PARENT INFORMATION
HANDBOOK

YEAR 4 2016
Welcome to Year 4! Here is a brief outline about the teaching and learning that will take place in our classes this year.

**Curriculum**
Campbell Primary School is implementing the Australian Curriculum in the areas of English, Mathematics, Humanities and Science. The Year 4 teachers work collaboratively to plan and implement the curriculum.

Other subjects include Technology & Enterprise and Health. Students attend Specialist classes for Music, Physical Education/Dance, Science and Art.

Assemblies are on Fridays. Please check your term planner for dates. You will be notified if your child is receiving an award.

**Fostering Independence**
Students will be expected to prepare themselves at school in the morning and take responsibility for themselves, their property and their actions. Classroom doors open at 8.25am to enable students to prepare for the day. If students arrive prior to 8.25am they need to be seated in the boulevard.

**Diaries**
The diary is used as a form of communication and is where the students record their homework, reminders and school events. The diary will be updated on a regular basis. The children are responsible for copying down the required information from their teachers.

You can also use the diary as a form of communication.

**Homework**
In addition to reading every day, students in Year 4 should complete 20 minutes of homework at least three times a week. This may include some of the following:

- Spelling
- Times Table Practice/Mathletics
- Unfinished class activities
- Location of Information /Presentation of Projects

Parental support is appreciated in helping students to manage their time; however, we prefer students to complete tasks independently.

**Literacy Pro**
This year Campbell's whole school priority is to get our students reading more. To help facilitate this in our Yr 3-6 students, the school has purchased a license for each student to participate in the Literacy Pro program.

Literacy Pro is a researched based, online assessment resource that provides teachers, students and parents evidence about each student's reading achievement. The program has many features included to motivate students to read and tracks their individual progress giving them the tools to set goals. It is a fantastic new tool and we are excited to get it up and running in our school! More information will be provided to parents over the coming weeks.
**BEHAVIOUR MANAGEMENT**
All students deserve to learn in a safe and supportive environment. They are rewarded individually in a variety of ways and this can include praise, stamps, class money, group points, faction points, bank books and raffle tickets.

Students have discussed in all their classes the expectations for behaviour, including to be respectful, to make responsible choices and to be friendly. Student’s misbehaviour is dealt with in the following way:
1. Friendly Verbal Warning
2. Formal Warning
3. Time Out in class
4. Time out in another class
5. Office

Each class has a tracking book to record the process. In order to keep parents informed, once students reach Step 4 we will contact you.

**RESTORATIVE PRACTICE**
Campbell Primary School uses Restorative Practices to help students reflect on their behaviour and move forward positively. Discussions with students are based on two sets of restorative questions. Our goal in using this process is to teach students to make responsible choices and follow frameworks of responsible and acceptable behaviour within both the classroom and the playground.

**HEALTH—HIGHWAY HEROES**
This year all classes are launching into a new social and emotional learning program called Highway Heroes. Highway Heroes aims to develop childrens’ proactive skills (e.g. forming friendships, thought/mood management) and reactive skills (e.g. dealing with play refusals, friendship difficulties, teasing and bullying) through the use of tools, resources and activities. It also deals with ways to support their learning behaviours such as organising their time, persisting through tough work and staying motivated and focused during lessons. Information will sent home as students learn new skills so they can share how they are working on being a Highway Hero.

**LOST PROPERTY**
Please ensure children have all their school belongings labelled, with a permanent marker, to help avoid lost property. If students need to check the Lost Property it is situated outside the Information Centre in a large blue trolley.

**CRUNCH & SIP**
Students have the opportunity to enjoy *Crunch and Sip* in the morning and afternoon. Fruit and vegetables that are already cut up are a great idea. Please remember the school is an allergy friendly zone.
**ABSENCES**
Please notify the school if your child is absent as this is a legal requirement.
You can SMS, phone the office or write a note to the school.
School SMS number: 0407 996 173

**LATE NOTES / MEDICINES**
Rolls are taken at 8.40am. If your child arrives at school after that time they must go to the Front Office where a late note will be issued.

Teachers are not allowed to dispense any medication. If your child requires medicines on prescription please see the office staff.

**HATS**
Hats are an essential item to remember each day. Students who do not have a broad brim or bucket hat will spend recess and lunch time sitting in the shade and be unable to participate in sport sessions.

**UNIFORMS**
Please ensure your child arrives at school wearing the appropriate attire including school uniform, suitable footwear and long hair tied back. Make up and nail polish are not permitted. Jewellery is confined to a watch, sleepers/small studs or a religious chain.

**SCHOOL WEBSITE** [www.campbellprimaryschool.wa.edu.au](http://www.campbellprimaryschool.wa.edu.au)

**CLASS PAGE**
Class Pages can be accessed through the school website and may include timetables, class work, photos, permission slips and project outlines.

**PARENT – TEACHER MEETINGS**
If there are any issues or concerns, teachers are available for meetings before and after school. Please make contact in advance if you would like to make a time for a meeting.
Contact details via email:
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**ADMINISTRATION CONTACT**
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Thank you. We look forward to a great year!

**YEAR 4 TEACHERS**