



Tuesday 18th December 2018

From The Principals' Desk

It is hard to believe that this is the last bulletin for 2018! We have had another fantastic year at CEPS, which has all been due to our wonderful school community. The staff are a hard working, professional group of people who are a great team and are passionate about our school and providing the best opportunities for the students. The students are such beautiful little people who always try so very hard at their school work and with their behaviour and attitude as well. Lastly, our community of parents, carers and friends. Thank you for your support throughout the year by simply attending events and saying thank you or hello, transporting children, helping in classrooms and at the uniform shop and canteen, working in the garden and at working bees. All together we are a team that has made great things happen at CEPS. Our new banner statement (replacing 'A quality education in a caring environment') is '*Inspiring Excellence Together*' which I think is a perfect description. I am looking forward to an even better 2019.

Moving Ahead

As I reported at Presentation Day, we have completed the first year of our 3-year strategic plan. Our directions are Focused Teaching, Engaged Learners and Inspiring Leadership. Some of the achievements towards the targets of the school plan include:

- Implementation of the new Science, History and Geography syllabus
- The development of scope and sequences K-6 in Maths, Phonics, Spelling, Grammar and Punctuation, Science, History and Geography ensuring that the skills and knowledge in these curriculum areas are taught explicitly and systematically across the school.
- Implementation of a 5 week data checkpoint to ensure teachers are regularly reviewing their student assessment data and using this to inform their teaching.
- Implementation of the Super 6 comprehension strategies K-6 to improve the students ability to comprehend texts
- Professional learning to build teacher capacity to differentiate learning to cater for the broad needs of students, learning progressions, best practice spelling, formative assessment, integrating technology in the classroom,
- Increased opportunities for students to participate in activities aligned with their interests including a Science Fair, STEM day, Regional CAPA and GATS camps, various sporting events, StarStruck drama and dance groups.
- Increased opportunities for the staff to work collaboratively and improve their practice including peer coaching, team teaching and grade planning.
- Implementation of a whole school assessment schedule and grade based practices that ensure that staff are assessing as, of and for learning.

- Implementation of WALT, WILF and TIB in all classrooms to deeper engage the students in their learning by understanding what the learning intention is, connecting learning to a context and defining the success criteria.

We have seen improvements in our student assessment data as a result of the directions of our school plan. Particular highlights include :

- Exceeding the target of the NSW Premier of an increase of 8% of students performing in the top 2 skills bands in NAPLAN – we have seen an 18% increase
- 66% of our Year 3 students achieved in the top 2 skills bands in reading which is above state average with a decrease in the number of students achieving band 1
- The number of students achieving sound and above on their semester reports in English and Maths is consistently above 90%.
- The TTFM student survey results are consistently above the state norm

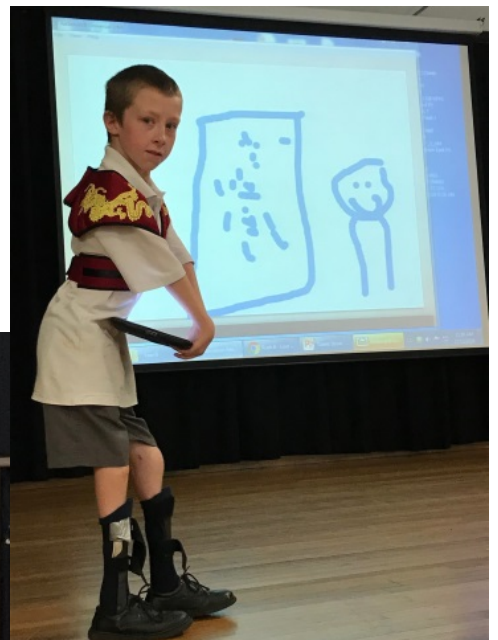
Parent Survey

- Please take the time to complete the annual parent survey. Your input is invaluable. There has been some response, but more is needed to provide us with a reliable data source.

