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 - [P&C Trivia Night Flyer](#), Saturday November 18 - save the date
 - P&C next meeting, Wednesday September 20 at 7.00pm
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Sorry Day by Mackenzie 2R

It was a normal day for the First Peoples until there was a huge cloud. They thought a gust of wind was pushing it but no, it was a big boat. It came closer and closer until the children felt terrified. The Other People were surprisingly nice. After a long time, the Other Peoples forced the Indigenous to leave their land. They were depressed and upset they had been betrayed. Soon the Other Peoples realised what they had done and tried to apologise but they could never forget what had happened.

Principal's Message

School Administration and Support Staff - SASS Recognition Week

Special thanks to our amazing SASS team:

- **Administration Staff** - Julie, Maria, Lee, Jo, Shiho
- **School Learning and Support Officers (SLSO)** - Ali, Ann, Julie, Rachel and Rachel
- **General Assistant (GA)** - Arif

This week NSW public schools acknowledge the dedicated staff who assist in the day-to-day running of our schools. School Administrative and Support Staff Recognition Week is an annual event to say thank you to all the staff who play an important role in the day to day operations of our school.

Our SASS team work in the office, in classrooms and in libraries, as well as maintaining and attending to school grounds and buildings. They care for students when they unwell and ensure the efficient management of school financial and administration functions. Each and every team member makes a valuable contribution to our school operations. Department of Education Secretary Murat Dizdar thanked the staff who support more than 810,000 public school students. "Our SAS staff are often the first people parents and students see when they come to a school and that first welcoming impression is incredibly important."

At Cammeray our SASS team are a tremendous support to all our students, staff and families. I would like to acknowledge the important work they do each and every day. Together in partnership we support and guide our students to feel valued, cared for and to achieve their personal best. To our special SASS team, who go above and beyond, we say a huge '**THANK YOU**', you are all truly valued and appreciated!

2024 Class Placements - friendship requests

This year we are asking our families to discuss positive friendships with your children, so that your child can be placed in a 2024 class with at least one friend or familiar face. We suggest that you nominate 5 students from your child's year group after your family discussion. We will try to place your child with at least 1 of these students. Please note that the order of the names will not be



significant and any requests from previous years will need to be resubmitted for next year's planning.

Completing the form is not mandatory as teachers always endeavour to take friendships and learning styles into consideration when forming classes each year, and they will continue to do so for 2024. We are offering this opportunity for you and your child to have input about class placement, as we are wanting to support their learning progress and wellbeing. This friendship form is the best way to communicate your requests, which we kindly ask you to submit by Monday October 30 at 3.00pm. After this time, no further requests will be noted as the process of class placement is complex. Please note - email requests are not accepted. Please be aware that student friendships do change quickly, and class dynamics are always considered in our decision making. Thank you for taking the time to provide this information.

- [Friendship Form - link](#) closes at 3.00pm on Monday October 30

Canteen Provider - Healthy Kids contract approved

We can now officially confirm the Healthy Kids Association as our canteen provider, after they successfully completed the Department's tender process. Congratulations and a very warm welcome to Jacqui Gowan and the Healthy Kids team, who were successfully awarded a long term contract after meeting Department requirements and obligations. The Healthy Kids team are delighted with the outcome, and look forward to the continued partnership with our school community. There will be no changes to the canteen service and Miyoko and Aya will continue working onsite preparing and organising the orders. You are invited to access the latest specials and view their [updated menu options here](#).

School Update

Art Show - thank you to Mrs Fahey and everyone who supported this amazing event!

Thank you to everyone for coming along to our school art show, *Me the Artist*. Congratulations to Jodie Anderson from Modern Teaching Aids who won the silent auction for Bibi Barba's artwork, *Flowers of Bermagui* and Lara Winten who won the silent auction for *Gathering*, bark art. Thank you to Bibi for generously donating these artworks. All funds will be allocated to our art program to assist with connecting our students to Country.

Congratulations to the following students who are the winners of the art show activity boxes. Thank you to Modern Teaching Aids for donating these prizes.

- Be Lucky - Savannah 6T
- NAIDOC Poster - Tom B 5R
- Colour Number Equations - Bas 5B
- Creative Colour names - Maxwell KN & Eleanor 3E
- Whale Bottle top count - Audrey 2T

Thank you to the following parents and grandparents who helped behind the scenes with the art show. Your support is greatly appreciated - Richard Greenaway, Kasia Rego, Mark Rowden,



Susan Enners, Analiese Ruane, Nicole Antonini, Leni Hamilton, Katherine Bates, Jo Townsend, Emma Curran, Cathrine Orrick, Jo Zupan, Jo's dad Mike, Emily Kuo, Olga Mazurskaya, Sophie Reade and Kate Perry.

