

Dear Families

I was absent with this dreaded 'lurgy' for the first two days of the week and want to thank Cait Horan, DP, for stepping up in my absence and particularly for attending our Board and P&C Meetings on my behalf.

NAPLAN

This week has been awash with NAPLAN testing which is now concluded. I thank Jess Eustace and Ash Carter for their excellent efforts in making the process flow so smoothly. This is the first year we have moved across to fully online testing for NAPLAN and the logistics of making this change along with getting approximately 400 students through multiple tests was no mean feat! In fact, there were a total of 1508 tests 'taken' over 87 sessions facilitated by Jess, Ash and our teaching and support staff!

EXCURSIONS

Our Outdoor Education students are enjoying some beautiful weather in Jervis Bay (lucky things) and we look forward to their return to the colder weather of Canberra this afternoon.

AWARD

I was delighted to attend the presentation of the Chief Minister's ANZAC Sprit Prize to Louisa Holloway this week. Louisa's photographs looked incredible in the ACT Legislative Assembly's Exhibition Room and it was such a pleasure to hear her articulate her vision behind the work. Jazmyn Michie was also awarded a Highly Commended for her entry. We are fortunate to have such thoughtful, insightful and hardworking young women in our school. The amount of time and effort that goes into these entries is overwhelming and their dedication and talent has been rightly acknowledged.

PUBLIC EDUCATION WEEK

This week we celebrated Public Education Week with a staff morning tea. We feel very fortunate to work in a strong public education system and I am grateful for the high calibre and commitment of the staff in our school.

GIFTED AND TALENTED

Following a request from the P&C meeting, Nick Carey-Ide is offering an information session at 6.30 on the 13th of August (before P&C) in the library for parents of students in the Enlighten Program. If you do not have a child in this program but are interested in knowing about what we do and why we do it then please come along.

PARENT COMMUNICATIONS

As you know, we are always seeking to improve the ways in which we communicate with parents. I understand that our school calendar had fallen a little behind and has now been updated and is available on the website. This has all major events and excursions for the school laid out week by week and I encourage you to check it before the beginning of each week as changes do happen. We will insert the link to the calendar each week as a reminder.

Corey Gray, our very busy sports coordinator, is working to get as many of the notes for upcoming sporting excursions up onto the website as well.

If you are unsure of when things are happening, another valuable spot is the daily notices section of our website. These are the notices read to students in contact each morning to remind them of upcoming events, notes, etc, and are updated on our website by about lunchtime each day.

RECONCILIATION DAY – Monday Public Holiday

Reconciliation Day will be held in Canberra on Monday 28 May 2018. This is Australia's first public holiday celebrating the culture, contribution and resilience of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. The Day occurs during National Reconciliation Week.

Reconciliation Day and Week gives an opportunity for all of us to come together in the spirit of reconciliation to recognise the important place Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture and history has in our community. This is something we work to do in our daily lives here at Campbell High School and I hope to see some of you at the Reconciliation Day Event taking place in the ACT: www.events.act.gov.au/reconciliationday

Enjoy the long weekend and see your lovely children on Tuesday!

For calendar events please follow this link: <http://www.campbellhs.act.edu.au/community/calendar>

Kerrie