

# Newsletter No 1, 2022

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2022

**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 2022

Wednesday	February	Foundation Students – NO SCHOOL (every Wednesday month of Feb)
Thursday	3 <sup>rd</sup> February 2022	Foundation Students 1 <sup>st</sup> FULL DAY of school
Tuesday	15 <sup>th</sup> February 2022	School Council Meeting 5:30pm
Monday	14 <sup>th</sup> March 2022	PUBLIC HOLIDAY – LABOUR DAY
Tuesday	15 <sup>th</sup> March	School Council AGM 5:30pm WEBEX FOLLOWED BY School Council Meeting
Wednesday	16 <sup>th</sup> March	Photo Day – Whole School
Monday – Thursday	21 <sup>st</sup> – 24 <sup>th</sup> March	Planning Week
Friday	8 <sup>th</sup> April	Last day Term 1 – Early Dismissal 2:30pm
Friday	15 <sup>th</sup> April	EASTER – Good Friday
Monday	25 <sup>th</sup> April	NO SCHOOL – Holiday from Easter Monday
Tuesday	26 <sup>th</sup> April	Term 2 Commences

## 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. I appreciate the start of the year is tinged with uncertainty, but the first days of school for our students have been very positive. As with the start of any school year we have new families come into our community, I would like to extend a warm Camp Hill welcome to our new families as they join us for the first time.

### COVID -19

Thank you to all of our families who supervised the first of the rapid antigen tests, I encourage students to undertake the test on a Tuesday and Thursday each week. Positive cases should be reported to the school as soon as possible so close contacts and the school community can be notified.

### A Place to Meet and Reflect

During the holidays a new playground space was created for students to meet and have quiet time. The concept and creation of the space has been the work of Cath Pearce, one of our parents. Cath has spent many hours developing the space which is in its final stages of completion. Students have already made good use of the area to meet and chat with friends. I would like to thank Cath for her work in developing this beautiful area.

### School Council

The first meeting for 2022 will be on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> February at 5:30pm via Webex.

### 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.



## **School Council Elections 2022**

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 15th March at 5:30pm followed by a normal School Council meeting. There are 3 Parent vacancies for a period of 2 years. There are 2 DET vacancies by rotation for a two year term. Any interested parents are urged to nominate for School Council.

### **Retiring in 2022 Election**

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

DET Members: Rhylee Elliott.

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

From Monday 7th February, nomination forms for the 2022 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 14th February at 4pm.

A ballot (if required) will commence on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> February and close on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> February 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 broad direction of a school, in accordance with Ministerial Order 1280 Constitution of Government School Councils, and the Education and Training Reform Act 2006. In doing this, a school council may directly influence the quality of education for students.

*Who is on the school council?*

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

- A mandated elected parent member category – more than one-third of the total members must be from this category. Department employees can be parent members at their child's school providing that they are not engaged in work at the school.
- A mandated elected school employee member category – members of this category make up no more than one-third of membership. 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 experience. Department employees are not eligible to be community members.
- A small number of school councils have nominee members.

For all schools with a Year 7 and above cohort, there is an additional category of membership:

- A mandated elected student member category, two positions.

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 and a range of experiences and knowledge that can help inform and 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 skills and knowledge to the role, however, in order to successfully perform their duties, councillors may need to gain some new skills and knowledge.

It is important to have an interest in your child's school and the desire to work in partnership with others to help shape the school's future.

### **Mobile Phone Policy**

From January 1<sup>st</sup>, 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.

### **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 eg. 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 eg. 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

## 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

### Be an Attendance HERO

**HERE EVERYDAY READY FOR LEARNING ON TIME**



*Welcome back* to an exciting year ahead.! It was wonderful

to see students stream through the gates on their first day of school with big smiles and lots of catch-up chatter with friends.

Our start up interview day was a great opportunity to connect with teachers and I thank all families for the way they embraced our attendance process on the day.

We are committed to our duty of care for students and will continue to work hard to ensure we know where our students are every day.

Any of our follow up absence notifications, phone calls, emails & letters have one purpose; to support you in any way we can to have your child at school every day.

Please contact your classroom teacher or me to discuss ways we can support you.

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 (eg, 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*

## WELLBEING

### What if I'm having problems getting to school?

Getting to school on time everyday can be about having a good routine.

If you find yourself running late or missing school because you're disorganised, try:

- Asking your parents for help getting ready
- Having a set time to go to bed
- Leaving all technology out of your bedroom
- Packing your school bag the night before with everything you need
- Having a set time for breakfast
- Planning to meet up with a friend so you can travel to school together.

Sometimes, though it can just be hard to go to school.

You might feel overwhelmed by the work or things might be tough with your friends. Perhaps you're feeling down or anxious and don't even really know why.

