



DATES TO REMEMBER

12 DEC	PRESENTATION
14 DEC	BOWLING
19 DEC	LAST DAY OF TERM
30 JAN	YRS 1-6 RETURN
31 JAN	KINDERGARTEN 2019 BEGIN

IMPORTANT MESSAGE

Don't forget to return
Raffle Tickets

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From the Principal's desk

Learning for all of our students has taken a different form over the last week. I talk to our students regularly that learning just doesn't happen in the classroom but can happen anywhere, at any time. Our students have risen to the challenge and excelled themselves with their commitment, enthusiasm and their willingness to try and learn new skills in different places. We all aim to develop in our students the ability to be adaptable, to be able to communicate, to be part of a team, to collaborate and to be problem solvers. Our students have worked hard on developing all of these critical skills in the many different activities they have been involved in. As a school community we are proud of what they have achieved. As principal I am very proud of what our entire school community has achieved. As parents I'm sure that you are just as proud as we are.

Little Learners Program

Last week was the final session of our Little Learners program. Over the four sessions we had nearly all of our kindergartens 2019 attend. It was a very successful program that has enabled our newest and youngest students to experience "big school" before they actually come. Our information sessions for parents were very well attended and were much appreciated as well as allaying some of the fears new parents also experience when sending their first child to school. At the last session our Year 4 and five students buddied with the Little Learners and their parents o join in a treasure hunt around our school designed to show them the different areas of our school. For our older students it enabled them to display their leadership skills in a positive way. Congratulations Year 4 & 5 students. You were great ambassadors for our school. At this stage we are expecting 60 kindergartens next year.

School Concert

Last Friday night we held our school concert with more than 200 parents and friends in attendance. What an amazing night it was! Our students performed brilliantly and kept the audience on their toes for the whole night. Over the last few weeks as they practised their items they also learnt and developed those critical skills I mentioned earlier. As they performed you could see their commitment, their enthusiasm and their joy at performing to the best of their ability. It was really obvious from watching all of the fantastic performances that a lot of time and effort had gone into ensuring that all items were polished to perfection. As well as school items we also enjoyed performances by the members of the Campbelltown-Camden District Band as they played a selection of Christmas songs as well as songs from movies that we were all able to sing along or dance to. However I think the finale was probably the item that brought the house down as all of our 200+ students sang "A Million Dreams." Looking around the audience I could see quite a very proud parents and even teachers with a tear in their eye. The night was made even more special by the P&C members who worked hard to provide the food and drinks that we all enjoyed during the concert. Following the concert I received many favourable comments from parents and the band members on our performances. It certainly was a night to remember.

However nights such as these don't happen without the assistance and commitment from a large group of people:

- All staff who gave up hours of their time to prepare notes, items, programs, make costumes and decorate.

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- Ross and Belinda Paterson who organised and erected the stage that added a special element to the performances
- Our P&C for manning the bbq and drinks & snacks stalls
- Parents who attended and supported their children
- The 49 members of the Campbelltown-Camden District Band who came along to share their talents with us and were so flexible in accommodating our wishes for not just Christmas songs but songs that would appeal to everyone.
- Grant Millard a member of the band who supplied the sound system at no charge.

If I have forgotten anyone I do apologise. I was certainly one very proud principal that night!

School Leaders 2019

Last Monday students from Year 5 who had indicated that they wish to be considered for the positions of School Captain or Vice-Captain delivered their speeches to the whole school. It was evident from listening to their speeches that they had all carefully considered the role of a school leader and what they could bring to the role. Following the speeches, students from Kinder to Year 5 and staff voted for the candidates that they considered would be a worthy student leader of our school. New school leaders will be announced at Presentation Day next Wednesday. Congratulations to all of the students who delivered speeches. We were very proud of you.

School Planning

Our staff are now busy planning for 2019. We are really excited about all the changes that are happening at our school. Changes in school population— approximately 270 students enrolled already. Changes in staff and major changes in accommodation for our students when we will see the first two demountable classrooms arrive to house our growing numbers of classes. It's hard to imagine our school being large enough to need demountable classrooms. However along with all these changes we will continue to work hard to preserve and continue to foster the close family atmosphere that we have build over the years.

To accurately plan for classes we need to know if your child is not returning to our school.

Please let the office know if your child is moving to another school as soon as possible.

Sporting Workshops

This week our students participated in workshops for both NRL and cricket. These were both great opportunities for our students to learn and practise new sporting skills.

Library Books and Home Readers

We still have many library books and home readers missing. Please search at home and return all these books. Every book we have returned is one less book we need to buy next year!

Year 6 Fun Day

This will be held next Tuesday after being postponed due to rain last week. This is a mufti day for all students. Pre-paid tokens will be handed out on the day. Additional tokens will be available for purchase.

Bowling Day

This will be Friday 14th December. If your child is not going bowling they are expected to come to school.



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Year 6 Farewell

This was held last Wednesday night at the Kemps Creek Bowling Club for Year 6 students and their parents, staff and many of our Year 5 students. It was another amazing night for our students, made possible by the enthusiasm, commitment and the many hours of work by all of our staff. The venue looked spectacular decorated around our theme of "We are all Superheroes." Looking around at our beautiful group of Year 6 students who have grown from those little kindergarten students who started school 7 years ago to the young men and women they are becoming today, I feel sure that they will all lead happy and productive lives and will work hard to achieve their dreams. Throughout the evening our students excelled themselves with their behaviour, their enthusiasm and their excellent manners. Following the dinner they were able to party on at a disco, have photos taken in the photo booth, snack on lollies at the lolly bar and just really enjoy what was their night. They are truly a group to be proud of. I'm sure that when they leave our school they'll take with them unforgettable memories not just of last night but of all the opportunities that they have been given at our school. Just another opportunity for our students in learning.



