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- Year 6 Graduation Dinner/Dance permission note
- Year 6 polo and hoodie ordering reminder

Need to Know

- [Friendship Form - link](#) extended, now closes 3.00pm on Wednesday November 1
- Remembrance Day invitation - [see invite here](#)
- Pedlar's Parade - [try booking link](#)
- P&C Trivia Night - [try booking link](#), Saturday November 18
- P&C next meeting and AGM, Wednesday November 15 at 7.00pm, school staffroom
- Term 4 Pennant Assembly, Graduation and Expo invite - [see invite here](#)
- Volunteers Afternoon Tea, [see invite here](#)



Principal's Post

Acknowledgement of Country **Lucas (6D)**

Warami, for tens of thousands of years, Aboriginal people have lived on this country and sustained all of its resources. We will acknowledge their long history on this land that we now share as one. At Cammeray, we recognise what Aboriginal people have been through and the sacrifices Aboriginal people have made. Their history has been embedded in Australia's native flora and fauna, and the rich, historic soil on this land, Yanu.

World Teachers' Day - Friday October 27

Last week, I had the pleasure of celebrating our wonderful teachers. World Teachers' Day provides an opportunity to acknowledge our teachers and say thank you for the significant contributions they make in our classrooms and community. Celebrated in more than 100 countries worldwide, World Teachers' Day was established by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO) in 1994 to recognise the significant role that teachers play in society. World Teachers' Day is held internationally on October 5 and was celebrated in Australia on Friday October 27. We are fortunate to have a dedicated team of teachers at CPS, who are committed to continually improving their practice and are always willing to go above and beyond to support and help your child achieve their personal best. Our teachers have three loves: love of learning, love of learners, and the love of bringing the first two loves together. On behalf of our school community, I would like to say 'THANK YOU' to all our amazing teachers!

NAIDOC 2023 'For Our Elders' - rescheduled incursion

We are delighted to welcome First Nations Education, for our rescheduled NAIDOC celebrations. This incursion, the Ultimate Dreamtime experience, presented by Koomurri Aboriginal Incursions, is a hands-on interactive cultural event which will be held on Monday November 27. This activity was rescheduled due to high demand in July/August. To learn more about Koomurri Entertainment you can [visit their website here](#).

The Ultimate Dreamtime experience includes:

- Artifacts, weaponry, bush survival and history
- Aboriginal song and dance
- Aboriginal art on canvas and Aboriginal face painting
- Boomerang throwing
- Didgeridoo and storytelling

End of Year Assemblies and Awards

Our end of year assemblies are fast approaching, with planning and preparation now well underway. Celebrations will include a mix of academic and values-based awards, including Pennants, Respect, Responsibility and Personal Best badges, music and art awards, P&C Citizenship and ICAS achievements, as well as class and musical performances. We warmly welcome friends and families to join us at these special assemblies and at our Walker Learning Expos and grade picnic days. You will find our [invitation here](#).



Road Safety

There have been several reports of unsafe driving in Bellevue and Palmer Streets, especially at our busiest times of day. Please take extreme care when driving around the school and keep safety in mind at all times.

On-going safety issues have been reported to both the North Sydney Police Station and North Sydney Council. To escalate the presence of parking officers at our 'kiss and drop zone', Council suggested each time someone witnesses an event, they email or ring Council to report it. Hearing about these incidents every time they occur, may help to get an officer here more often. Getting help from our families to report these matters will always be beneficial. Thank you to everyone for taking care and prioritising road safety.

Reporting - Semester 2

Your child/ren have worked incredibly hard with their learning and behaviour over the past semester and we look forward to celebrating and recording these achievements on the end of year report. Semester 2 reports will be emailed home on Tuesday December 12. Reports will be accompanied by a learning reflection which is hand-written by your child. The reflection is a way for your child to recognise their accomplishments, look back on their year of learning and identify some of the knowledge and skills they have acquired. It provides a wonderful opportunity to celebrate learning and achievement.

As in Semester 1 our report comments are structured as follows:

- English, mathematics, general - personalised comments
- Science, history, geography and PDHPE - statements of learning, which include general information about the curriculum and content covered this semester

School Update

Library News

It has been wonderful to see so many students growing in their reading this year, challenging themselves with new texts and still finding time for familiar favourites. As we head towards the end of term, please note that all student borrowing will finish at the end of next week (Week 5) in preparation for our annual stocktake.

