

# Newsletter No 1, 2021



Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> February, 2021

**Purpose** of Camp Hill Primary School is to develop and nurture lifelong learners within an engaging, global learning community, where the uniqueness and contributions of individuals are valued, shared and celebrated.

Following are the **core values** in which we strongly believe; they underpin our purpose and are the guiding principles of our school.

**Caring:** Being kind, helpful and sympathetic toward other people.

**Honesty:** To always tell the truth.

**Confidence:** Believing in yourself and others.

**Respect:** Recognising the rights, feelings, wishes and individual differences of others through our speech and manners.

**Trust:** Safely express opinions, beliefs, thoughts, and feelings in a secure environment.

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## Calendar 2021

Monday	8 <sup>th</sup> February	School Council Nomination Forms Available
Wednesday	10 <sup>th</sup> February	School Captain Nomination Day 11:30am
Monday	15 <sup>th</sup> February	School Council Nomination Forms close 4pm
Tuesday	16 <sup>th</sup> February	School Council Meeting 5:30pm – BER building
Wednesday	17 <sup>th</sup> February	Grades 5/6 Tennis
Wednesday	3 <sup>rd</sup> March	Photo Day
Friday	5 <sup>th</sup> March	Division Swimming
Monday	8 <sup>th</sup> March	PUBLIC HOLIDAY - Labour Day
Tuesday	16 <sup>th</sup> March	School Council AGM 5:30pm followed by School Council meeting

## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

### Welcome Back

It's a big welcome back to all of the students, parents and members of the school community. I hope everyone had a really relaxing holiday and are looking forward to the many opportunities that lay ahead. It was great to catch up with parents and students on Start Up Day. Please feel free to contact your child's teacher at any time should you have concerns. As with the start of any school year we have new families come into our community, I would like to extend a warm welcome to our new families and look forward to getting together in coming weeks.

### Student Wellbeing Co-ordinator

Unfortunately during the school break Chantel White our Student Wellbeing Co-ordinator resigned her position at our school. Chantel has been with us for a number of years and has supported a number of students and families in that time. We thank her for work and wish her all the best for the future. The school will seek to fill the position in coming weeks.

### COVID -19

Just a reminder density limits still apply in classrooms, parents are asked at this time to do drop offs and pick-ups outside the classroom and where possible maintain social distancing. **Also, as of today – parents are asked to wear masks when entering any school buildings/classrooms.**

### School Council

The first meeting for 2021 will be on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> February at 5:30pm in the BER building.

### Mobile Phone Policy

From January 1 2020, students who choose to bring mobile phones to school must have them switched off and securely stored during school hours. Please find attached the school's mobile phone policy, parents of students wishing to bring a mobile phone to school must complete a Parent Permission Form and have it endorsed by the Principal. Please be aware in accordance with the school's mobile phone policy, students who have their phones out at school will have them confiscated and parents will be asked to collect them at the end of the school day.

### Annual Privacy Reminder

Our school collects, uses, discloses and stores student and parent personal information for standard school functions or where permitted by law, as stated in the [Schools' Privacy Policy](#)

For more information about privacy, see: [Schools' Privacy Policy – information for parents](#). This information also available in nine community languages

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## School Council Elections 2021

School Council membership is a great way for parents to become involved in the governance of the school. The Council meet every 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month commencing at 5.30pm. The Annual General Meeting for Camp Hill School Council will be held on Tuesday 16th March at 5:30pm followed by a normal School Council meeting. There are 4 Parent vacancies for a period of 2 years. There are 3 DET vacancies by rotation for a two year term. Any interested parents are urged to nominate for School Council.

The current School Council is as follows:

### Retiring in 2021 Election

Parent Members: David Brownbill, Kristen Swann, Kerry Noonan, Bryley Savage

DET Members: Trish Johnstone, Lauren Peeler, Trent Barri.

On behalf of the School Council, I would like to extend thanks to the retiring members who have made valuable contributions to School Council.

### Retiring in 2022 Election

Parent Members: DET Member: Kelly Edwards, Natalie Tremellen, Catherine MacDonald and Andrew Nicholson.