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Talent Show

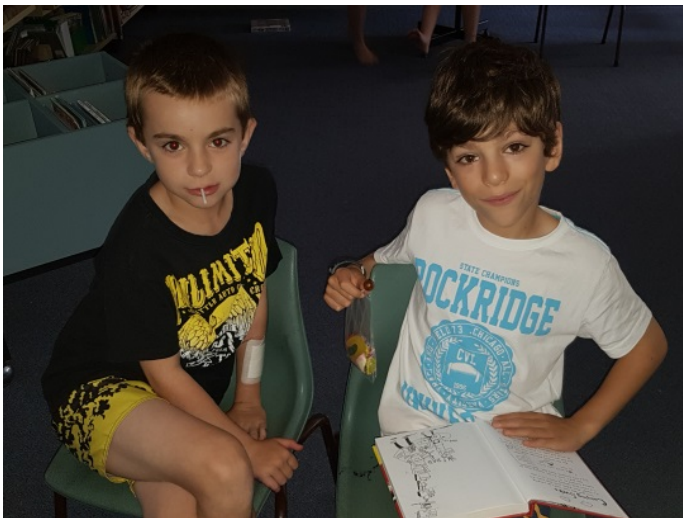
Yesterday our students were on show at our annual Talent Show. Congratulations to all the students who performed in front of the school. The students worked in groups and alone to prepare an item that ranged from imovies and animations to dancing, singing and jokes. We certainly have some talented and creative students at CEPS! We are very proud of you. Thank you to Mrs Bell for organising this event.





Party Day

The students had a fun day today to celebrate the end of the school year. The three activities of a disco, movie and water play were enjoyed by all but getting wet and playing in water at school was a favourite!



The students in Years 1-6 will return to school on Wednesday 30th January. The students are likely to start the year in their 2018 classes until we confirm our enrolments at the start of the year. We will be aiming to move to the 2019 class structure as soon as possible so that the students can start the next step in their learning journey.

I wish our students and their families all the best for the holidays. A fond farewell to our Year 6 students as they move on to high school and to those families who will be leaving the CEPS community. We thank you for your contributions during your time with us.

Michelle Unterrheiner

Principal

Library News

It is so hard to believe that yet another school year is almost to an end and what an exciting and rewarding one it has been!

Once again, my thanks to the P and C for their very generous financial support given to the library. This has enabled me to purchase many new and wonderful resources!

To my library monitors, a very big thank you for the huge effort all of you have made in organising activities during the lunch break in the library: Charlee, Evelina, Polly, Lily, Flynn, Jye, John, Ruby, Layla, Keilee, Spencer, Evie and Vanessa.

Enjoy a wonderful Christmas and a safe and exciting New Year!

Donna Reinhard

Librarian



Tree Of Values

The last weeks of this term have seen us focus on our school value of responsibility. This has enabled students to take key reminders such as looking after their belongings, making good choices and being sun safe into our end of year activities. As routines change slightly during this busy time, we count on our students to demonstrate responsibility in particular.

Our school values have certainly shined over the last few weeks as our students and community have celebrated and engaged in activities that culminate a year of learning and achievement.

A huge thank you goes to our very supportive community who reinforce our school values through discussions at home, supporting our initiatives and reinforcing our school's rules and expectations.

Have a wonderful break and we look forward to celebrating our students and their growth in value-reflected behaviour and actions again next year!

Mrs Lloyd, Mrs Bell and Mrs Bailey

Tree of Values Coordinators

Lunchbox Café News

On behalf of myself and the canteen committee, I would like to wish all of our CEPS families a very Merry Christmas and a happy and safe holiday and New Year. We look forward to seeing you all next year.

A huge thank you to all of our canteen volunteers. It is with your help and commitment that our canteen is able to be open 5 days a week. Your help is much appreciated.

Thank you to all of the volunteers that have put their names down for canteen 2019. The rosters for Term 1 went home last week. My apologies for a typo in February and March. The days and weeks are correct, however the dates are wrong. Please check your correct date before putting it onto the calendar.

