Dear Parents and Caregivers,

**Baby Girl for Ms Rochford**

Ms Rochford has given birth to a little girl - Rosalie Beth Thomas. She was born on the 26th at Figtree Private Hospital. She was 51 cm and 2844 grams. I know you will join me in wishing Ms Rochford and her husband all the best with this new adventure.

**New Website**

I am very happy to tell you that our new school website is ready for parents, staff and students to use. It will probably have a few hiccups as we go but please bear with us and inform us if something is not working. You will now be able to purchase school uniforms, pay school fees, pay and give permission for excursions, send in absence notes and much more.

Classes will soon begin to post class information, news and examples of learning on the individual class blogs. Our calendar and news section should keep you up to date with what’s happening here now and in the future. Please type into your Google search www.camdenvillepublicschool.com

Please note the redirect from our Department of Education website may take some time to come through. Our thanks to Ashley from Razor Corp for working with us to see this happen.

**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**

On Thursday 21 March we will have a special assembly and children will be involved in talking about their cultural heritage and learning about inclusivity. Children are invited to wear something that expresses their cultural background (or something orange the official Harmony day colour) and to bring a special dish to share for lunch with their classmates. This is an opportunity to celebrate the diversity in our school community.

For more information on Harmony Day see http://www.harmony.gov.au/

**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 April 12. 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 May 1. 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.

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**UPCOMING EVENTS AND DATES**

- **Thursday 21 March** - Harmony Day celebrations for K-6
- **Wednesday 27 March** - P&C Easter Egg Raffle draw
- **Friday 29 March** - Good Friday Public Holiday
- **Monday 1 April** - Easter Monday Public Holiday
- **Wednesday 3 April** - Kindergarten Tour 9.30am (meet at school office)
- **Friday 12th April** - Last day of Term 1
***BOOK AWARDS***

Congratulations to the following students on receiving a Book Award.

**HARPER (SEALIONS)   IVY (DOLPHINS)   DARCY (STINGRAYS)**

***CAUGHT YOU BEING GOOD AWARD***

Congratulations to the following students.

**AJAY (SEALIONS)   MOSES (SHARKS)   MARKO (SQUID)   DANIEL (SQUID)**

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

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**Macquarie University School Chess Challenge**

On Sunday 24 March we have 3 students taking part in the Macquarie University School Chess Challenge. Thanks to Adam Spencer who has tutored Felix, Dane and Ellie for the competition. Best of luck players and above all enjoy the challenge.

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

**Kindergarten Parent Update**

A number of parents of students in Kindergarten have indicated they would like to know a bit more about the class reward and consequence process used in the classrooms - i.e. the ‘rainbow’ the teachers use to remind children of the right classroom behaviour. Mr Wilson and Ms van Ravenstein will be available for a brief meeting after school in the Kinder classes on Wednesday 27 March for those interested.

Sue Smith
Principal
19 March 2013

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**Harmony Day Assembly and celebration lunch**

Date: 21st March 2013

Time: Assembly 10:00am to be followed by picnic lunch

Venue: COLA – Camdenville Public School

The theme this year is ‘Many Stories: One Australia’. In classes and library we will be reading stories from the cultures that represent our school community. We would love to have some visitors to come and share their stories with different classes before Harmony Day. If you are able to help with this please let the class teacher or Ms Hostrup know so we can organize a time.

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**21 MARCH**

EVERYONE BELONGS

www.harmony.gov.au

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<td>Billy</td>
<td>For being a kind, caring, responsible friend.</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:

Be healthy – be active

Children and adults need physical activity every day. Activity helps build better bones, muscles, joints and helps maintain a healthy weight. Physical activity can also reduce the risk of heart disease, type 2 diabetes and some cancers. Get active anyway you can - walking, riding, swimming, and playing active games such as Duck, Duck, Goose or Bull Rush.

Great reasons to be active for children and parents

- boosts confidence
- improves fitness
- makes bones and muscles stronger
- improves posture
- helps maintain a healthy weight
- lowers the risk of heart disease
- reduces stress
- improves sleep
- reduces the risk of cancer
- improves self confidence
- teachers you new skills
- develops better motor skills
- makes a person happier with their body
- lower risk of disease including heart disease and cancer later in life.

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NEXT P&C MEETING- 8 APRIL

The next P&C Meeting will be held on Monday 8 April from 9:30am in the School Library. All welcome to attend. The minutes from the AGM and General Meeting on 4 March 2013 can be found at http://camdenville.wordpress.com/pcc/minutes/.

REMINDER: EASTER RAFFLE DONATIONS BY FRIDAY 27TH MARCH

Easter raffle tickets will be distributed today. Could you please bring any Easter raffle donations to the School Office by 9am, Wednesday 27th March. Raffle winners will be announced on Thursday 28 March.

Regards
Tanya Spillane
Camdenville Public School P&C Association Secretary
Sea Lions Visit the Aquarium

On Monday 8th March the Sea Lions Class visited Sydney Aquarium with the Dugongs and the Sea Horses. We enjoyed listening to talks about dugongs and sharks, and we were all amazed by the Japanese spider crab, which has a leg span of up to 3.8 metres! We spent some time at the aquarium sketching our favourite sea creatures. Back at school we used our excursion experience to write descriptions and produce oil pastel pictures of the different creatures we saw.

School Clean Up Day

After the wet weather the previous week, we finally got to clean up Camdenville on Friday 8th March. The whole school worked in their house teams to clean up under the COLA, the community garden, the oval, the car parks and the infants’ playground. After we had cleaned up the different areas, we emptied everything we had collected onto a tarpaulin and sorted it into recycling, compost and rubbish. The students have been talking in their classes about how we can reduce the amount of waste we produce as a school and we hope to introduce some new green initiatives soon.

Newtown Swans Junior AFL

We are on the lookout for new players of all ages, with NAB AFL Auskick (5-8yrs), Juniors (Under 9s-12s) and Youth (under 13s-16s).

Contact: Steve Black
Tel: 0428 967 516 or email: degs_b@bigpond.net.au or visit www.playafl.com.au