From **Monday 8th February**, nomination forms for the 2021 elections will be available from the office. Parents and DET staff have the opportunity to either be nominated or self-nominate.

Nominations are to be lodged at school no later than Monday 15th February at 4pm.

A ballot (if required) will commence on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> February and close on Monday 1st March at 4pm.

Information packs and nomination forms can be collected from the office. Please do not hesitate to come and have a chat if you have any questions regarding School Council.

## WHAT IS A SCHOOL COUNCIL AND WHAT DOES IT DO?

All government schools in Victoria have a school council. They are legally constituted bodies that are given powers to set the key directions of a school within state wide guidelines. In doing this, a school council is able to directly influence the quality of education that the school provides for its students.

### WHO IS ON THE SCHOOL COUNCIL?

For most school councils, there are three possible categories of membership:

- A mandated elected Parent category – more than one-third of the total members must be from this category. Department of Education and Training (DET) employees can be Parent members at their child's school as long as they are not engaged in work at the school.
- A mandated elected DET employee category – members of this category may make up no more than one-third of the total membership of school council. The principal of the school is automatically one of these members.
- An optional Community member category – members are co-opted by a decision of the council because of their special skills, interests or experiences. Department employees are not eligible to be Community members. Generally, the term of office for all members is two years. The term of office of half the members expires each year, creating vacancies for the annual school council elections.

### WHY IS PARENT MEMBERSHIP SO IMPORTANT?

Parents on school councils provide important viewpoints and have valuable skills that can help shape the direction of the school.

Those parents who become active on a school council find their involvement satisfying and may also find that their children feel a greater sense of belonging.

### DO I NEED SPECIAL EXPERIENCE TO BE ON SCHOOL COUNCIL?

Each member brings their own valuable life skills and knowledge to the role. Councilors may need to develop skills and acquire knowledge in areas that are unfamiliar to them. What you do need is an interest in your child's school and the desire to work in partnership with others to help shape the school's future.

### HOW CAN YOU BECOME INVOLVED?

The most obvious way is to vote in the elections, which are held in Term one each year. However, ballots are only held if more people nominate as candidates than there are positions vacant.

In view of this, you might consider

- standing for election as a member of the school council
- encouraging another person to stand for election.

### WHAT DO YOU NEED TO DO TO STAND FOR ELECTION?

The principal will issue a Notice of Election and Call for Nominations following the commencement of Term one each year. All school council elections must be completed by the end of March unless the usual time line has been varied by the Minister.

If you decide to stand for election, you can arrange for someone to nominate you as a candidate or you can nominate yourself in the Parent category.

Department employees whose child is enrolled in a school in which they are not engaged in work are eligible to nominate for parent membership of the school council at that school.

Once the nomination form is completed, return it to the principal within the time stated on the Notice of Election. You will receive a Nomination Form Receipt in the mail following the receipt of your completed nomination.

Generally, if there are more nominations received than there are vacancies on council, a ballot will be conducted during the two weeks after the call for nominations has closed.

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## MOBILE PHONES – STUDENT USE

### PURPOSE

To explain to our school community the Department's and Camp Hill Primary School's policy requirements and expectations relating to students using mobile phones and other personal mobile devices e.g. smartwatches etc. during school hours.

### SCOPE

This policy applies to:

All students at Camp Hill Primary School and students' personal mobile phones and other personal mobile devices e.g. smartwatches etc brought onto school premises during school hours, including recess and lunchtime.

### DEFINITIONS

**A mobile phone** is a telephone with access to a cellular (telecommunication) system, with or without a physical connection to a network. For the purposes of this policy, "mobile phone" refers to mobile phones and any device that may connect to or have similar functionality to a mobile phone such as smartwatches.

### POLICY

Camp Hill Primary School understands that students may bring a personal mobile phone to school, particularly if they are travelling independently to and from school.

At Camp Hill Primary School:

- Students who choose to bring mobile phones to school must have them switched off and securely stored in their bags during school hours
- Exceptions to this policy may be applied if certain conditions are met (see below for further information)
- When emergencies occur, parents or carers should reach their child by calling the school's office.

