



Newsletter

Term 4 Week 3

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK:

Dear Parents and Carers,

In the next fortnight, we are seeking community feedback through the **Tell Them From Me Survey**. It helps guide decision making for future school planning and ultimately increase student achievement. It is an anonymous survey and if every family could spend 10-15 mins to share your voice. We need every family to participate so we can have valid data. The results are shared in our annual report which you can access via our school website each year. Please use this URL link to access the survey and complete by Friday 8th November. We appreciate your feedback. <http://nsw.tellthemfromme.com/z4m88>

2025 Leadership Speeches

Students in Year 5 have received a note and nomination form to express their interest in being part of our school leadership team in 2025. Students wishing to self-elect for school captain, vice-captain and school ambassador will be required to prepare a 2-3 min speech to present at our next assembly.

Other leadership positions for house captains and vice captains, librarians and technology monitors will be offered to students to nominate themselves later in the year.

Student Sport News

Congratulations to the following students who have shared some special sporting news with us.

Noah S in Koalas

Noah recently attended a soccer tournament in Canberra (Kanga cup). He and 5 other children from his team (Camden Tigers) were asked to represent Australia in Fiji. They were each chosen out of around 200 teams around NSW, they each showed leadership skills, great sportsmanship, amazing soccer skills, resilience and passion towards soccer and other teams. All the best for your upcoming trip to Fiji.

Jacob F in Koalas

Jacob recently has been selected in the Under 11's Camden District Cricket Rep Team (CDCA Presidents Cup team). We are all very proud of him.

Please let us know if your child has achieved excellence in an area of their chosen interests and passions as we would love add this to our newsletter.

Kind regards,

Mrs Sivell

Grandparent's and Grand Friend's Day

This special day on our calendar is always a truly wonderful occasion. It is filled with cherished moments, lots of smiles and many stories of school days from the past.

The students love sharing their learning in their classrooms and working together on activities. This year our students performed a song "Love Me Do" by the Beatles and some class performances. The highlight is always the heel toe polka dance, and I am not sure who has the most fun the students or their grandparent's and grand friends.

Once again thank you to our P&C and community volunteers for assisting us with cooking a BBQ and selling refreshments and snacks. The meat raffle was one by Cohen P grandparent. Mrs Hillier also made sure everyone enjoyed a scone with jam and cream.



Colour Explosion

Well done to our Year 6 students and Ms Deaves for organising a fun afternoon last Thursday filled with colour and water. The fundraising portal closes today, and further information will be provided on school dojo about prizes and our final total amount raised.

Thank you for supporting this fundraising event which will go towards a gift on behalf of Year 6 to our school.



Attendance Matters

Parents of children from Kindergarten to Year 12 must ensure their children attend school every day. On occasion, your child may need to be absent from school. Justified reasons for student absences may include:

- being sick or having an infectious disease
- having an unavoidable medical appointment
- being required to attend a recognised religious holiday
- exceptional or urgent family circumstances e.g. attending a funeral.

Parents must provide an explanation for absences to the school within 7 days from the first day of any period of absence. Where an explanation has not been received within the 7-day timeframe, the school will record the absence as unexplained on the student's record.

Premier Sporting Challenge

Last term, our students participated in the premier's sporting challenge. Each class was recording their time of physical activity including in school activities and physical activity they did outside of school.

Our school results were submitted by Mrs Michalak, and **we achieved a Diamond School Award with \$700 towards the purchase of sporting equipment.** The SRC are going to survey our students and look at equipment needs to order new sporting equipment for 2025. Well done everyone!

SNAKE AWARENESS

We regularly discuss snake awareness and safety with our students. We kindly ask you discuss the snake safety at home as the weather starts to heat up and reptiles seek refuge.

Reassure your child, remind them if they sight a snake to walk backwards slowly away in a calm manner, report it to a staff member straight away and never attempt to touch or chase the snake.

Another message we will be communicating is not to place hands or feet into garden areas if your ball or other items go into them and seek a teacher's assistance.