Principal’s report

Dear parents and caregivers

Well, we are nearly at the end of another fantastic year of learning. It has been a blur for me in terms of the number of things we have been up to with our learning this year. Some highlights for me this year have been:

- Kinder designing their outdoor space and all the parents coming along to paint and build
- The focus and engagement Stage 1 students showed when prototyping potential products to help Kindergarten to learn
- The creativity Stage 2 students showed in developing rich literary texts for a particular purpose and audience
- The enthusiasm and innovation Stage 3 students showed when pitching their ideas to Marrickville council- and having their ideas taken on by council
- Wakakiri- which blew me away with the candour, resourcefulness and character of the students shining through
- The support our parents always show and in particular when a number pitched in this year to paint the senior block and to remodel our old canteen into a teaching kitchen (nearly there)
- How many visitors we have had to our school to view our learning spaces and PBL in action and the feedback we receive about how clearly the children’s engagement in learning shows through to these visiting teachers
- And finally, mud world at school camp! Yah!??

And much, much more - too many to put to page.

PLANNING THE RETURN TO SCHOOL

Over the holidays it can be a great time to review the year with your child, highlighting the major events and talking about the positive experiences your child enjoyed at school this year. As time gets closer to returning to school it’s a nice idea to have a family meeting, go out for dinner, have a picnic or some such event to signal the return to school. It’s a great opportunity to talk about expectations for the year and how best your child can experience success at school.

Camdenville Public School has a school membership to a parenting website: You Can Do It! Parents: www.youcandoitparents.com.au. This resource can be useful for those parents that would like some ideas about how to talk with their child about the school program, You Can Do It and the 5 keys to success: Organisation, Getting Along, Persistence, Resilience and Confidence. There is a video on the site that shows a family meeting as an example of what this might look and sound like.

To be able to login to the website and register to receive access to all the material available please complete the steps included below:
SUMMARY STEPS:
Step 2. Enter Camdenville Public School Password: Camdenvilleps172
Step 3. Complete Your Registration Details (you will be setting up your own username and password)
Step 4. Activate Your Account

The subscription to the website runs out early next year and I will be asking families if they have found it a worthwhile site over the year in order to help decide if we should renew for 2016.

EVENTS
We have a number of events coming up –
- School picnics on Thursday at Enmore Park K-2 and Sydney Park -3-6
- Semester 2 reports go home on Friday
- Our Year 6 Farewell Assembly is on Monday at 9:30 then they will be having a special luncheon put on by their families and Mr Baker and Ms Kehlet.
- And class show case events showing families their end of year projects and products
- Camdenville Live on Tuesday 15

And don’t forget- the last day of school for children in Wednesday December 16. Have a safe and happy holiday and see you all again in 2016. We start back on Wednesday 27 January.

Regards
Sue Smith
Principal

BOOK Awards
Congratulations to the following students who received a Book Award.

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SRC NEWS
Thank you to our school community for your generous support of our recent mufti day to raise funds to support our student led initiative. The sum of $321.15 was raised. This money will go towards supporting the homeless individuals of the Newtown area through the development of much needed 'care packs'.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB - New organiser for 2016
We are looking for a new Book Club Organiser to manage Book Clubs next year. Scholastic Book Clubs not only enable us to boost our home and school libraries but also improve children’s reading skills and encourage at-home reading. We would like a parent to volunteer to collect the orders, send them to Scholastic Books and then distribute the books to children when they arrive. Anyone interested please contact Sue. Training will be provided.

CAMDENVILLE LIVE 2015
On Tuesday 15 December 2015 Stage 2 & 3 classes will present a music showcase. Each class will perform an item to demonstrate what they have been learning in music throughout the year. The choir, as well as selected students will also be performing individual items. Only parents of Stage 2 & 3 classes need attend.
WHAT: Camdenville Live
WHERE: School Hall
WHEN: Tuesday 15 December 2015
TIME: 1.45pm

Please remember any lost property unclaimed by next week will be donated to a worthy charity.
BIG THANK YOU TO SCHOOL COMMUNITY
What a busy year for the P&C and School! There has been fantastic involvement from many School community members in a variety of fundraising activities and events and other school activities. Whilst there are too many to list individually, the P&C really appreciates your contribution (see later thank you page).

THANK YOU TO EXECUTIVE TEAM
The following person deserves a special mention, our new President, Fran Batten. She has worked tirelessly and enthusiastically throughout the year to improve the school, being involved in nearly every fundraising and school event, all the working bees and in the canteen renovations. The band is thanks to her efforts, and she also coordinated the Marrickville Remembers march and is one of the school banking coordinators.

Thank you to Eloys Harradence for taking on the secretarial role this year. Thanks to Jason Mountney for coordinating the meat tray raffles and being the BBQ maestro for a number of fundraising events. Thanks to Yvette Bridges for managing the P&C’s finances so efficiently and for coordinating our amazing and hugely lucrative comedy night fundraiser. Thanks to Tanya Spillane for preparing the P&C news and helping out with insurance and compliance issues. Finally, thank you to our Principal, Sue Smith, for supporting the P&C in all its fundraising and other activities, including on weekends at working bees and with the canteen renovations.

THANK YOU TO OUR LONGSTANDING COMPARE AND FAREWELL TO DEPARTING CAMDENVILLE FAMILIES
The P&C would like to say a special thank you to Subby Valentine who has generously offered to compere a number of P&C fund raising events over many years. His great wit and cutting satire has made many an event memorable. We wish him and his family all the best. Good luck to all the Year 6 students as they start their next adventure, high school. Thank you to all the departing Year 6 parents and carers who have contributed to the School and to the P&C over the years.