### Personal mobile phone use

In accordance with the Department's [Mobile Phones Policy](#) issued by the Minister for Education, personal mobile phones must not be used at Camp Hill Primary School during school hours, including lunchtime and recess, unless an exception has been granted.

Where a student has been granted an exception, the student must use their mobile phone for the purpose for which the exception was granted, and in a safe, ethical and responsible manner.

### Secure storage

Mobile phones owned by students at Camp Hill Primary School are considered valuable items and are brought to school at the owner's (student's or parent/carer's) risk. Students are encouraged not to bring a mobile phone to school unless there is a compelling reason to do so. Please note that Camp Hill Primary School does not have accident insurance for accidental property damage or theft. Students and their parents/carers are encouraged to obtain appropriate insurance for valuable items. Refer to the Department's [Personal Goods policy](#).

Where students bring a mobile phone to school, Camp Hill Primary School will provide secure storage. Secure storage is storage that cannot be readily accessed by those without permission to do so. At Camp Hill Primary School students are required to store their phones in their bags, phones must be turned off at all time during school hours.

### Enforcement

Students who use their personal mobile phones inappropriately at Camp Hill Primary school may be issued with consequences consistent with our school's *Student Wellbeing and Engagement* policy.

### Consequences

- Confiscation of the phone (placed in secure storage and returned at the end of the day)
- Parents contacted and informed of the student's breach of the school's mobile phone policy

At Camp Hill Primary School inappropriate use of mobile phones is **any use during school hours**, unless an exception has been granted, and particularly use of a mobile phone:

- in any way that disrupts the learning of others
- to send inappropriate, harassing or threatening messages or phone calls
- to engage in inappropriate social media use including cyber bullying
- to capture video or images of people, including students, teachers and members of the school community without their permission
- to capture video or images in the school toilets, changing rooms, swimming pools and gyms
- during exams and assessments

## Exceptions

Exceptions to the policy:

- May be applied during school hours if certain conditions are met, specifically health and wellbeing-related exceptions and can be granted by the principal or principal's representative, in accordance with the Department's [Mobile Phones Policy](#).

Exceptions:

### 1. Health and wellbeing-related exceptions

Specific exception	Documentation
Students with a health condition	Student Health Support Plan

**Where an exception is granted, the student can only use the mobile phone for the purpose for which it was granted.**

## Camps, excursions and extracurricular activities

Camp Hill Primary School will provide students and their parents and carers with information about items that can or cannot be brought to camps, excursions, special activities and events, including personal mobile phones.

## Exclusions

This policy does not apply to travelling to and from school.

## RELATED POLICIES AND RESOURCES

- [Camp Hill Primary School's Student Wellbeing and Engagement Policy](#)
- [Mobile Phones – Department Policy](#)
- [Ban, Search and Seize Harmful Items](#)
- [Personal Goods – Department policy](#)

*Chris Barker*  
*Principal*

## ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

*Welcome back* to an exciting year ahead. It was wonderful to see so many fresh and eager faces this week!

The 'Early Bird' no late arrivals class will be recognised each week at assembly and I'm looking forward to recognising all those students who have 100% attendance at mid and end of year. This is a great achievement and students are to be congratulated on their commitment to their learning.

### Why 'It's Not OK to Be Late to School'

#### Latecomers:

- miss out on talking to their class teacher before school
- miss out on playing with other children before school
- miss out on organisation time, for example getting their workbooks and pencil case from their tub and setting up their table for the day
- miss out on roll marking and taking notices to the office – and their notices (e.g. special day lunch orders) often stay in their school bag
- miss out on learning time when they take their notices to the office
- miss out on hearing what's happening for the day
- are often unsure about what they have to do in the lesson
- can arrive at their classroom to find that their class has gone to a specialist lesson and they may not know where to go
- particularly miss out on reading and writing learning time
- find learning becomes disjointed and difficult



*Trish Johnstone*  
*Assistant Principal*

## DOGS CONNECT PROGRAM

Look out for Polly back at school next week!

She has had a great break and can't wait to get 'back to school'!