More photos to come

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Staffing Changes

Last week Miss Kristen Pieri who has been a temporary teacher at our school this year was appointed as a permanent teacher. This is as a result of the selection process earlier in the year when Miss Pieri was placed on the eligibility list. When another permanent position became available she was then the successful candidate. We are all very pleased to have her as a permanent staff member. To fill another position Mrs Alexandria Lunguly was appointed. This was a service transfer for Mrs Lunguly who currently teaches at Hunters Hill P.S. and is now very excited to be close to home. Both positions are permanent from the start of 2019.

Presentation Day

This will be held next **Wednesday 13th December** commencing at **9.30 a.m.** This is a very special day on our school calendar when students are recognised for outstanding achievement throughout the year in a variety of ways— academic, sporting, performing arts, citizenship and leadership. Please come along and support our students. They love to see as many parents as possible there. As this is a formal occasion for our school I would like to see all students wearing the correct uniform. This includes dresses for girls if they have one, black school shoes NOT coloured joggers and white socks for both boys and girls. I know that we can all make a big effort to showcase our school to the important guests who will be present that day. During the ceremony there will also be performances by KB and the school choir and a special repeat performance by popular demand of the whole school item from the concert.

Parking for Parents for this event

We fully realise the difficulty parents have with the limited parking at the front of the school so for this event ONLY we will make the staff car park as well as the grass area at the side of the canteen available for parents and visitors. There will be a staff member present on the morning to help direct parents. Please park in these designated areas only and not in other areas of the school as we want to ensure the safety of our students.

School Uniform

I am asking for your assistance in ensuring your child wears the correct uniform every day to school. Over the last couple of weeks we have noticed a number of students wearing coloured joggers and socks, canvas slip on shoes and incorrect jumpers or jackets. By ensuring that your child adheres to our uniform policy you are encouraging them to show respect for how we present ourselves. Congratulations to all those students who wear the correct uniform every day. We are very proud of you. I realise that it is the end of the year but I'm sure we can do better than we are at the moment. I'm also advising that those short stretchy skirts that many of our older girls have been wearing or netball skirts are not part of our uniform. Our girl's uniform, endorsed by you, our parents is a dress or green skorts with a school T shirt. Next year neither of those skirts will be acceptable.

Lost Property

Our lost property bin is overflowing with jumpers, jackets, hats, lunch boxes and drink bottles. If your child has lost things please come and check it out. Any school uniform pieces that are unnamed at the end of the year will be put into the clothing pool.

Student Absences

If your child is absent from school for any reason you as their parent is required by law to explain that absence. This can be done by a letter, email to the school, phone call to the office, message to the class teacher through class dojo, in person to a teacher or through the schookbag Ap. An explanation for an absence is required within **seven days** or the absence is unjustified. Unjustified absences also include days off to go shopping, birthdays, dancing concerts or exams, interviews or orientation days at private schools, after a late night, too hot or too cold etc. Statistics have shown that if your child misses a day a fortnight by the time they leave Year 12 they will have missed a whole year! It is really important that your child is at school unless they are genuinely sick. Please ensure you notify the school or your child's teacher if they are sick.

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Raffle

Don't forget to return your raffle tickets to be in the running for some great prizes. A huge thanks to the many companies who have donated prizes for our End of Year raffle.

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END OF YEAR RAFFLE PRIZES

Here is a **LIST OF OVER 20 AMAZING PRIZES** to be won!!

Prize 1	LJ Hooker, Leppington donation-Nespresso Coffee Machine (rrp \$500)
Prize 2	SPECSAVERS Carnes Hill Frame & Lenses Voucher (up to \$299)
Prize 3	SPECSAVERS Carnes Hill Frame & Lenses Voucher (up to \$299)
Prize 4	KIOS fine foods - \$50 voucher + Shiraz wine
Prize 5	KIOS fine foods - \$50 voucher + Shiraz wine
Prize 6	KIOS fine foods - \$50 voucher + Shiraz wine
Prize 7	KIOS fine foods - \$50 voucher + Shiraz wine
Prize 8	BIG W Carnes Hill \$100 voucher
Prize 9	IGA Austral Hamper + \$25 Elk Café Carnes Hill Voucher
Prize 10	Annabelle's Child Care Hamper + Michel's Patisserie Carnes Hill Medium sized Cake
Prize 11	Bringelly Ham & Bacon Christmas Ham + Michel's Patisserie Carnes Hill Medium Sized Cake
Prize 12	Austral Bowling Club Dinner Voucher
Prize 13	Lockies Pub Leppington \$100 worth vouchers
Prize 14	AUSTRAL PHARMACY \$50 VOUCHER + McDonalds Emerald Hills - Family Dinner Box Voucher
Prize 15	WEST HOXTON PHARMACY \$50 Voucher + McDonalds Emerald Hills Family Dinner Box Voucher
Prize 16	Wests Leagues Club \$50 dinner voucher + Lindt Chocolates
Prize 17	Wests Leagues Club \$50 dinner voucher + Lindt Chocolates
Prize 18	BLACK ELK CAFÉ \$25 Voucher + Lindt Chocolates
Prize 19	VODAFONE CARNES HILL \$80 voucher + Google Chromecast
Prize 20	KFC WOODBINE Family Dinner Box Voucher
Prize 21	KFC WOODBINE Family Dinner Box Voucher

Thank you for all your support.

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