PRINCIPAL POPE’S PARAGRAPHS

_Lean on me when you’re not strong_
_And I’ll be your friend, I’ll help you carry on_
_For it won’t be long_
_ ’Til I’m gonna need somebody to lean on_

Bill Withers

STAFF NEWS

Miss King & Mrs Homer
Many of you may have realised that Miss King was pregnant but baby came earlier than expected. A couple of weeks ago she was rushed to hospital and since has had a beautiful baby girl. We wish her and her family all the best and will no doubt have a visit soon. We welcome Mrs Homer on board for the rest of the year as she replaces Miss King.

Mr Byrne
Recently Mr Byrne found out that he has received a transfer closer to home. After 7 years at Ambarvale PS he has been given a position in the support unit at Tahmoor PS. We congratulate him and know that he and his family will enjoy the shorter travel.

Mrs Brennan
Mr Byrne’s transfer has created a vacancy at Ambarvale PS and I am pleased to say that the Department of Education has appointed Mrs Brennan, who was on a temporary contract, to a permanent position. We welcome her aboard for the long haul.

Mrs Delaney & Mrs White
Mrs White had taken some leave at the end of last term and is not returning to us this year. Mrs Delaney has stepped up into her role and Mrs Thomas is supporting her in the office. We thank them both for their work and efforts during this time.

Mrs Lewis
At the beginning of the year Miss Shipley got a transfer as a School Learning Support Officer to a new school. Finally we have filled her position in the support unit and Mrs Lewis, who has been with us for many years, is finally permanent. Congratulations Mrs Lewis.

Miss Page
Miss Page who has been an Assistant Principal at Ambarvale PS for more than 8 years has been successful in gaining a Deputy Principal position as an Instructional Leader 3-6 at John Warby PS for a year, if not longer. This position is well earned and we wish her well in her new role for 2016.

SCIENCE at UNIVERSITY OF WOLLONGONG
Last week several students from Stage 3 represented us at the University of Wollongong. They presented their findings, research and experiments to a wide range of judges. They answered questions and demonstrated carefully. We competed against 290 other schools and a great day of learning was had by all. Thanks to Miss King and Mr Nicholls for their hard work in organising and promoting their learning and Mrs Sullivan who has been inspiring and travelled with our budding scientists on the day. Photos of the day are on the next page.

P&C
Next Wednesday on the 18th of November we will be holding our first P&C breakfast. Thank you to all who committed to joining or supporting the P&C. I look forward to having a bite to eat and planning with you for 2016.
KINDYS FOR 2016 & OTHERS TOO
If you know someone local who should be in Kindy next year please send them our way now as we are starting to plan for 2016. Check out the preschoolers working with Miss Wendy in our preschool group. They are counting to 20! Very clever! This group runs every Monday from 9.00am to 11.00am.

I will be sending a note home with this newsletter for you to indicate whether your son or daughter will be at Ambarvale PS next year. If you are moving away please let us know so we can start organising classes for the beginning of next year. See the note inside.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

11, 12 & 13/11 - Stage 3 Camp
20/11 - Kindergarten Orientation Day
23/11 - Year 6 Transition day at T.R.H.S
23/11 - Year 5 Captain Speeches

TERM 4 ASSEMBLY ROSTER

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PBIS Focus

This week (Week 6), our PBIS focus is be safe. Students are reminded to:
- Stay inbounds
- Wear hats in the sun
- Walk safely on concrete
All Year 6 students attending a public high school in 2016 will be having their Orientation Day on Thursday 3rd December. The high school that you have selected for your child will send information directly to you regarding their organisation of the day.

Any Year 6 students attending a private/catholic high school should also receive information directly from the selected school. The dates of orientation for these schools may vary from the allocated public school day.

Students who have selected Thomas Reddall High School as their preference are being offered an additional transition day on Wednesday 26th November. A permission note allowing students to walk to and from the high school with teacher supervision has been sent home and needed to be returned by Friday 6th November. If your child would like to attend, please ensure the note is returned to Miss Page ASAP.

We hope all students have an enjoyable day at high school!

Miss Page

Our camp is this week and we are all looking forward to Wednesday. The following information provides a checklist of things that need to be done before camp. It also includes contact details for the camp for parents to retain.

The teachers attending with the students are Miss Page (Assistant Principal), Mr Nicholls (CT) and Mrs Sullivan (Teacher Librarian). All teachers attending have emergency care and CPR certification.

The camp is being held at The Great Aussie Bush Camp, Tea Gardens, NSW. The contact phone number is: 02 4997 3044

Camp will be from Wednesday 11th to Friday 13th November, 2015. (Week 6, Term 4)

Students are required to be at school by 7.30am on Wednesday 11th November. This gives teachers time to mark the roll and ensure all students have the correct equipment. The planned arrival time back at school on Friday 13th Nov is 3.00pm-3.30pm. If students are delayed after this time, all efforts will be made to contact parents with the revised time.

Students will be given an opportunity to purchase items from the gift store at camp. All students have been given an order form. If your child wishes to purchase a souvenir, please ensure that CORRECT MONEY is returned in an ENVELOPE with your child’s name and class. All envelopes will be collected at camp and stored for safekeeping. Students will only be able to purchase souvenirs with an order form.

Please see Camp equipment checklist further on in this newsletter
School starts at 9am and concludes at 3pm

**What Sort of Start is Your Child Getting?**

Just a little bit late doesn’t seem much but........

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**Did you know your child’s best learning time is the start of the school day?**

**That’s when every minute counts the most!!**
Campbelltown Performing Arts High School
Year 7, 2017 Auditions

“Strength Through Unity”

Campbelltown Performing Arts High School is a specialist performing arts high school with an international and national reputation for expertise in 21st learning. CPAHS is a mentor school for the Australian Institute of Teaching and School Leadership initiative on student engagement, has recently been selected as a Microsoft Global Showcase School (one of six Australian schools and 150 worldwide), and received the 2014 Campbelltown Director Public Schools NSW School Award for excellence in education.

CPAHS has also received awards at regional, state, national and international levels for excellence in a range of areas including 21st century learning and use of technology, performing arts, school leadership, Aboriginal education, professional learning and quality teaching.

Audition applications are now open for students seeking enrolment into Year 7 in 2017. Limited places are available in drama, dance, music - vocal and instrumental, and circus arts. Our performing arts students are supported by exemplary specialist teachers and have access to state-of-the-art facilities. They are consistently selected to perform at a regional and state level and, overall, enjoy over 50 performance opportunities each year.

Auditions for Year 7, 2017 will be held on 14th, 15th, 16th, 17th, and 18th March 2016 in the areas of dance, drama, music (vocal and instrumental) and circus arts. Application forms can be downloaded from our website www.cpahs.nsw.edu.au or by contacting the school office.

Parents and prospective students are also welcome to attend an information evening on the 10th February 2016 at 6pm. This evening 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 26th February 2016.

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