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## Principal's Post

### Acknowledgement of Country

*Felix (6A)*

*Warimi, here at Cammeray and throughout Australia, First Nations peoples have owned and nurtured the land. We acknowledge the care given to our Country. From the time before trees grew, before the leaves dropped onto our golden soil, Aboriginal people have respected and cared for nature. Yanu*

## Stranger Danger

We have been advised of an incident that took place at the end of last week involving students from a nearby school. A man [description not provided] approached a group of students in a white van on Miller Street in Cammeray. The students remembered their stranger danger lessons ('no, go, tell') and left the area. The incident was reported to police. Our teachers have reminded students about stranger danger, and I encourage parents to have these same discussions at home.

- For more information on PDHPE please [see this link](#).
- [Stranger Danger Child Safety Tips](#)



## School Infrastructure - capital works project, demountable replacement

Early planning has begun on the Cammeray Public School upgrade. The project will involve replacing demountables with permanent facilities.

In the next phase of the project architects and engineers will be appointed, and an analysis of the site will take place, along with the development of a concept design. Doing so means that we consider the needs of the local area now and into the future, and ensure the right school facilities are designed for the community. Further updates will be released as the project progresses. In addition to the SINSW upgrade, the school is considering upgrades to several play areas (Zone 2 and Zone 3) - an initiative from the P&C and school executive teams. We are working with SINSW to ensure the best outcome for both projects.

- **School Infrastructure - [Cammeray Public School Community Upgrade](#):**

## School Infrastructure - Community Questionnaire

As part of the project, School Infrastructure NSW (SINSW) are conducting this questionnaire to understand how you travel to school. This should take 5 minutes to complete. We appreciate your assistance in completing this survey by following the link below.

- **Cammeray Public School [Community Questionnaire](#) (arcgis.com):**



Teachers will also be conducting a hands-up survey with students about how they travelled to school. The results of this survey will also be provided to SINSW. If you do not wish your child to participate in this survey, please let your child's classroom teacher know.

## Koomurri Education Incursion - Monday November 27

Yesterday we welcomed the Koomurri First Nations Education Team, for our rescheduled NAIDOC celebrations. This event, the Ultimate Dreamtime Experience, was enjoyed by students from K-6, with everyone participating in a full day of outdoor Aboriginal learning. Some of the activities included:

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

**Koomurri feedback** from our students:

- *I liked throwing the boomerang. I threw it further than anyone, even further than my teacher! - Liam, Kindy*
- *I loved the boomerang throwing, we did it on Zone 3. - Georgie, Year 1*



- *The kangaroo dancing was the best. We learnt all these animal actions and it was so interesting. I was also really good at playing the didgeridoo - Max, Year 2*
- *Listening to the didgeridoo was fun because I could hear all the animal noises as well as some DJ disco music. It was fun! - Lily, Year 3*
- *I liked all the music, especially the didgeridoo and the shell shakers. - Josh, Year 4*
- *The didgeridoo was the most interesting. Some of the noises sounded a bit rude. - Joe, Year 5*
- *Learning to use ochre and understanding that ochre was used to communicate messages was really interesting. - Ross, Year 6*

Special thanks to Ms Woodhouse and Mr Watterson for their organisation on the day.

## **School Update**

### **Swimming Carnival 2024 - Tuesday February 6**

We have commenced preparations for our 2024 Swimming Carnival, to be held at Lane Cove Aquatic Centre on Tuesday February 6. As in previous years, you will need to register for your child to compete in the carnival. **To register you must complete the google link below by Monday December 18 2023.**

The age events are 50 metres in length. Students who can competently and confidently swim over 50 metres may register for races with the intention of representing our school at the Zone Swimming Carnival on Thursday March 14. Students should be registered in the event for the age they are turning in 2024. Junior age races start from 8 years of age. The 200m IM and 100m freestyle are the first events of the day and are only for children who can competently swim these longer distances. If your child is participating in either of these two events, parents will need to drive their child to the pool. These events will take place at 9.00am, prior to the buses leaving the school. Year 2 students who turn 8 years of age during 2024 are invited to register for the competitive events at the Carnival. These students must be able to confidently and competently swim 50m.

If you do not wish to register for the competitive events there is no need to fill in the registration form. A separate permission note will be sent out at the beginning of Term 1 2024 with additional information about the non-competitive events at the Carnival.

**Please complete this registration form by Monday December 18 2023.**

- [2024 Swimming Carnival registration link](#)

### **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](#).

## Share Our Space - open on weekends throughout the holiday period

Our school will be open for the Share Our Space program over the upcoming holiday period. It provides an opportunity for community members to use our school's outdoor facilities during holidays for a wide range of activities, from sports and recreation to cultural events and celebrations. We hope it helps to build stronger ties between our school and community. By sharing our space, we can help create a sense of ownership and responsibility for our schools and their role in building relationships, connections and resilience for all.

- Visit Share our Space - [more information here](#)

## Art News

This term Kindergarten has enjoyed creating their own native bird headdress that they will wear for their end of year Celebration Assembly on Tuesday December 5. These creations were inspired by the native creatures we have been reading about during our weekly art lessons. Thank you to Libbie Jamieson, Kasia Carbone Rego and Olga Mazurskaya for their ongoing support and dedication to the Kindergarten art program.