Orange overdue reminder notes are currently being sent home. If your child has one of these notes, we ask for your assistance to help locate the book/s and return them to the school library. Books can be returned any day at any time. If the book has been irretrievably lost, please let the school know so it can be removed from your child's loan record. If you have any questions, please contact our school librarian, Kate Justelius-Wright:

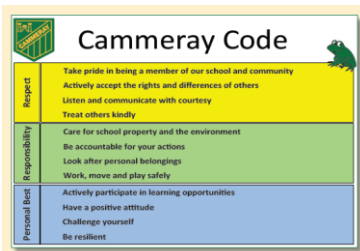
kate.justelius-wright3@det.nsw.edu.au

While student borrowing from the school library might be coming to an end for the year, our e-book subscription to Wheelers remains current for the rest of the term and throughout the summer holidays. There are thousands of e-books and audio books for students to download and read or listen to on a device at home. Students can access the [Wheelers site here](#) by logging in with

their DoE username and password. If your child does not remember these, please contact their classroom teacher.

Cammeray Code - school pride

We have an ongoing focus on the Cammeray Code and have weekly discussions across the school about our core values. The Code is essentially about a respectful attitude, displaying responsible behaviour and aiming for one's personal best. Our code helps your children to make good choices at school, at home and out in the community. It's about being a respectful, responsible citizen. Our teachers and school executives are often told by external providers that the children at CPS have exceptional manners and high levels of respect. We are always delighted to hear these comments and we are very proud to be recognised beyond the school gates.



Remembrance Day - Friday November 10

Please join us for our commemorative service under the COLA on Friday November 10 at 10.45am. Remembrance Day is a nationally recognised commemoration where we observe one minute's silence at 11.00am, in memory of those who died or suffered in all wars and armed conflicts. We particularly honour Australians who served in all wars, conflicts and peacekeeping operations. Today we celebrate that we live in a wonderful country where we have the right of free speech and the opportunity to create our own future. This year marks the 105th anniversary of the Armistice which ended the First World War. It also marks the 29th anniversary of the second burial of the Unknown Australian Soldier in the Australian War Memorial's Hall of Memory. Every year on the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month, we pause for one minute of silence to remember those men and women who have died or suffered in all wars, conflicts and peace operations. Thank you in advance to everyone who is able to bring flowers for this occasion.

- **Remembrance Day Invite - [invitation link](#)**

Tell Them From Me (TTFM) Parent Survey - Term 4

Cammeray has participated in the TTFM survey (students, staff and parents) over the past few years. The leadership team reviews this information which provides important data for the school and informs our strategic planning. We now invite families to complete the survey, which is available to all parents and carers, students in Years 4-6 and also our teaching staff. It helps to provide us with feedback on culture and climate. The survey is also used to better understand student wellbeing, learning habits and the building of positive relationships between school and home. As part of our evaluative processes, we compare our results from year to year and present our findings to the P&C. You will find a link to the survey below, which is open for two weeks.



Participating in the survey is voluntary and anonymous and takes about 20-minutes to complete. We welcome your feedback. Please note this survey closes on Friday November 3 at 5.00pm.

- **Parent Tell Them From Me - [survey link](#)**

Selective High School Placement Test

The Department of Education would like to advise the key dates for the Selective High School Placement Test. Their website includes everything you need to know and we highly recommend interested families to visit the site to find out more.

Applications are now open, [click here to apply](#).

- All candidates are required to sit the Selective High school Placement Test to be held in May (the test date has been moved to May to avoid a clash with NAPLAN testing in March)
- Attendance records are taken into consideration as part of the selection process
- To apply you must complete the placement process using the information and link on the website

Each year high-potential and gifted students miss out on Selective High School placement in Year 7 because parents/carers are unaware that the application process begins in Year 5. It is important to note students need to apply to sit for the test while they are in Year 5.

- **Selective High School - [information website](#)**

Supervision and School Bell Times

Our school hours are 8.40am to 3.15pm. Outside these hours there is no teacher supervision and for safety reasons we kindly ask you to access our Nanyima before and/or after school care program, if care is needed. In recent weeks we have noticed an increasing number of children arriving at the school gates prior to 8.40am. Please note:

- Safety is our priority
- Students are not supervised before 8:40am and after 3.15pm
- Parents should plan to have their children at school **no earlier than 8:40am**
- Nanyima is recommended for Before and After School Care

For more information about the Nanyima program and to make a casual or longer term booking, you can [visit their website](#).

