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TAPS NEWSLETTER

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK...

Dear Parents,
Welcome back to 2018.

Mrs Thompson

On behalf of our school and Mr Thompson thank you again to all for your condolences and support after the tragic loss of Mrs Heidi Thompson during the school holidays. Last week a lot of support was provided to students and staff with additional counsellors being available. I would also like to express my thanks to staff both current and past who volunteered to come in to help on days they don't usually work. A service was held for Mrs Thompson in Camden on 5th January and many of you either attended or sent words of love and kindness. At the time Mr Thompson asked for no flowers to be sent instead he wished to honour Heidi with donations to Westmead Children's Hospital. At school, we have set up a box in the front office where if you wish staff and community can contribute to the **Westmead Children's Fund**. Please ensure your donation is in an envelope marked Westmead Children's Fund. We are currently developing an online memorial/fundraising page where you will be able to donate online. If you require a receipt for tax purposes you will need to pay on the memorial page. Details will be out soon.

In accordance with Mr Thompson's wishes there will be no assembly held but instead members of Mrs Thompson's family will create a blue mural of butterflies to enhance our recently installed adventure/garden playground. Mrs Heidi Thompson served our school community for over 16 years touching the lives of many students, staff and community. She taught a variety of classes and ran and supported the school band. This gave her the chance to be involved with and impact so many people. In recent years, as Assistant Principal she opened and developed the support unit making many connections. Her kindness and commitment to the children, community and staff will always be treasured.

If you believe in the days or weeks ahead that your child is affected by this loss or it has triggered memories of other such losses of family or friends, please notify the school so we can arrange support or alternatively seek advice from the Kids helpline <https://kidshelpline.com.au/> 1800551800



SCHOOL SECURITY

1300 880 021

24 Hours

THIS WEEK AT TAPS Week 2

Week 3

P & C Meeting
@ 3:15pm
in the train

12th



AFL
school
visit

14th



2018 Band starts

19th



**STUDENT'S
ABSENCE OF
THREE (3) DAYS
OR MORE
REQUIRES A
DOCTOR'S CERTIFICATE**

**CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE
FOR THE LATEST EVENTS
AT TAPS
www.thomasacre-p.schools.nsw.edu.au
UPDATED WEEKLY**

Growing School & New staff

Some students have left while many new students have arrived. We have waved goodbye to a large Year 6 and welcomed a group of just over 70 Kinders. By the end of 2017 our school population grew enough to gain a new class and teacher for 2018.

At the end of the year we also released two vacant staffing positions. One was on merit selection and the other was on transfer from another school. Mrs Kous who has been employed on a temporary basis for many years was successful in gaining permanency. Congratulations Mrs Kous. Mrs Boustani has transferred to our school from Merrylands East, however, she is currently on maternity leave and will return part time later in the year. As such we have employed Mrs Best-Roberts on our Year 5/6 class and we have employed Miss Love on Year 4 to cover the extra class we have gained. Welcome to TAPS all of you. It looks like classes are set with many full or filling up quickly. We look forward to a great year and working together to do the best for your child. See the next section for getting us all started together.

Connect meet – Students, parents and teachers coming together for a successful year

Coming soon we will be launching a new initiative to get to 'really' know all of our students and parents we need you. During Week 4 you will be invited to meet with your child and child's teacher to help us get to know your child. We are calling this student, parent, teacher meeting connect meet. We want your child and you to share their likes, their talents and their wishes. We want to develop learning goals together and we want your advice on how to best connect with them, motivate them and support them. Teachers will be assigned set days between 9 and 3 to run these meetings with you and there will be some flexibility for after hour's meetings. We look forward to hearing from your child and yourselves so together we can empower your child to be the best learner possible.

P&C

Next Monday in the school train we will hold our first P&C meeting for 2018. Come along to find out information about the school, the year ahead and how you may be able to support the school through the P&C. The Annual General meeting elections for P&C executive positions on the will be delayed until later this term due to a hold up in paperwork.

Being Successful in 2018 (in no particular order)

There are many things that will help a child grow in their learning, confidence and maturity but here are just a few that parents could work on instilling in their children through regular modelling and conversations:

- Listen
- Be respectful, be friendly and kind to all.
- Be resilient – don't let problems or difficulties upset you and don't give up when things are challenging
- Solve problems - when a problem arises stay calm, walk away, tell or ask for help
- Read each day (read to them, with them and get them to read)
- Be positive - always look for the good in things, in people, in situations.



SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS WILL BE TAKEN ON: **Wednesday 14 March**

Dear Parents,

School photographs are scheduled to be taken by advancedlife Photography. Whilst an envelope and flyer will be distributed shortly, if possible it is our preference that ordering be completed online to reduce administration and potential security issues related to the return of cash and envelopes on photo day.

Orders for packages and sibling photographs can be placed securely online at www.advancedlife.com.au using our school's unique 9 digit Online Order Code. Portrait and group package orders are due by photography day.

Should you wish to purchase a sibling photograph online, the order must be placed no later than the day before photography day. Sibling photographs will only be taken if an order has been placed.

Should you have any queries concerning school photographs or online ordering, please direct them via email to enquiries@advancedlife.com.au



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CAMPBELLTOWN PERFORMING ARTS HIGH SCHOOL

Entry of Students Year 7 - 2019

Students currently in Year 6 in 2018 enrolled in public or non-government schools who are seeking entrance in 2019 in Dance, Drama, Music or Circus at Campbelltown Performing Arts High School, must submit an "Expression of Interest" and participate in audition workshops.



YEAR 7 AUDITION DATES: 3rd April 2018 to 6th April 2018.

PLEASE NOTE: Closing date for registration is 16th March 2018.

Students can audition in one or two of the four performing arts disciplines (Music, Drama, Dance or Circus). Preferences MUST be made clear on their "Expression of Interest". Audition costs may vary. Each audition is assessed on its own merits. Examiner's decision is final and no appeal can be made except on procedure. Feedback on student's performance in their audition will not be provided. The purpose of the audition is for the school to select the most capable students as assessed by the panel. These are the conditions under which students, parents and carers MUST agree when applying to audition.

Offers of place are posted to families within four (4) weeks. Positions on waiting list are determined by the student's ranking in their successful discipline. No information regarding student ranking or position on waiting list will be provided. The school will contact you if a position arises.

Application are made online at the Campbelltown Performing Arts High School under audition tab.

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Mon/Tues/Thurs 9am-1pm

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REGISTRATION INCLUDES

Insurance Shorts Socks Shirt Bottle
www.playnrl.com.au/register

Rego days @ Bradbury Oval
9am to 12:30pm

Saturdays: 17th and 24th Feb.

Wednesday nights @ 5:30-6:30pm

Sunday: 11th February at our
Sponsor's Venue

Filipo's@The Macarthur 10:30am to 2:00pm

All school age players are entitled to the \$100
Active Kids Rebate all you have to outlay is \$45

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GIRL GUIDES
AUSTRALIA

Would you like to get involved in your community and help girls develop skills for life?

Campbelltown Guide District is looking for women 18 years and over interested in leadership.

You will be supported in becoming a Leader of Guides: training, mentoring, resources and friendship. Challenge yourself as you enable girls and young women grow into confident, self-respecting, responsible community members.

Call Leslie on 0417 407 799 or

Email leslie.meiklejohn@gmail.com

OR to find out more about Guides

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