Whole School Assembly
Week 3

For Your Calendar

P&C Meeting
Tuesday February 17

Book Club Due
Thursday February 19

Infants Assembly
Thursday February 19

Welcome Barbeque
Tuesday February 24

Leadership Camp
March 2–5

School Photos
Tuesday March 24

Welcome to School Barbeque
and Meet the Teacher

This year we are providing a relaxed and friendly opportunity for parents and teachers to meet each other. We will be holding a free sausage sizzle from 4–6.30pm in the courtyard. Throughout the early evening we will be holding our parent information sessions at the times advertised below. So come on up to school and meet your child’s teacher at the barbeque either before or after the short information session. Closer to the date we will be asking for numbers of those wishing to attend to help us with catering.

When: Tuesday 24 February, 2015

4.00pm Kindergarten in Block C with Miss Slyn and Mrs Russell
4.30pm Year 1 and Year 2 meeting in Block D with Mrs Nicol, Miss Marsh, Miss Gibbs and Mrs Jones
5.00pm The School Plan 2015-2017 in the library with Mrs Gruden
5.30pm Year 3 and Year 4 in Block E with Miss Gibbs, Ms Kuit and Miss Duggan
6.00pm Year 5 and Year 6 in Block E with Mr Berger and Mrs Castray

We look forward to meeting you and working with you throughout the year!
Swimming Carnival 2015

On Monday February 2 Woodland Road Public School held its annual school swimming carnival at Bradbury Pools. The children showed off their talents in the water by competing in events for freestyle, backstroke, breaststroke and butterfly. All children who entered in an event tried their best and swam amazingly. The talent didn’t end in the water, our new house captains led their house in chants throughout the day which showed the enthusiasm and sportsmanship that our students have. I would like to thank all of the staff and parents who worked hard on the day to make this event possible and to our fantastic students for making this event so enjoyable. The house winner and place ribbons will be handed out at this week’s assembly and our Zone swimming team will also be announced.

Mrs Castray
Shipwrecked

The tropical thunderstorm hit the Swiss family Robinson’s ship with lightning and caused the boat to sway all around! The animals on the ship were terrified as they were shaken side to side because of the boat swaying. My name’s Fred and this is my true story.

I was the first awake (like always) and woke the rest of my family up. We were stranded, shipwrecked on a tropical island. The storm last night must have wiped out most of the food on the island, so it was a little hard to come by.

We did a search around the tropical island and managed to find enough food to last us a week. Surprisingly, there was barely anything or anyone trying to kill us.

Our family searched the perimeter of the ship to see if anything was left. All our animals had survived, luckily. We did find our little tinnie and fishing rope so my dad and I went fishing.

Unfortunately, there was a shark in the water so I got out my shark gun but our very big dog, Rhino killed it. We headed back to our treehouse and a spear nearly hit me! It looked like there were a bunch of crazy barbarians trying to claim our land.

We knew that we had to defend our land so we got out all of the coconuts we were using for food and pelted them with the coconuts. We won. We all wanted to stay here forever.

By Dean Beauchamp 5/6C
Parental withdrawal from children’s education is a big problem these days as increasingly parents are worn out from working too hard or being involved in a variety of activities.

But the message for parents is clear – become involved in as many aspects as practical in your child’s education. Their chances of success are better when kids see school as an extension of home rather than merely an institution for learning.

Positive parent participation demonstrates to children that you value learning and their school in particular. Children copy many of their parents’ views so your positive attitude to school and learning is catching.

Make the most of the opportunities that schools offer to assist in the classroom including, hearing kids read, taking small groups in elective activities and assisting children when writing stories.

Parent participation is much broader than helping out in the classroom. Hearing young learners read, helping with homework and making sure kids go off to school happy, healthy and with plenty of sleep are important aids to learning.

Here are some more ideas to help you participate in your child's education in positive ways:

1. Make sure your kids start each day well. That means they should get a good night's sleep, have a healthy breakfast and arrive at school on time with all their learning requirements as well as a healthy lunch.

2. Attend school activities such as open days, concerts, parent evenings, sports events and celebrations. Read the school newsletter and other forms of communication so you can stay in the loop with what’s happening at your child’s school.

3. Consult with your child’s teacher about homework expectations and practical ways that you can assist both at home and at school. Each teacher has his or her own expectations about how you can help so make sure you work within their guidelines.

4. Find out what your school is trying to achieve for your child and show your support for its aims. Support a broad, balanced curriculum that offers children a variety of educational experiences rather than a program that focuses narrowly on the traditional 3 Rs. School discipline is always more effective when it’s supported by parents so be supportive of their attempts to promote good behaviour in your child.