Whatever the situation is, staying away from school isn't the answer.

Many people want to help you. Try talking to your parents or another adult family member or your classroom teacher or a trusted teacher



#### Useful websites/contacts

**Kids Matter** - [www.kidsmatter.edu.au](http://www.kidsmatter.edu.au)

**Youth Beyond Blue** -

[www.youthbeyondblue.com.au](http://www.youthbeyondblue.com.au)

**Headspace** - [www.headspace.org.au](http://www.headspace.org.au)

or e-headspace

[www.eheadspace.org.au/](http://www.eheadspace.org.au/) for online counselling & support

**Reach Out** – [www.reachout.com](http://www.reachout.com)

**Kids helpline** - 1800 55 1800 24 hours a day, 7 days a week or [web counselling](#)



## DOGS CONNECT PROGRAM - POLLY

Polly has had a fabulous holiday and has had a few special memories to share. Polly spends her time outside of school with Ellen (from the office) and her family Jesse, Skyla & Quinn. Ellen has provided a holiday snapshot: *"Polly has had so many fun adventures in the holidays, going to the dog park where she likes to help other dogs fetch their toys and she found a fun muddy puddle at the baseball fields. She thinks it's really fun to dodge around her people family and roll in this getting nice and muddy. Everyone was surprised one day when she chased and caught a pigeon, lucky she had the good sense to let it go and watch it fly off. She has been for lots of long walks, played vets and dress-ups and relaxed in the lounge room getting lots of pats and she watched all the summer sport on TV. She's had a couple of lovely bones to chew on too. Polly's well rested after her summer holidays and can't wait to get back to school and see all of the Camp Hill kids."*

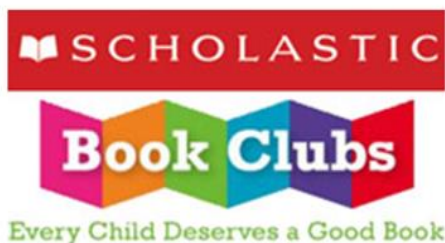
Polly has also spent a week with Mark Lees, our Student Wellbeing staff member & enjoyed some free runs on the QEO, walks along the creek & chill time at the pool. Camp Hill is so lucky to have amazing staff members who provide Polly with a loving, caring, fun home life.

In preparation for school Polly has had a 'haircut' and like many students & staff is having her vaccination shot next week.

We can't wait to have Polly back at school over the coming weeks.



## LIBRARY



**BOOK  
ORDER  
DUE:**

**21 / 2 / 22**

## FROM THE OFFICE

### **School Fees**

A reminder that all Voluntary Curriculum Consumables (school fees) are listed per year level on our QKR app for your convenience. Or an additional option is also available to enter an amount you are wishing to pay (families were sent a letter home this week if a credit remaining from 2021) Please contact the office if you would like any further information.

### **Building Fund**

The Building Fund payments are available on our QKR app. Donations made are tax deductible and greatly accepted.

### **CSEF (Camps, Sports & Excursion Fund)**

If you hold a current Centrelink Concession card, please let the office know asap as you are eligible to claim a \$125 payment per child. This payment comes directly to the school and cannot be used for school fees only camps, sports and excursions.

### **Student Enrolment & Permission Forms**

These forms were sent home this week with students who did not attend either day of Book Collection. Please complete these forms and return to the office asap.

*Sue Heider*

*Business Manager*

## BREAKFAST CLUB



## FOUNDATION LEARNING TEAM

Today we welcomed our Foundation for their first day of school! Everyone had a great time both in their classroom and out in the yard. Thanks to our Grade 6 Buddies for being such a great support!

*Foundation Learning Team*

## 1/2 LEARNING TEAM

### **Welcome Back**

We are so excited to be back in the classroom with students. It sounds like students were busy during the school holidays, we have heard so much about them.

### **Thank You**

Thank you to all 1/2 families for attending our parent teacher interviews on Monday and for bringing in the book list orders. If you couldn't attend your interview, send your teacher a message to arrange a time to speak with you.

### **Organisation**

#### **Library**

Can you please remember to send students to school with their library bags.

#### **Art**

If possible, can you please send students to school with art smocks for the class tub. Make sure you name these so they don't get lost.

#### **Reader Bags & Reading Journals**

We are beginning to set our reading routines in place this week and next week. Please ensure you read at home every night with students and once you have received your reading journals, please record these readings. Please send students to school with their reader bags and journals each day so they can bring home readers.

#### **Drink Bottles & Hats**

Please make sure your child brings a hat to school each day. We encourage students to leave their hats in their classroom so they always have them here. During the warmer weather it is especially important for students to keep hydrated, so please remember to send students to school with a named drink bottle.

