Interesting Questions

Are parents allowed to video-tape or take photographs at school events?
Generally, taking photos or videos on school grounds should not occur unless the principal is satisfied that there is a good reason. I would consider that taking photographs or videos of students at school events is reasonable. However, the Department policy suggests that parental permission should be provided.

To cover the permission to publish issue, we sent out notes in 2013 that outlined the circumstances in which it was possible that student images might be published. These included:
- Public websites of the Department of Education and Communities including the school website, the Department of Education and Communities intranet (staff only), blogs and wikis
- Department of Education and Communities publications including the school newsletter, annual school magazine and school report, promotional material published in print and electronically including on the Department’s websites
- Official Department and school social media accounts on networks such as YouTube, Facebook and Twitter
- Local and metropolitan newspapers and magazines and other media outlets

Also outlined in the note was the following paragraph:

“Parents should be aware that when information is published on public websites and social media channels, it can be discoverable online for a number of years, if not permanently. Search engines may also cache or retain copies of published information. Published information can also be linked to by third parties.”

The implication of the sentence in bold is that other people may access the DEC websites and copy the images to their own social media sites. So by signing the note parents are acknowledging that it is possible that student photographs may end up on other people’s social media sites and devices.

If you have enrolled your child in the school since 2013, this permission to publish is part of the enrolment form. The wording on the enrolment form is identical to the permission to publish note sent home in 2013.

If you now wish to withdraw your child’s permission to publish please contact the office so that we can amend our records.

Mrs C Binns
Principal
Diverse educational programs that challenge and inspire students
**SRC Easter Guessing Competition**

Our new 2015 SRC are running this year’s Easter raffle. This is our first fundraiser for the year. All students in our school are asked to donate an Easter gift e.g. chocolate bunny or egg, large or small to this great fundraiser.

Donations are to be handed in to the class teachers or SRC member each morning.

All of the Easter donations received will be bundled up and handed out as prizes.

Tickets for the raffle will be available for sale from Week 9 near the flagpole. Tickets will cost $1.00 each or 3 for $2.00.

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**Run Rabbit Run’ Parade**

The Easter Hat / Mad Hair Parade will be at 12.00pm on Wednesday 1st April, 2015. P-3 students are asked to wear a decorated hat, 4-6 students are to come with wild Easter hair, they can decorate a basket or make an Easter hat.

The whole school will be parading in the western quad. All parents, caregivers and other special guests are invited to attend the parade. The SRC Easter raffle will be drawn after the parade.

Mrs L VanCuylenberg  
Assistant Principal

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**Stage 3 News**

**Year 6 T-shirt:** all sizes were required by last Friday. Please attend to this immediately. Payments for the shirts need to be finalised by the end of next week.

**High School:** All expression of interest forms should be returned to school by Friday, 20th March either to the front office or to Mrs Hines.

**Current issues:** many problems are arising as a result of students having Instagram, Kick, Snap Chat and Face Book accounts. Please note: it is an offense for primary students to have access to these communications and the police can make investigations.

**Phones:** should only be brought to school for emergency contact purposes. It is each students responsibility to care for it. Phones are to remain in bags at all times and not to be used in school unless permission is given by a teacher.

Mrs J Hines  
Stage 3 Supervisor

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**Kindergarten News**

Kindergarten students have settled well into their new daily routines. Most days consist of literacy learning in the morning, numeracy and other areas of curriculum throughout the rest of the day. We also do sport every Friday and ask that students wear appropriate uniform (shorts, skorts or tracksuit pants in the winter) as well as sport shoes.

All Kindergarten classes participate in ‘Crunch and Sip’ each day so please remember to put some water and a piece of fruit or vegetables (eg: carrot sticks, celery etc) in your child’s lunch box each day. We also encourage healthy eating at lunch and recess, if we could ask for lollies and chocolates to be left for home.

Just a reminder that the Kangaroos attend library on Mondays and the Blue Tongues and Paper Daisies on Fridays. Please ensure your child returns their library book in their library bag on the appropriate day.

Mrs VanCuylenberg  
Assistant Principal

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Stage 1 News

The term is fast coming to a close. Nearly all students have settled well in their new classrooms and all learning programs are well underway.

All Stage 1 students should have received their home readers. Home readers will be exchanged on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Your child needs to place their home reader in the home reader box in their classroom to ensure it is changed. Please fill out and sign the ‘Home Readers’ sheet in your child’s envelope so that we know your child has read their home reader.

Autumn is now upon us and very soon the days will be cold. Please ensure your child has a labelled jumper or jacket as well as their hat in their bag so that they are prepared for inclement weather.

Also, if you haven’t already, please take the time to have your child’s hearing and eyesight tested. It is recommended you check these annually. We find many children who struggle with speech and/or reading have underlying hearing or vision problems. Most optometrists and medical centres bulk bill so these tests are usually free of charge.

