watershed moment for public education and for our children's future; it's time we all act now.

There is just over a month to ensure we can secure a more equitable funding for our public schools. We know that nine out of ten Australians support better funding to public education. A number of high profile Australians have also come out in support of reform to the current funding model. As parents we need make sure our voices are heard, loud and clear.

David Gonski in his review clearly identified there was an urgent need for change. As a nation our overall performance is beginning to decline. There is a clear gap in achievement between young people in high Socio Economic Status (SES) areas and those in low SES areas. We need extra support for our students with disabilities, more money for resources and our facilities need urgent upgrade. For too long public education has been underfunded; it educates 70% of our nation's children.

It's time for us to ensure that governments make the right decision and invest in education and put funding into our schools where it is most needed. Please take the time to communicate with your local, Federal and State member, tell them how this additional money could improve your local school and the opportunities for your children.

Also take the time to visit the www.igiveagoski.com.au and register your support.

We encourage you to like our Facebook page (Australian Council of State School Organisations), follow us on Twitter (ACSSOTWEETS), check out our website www.acsso.org.au and join our mailing list.

Most of all we hope you support this campaign, your children deserve it.

Peter Garrigan
PRESIDENT
Australian Council of State School Organisations
0419986547
president@acsso.org.au
KidzFlicks 2013

To all Filmmakers who produced a film for Camdenville Film Festival last year, their films will be screening at KidzFlicks 2013. In just a year KidzFlicks has grown from a one day event screening films made by Sydney children to a spectacular 7 day 2 venue festival of child produced films from all over Australia and the world.

Event Cinemas Bondi Junction between 18th - 22nd March, FREE ENTRY.
Waverley Library Bondi Junction (includes filmmaker talks) between 19th - 24th March, FREE ENTRY
4 - 6pm Tues - Fri, 10am - 2.30pm Sat and 1.30 - 4.30pm Sun

Each film is to be shown at different times so if you would like an approx. date & time & venue please contact Julie@platform24.com.au or mob: 0404025690.

The P&C are seeking Easter egg donations for the first fund-raising event of 2013. Donations can be left in the box in the office foyer. Tickets will be sent home with students in the coming weeks and prizes drawn on Wednesday 27 March. More details to come.

Thank you in advance for your support in our ongoing fund-raising.

P&C Committee
Entry of Students

Year 7, Year 11

2014

Dance, Drama and Music Selection Procedures

To the Principal

Students currently in Year 6 or Year 10 2013 enrolled in public or non-government schools who are seeking entrance into Year 7 or Year 11 in 2014 in Dance, Drama or Music at Newtown High School of the Performing Arts, must participate in audition workshops.

Year 7 Audition Dates:  Friday 21st June – Thursday 27th June 2013
Year 11 Audition Dates:  Wednesday 19th June – Friday 21st June 2013

Please Note: To be eligible to apply, candidates must be Australian Citizens or holders of a visa granting permanent resident status in Australia on the day of their audition.

Initial registration for an audition is required online via our website

www.nhspa.nsw.edu.au

Closing date for registration is 1st May 2013

Newtown High School of the Performing Arts provides specialist education at the highest level to students having outstanding potential and/or achievement in, and commitment to, Dance, Drama or Music.

Yours sincerely,

Stephen Gray
Principal

Conditions:

Each audition is assessed on its own merits. The examiner’s decision is final and no appeal can be made except on procedure. Information on individual student’s performance in their audition will not be given. The purpose of the auditions is for the school to select the top students as assessed by the examiners. These are the conditions under which students and parents/carers must agree to when applying to audition.