Dear parents and caregivers

Welcome back to another year. I hope you all enjoyed the break with your families and friends. We are off to a great start with a number of new families joining us this year. We hope you all enjoy the year with your children and see them happy, growing and learning.

Our school vision statement is to ensure that the whole child is the focus of our endeavours to help our future citizens be happy, healthy learners.

At Camdenville our diverse school community of staff, students and families work together to build a stimulating, inclusive and supportive learning environment.

Through engaging and innovative learning experiences students and teachers collaborate to solve problems as inquisitive and adaptable learners.

We believe students at Camdenville PS develop the skills, values and attitudes necessary to become engaged and responsible global citizens.

Our key priorities for 2016 include continuing our focus on improving outcomes in literacy and numeracy, maintaining Project Based Learning as our main pedagogical approach, and utilising instructional coaching to support the professional growth and development of our teachers. We are also going to be working closely with the P&C to see our kitchen garden program up and running in Term 2. For more information about our school please take a look at our Annual School Report and School Plan which can be found on our website at www.camdenvill-p.schools.nsw.edu.au.

STAFFING

It is with personal sadness but with a sense of pride and excitement that I must tell you that Chris Baker will be leaving us in two weeks’ time. I know you will join me in congratulating him as he has accepted a new position as Deputy Principal at Parramatta Primary School. This is a well-deserved promotion and an exciting opportunity for him to take a lead role in a future schools project as Parramatta PS is going to be transformed into a modern future focused and multi-purposed building. The redevelopments will provide NSW with its first high-rise public high school and a new multi-storey public primary school.

Michelle Hostrup will be returning to us from secondment to take over the Stage 3 class until a new Assistant Principal is appointed, who will be the teacher for the Adzuki Beans for the remainder of the year.

Ms Hostrup will be off class for Term 2 and then she will be acting principal for Term 3 as I am going on long service leave for all of Term 3. Lucky me!

Other changes to staffing include Ms Karen Payten returning in Term 2 as a permanent member of staff. She will be returning 3 days per week for the rest of 2016. She will take the Stage 2 class, the Cajun Peas in a shared teaching arrangement with Ms Louisa Templar for the remainder of the year.

There has been a lot of planning and negotiating the last few weeks to ensure that there is the least amount of disruption to the teaching and learning for the students involved in any class affected by staffing changes.
INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF PULSES
This year we have named our classes after the United Nations International Year of Pulses. http://www.fao.org/pulses-2016/en/.

Class Lists Term 1 - 2016

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SWIMMING CARNIVAL
The swimming carnival is on Tuesday 9 February for those students turning 8 years this year and older. It is important that you nominate the correct level of swimming ability for your child as a matter of safety. There will be time for non-swimmers and beginning swimmers to enter the pool but they will not be competing in races. Students who meet qualifying times and perform with the correct stroke will be eligible to attend the Zone Carnival. If you have any questions about how the day will run, please do not hesitate to contact Mr Baker or Mrs Templar.

MEET THE TEACHER EVENING
Every year teachers meet with parents at the start of the year to answer questions, clarify procedures and hear about possible plans each teaching stage has for the children in their classes. Our evening this year will be on Wednesday February 10. The P&C will be selling a sausage sandwich and juice from 5:30. A note will have gone home with details. There will be some teacher supervision for school aged children in the playground while parents attend their meeting without their children to minimise disruptions.

Early Stage 1 (Kinder) in the Library at 5:30
Stage 1 (Yrs. 1-2) in the hall at 6:00
Stage 2 and 3 (Yrs. 3-6) in the hall at 6:30

SPECIAL EDUCATION ETHICS (SEE) AND SPECIAL RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (SRE)
This year SEE and SRE (our new name for scripture) will occur on Thursdays from 2:30 to 3:00. We can offer Protestant Religious Education and Catholic Religious Education. As well we have SEE offered to Years 1- to 6 at present. We do not have enough SEE trained volunteers for Kindergarten. If you are interested in becoming an Ethics volunteer take a look at the following site. http://www.primaryethics.com.au/
All children previously enrolled in SEE or SRE will automatically attend on Thursdays. If your child does not wish to attend in 2016 a written request/email to the school is required. Parents of students new to Camdenville will be asked by a letter to nominate their choice for this time.
All children not attending SEE or SRE will be supervised by teachers. The Department policy states no teaching can occur during that time. However we do endeavour to keep children engaged and provide appropriate material for learning.