*Polly* 🐾

## FROM THE OFFICE

### CSEF – Camps, Sports and Excursion Fund

The CSEF is to cover all fees associated with camps, sports and excursions excluding stationery and any other fee not in listed in these categories. If you have received a **new** Centrelink Concession card that is valid as of 27<sup>th</sup> January, 2021 or 19<sup>th</sup> April, 2021 or you believe you are eligible for CSEF (but have not let the school know), please make contact with the office ASAP as we can apply for the payment of \$125.00 per student for the above-mentioned school fees. All families who have had CSEF in 2020 or signed the forms recently, need not apply again. Applications to apply for this fund close on 25<sup>th</sup> June, 2021.

### 2021 Heritage Building Fund

This year we are again promoting the **Heritage Building Fund** which will be found on the QKR app under 'Fundraising/Building Fund' then enter the amount you wish to donate.

Please consider making a contribution towards this funds as it is tax deductible (a receipt will be sent home for you to claim on your taxes by end of June 2021). Donations made to the Heritage Building Fund will be allocated to the maintenance and landscaping of the gardens in 2021. We are really looking forward to your contributions to beautify and enhance our school. A huge thanks to Cath Pearce who has spent many hours designing, planting, watering and pruning our school grounds during 2020 and over the holidays.

We will continually update you all through the newsletter with photos of the gardens throughout the year.

### School Fees

Thank you to all of the families who came along on book collection days and finalised their accounts, thank you. Receipts and current account balances will be sent home next week.

### Named Items

Please make sure ALL items are clearly named especially hats, jumpers, lunch boxes and drink bottles. We endeavour to get found items back to their right owners asap ☺ After 3 weeks of unnamed items left in the lost property red tubs (found in the BER Building), they are washed and placed into the second-hand uniform stall.

*Sue Heider*

*Business Manager*

## OUT OF SCHOOL HOURS CARE

I would like to welcome all new and present OSHC children and families to the 2021 school year; I hope everyone had a wonderful break.

As always, we make it our priority to create a safe, nurturing and happy environment where the children are engaged in their additional social and educational growth. We are always open to receiving creative suggestions and ideas from families and children to help deliver a successful, stimulating weekly program.

Please feel free to approach us with any suggestions or concerns you may have.

We very much value our partnership with families, as this ensures that we can deliver a service that meets your needs whilst offering the best possible care and learning opportunities for the children in our service.

I would like to thank our OSHC educator team who have continued to work with the upmost energy and enthusiasm throughout the last months in the face of difficult circumstances. They have continued to provide quality care for the children at Camp Hill Primary School OSHC as we have navigated the challenges of COVID-19. Looking forward to a wonderful 2021!

Hope you have a fabulous week.

*Kerrie Patrick & OSHC Team*

## SCHOOL PHOTOS

### WHOLE School Photos



Student's school photos will be taken on:

**Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March, 2021.**

This year payments will ALL be done **online with Leading Image – NO ORDERS OR PAYMENTS will be accepted at school.**

More information will be sent out in the coming days.

*Glenn Shannon*  
*Photo Day Coordinator*



## FUNDRAISING



It's that time of year to start ordering BULBS ☺ Camp Hill PS has a fantastic opportunity for families and the whole community to place orders online and the school will receive 40% commission of ALL bulbs sold. What a great fundraiser - so tell one, TELL ALL. Postage is \$6.50 - straight to your home (NOT SCHOOL) and orders are available up until Friday 12<sup>th</sup> March, 2021.

**Online orders to:** [www.bulbfundraiser.com.au/CAMPHPS](http://www.bulbfundraiser.com.au/CAMPHPS)

Thank you

*Fundraising Committee*

## FOUNDATION LEARNING TEAM

### Welcome

A huge welcome to our new 2021 Foundation students. We have had a lovely few days together so far and Ms Mazz and Ms Elliott have been so proud of the bravery everyone is showing at drop off time each morning. We are looking forward to a really fantastic year!

### Wednesday

Just a reminder students will have a rest day each Wednesday for the month of February!