Thank you to Nina Germain for artistically assembling our teacher Acknowledgement of Country. And huge shout-out to Libbie Jamieson who has supported the art program all year. The school community is extremely lucky to have you sharing your artistic skills and time in the art room. Thank you to all the teachers who assisted in the preparations and lead-up to the art show and to everyone who attended on the night. *"Well done to all the students, your artworks are amazing. I am super proud of you!"* - Mrs Fahey

Dogs - prohibited on school grounds

We would like to remind all families that dogs and other pets are not permitted on school grounds. The Department of Education, under the Companion Animals Act 1998 (NSW), states dogs are prohibited on school grounds, unless granted special permission. Reasons why permission may be granted:

- Assistance or Service dogs – are accredited and specially trained to assist an individual person with a disability. Assistance dogs have undertaken a Public Access Test (PAT) and meet the NSW standards for public access rights. The term assistance dog is the generic term for a guide, hearing, or service dog, specifically trained to perform identifiable physical tasks and behaviours that assist a person with a disability in order to aid in quality of life and/or independence.
- Farm working dogs – may be used on school farms and must be under the control of the teacher, farm assistant or person in charge of the activity at all times.
- Visits by organised groups or programs for school incursions – includes such programs as Responsible Pet Ownership Education Program offered by the Office of Local Government.
- School support dogs – are used in schools to provide emotional support, companionship or well-being support. They are often known as therapy, emotional support or companion dogs.

Thank you for your support.

Enrolments for Kindergarten 2024 - enrolments open

Do you have a younger child ready to start school with us next year or perhaps you know a friend or neighbour intending to enrol, but who have not yet done so. We have a comprehensive program of activities and sessions running throughout the year, designed to help students and families prepare for starting school. In readiness we have the following programs in place:

- Parent Information Session - held last week
- Parent Q&A Zoom Sessions - beginning next week
- Kindergarten Orientation - registrations now open
- 10-week Kindy Friends Challenge - starting in Term 4



We encourage all families to submit their enrolment for Kindergarten 2024 as soon as possible, and benefit from our transition to school programs. For further enquiries, please contact Maria de Caires in our administration office on ph. 9955 7200 or via email:

cammeray-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au

Applications to enrol are submitted online. Full details and more information about how to enrol are outlined on the [Enrolments page of our school website](#)

2024 Kindergarten Parent Q&A - lunchtime Zoom Forums

Next week our 2024 Kindergarten Parent Q&A zoom sessions continue. We warmly invite our 2024 Kindy parents to join us for these informative sessions hosted by our School Executive team. These interactive sessions are a popular and convenient way to engage with the school and have your questions answered. The sessions begin with a slideshow presentation (which will later be uploaded to our website) and move onto an open Q&A discussion. We look forward to welcoming you to these sessions.

Save these dates & meeting links

Topic: Q&A Kindergarten 2024: Numeracy
Time: Sep 12, 2023 12:10 PM Canberra, Melbourne, Sydney
[Join Zoom Meeting](#)
Meeting ID: 648 1145 3145
Passcode: 871410

Topic: Q&A Kindergarten 2024: Wellbeing
Time: Oct 17, 2023 12:10 PM Canberra, Melbourne, Sydney
[Join Zoom Meeting](#)
Meeting ID: 682 6836 8721
Passcode: 115472

Topic: Q&A Kindergarten 2024: Walker Learning
Time: Oct 31, 2023 12:10 PM Canberra, Melbourne, Sydney
[Join Zoom Meeting](#)
Meeting ID: 638 4786 5994
Passcode: 752230

Reconciliation Action Plan Version 2 - draft plan

We are incredibly proud of our Reconciliation Action Plan (RAPv2), which now includes the voices of our students through the Student Representative Council (SRC). Our RAP demonstrates our ongoing commitment to inclusivity and diversity and celebrates the rich, diverse and resilient cultures in our community. You can have your say and contribute to our RAP via the survey link below.

- View our [draft RAPv2 here](#)



School Surveys - have your say

Thank you for taking the time to give us your feedback. It is important to us and helps us to make improvements across our school. High engagement rates signal that you have seen this as a valuable opportunity to share your views on our work. Our current surveys will remain open for two weeks and will close on Friday September 8 at 5.00pm.

- Reconciliation Action Plan Survey - [survey link](#)
- Education Week Survey - [survey link](#)

KYDS - free counselling service

KYDS is a barrier-free, easily accessed counselling service, provided by approachable, non-judgmental professionals. No formal referrals from doctors or school staff are needed to see the team. KYDS is a free service and their professional team work with families for as long as needed. KYDS are running a free webinar for parents and teenagers called *Flip the Switch*. This session is about friendships and is available on September 12 at 12:30pm and September 13 at 6:30pm.