5. Become an advocate for your child’s school and promote its positive features throughout the wider community. Encourage your child to take pride in their school through your example.

Positive parent participation in school and learning is a proven criterion for student success. One practical way to assist your child as a learner is to become actively involved in his or her school-life.
National Assessment Program - Literacy and Numeracy 2015 Test Dates

Dear Parent or Carer

The test dates for the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy for all students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 will be as follows.

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In case you missed it!

Our newspaper article in the Chronicle last week.

for first day of school

KINDY STUDENTS EXCITED AND READY TO MEET THEIR NEW FRIENDS

Achieving Success in a Caring Environment
Campbelltown Performing Arts High School
Beverley Road, Campbelltown
Year 7, 2016 Audition Applications

Our school is a specialist Performing Arts High School and each year we hold auditions for talented students with a strong interest in dance, drama, circus, instrumental music and vocal.

Students that live outside our area have to audition in one of our Performing Arts subject areas to attend our high school and students that live in our area who wish to enroll as a Performing Arts student will also need to audition at this time.

Auditions for Year 7, 2016 will be held on 16th, 17th and 18th March 2015 in the areas of dance, drama, music (vocal and instrumental) and circus arts.

Application forms are available on our school website www.cpahs.nsw.edu.au or from the school office.

Parents and prospective students are also welcome to attend an information evening on 18th February 2015 at 6pm that will provide an opportunity to meet key personnel, develop an understanding of the school’s programs and subjects, tour the school’s state-of-the-art facilities, and gain information about the enrolment and audition process.

Audition applications close 27th February 2015.

For more information please call our Performing Arts faculty on 02 4625 1403.

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Used Clothing Pool

Our used clothing pool is in need of girls' summer dresses. If anyone has used uniforms they wish to donate please leave at front office. Thank you for your kind support.

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Achieving Success in a Caring Environment
Dear Parents and Caregivers

As of this week classes are now permanent except for Kindergarten. Kindergarten classes will be formed at the beginning of next week; after the completion of Best Start. I am happy to say that this year our school will have 10 classes.

The 2014 class structures are as follows:

Block C - Team Leader: Mrs Nicol
  KS - Miss Slym
  KR - Mrs Russell

Block D - Team Leader: Mrs Nicol
  K/1M - Miss Marsh
  1N - Mrs Nicol
  2J - Mrs Jones

Block E - Team Leader: Mr Berger
  3/4K - Ms Kuit
  3/4D - Miss Duggan
  5/6C - Mrs Castray
  5/6B - Mr Berger

Learning Support teacher - Mrs Conden (3 days) and Ms Nikoletic (2 days)
Reading Recovery/Support - Mrs Pages
RFF/Support - Mr McKenzie and Miss Tapsas
Librarian - Mrs Nackovski (3 days)
School Counsellor - Miss Yell (2 days)

We also have 6 School Support Learning Officers will be assisting children this year. They are:
  Mrs Melrose
  Mrs Coleman
  Mrs Linkenbagh
  Mrs Hart
  Mrs Mulquin
  Mrs Swan

In the office we have:
  Mrs Barlett - School Administrative Officer
  Mrs Connor - School Administrative Manager who has replaced Mrs Hardaker who is on Long Service Leave
  Mr Gruden - General Assistant

Our cleaners are supplied by ISS cleaning company, Pele and Ivonne.

School Car Park

For the safety of our children the school car park has limited availability. It is not a general car park and there are restrictions in place. Parents are requested not to park in the car park, on the grassed areas between the hall and the fence or behind the Kindergarten block. The only children who are allowed to be dropped off or picked up from the school grounds are children with physical difficulties who have problems with their mobility. Presently we have 3 students which meet these criteria and the parents have special permission from the Principal to park on school grounds. If you believe your child needs close access and support in this area please contact me. It is important that we keep our school grounds free from traffic between 8am to 3:15pm; thank you for your support.

P&C Meeting

Our next P&C meeting is Tuesday February 17 at 9am in the staffroom. Everyone is welcome especially our new parents. Our meetings are informal and it is a great way to meet new people and assist the school with decision making and fundraising. We have a strong team lead by Rebecca Gordon and any assistance is valued.

Regards
Carol Gruden Principal
**Student Banking**

Student banking is every Thursday morning at the P&C window from 8.15am to 8.45am.

We are trying to win a gazebo for our school, to do this we need to have the majority of our students banking.

SO …. every NEW banker will receive a gift with their very first deposit.

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**Play to Learn Group**

at Woodland Road Public School
Preschool Program for 0-5yrs
Beginning February 13
9am to 10.30 am

For further enquiries please contact
Rebecca Gordon (P&C President) or
Miss Slym (KS teacher)
or by leaving a message at the school office:
4626-2488

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