*Foundation Learning Team*

## 1/2 LEARNING TEAM

### Welcome

Welcome back to school! All teachers has been incredibly impressed with how well students have adjusted back to school routines. Students have shown a confident, resilient attitude towards their learning and are beginning to build great new friendships.

### Inquiry Topic

Our Inquiry topic for this term is 'Who are we?' Students will be learning more about this next week when we have an Inquiry Immersion Day. They will be exploring four different area with the teachers. The areas students will be further exploring throughout the terms are: 'Being healthy, safe and active' with Miss Hall, 'Communicating and interacting for health and wellbeing' with Miss Hansen, 'Contributing to healthy and active communities' with Mr Hood and 'How can I be a good friend?' with Miss Branch.

### Reading App

A letter will be sent home to families early next week to further explain the KLUWELL READING PROGRAM as well as your child log in details.

### Friday Fun Write Prompt

Remember to 'Talk It Up' at home with your child. Students have shared lots of great ideas in the classroom. Our focus for the week is to correctly form our letters.



*1/2 Learning Team*

### 3/4 LEARNING TEAM

A huge THANK YOU to all the parents/carers and students that attended Start Day last week. It was fantastic to catch up with you all. If you were unable to attend on the day, please feel free to contact to your teacher to organise a time that suits.

Our inquiry focus this term is "How can we look after ourselves and each other?" On Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> February we will be holding a whole department Immersion Day focussing on physical health, emotional and mental health and healthy eating.

*3/4 Learning Team*

### 5/6 LEARNING TEAM

#### **School Capitan Speeches**

These will be held on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> February. Unfortunately due to COVID restrictions family members will not be able to attend this year. Those students who are running for school captain will need to be prepared with their speech ready by this

#### **Grade Six Tops**

Final orders for tops must be in by this Friday 5<sup>th</sup> February. Thanks to families for completing orders by this date.

#### **Grade 5 Netbooks**

Grade five students were extremely excited to receive their Netbooks on Tuesday. They will be able to take them home for the weekend on Friday. Please remember to bring them fully charged and ready to go on Monday.

*5/6 Learning Team*

### PERFORMING ARTS

**Welcome back** to another year of Performing Arts!

Performing Arts covers music, dance and most aspects of the drama curriculum.

There are many performances throughout the school year, during school hours and occasionally after hours, including the school concert in Term 4.

The current date for the school concert is Thursday December 9<sup>th</sup>. Pop it in your diary and let's hope that we're in a good position for this to go ahead without restrictions.

Performing Arts notices will always be in the newsletter and dates will be on the Sentral calendar.

The newsletter is the best way to stay informed about Performing Arts. Each week I will update families about one new thing that students did in class. This may help you stay informed and to find a way to allow you to have a conversation with your child about school. I encourage parents to ask your child to elaborate and find out more about what they are learning.

Please contact me at any time with questions or concerns or pop in after school.

What's new this week?

Preps started their singing program with simple songs that include finger play and game based learning; Where is Thumbkin, Peter Pointer and 10 green bottles.

Grade 1-2 learnt one others names in 'The music cat' song and they had fun learning 'Boa constrictor'.

Grade 3-4 students begun learning ukulele basics and created a Class Song

Grade 5-6 students begun a ukulele unit. We are exploring Music and Wellbeing this term. This week we learn to play 'We will rock you'. We discussed how Freddi Mercury composed this Rock anthem and students considered the emotions that it evokes.

*Mary Thorpe*

*Performing Arts Coordinator*

### SHORT CIRCUS

Short Circus is now in its 33<sup>rd</sup> year! We are so fortunate to still offer Short Circus as extra-curricular program at Camp Hill. Enrolments for the Short Circus begun last Friday for Grade 5-6 and Grade 3-4 students are on tomorrow. All Grade 3-4 students will be accommodated in at least one circus activity. Senior students are given priority and get two choices.

Short Circus is 'opt in' and not compulsory but most teachers prefer the students in their class to have a go. Once students enrol they must remain committed to their skill area for the whole year. This means facing a physical challenge and developing resilience along the way. A commitment note goes home to all Short Circus members that outlines the costume requirement as well as expectations for Short Circus members. In term 3 the Grade 3-6's have a break, or they may volunteer as coaches for the Grade 1-2 circus skills workshops.