Thank you to my canteen committee who all do a wonderful job. Belinda Hoad, Liz Freeman and Annette Hubber. Thanks Annette for your support and help over the past few years. It has been great having you on our committee. Welcome to our 2 new committee members for 2019, Julie Lewis and Marney McDonald.

We look forward to another exciting year in our schools canteen in 2019.

Leila Finch and the Canteen Committee

CANTEEN ROSTER FOR 2019

CANTEEN VOLUNTEERS ROSTER	Mon 4 Feb	Tues 5 Feb	Wed 6 Feb	Thurs 7 Feb	Fri 8 Feb
	Leila Finch 11.30 – 2pm Heather Cowling	Leila Finch Julie Lewis	Haley Deacon Larissa Bambach	Jody Pavlou Anna DeAngelis	Leila Finch Cath Hetherington 8.45 – 11.30am Jadie Reid
	Mon 11 Feb	Tues 12 Feb	Wed 13 Feb	Thurs 14 Feb	Fri 15 Feb
	Leila Finch 11.30 – 2pm Tanya Judd	Rebecca Howard	Rebecca Cornish Alison Collins	Katrina D'Alessandro Emma Whittle	Leila Finch Jenni Ryan 8.45 – 11.30am Kayleen Buckton
	Mon 18 Feb	Tues 19 Feb	Wed 20 Feb	Thurs 21 Feb	Fri 22 Feb
	Leila Finch	Jenny Roach 8.45 – 11.30am Lisa Baglee	Leila Finch	Marley Harris Aleisha Tuckerman	Leila Finch Marney McDonald

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DO YOU KNOW A DAD?

- Who wants to spend **quality time** with their preschool aged child?
- Who wants to improve their kids' **sport skills** whilst having a ball of **fun**?
- Who wants to help their kids eat more **veggies** and **fruit**?
- Who wants to play fun, **active games** with their child and enhance their **fitness**?

THE WORLD FIRST Healthy Youngsters, Healthy Dads program is coming to Newcastle in Term 1 2019.

Register your interest:

www.healthyyoungsters.com

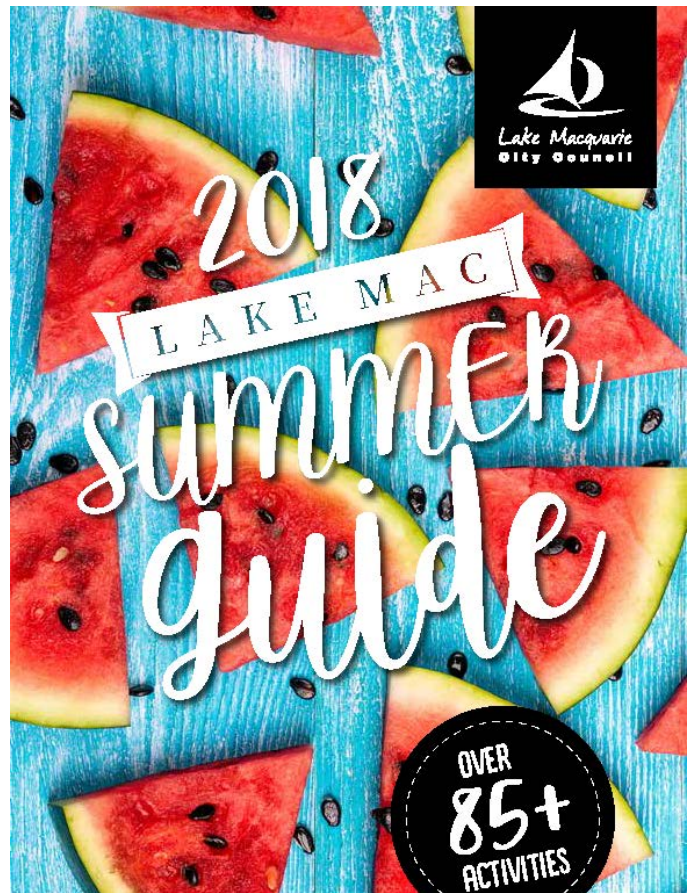
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