FURNITURE SALE
Because of our move away from the traditional classroom we have some old wooden book shelves, students’ desks, chairs and teachers’ desks to sell to anyone interested. Or if anyone knows of an organisation that could do with a set of plastic chairs- adult size, we have so many of those available too. Anyone interested in taking a look at the furniture we have please pop in to see Sue. First in, best happy!
SCHOOL CHOIR 2016
Joining the school choir is a great thing to encourage your child to do. It does require some commitment from them and of course their parents, but the rewards are great. To sing with a group of friends and in front of an audience can be an uplifting experience. There will be an opportunity for the choir to take part in some events, including singing at the Sydney Opera House with a combined choir of over 500 children.
This year we will hold our auditions for the Senior Choir (Years 3-6) on Friday 12th February, at lunchtime. Ms Greenwood, our music teacher will continue to take the choir for lunch time rehearsals.
Students will be asked to sing the National Anthem on their own, (in private) and sing some short melodic patterns played on the piano to test their aural skills and pitch. If students are concerned about singing on their own, they may audition in pairs with a friend. They will also be asked to sing a scale with the teacher to determine their vocal range. Students will be notified the following week if they are an alto or soprano member of choir.
Students will be expected to practice independently and attend all weekly rehearsals in preparation for performances at the Sydney Opera House, school assemblies, Camdenville Live and more.
Please encourage your child to become a member of the school choir. We would like to grow the choir this year and support the talent of our students.

VOLUNTEERING at CAMDENVILLE
This year we would like to increase our volunteer support to teachers by asking you to think about how you can contribute to the education of children at Camdenville. Parent and community members’ contributions are a vital part of an effective school. Classes K-6 are looking for volunteers across a number of learning areas to implement a variety of programs in Term 1. Some volunteering activities will include helping with literacy or numeracy in classes K-6, or providing 1:1 tutoring for students needing a bit more help or even gardening with teachers. Training will be provided when necessary for helping with reading and maths.
Later in the year we will be running some extra-curricular activities such as Film Club or Robotics. We also want to run a chess club and possibly a science/maths club. But we can’t do all this without you!

You may also have a speciality background that might be useful for the school to help with our Project Based Learning projects. In the past we have called on designers, mechanics, chefs, scientists, park rangers, landscapers, the police, graphic artists, town planners, activists, historians and many more. If you have something you are able to offer the school in terms of ‘expertise’ I would like to create a ‘bank’ of people teachers can call on for advice when developing a project or someone willing to mentor students with a particular passion, such as maths, science, art, coding or writing.
If you are interested, please fill in the expression of interest that will go home with your child. Feel free to contact me at school if you have any questions.

FRIDAY ASSEMBLIES
Fridays will again be our assembly day, starting at 9:00. As we continue to grow the space becomes a premium so again I ask that you only attend an assembly when your child is part of the class presenting or you have been told they are receiving a particular award. We will have a couple of whole school assemblies for special occasions such as NAIDOC week or ANZAC week. The assembly roster is attached to this newsletter.

CAMDENVILLE SKOOLBAG APP
Don’t forget to download the Skoolbag App to get alerts and give absence notices. It’s available for both iPhone and Android phones. Just search for Camdenville Skoolbag on your App store.

Regards
Sue Smith
Principal
TERM 1 FRIDAY ASSEMBLY

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BOOK Awards

Congratulations to the following students who received a Book Award.

Week 1
Hugh P

P & C NEWS

The P&C welcomes all new students and their parents/carers to Camdenville Public School. Welcome back also to all returning students and their parents/carers.

FIRST P&C MEETING – TUESDAY 9 FEBRUARY, 7PM

The first P&C meeting for 2016 will be held next Tuesday evening 9th February, from 7pm, in the School Staff room. Note: entrance at this time is by the Laura St gate only. P&C meetings are held in weeks 3 & 8 of each school term. All welcome to attend.

For newcomers to the School, P&C meetings are a chance for you to see what the P&C does in support of your child or childrens’ education and an opportunity to become involved in fundraising and other P&C activities. Note, it is important for new members to attend the first meeting if they wish to vote in our upcoming March AGM. There is an annual membership fee of 50c. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to email the P&C at camdenvillepandc@gmail.com

MEET THE TEACHER BBQ – WEDNESDAY 10TH FEBRUARY

The P&C will be hosting a BBQ at the “meet the teachers evening’ next Wednesday from 5:30pm. Sausage sandwiches will be on sale for $2, juices $1.

SCHOOL BANKING RESUMES ON WEDNESDAY 10 FEBRUARY

School banking will resume in 2016 in Week 3, on Wednesday 10 February, so please don’t forget to bring in your bank books and deposits. Information packs on School banking for new Kindergarten students will be distributed soon.

SEEKING VOLUNTEERS FOR MEAT TRAY RAFFLE

Last year the P&C ran a very successful meat tray raffle fundraiser at the Golden Barley Hotel. Please email the P&C at camdenvillepandc@gmail.com if you are interested in helping to sell raffle tickets and call the raffle at the Golden Barley Hotel one Friday night from approximately 5:45pm to 7pm.

P&C SOURCES OF INFORMATION

The P&C regularly provides news and information in the fortnightly School Newsletter, through emails sent direct from the school and via as alerts on the Camdenville Skoolbag app (available via Apple app store or Google store). More detailed P&C information including Meeting minutes and Agendas are available at the following web address:


The P&C Facebook page is not only a place for accessing events and other information, but a place for you to ask questions and post photos. You can access the Facebook page, Camdenville Public School P&C, via the following link: https://www.facebook.com/pages/Camdenville-Public-School-PC/101631933278440. We encourage you to "like" our Facebook page. You can also follow us on twitter at Camdenville P&C.
Young Arts Run Free
2016 ART CLASSES
@camdenville public school

MONDAY ALL AGES
TUESDAY SENIOR (Yr 3-6)
THURSDAY ALL AGES
FRIDAY ALL AGES

3-5pm ALL CLASSES INCLUDE AFTERNOON TEA

Children learn a wide range of artistic techniques including painting, drawing, sculpting and printmaking.