#### **Have a great week!**

*1/2 Learning Team*

## 3/4 LEARNING TEAM

### **Welcome Back**

Welcome back everyone! We are so very excited to get the school year started. Please contact your teacher if you have any questions about the start of the school year.

#### **Hats**

Please make sure your child has brought their hat back to school and it is clearly labelled with their name.

#### **Drink Bottles**

Your child should be bringing a drink bottle each day filled with water so they can access it in class. Please make sure it is clearly labelled as well.

#### **Thank You**

To the students for wearing masks, for the parents being vigilant with the Rapid Antigen tests and to the parents for attending the Parent Teacher Interviews.

*3/4 Learning Team*

## 5/6 LEARNING TEAM

### Welcome Back!

It is fantastic to see all the smiling faces of the Senior students returning this week. We have had a great week!

### School Captains

The election of School Captains for 2022 will be held in the next couple of weeks. More information and specific dates will be published soon.

### Thank You

A big thanks to all families for attending start up interviews this week. We appreciate you taking the time to discuss your child's upcoming year with teachers. It was lovely to see the kids attending many interviews also.

*5/6 Learning Team*

## LOTE

Saying goodbye to the Ox, we enter the Year of the Tiger. You might have already heard our students talking about how we welcome the Year of the Tiger so as to bring good luck and good health to everyone. When is the Lunar New Year 2022? The date of Lunar New Year varies from year to year as it follows the cycle of the moon, but the auspicious date typically falls either towards the end of January or in early February. This year, 1<sup>st</sup> February marks the beginning of the Lunar New Year. The celebration will end on 15<sup>th</sup> February, with the Lantern Festival. Chinese New Year is China's most important traditional festival, with many interesting customs. Our students are very curious about why the Chinese do what they do during the Chinese New Year.

Our Grade One and Two students had a quick discussion on the 12 zodiac animals and they did the one hundred Chinese challenge just to revisit what they had learnt in Prep and Grade One. They also made their cover page for their Chinese exercise books.

Grade Three to Six, students had a discussion on what they would like to do in Chinese, eg. the language games and online activities. They expressed their interest in some specific topics and cultural activities. Importantly, students will reflect on how to build a positive learning environment in the class and then they will see the growth of self and peers. They will choose to either make a tiger book mark or a 3D standing tiger to mark the beginning of the Year of the Tiger wishing everyone is as strong as a tiger.

## PHYSICAL EDUCATION

### Jets Gym

Jets Gym program for grades 1-6 will begin in early March. The Foundation students will attend Jets later in the year. This is a great opportunity for kids to engage in a program that is skill based along with plenty of fun involved. Jets have highly qualified coaches that will deliver a program that gives each student the opportunity to improve many aspects of fitness during the four weeks. More information will be sent out shortly.

*Glenn Shannon*

*PE Coordinator*

## ART

### Art Smocks

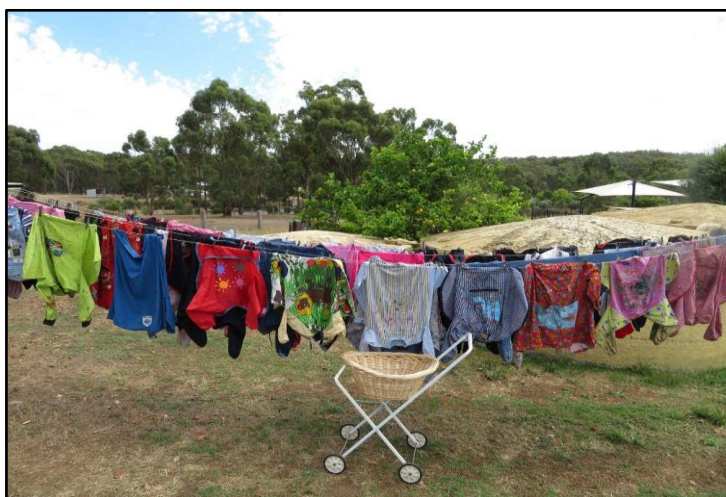
A big welcome back everyone! It can get pretty messy in the Art room at times so please make sure your child in **Grades Prep-2 have an ART SMOCK** (name in large letters!) for their class tub. If students in Grades 3-6 would like to bring their own smock to Art classes that would be great but there will be no class tub. I have a collection of unclaimed art smocks in the Art Room (just washed up!) which makes a SPARE TUB for students to use.

### Sketch Books

**All students in Grades 3-6 should have an A3 sketch book** each which was on the book list. Please send this to school asap. Thank you.

*Sandy McLennan*

*Art Coordinator*



**LUNCH ORDER**

**SUSHI LUNCH ORDER FOR FRIDAY 11/2/22**

ORDER VIA OUR QKR APP!!!!

Please return money and orders by 9.00am Thursday 10/2/2022.

**No late orders accepted.**

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

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

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