Volunteers 'thank you' afternoon tea - Thursday November 30

Thank you to the amazing team of volunteers who support our school. On behalf of the entire Cammeray staff I would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to everyone who has assisted us throughout the year. A successful volunteer program takes support and commitment and we would like to recognise everyone who has donated their time and/or expertise to support our school. Thank you to each and every volunteer for your generosity and dedication in the classroom, in attending P&C meetings, the uniform shop, with lost property, the creative and



performing arts, the sporting arena, the library, the gardens, with project work, serving on a committee or team, organising an event or donating resources. In whatever way you have contributed, large or small, we are incredibly grateful. Our volunteers are very important to us and play a special role in the school. We are incredibly grateful and we appreciate everything you do.

- **Volunteer afternoon tea invite - [invitation here](#)**

SRC Update

Year 5 'Cooling The School' Program - Thursday October 19

This year we participated in the Cooling the School program to plant over 100 small trees, shrubs and grasses in the school grounds. Year 5 students worked with the educators and learnt a lot about sustainable and environmental living. The program took place on Thursday October 19 and focused on Frog Hollow and the Quiet Zone deck area. We would like to thank the Greening Australia Team for selecting our school and for organising this incursion. Pictures from the incursion can be found in the photo gallery.

YCSWM Morning Tea - Friday December 8

The senior leadership team will be holding a special morning tea to thank our You Can Sit With Me Ambassadors who assist in spreading messages of kindness throughout the school day. Our YCSWM students proudly wear their golden badge and yellow wristband and always embrace the values of being 'thoughtful, considerate and understanding'. The YOU CAN SIT WITH ME program was founded in 2015 by Sophie Whitehouse-Sparks who has over 25 years teaching experience across the UK, Africa, Asia and Australia. The program values align so closely to our Cammeray Code and we are proud to be a YCSWM school. We have an amazing group of young leaders in all grades who demonstrate respectful, responsible behaviour in every aspect of their learning. Thank you to all our YCSWM ambassadors who have helped to spread the message of kindness in 2023.

P&C Update

P&C Partnership - thank you from all the staff at CPS!

I would like to thank Neil Finaly for his leadership of the P&C and all our hard working P&C members for their commitment and dedication to our school. We have had another great year of working together, to make Cammeray a special place to live, work and play. For those of you moving on because your time as a parent at our school has drawn to a close, and to those of you stepping down from positions as your tenure comes to an end, I thank you for your contribution to our school. We acknowledge and appreciate your time, effort, organisation, support and enthusiasm. On behalf of the CPS staff and community thank you for everything. We are truly grateful.

- **[P&C Week 4, Term 4 Newsletter](#)**



Stories of Success

Kindergarten Orientation

We were delighted to welcome 90 preschoolers to CPS last week. We held four very productive orientation days which included classroom visits, Walker Learning provocations, a playground tour and outdoor learning centers. The transition to school for our new Kindy friends has been smooth and successful. Special thanks to Maria, Ms Fowlie, Ms Moore, Mr Watterson and Mrs Bernasconi for their support, organisation and planning. We are well on the way to a wonderful start to 2024 and we are very appreciative of the positive feedback we have received about our transition program. Thank you to everyone who has connected with us to share their thanks and appreciation.

Tim James' Christmas Card - art competition

Over the past few years we have entered student artwork in various local Christmas Card competitions. On many occasions our entries have been selected and we are hoping for success again this year. Good luck to all the wonderful Cammeray artists whose artwork has been submitted to Tim James', local member for Willoughby, Christmas Card Competition. Some of the artworks entered this year can be viewed in the photo gallery.

NSW Cultural Diversity Calendar - art competition

Over the past few years we have entered student artwork in the NSW Cultural Diversity Calendar competition. We are delighted to announce that this year 2T's class artwork, *Listen to Nature*, has been shortlisted for inclusion in the prestigious Department of Education K-12 Cultural Diversity Calendar. Congratulations and well done to all the students for your amazing creativity. 2T's artwork entry can be viewed in the photo gallery.

NSW Reconciliation Challenge

Congratulations to 5S's for your collaborative artwork, *Portholes to Country*, that was selected as a finalist in the NSW Reconciliation School Challenge event held at the Sydney Museum today. Selena Bui and Finn O'Brien represented 5S along with Ms Sutton, Mrs Fahey and Bibi Barba. Thank you to all the families who took part in the People's Choice Award and supported our students by voting for this artwork.

[Photo Gallery](#)