FUNDRAISING OUTCOMES FOR 2015
Due to the generosity of sponsors, prize donors and the Camdenville School community, the P&C was able to help the School in 2015 by funding the following:

- Mini iPads $4,704
- Canteen upgrade $4,063
- Playground Games $718
- Kindy Area Enhancement $605
- Robotics $479
- Skoolbag app $300

The P&C has committed to continue funding canteen renovations in 2016.

FIRST P&C MEETING FOR 2016
Thank you to all who attended the last P&C meeting. Thank you to everyone who has attended a meeting or more this year.
The first P&C meeting for 2016 will be on Tuesday 9 February, at 7pm in the Staff Room. We look forward to seeing you in the new year.

MARRICKVILLE HIGH SCHOOL SURVEY
The Principal of Marrickville High School, Arety Dassaklis, has invited our parent community to give feedback through their 2015 Primary Survey.

The MHS 2013 community survey results led to improvements and new initiatives between MHS and local primary schools. The aim of the 2015 survey is to:

- understand what has changed in the last two years
- give the next generation of parents a voice in shaping Marrickville’s direction
- identify what is important when considering high school options.

The survey takes 10-15 minutes and is open until December 18. Please complete the survey here:
https://essentialmedia.az1.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_dhhnrcFLTig4YER
By completing this survey you are helping to shape the future of the local high school that serves our broader community.
CAMDENVILLE P&C
EVENTS SPONSORS & PRIZE DONORS - 2015

Comedy Night Fundraiser
Sponsors and Comedians

Major Sponsor
LJ Hooker Newtown

Food and Drinks donors
Bloodwood
Batch Brewery
Golden Barley Hotel
Willie the Boatman
Young Henry’s

Comedians
Rebecca de Unamuno, Cameron Knight, Matty B, Daniel Townes and Dave Williams.

Camdenville Film Festival
Sponsors and Judges

Sponsors
Animal Logic
Pastizzi Café
Sky Zone

Judges
Nicky McGinn, Miles Green, Matt Villa

Canteen upgrade major sponsor
Southern Cross Veterinary Clinic

Raffle and event prize donors
@Rubens
Amanda Brand Reflexologist
Annette Kellerman Aquatic Centre
Australian National Maritime Museum
Better Read than Dead
Black Lotus Studios
Bloodwood
Boutique Sydney
Cittavino Bar and Cantina
Dendy Cinemas
Dolci doro
Dragstar
Esprit Martial Arts
Getty Images
Gigi
Hakiki
Just Cuts
Kerrie Saunders
Koru Framing Studio
Leo Monk
Loveliz Photography
Metro Day Spa
Marked Hair
Mr Burrows Hair
Newtown Jets
Oldtown in Newtown
Oztrail
Poptopia
Prue Sargent Physiotherapy and Pilates
Recreational Studio
Rocketboy Pizza
Shoes2U
Slot Shop
Southern Cross Veterinary Clinic
Sydney Cooking School
Sydney Indoor Climbing Gym
The Afters School Klub
The Bach Eatery
The End of King
The Lash Studio
The Silver Tree
The Stinking Bishops
The Urban Hotel
Walker Books
Well Spotted
Windsors
## MERIT AWARDS - Term 4 Week 8

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<td>Alex</td>
<td>Being super organised for his PBL event – The Multicultural Disco</td>
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<td>Mel Mel</td>
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<td>Demonstrating deep thinking of how best to explain our PBL maps</td>
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<td>Effectively communicating strong connections between text and real life</td>
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<td>Great use of openers in writing activities</td>
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<td>Being a kind and considerate school citizen</td>
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We hope the Camdenville School Community enjoyed the P&C’s fundraising and community events for 2015. The P&C Executive Committee would like to thank the following contributors and supporters of P&C activities throughout the year:

- Principal, Sue Smith and teaching and administrative staff;
- Event sponsors and Prize Donors (a list of sponsors and prize donors is attached so you know who to show your appreciation for their generosity);
- P&C and school community members who co-ordinated and/or contributed to such P&C events as:
  - P&C Meet the Teacher information evening sausage sizzle;
  - Marrickville Remembers march;
  - State Election day bbq;
  - Scoolbag app launch;
  - Easter and Mother’s Day raffles;
  - Comedy Night Fundraiser (incl: Comperes and Auctioneer);
  - Halloween Disco; and
  - Film Festival (incl: Compere);
- P&C and school community members who co-ordinated and/or contributed to such P&C activities as
  - Sourcing raffle and auction prizes and sponsorship;
  - Provision of Events flyers and other graphics design material in support of P&C events and activities;
  - Meat tray raffle fundraiser;
  - Canteen upgrade;
  - Working bees;
  - Camdenville Gardening group;
  - Band;
  - School Banking;
  - Cake stall;
  - Sushi Days;
  - P&C helpers at School athletics carnival;
  - Second hand uniform sales; and
  - P&C reps for school selection committees and parent information evenings
- School community members who attended P&C events and spent generously on student painting and auction items; or who bought raffle tickets or just donated to the P&C.

Without the support of all the above, we could not have achieved as much as we did in 2015. Thank you.
## SCHOOL TERM AND VACATION DATES FOR NSW PUBLIC SCHOOLS 2016 – 2020

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