Short Circus is held on Fridays and students come out of their classes to attend their chosen circus activity. Class teachers modify learning programs to work around it.

Short Circus members have the opportunity to audition for the Short Circus All Stars in Term 2. 25 Students who have excellent circus skills and good group skills are selected to be a part of Allstars. The Allstars perform in and around the community and at special events.

2021 here we come.

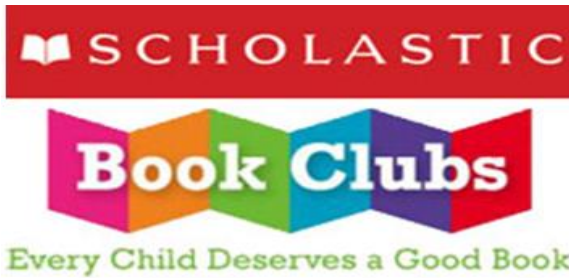
*Mary Thorpe*

*Short Circus Coordinator*

## LIBRARY

### Scholastic Book Club

The first Scholastic catalogue issue number 1 for 2021 has been distributed to all students. Please go online to place your order as no cash or EFTPOS payments are acceptable for orders at school - details below:



# BOOK ORDER



## DUE: 11/02/21

To place an order, please visit: [www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP](http://www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP) or download the LOOP app

Thank you

*Donna Christie*

*Librarian*

## GREEN TEAM

It was with great pride that I was contacted to discuss the proactive role that the Green Team has played at Camp Hill in Sustainability by addressing the Waste problem and single use plastics. We are so proud to be a Nude Food school. Students will be so well prepared for a future world with their understandings of Sustainability.

Check this out!

<https://www.bendigoadvertiser.com.au/story/7103607/heres-what-happened-to-bendigos-war-on-waste/>

The Green Team will recommence in the next fortnight. We are going to tackle the issue of energy consumption next. Watch this space.

*Green Team*

## LUNCH ORDERS FOR: FRIDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY, 2021

ORDER VIA OUR QKR APP!!!!

Please return money and orders by 9.00am Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> February, 2021.

**No late orders accepted.**

**Sushi \$3.50 – Crispy chicken, Teriyaki chicken, Vegetarian and/or Cooked Tuna**

Name..... Grade..... Vegetarian..... Crispy chicken.....Teriyaki chicken..... Cooked Tuna....

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**Total enclosed \$.....**

**Signed.....**



## FOR YOUR INFORMATION

**NETBALL** – I have sent an email regarding 2021 netball to all students who expressed interest in playing. If your child is wanting to play and you have not received the information please let me know. Please note the registration day is **SATURDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY!**

[Rhylee.elliott@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:Rhylee.elliott@education.vic.gov.au)

### **BENDIGO SENJUNS HOCKEY CLUB**

Junior and Senior teams available to join.

Registration Day – Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> February 12:30 – 2:30 at Bendigo Hockey Ground (Ashley St, Ironbark). BBQ and drinks available.

Training: Wednesday 5:30 – 6:30 Jnrs and 6:30 – 7:30 Snrs.

More info: [senjuns@gmail.com](mailto:senjuns@gmail.com), ph: 0408 294 095.

### **THE EXTENSION BALLET STUDIO**

Emma Cheeseman trained with the Australian Ballet School and Queensland Ballet before performing professionally with Melbourne City Ballet for 5 years. She is now undertaking the role of Studio Director to provide ballet students of Bendigo the professional training.

With an after school program offering distinguished classical ballet training in a safe and friendly learning environment, each student will have the opportunity to excel to their full potential.

Learn more at: [www.theextensionballetstudio.com.au](http://www.theextensionballetstudio.com.au)

### **EPSOM FOOTBALL CLUB**

Registration Day Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> February

10am – 3pm for 5-16 year olds at Epsom Huntly Recreation Reserve, 353 Midland Hwy, Epsom.

Football Clinic 9am – 10am.

Registration times U6-7 at 10am, U8-10 at 11:30am, Competitive Juniors at 1-3pm.