This week the students enjoyed Harmony Day. They were very active and learnt Hip Hop and Bollywood dancing, the meaning of symbols in Aboriginal art and how to identify sounds on the didgeridoo. They were entertained by Chinese dancing, a magic show and African drummers.

It was a wonderful day.

Mrs L MacKinnon
Year 1 Supervisor

Mrs M Copeland
Year 2 Supervisor

Staff Profile

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Preschool News

We have been working with the children to recognise their names. Most children are able to identify the beginning letter. We have the children’s names available during craft times for them to identify and copy. We also use their names to identify for transition and group times.

Joeys 1 – The children have shown an interest in hairdressers so a hairdressing salon has been set up and some interesting hairdo’s have been happening.

Joeys 2 – Dinosaur fossil digging and drawing dinosaurs are experiences the children have been engaged in to extend on their dinosaur interest.

Frogs 1 – After a windy weekend we had lots of large pieces of bark in the yard so we collected them and painted on them during craft time. This then lead onto dot painting using earth colours on black paper. Cubby house making using material, tables, and blocks has also been an interest with some children.

Frogs 2 – After some children decided to draw some snails we went on a snail hunt and collected some snails to look at. The children have found out that snails have a hard shell but slimy soft body that helps them slide along.

- Preschool Easter celebrations – Wednesday 1st April, an Easter Hat parade, egg hunt and activities will happen during both session times. All families are welcome to come along and join in.
- Many thanks to Connor & Harry’s Nan for all the wonderful craft items and much needed paper she has been donating.

Thank you

Mrs Shanahan, Mrs Klimiuk, Mrs Myers
Mrs Chalker, Mrs Wells

On Thursday the 12th of March, 2015 a great group of stage 3 girls from Cambridge Park Public School went to an awesome league tag gala day run by the NRL. We went with Miss Hansen and Mrs Foord. We played at Pieter Van Hasselt field with lots of other schools. We won, we lost and we drew but most importantly, we had a fantastic day with lots of fun. Thank you to all our parents who came along to support us.

By Jade and Shantel -Sharks
University of New South Wales International Competitions 2015

The University of New South Wales International Competitions are offered to students 2-6. This year competitions are offered in the following areas: Digital Technologies, Mathematics, English, Spelling, Writing and Science

If you wish your child to be involved in these competitions please fill in the form below and return to the office with payment by Tuesday 31st March, 2015.

Thank you

Mrs Spry
Organising Teacher

Name: _____________________________________________ Class: ___________________

Please tick which competitions you wish your child to be involved in.

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**Teaching children Life Skills**

Sometimes as a parent it’s hard to know how much responsibility we should give or chores our children could do to ensure they are able to function in the world when we are not around. Here’s a helpful guideline which may assist.
Winter Jackets

As many of you are aware, the schools microfiber jackets have been unavailable for some time. The reason for the jackets being unavailable is that they are a specialty order and can now only be ordered in lots of 150 at a time. Whilst we can order mixed sizes to achieve this amount, when one size sells out, to re order that size we again have to order another 150. As you can imagine this is difficult to say the least, however last year, when the community were revising the need for an update for our school dress the jackets were also discussed and agreed upon that the jackets need to be replaced with a more convenient to purchase, consistent and cheaper option for our families.

Abel school wear produced possible options to choose from, which were eliminated down to 2 for our wider community to consult on. These jackets are considerably cheaper than the previous ones and are more readily available as they are kept in stock and embroidered with our school logo upon purchase.

The jackets will be on display in the outside notice board for 1 more week and a voting box will be placed underneath for you to cast your vote.

Alternatively you can vote onlinehttps://www.surveymonkey.com/r/L3P9NZ2

These jackets retail for $41.00 each.

Volunteering at our school

If you are interested in volunteering at our school in 2015 we are holding an Induction session at 2pm on Thursday 26th March, assistance will also be given for those requiring to fill out Working with children’s check. We would love to have you helping around our school.

Family Consultative Group

The Family Consultative Group has been set up in the absence of the P&C to provide feedback to our school executive on matters relating to education and your children at our school in an informal environment This is a great opportunity to find out what is happening and provide some input. The Consultative Group is open for all attend.
Our next meeting will be held on Wednesday 1st April at 2pm. we hope you will join us.

Mrs D Sirmais
Partnership Officer
Healthy Children's Network

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Term 3 – School Resumes Monday 13th July, School Development Day, 14th July for students
For your convenience when your child is absent from school please complete the note below and return to your child’s teacher.

**ABSENCE EXPLANATION NOTE**

STUDENT’S NAME .................................................................  CLASS ........................

DATES OF ABSENCE ...........................................................

REASON ..................................................................................

PARENT/CAREGIVER’S NAME ................................................

SIGNED ........................................... DATE ...........................................