TERM 1 ENROLMENTS OPEN NOW

Please email sarah.fenn@rocketmail or call 0401 082 094

www.facebook.com/YoungArtsRunFree
Good, affordable supermarket food for those on a low budget

Wednesdays, 10am - 2pm
Addison Road Community Centre

Everyone welcome

Getting here:
Plenty of parking onsite
Catch 428 bus from Newtown/Canterbury

Contact us:
(02) 9569 7633
arcco.org.au

Bring Cash
No card facilities

Next to Gumbramorra Hall
Addison Road Community Centre
142 Addison Road, Marrickville

Launches weekly from February 2016
OPEN NIGHT
SCHOOL TOURS

MARRICKVILLE HIGH SCHOOL
Monday 22nd February 2016
5.30pm – 7.30pm

School Tours
5.30pm - 7.00pm
Presentation
7.00pm - 7.30pm

Northcote Street, Marrickville  9569 2444  www.marrickvil-h.schools.nsw.edu.au
Back to school!
Now that school’s back, get the kids ready for their studies at your local library. Our school resources collection is extensive, so no matter if they are preparing for NAPLAN tests or doing an assignment on the solar system, the library has plenty of resources to help. Joining Marrickville Library is free and easy – and you don’t have to live in the area. Swing by a branch today or sign up online.

Easter books at bedtime
Join us for an Easter rendition of Books at Bedtime. There will be Easter books, songs and a chance to act out of one of the stories. Kids (and parents) come along in your jarmies and bring a favourite bedtime toy. For kids 4-8 years. Adult supervision is required. Light refreshments provided. Free. Bookings are required via marrickvillelibrary.eventbrite.com.au or 9335 2173. Tuesday March 22
6pm-7pm
Marrickville Library

It's Easter hunt time
We’re going on an Easter hunt around the library - part scavenger, part trivial pursuit! Venture around the library, answer questions, win great prizes and discover where the Easter Bunny is hiding. Suitable for 8-12 year olds. Bookings required via 9335 2173 or marrickvillelibrary.eventbrite.com.au. Adult supervision is required for children aged 10 years and younger.
Wednesday 23 March
4pm-5pm
Marrickville Library

Celebrating Star Wars
From a galaxy far, far away, the force awakens at Dulwich Hill Library. Come and be part of an after school Star Wars celebration, hone your Jedi skills and take part in games and activities. For 5-12 year olds. Bookings required via 9335 2173 or marrickvillelibrary.eventbrite.com.au. Adult supervision is required for children aged 10 years and younger.
Saturday 12 March
9.30am-11.30am
Dulwich Hill Library

Kids movie club – Paper Planes
A family film that tells the story of a young Australian boy’s passion for flight. For children aged 7-11. No bookings required.
Duration: 96 mins. Rated: G.
Friday 18 March
3.30-5.10pm
St Peters/Sydenham Library

Superhero or a super villain?
Kids are set to discover their superpowers at this after school event, making a mask and other gear and taking part in the super hero challenge! Kids will make a costume, get photographed against a cityscape backdrop and take part in games. Books on superheroes, junior graphic novels, and other related non-fiction will be available to borrow. Free. Bookings required via 9335 2182 or marrickvillelibrary.eventbrite.com.au
Friday 12 February, 3.30pm-4.30pm, Dulwich Hill Library
IRON INK CLUB
AFTER SCHOOL ART CLASSES
FOR CHILDREN K-6
AT CAMDENVILLE PADDOCK COMMUNITY GARDEN

TUESDAY AFTERNOONS 3-5PM | STARTING 9TH FEBRUARY | 9 WEEKS $225

EMAIL OR CALL TO REGISTER YOUR INTEREST:
HAYLEY WEST | IRONINKCLUB@YAHOO.COM.AU | 0423 826 808
WWW.IRONINKCLUB.COM.AU | FACEBOOK | INSTAGRAM
TERM 1 AFTER-SCHOOL DRAMA AT CAMDENVILLE!

SPA invites students to participate in a FREE, NO-OBLIGATION trial class of our FANTASTIC AFTER-SCHOOL DRAMA program.

BUILD CONFIDENCE! NURTURE CREATIVITY!
ENHANCE IMAGINATION! PERFORM!
COME ALONG AND JOIN THE FUN!

WHEN: Tuesday February 2, 2016
TIME: 3pm - 4pm
WHERE: School Hall

Registration is essential and available via SPA website!

www.sydneyperformanceacademy.com

email: INFO@SYDNEYPERFORMANCEACADEMY.COM
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