- To register [use this link here](#): *Flip the Switch*
- KYDS [website here](#)

Uniform

We are delighted to announce our new uniform items have now arrived and will be available for purchase online on the Flexischools App in the coming weeks. We want all families to know that wearing any of our new uniform items is completely optional. The new pieces, available for sale soon, are the green school shirt with gold panelling and the reversible bucket hat ([see here for uniform images](#)). Once the existing yellow shirts have sold out, they will not be available for sale on Flexischools, however, they will continue to be available through our regular second hand sales. Please be assured, we have allowed plenty of time for the uniform transition and we recognise the changeover will take many years. We appreciate our families' need for flexibility and choice. We understand this is important and we respect this.

[Community Newsletter](#)

SRC Update

Great Aussie Book Swap and Indigenous Literacy Day - Wednesday September 6

This year we are holding a Great Aussie Book Swap to support the Indigenous Literacy Foundation (ILF) and provide books and learning resources to children living in remote Communities across Australia. The Book Swap will be held on Wednesday September 6 in the school hall. Your child is encouraged to bring a book to school, along with a gold coin donation in order to swap their book for another one. Donated books should be age appropriate to be able to swap for a book suited to their age group. If your child is unable to donate a book, they are still welcome to **come to school tomorrow dressed-up as a book hero** and bring a gold coin donation to support this charity.



The Book Swap is a fantastic way to celebrate reading, learn more about Indigenous languages and culture, and raise funds for a great cause. This year the ILF is aiming to raise \$150,000 to gift 15,000 new books to remote Communities. Our school is aiming to raise \$2000 as a contribution to this fantastic cause. You can also support by making a donation to our Book Swap page and sharing it with your friends and family. If you would like to make a donation, you are welcome to visit our [dedicated webpage here](#).

P&C Update

Father's Day Breakfast - thank you!

A special thank you to Emma and the P&C events team for organising the Father's Day breakfast on Friday September 1. It was wonderful to have so many dads attend this event, laughing over a coffee, enjoying a bacon and egg roll and participating in the activities and races on Zone 4. Competing in the paper-plane flying competition was a highlight for many. There was a happy, joyful buzz in the playground and with record crowds everyone enjoyed this event in true Cammeray community spirit.

School Discos - Friday September 8

A friendly reminder the CPS annual disco is on **Friday September 8** in the school hall. Tickets are \$5 per student (to cover DJ costs). Teachers will be present to supervise. Everyone is welcome to wear disco dress-up clothes to school on Friday.

Ticket Link: <https://www.trybooking.com/CKOXV>.

Students are not required to bring a physical/electronic ticket.

Session Times :

Kindy & Year 1	1.30 - 2.30pm (during school hours)
Year 2 & 3	5.15pm - 6.15pm Please come at 5.00pm for check-in and prompt pick-up at 6.15pm
Year 4, 5 & 6	6.30pm - 7.30pm Please come at 6.20pm for check-in and prompt pick-up at 7.30pm

Year 2 & 3 Students attending Nanyima on Friday:

1. Parents are required to sign their child out of Nanyima, in line with usual sign in/out procedures. It is not permitted for children to be signed out by Nanyima staff on behalf of parents.



2. We understand that there is a 30 minute time lapse between Nanyima close (6.00pm) to the commencement of the Year 4-6 disco (6:30pm). We kindly ask that you are on time to collect your child from Nanyima, in line with Nanyima policies and to avoid being charged a late fee.

Please contact cps.events.docs@gmail.com to discuss any issues.

- **P&C Meeting** - Wednesday September 20 at 7.00pm, onsite, school staffroom
- **P&C Newsletter**

Stories of Success

Tennis Star Arato - Congratulations Arato!

Arato is our very own tennis super star. He has been training and preparing for several major international tennis competitions. Over 12 grueling days he played many games in his endeavour to win a medal for Australia.

We are proud to announce that Arato won a bronze medal in the Men's Singles and a silver medal in Men's Doubles in Birmingham (IBSA World Games). He is now in Poland competing in the IBTA World Championships.

Tennis Links

- *IBSA – International Blind Sports Association & IBTA – International Blind Tennis Association
[LTA - Tennis for Britain - IBSA World Games](#) Tennis Winners
- Arato's match in Poland will be on live streams on IBTA YouTube at:
<https://www.youtube.com/live/5H4ttnnE7JA?si=mTsls8zhs0aWIEA7>
- Arato's Instagram account @arato.tennisjourney:
[Arato 新戸 | tennis player \(@arato.tennisjourney\)](#) • Instagram photos and videos)

Art Winners

Congratulations to Raffi 5S, Heidi 1M and Eleanor 1W for their, *Indigenous and Me*, artworks which were chosen as finalists and prize winners in the recent art competition coordinated by Kylea Tink's office. The artworks will be on display at Stanton Library from September 1-15.

It is with great excitement that 2T's collaborative artwork, *Listen to Nature*, has been entered in the Department of Education 2024 Cultural Diversity Calendar. The theme for the calendar is, *Our Voices*.

5S are extremely proud of their class artwork, *Portholes to Country*, that have been entered in the NSW Reconciliation School Challenge, *What Stories Will You Dream*.

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