

Dear Families

It is hard to believe that Week 3 is already over and that so much has been fitted into those three short weeks.

There were two significant highlights for our school community this week.

The Swimming Carnival on Wednesday was a huge success. The students were incredibly enthusiastic, supportive of each other and showing real drive in achieving their best in the pool. There were a number of Campbell High records set and it was amazing to see our students embracing their new Ngunnawal House Names. Burrayi (Rock Wallaby) which is our red house were swimming carnival champions on the day.

Our carnival is often touted as the best day on the Campbell High calendar because the students and staff all have an incredible time. The highlight for me is always our students jumping up for the line dance – it's a powerful thing to see 100s of kids expressing their sense of belonging and pride in this way! We will include some photos in our upcoming newsletter.

The rollouts of the new Chrome Books went incredibly smoothly thanks to the huge efforts of our super hero IT Officer, Jess Eustace and the wonderful Morgan Pyner. Out of nearly 750 students we had only 13 who did not return a note (apparently making us the record holding school across the ACT ☺). Thanks to parents who made sure those notes came back! I look forward to seeing the ways in which we can use this new resource in teaching and learning across our school.

Cyber-Safety News

In response to a number of conversations and consultations about how our community can work together to support our children to be safe we have been investigating a range of options. Our IT Officer has undertaken research into programs which are available and which provide a holistic model for learning including information and support for students, teachers and parents and carers. We have decided to purchase a membership of the Alana and Madeleine Foundation E-Smart Program. We will be sending more detailed information on how you can access the parent/carer tools in the coming weeks.

Please follow these links for further information:

<https://www.esmart.org.au/why-esmart-exists/>

<https://www.amf.org.au/what-we-do/esmart-digital-licence/>

Seeking your support for positive use of social media

It has come to my attention that there is an Instagram Campbell High Memes page. I am extremely disappointed by some of the images that appear on there. We have reported the page to Instagram

and will pursue the page being removed. Some of the images target students and staff members and have caused a level of upset across the school. The issue of course is that a page can be removed and can restart at any time. My message to students is to remove themselves as members of this group (a clown with no audience is not likely to gain much energy from their efforts) but also ask that you support the school with this message when speaking to your children. I would also ask that you remind your children that activities such as posting images of people online without their permission is a serious matter and is against the law.

Week 4

Our first P&C Meeting for the year is on Monday starting at 7pm. We have a warm and welcoming P&C and I encourage you to attend. It is a terrific way to hear about what is happening in the school and to contribute (even in a very small way) to our beautiful community.

Board Elections are also about to start to elect our School Board for 2018. Please keep an eye out for the election information in your emails.

Our School Executive (Principal, Deputy Principals, Business Manager and Executive Teachers) will be attending a two day planning conference next Thursday and Friday. We have invited Ben Roberts, Deputy Principal of Lyneham Primary School to act as Principal for the two days. This is a common practice across our directorate as we support each other and also gain useful knowledge and insight by spending time immersed in one another's schools. I know the community will welcome and support Ben during his two days with us!

Many thanks for your ongoing support. Your feedback regarding these emails was greatly appreciated.

Enjoy the weekend!

Kerrie