Year 6 students have created their own artwork for a collaborative Year 6 Mural. The artworks connect the students to their sport house through the sea totems, house colours and sporting events. Thank you to Bibi Barba for visiting the art studio and guiding the students in visually connecting to Country. This exciting project is part of the 2023 Year 6 gift to the school. We are aiming to have the mural installed on Quiet Zone before the end of the school year. Thank you to the Year 6 parents for their support and generosity. We look forward to the students' artworks decorating and brightening up our playground.

## Library News

Student borrowing has now finished for the year. Please encourage your child to return all school library books as soon as possible so that we can prepare for our annual stocktake.

Orange overdue reminder notes are currently being sent home. If your child has one of these notes, we kindly 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](mailto:kate.justelius-wright3@det.nsw.edu.au)

## Library Wheelers Program

During the holiday break it is important for students to continue to read for pleasure. I for one, can't wait to tackle my teetering to-be-read pile. Sourcing books during the holidays needn't be an expensive exercise. Besides bookshops, there are street libraries and, of course, public



libraries. Your local public library provides a wealth of titles and children can borrow as many books as they can carry. Public libraries often run school holiday activities as well.

While borrowing physical books from our school library has finished for the year, students can continue to borrow the Wheelers ebooks and audiobooks throughout the holidays. The site can be accessed [via this link](#) and students only need their DET student username and password to log in. Please contact your child's teacher if they do not know these.

Besides being an online encyclopedia with curated child-friendly and -safe information, World Book Online, has educational games in their Kids section. These include jigsaw puzzles, crosswords, matching games and more. The login ID and password are both cammeray

## **Music News - Schools Spectacular**

Congratulations to our Schools Spectacular choir who performed in four huge shows over Friday and Saturday last weekend. This year is the 40th year of Schools Spectacular and is a momentous occasion for the performing arts in Public Schools. We are incredibly proud of our students for working so hard for this event and for representing Cammeray. Thank you to all the friends and family who attended and supported this event. Special thanks to all the teachers who assisted Ms Esparraga at the dress rehearsals and final performances - Ms Flynn, Ms Taylor, Ms Woodhouse and Ms Chapman. Schools Spectacular will be televised on Channel 7, on Saturday December 9.

## **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 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 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 our school. We appreciate everything you do.

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

## **SRC Update**

### **So They Can fundraiser - thank you Cammeray, we raised \$781.10!**

Thank you to everyone who contributed to our recent fundraiser for the *So They Can* charity. This charity supports education in a number of schools in Tanzania and Kenya. We are happy to announce that we raised over \$780 for a water source to be placed in a school in Tanzania. Currently, most schools in Tanzania do not have access to fresh water and students, mostly the girls, have to walk up to 7 kilometres to get fresh water. Thank you for supporting our SRC fundraiser.



## **Pedlar's Parade - Thursday November 30**

Our Year 6 students are currently preparing to hold stalls for their annual Pedlar's Parade. This event is a fundraiser for the Year 6 gift to the school. Recently the SRC and Year 6 students voted and a mural was selected as the winner for the 2023 gift. The Pedlar's Parade will help Year 6 to raise funds for this mural. At the Pedlar's Parade Kindergarten to Year 5 students will be able to buy craft items and participate in a variety of games. Families are invited to buy tickets using the [TryBooking link](#). As there are no cash sales you will need to purchase a \$5 ticket before the day for your child to participate in this event. There is a maximum of 1 ticket per child. Thank you for supporting this Year 6 event (SRC).

**Pedlar's Parade tickets on sale - [TryBooking link](#)**

## **YCSWM Morning Tea - Friday December 8**

The senior executive 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 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 closely with 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!**

We would like to thank the outgoing P&C for their time, effort, organisation, support and enthusiasm throughout 2023. We are grateful for the partnership and connections and for all the projects and new initiatives we were able to introduce. As we farewell some of the team members we would like to acknowledge the incoming P&C Executive for 2024. We look forward to another successful year in 2024.

### **2024 P&C Team - congratulations!**

President - Neil Finlay

Vice Presidents - Sharon Addington, Emily Klineberg

Treasurer - Madeleine Stewart

Assistant Treasurer - Adele Lim

Secretary - Chiara Charlton

Events Liaison - vacant

Committee Members - Mark Rowden, Robyn Melean, Emma Curran, Shabana Wardak and Eva Pos

### **P&C AGM President's Report 2023**



## **Stories of Success**

### **Arato - NSW Sports Award winner**

2023 has been a very successful year for Arato. Over the past year he participated in a number of high profile tennis events, winning most of them even when competing against much older athletes. Recently he won the prestigious NSW Sports Award for Young Athlete of the Year with a Disability ([News - Sport NSW](#)). He was nominated with 5 other finalists (all in their teenage years). Congratulations to Arato who was announced the winner on Monday November 20 at the ICC.

Arato has now been invited as a special guest at the Newcombe Medal ceremony, which will be held in Melbourne on Monday December 11. This event is hosted by Tennis Australia and will be a forum to recognise Arato's excellence and contribution to the tennis community throughout 2023. Three cheers and well done to Arato on these outstanding achievements!

## **Photo Gallery**

## **Parent Webinars, Seminars, and Useful Information**