School Term Dates 2016
Term 1 Wednesday 27 January - Friday 8 April 2016 (Students return 28/1/16)
Term 2 Tuesday 26 April - Friday 1 July 2016 (Students return 27/4/16)
Term 3 Tuesday 19 July - Friday 23 September 2016 (Students return 19/7/16)
Term 4 Monday 10 October - Friday 16 December 2016 (Students finish 16/12/16)

Please Report Trespass/Vandalism Incidents to School Security on 1300 880 021

Thursday 25 February       K-2 Assembly   Item 1-2S
Thursday 3 March           K-6 Assembly
Thursday 10 March          3-6 Assembly Item 3-4T
Friday 11 March            PSSA Gala Day
Tuesday 15 March           P&C AGM 6pm General Meeting 6.30pm
Thursday 17 March          K-2 Assembly Item 1H
Thursday 31 March          K-6 Assembly
Friday 1 April             PSSA Gala Day
Tuesday May 17             Australian University Competition Digital Electronics
Tuesday May 31             Australian University Competition Science
Tuesday 14 June            Australian University Competition Spelling
Welcome to Week 5. It was wonderful to see a large number of parents attending the Meet the Teacher afternoon last week. The afternoon provided families the opportunity to meet 2016 teachers, and with new teachers and students joining our fantastic school this year, it was a great opportunity to meet new members of the Campbelltown East Public School community.

P&C Meeting - It was wonderful to see new parents attending our first P&c meeting last week. The P&C is a fantastic group of dedicated parents who have contributed in many ways to our school. Our next P&C meeting is the Annual General Meeting (AGM). It would be great to see our P&C continue to grow and an increased number of parents and community members joining our P&C.

At the AGM, all positions will be declared vacant and a new committee elected. Please consider coming along and joining the P&C.

The Tell Them From Me student feedback survey I am delighted that this term, our school, like many others in the state, will participate in a Department of Education initiative: the Tell Them From Me student feedback survey. The survey aims to help improve student learning outcomes and measures factors that are known to affect academic achievement and other student outcomes. The focus of the NSW-wide survey is on student wellbeing, engagement and effective teaching practices.


The survey is a great opportunity for our students to provide our school with valuable and quick feedback on what they think about school life, how engaged they are with school and the different ways that teachers interact with them. Schools in Australia and around the world have used the Tell Them From Me survey to help improve how they do things at school.

I want to assure you that the survey is confidential and school staff will not be able to identify individual students from their responses. The survey is conducted online and will typically take less than 30 minutes to complete. It will be administered during school hours between 14 March and 8 April. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary.

A consent form and a list of frequently asked questions (FAQs) for parents/carers about the survey is being sent home with students this week. If you do not want your child or children to participate, please return the consent form to school by Friday 4 March. The FAQs and copies of the consent form, including translated consent forms, are available from the website above.

Regards,
Janene Cook
Principal

Open Learning Classrooms

Beginning Term 1 2016 Campbelltown East Public school has continued our initiative that began last year with our Kindergarten open learning classroom. 1H. 1/2S and 2W with Mr Houston, Mr Storey and Miss Walker have moved to a shared open learning space where the three Stage One teachers will work together with all students sharing the same learning environment. This is based on current best teaching practice and future teaching direction.

Teachers have researched and observed other local schools and our own kindergarten classes implementing the initiative successfully.

Open learning classrooms provide a range of benefits for students including:

- Variety in delivery/instruction.
- Larger social circle and network of friends and peers.
- Many opportunities for differentiation.
- Building skills required for the future such as self-regulation, problem solving, independence and adapting to change.
- Peer tutoring.
- Cooperative learning across a range of Key Learning Areas.
- Activities for different learning styles.
- Differing teacher/student relationships
- Independent learning skills, organisation, staying on task and working with others
- More ownership and tracking of individual student growth by teachers.

As students complete activities within the classroom, there is always three or more sets of eyes monitoring on task behaviour, providing support and delivering engaging lessons. Teachers co-operatively plan, deliver and assess providing a 21st Century classroom and an engaging, fun and rewarding learning environment.

We look forward to seeing you more throughout the year and being part of the journey together.
Office procedures

All notes and notes with money come directly to the office and are to be placed in the blue letter box in the office foyer before 9am. No notes or notes with money are to be taken to the classroom at any time. This avoids notes being sent home to students who have already sent notes and paid money.

Extra notes are in the office foyer or check skoolbag or the school webpage if you have misplaced your note.

Thankyou for your assistance.

Birthdays

Happy Birthday to the following students.

Deborah 5-6W 22/02/2005
Lauren 5-6W 26/02/2006
Ruby 5-6M 3/03/2006
Yraen-Fury 3-4D 24/02/2007
Tamzyn 3-4T 26/02/2007
Vanessa 2W 24/02/2009
Lucas 1H 24/02/2010
Kadyn KC 30/02/2011
Jaycee KL 28/02/2011
Annabella KC 8/03/2011
Parents Online Payments

Parents online payment will be available for parent/carers to use this term. This is being set up to make paying for your child’s excursions, voluntary school fees, uniforms, sports and all other items easier for you to pay if you choose to use this option. You can still send money and notes into the office as you have done in the past.

Details on how to make a payment using this method.

- Accesses from the home page of the school’s website
- $ Make a payment “button”
- Visa or MasterCard credit or debit cards only accepted
- Entering payment details
- Entering credit card details and
- Online Payment Receipt

Entering payment details
- Student’s name, class or year, date of birth
- Payer’s name, contact phone & email
- Select what you want to pay for by checking relevant box
- Payment description must be accurate
- Payment amount must be completed
- Asterix * indicates a mandatory field

Payment Description

- Voluntary Schools Contributions – entry voluntary contribution
- Excursion – enter name of excursion e.g. Opera House
- Sport – enter name of particular sport e.g. Softball
- Sales to Students – enter item you are purchasing e.g. uniforms

Entering credit/debit card details

You are paying to Campbelltown East PS
Payment Amount $35.00
Card Holder Name
Credit Card Number
Card Expiry Month
Cart Expiry Year
Card Verification Number CVN

Click Next
Confirm Payment Details

- Verification Code

Make a Payment

Online payment receipt

- Print and/or email – you can change the prefilled emailed address if you wish
- Note the receipt number for your reference, and write this on any permission notes you are sending back to school
- You need to send a copy of your receipt to school

More than one student to pay for

Make another Payment to pay for additional students

Timing

- The payment must be made before 6pm for the school to receive the funds the next day, i.e. Pay before 6pm on Monday, the school will have the funds on Tuesday morning.
- If the payment is after 6pm then there will be a 24 hour delay in the school receiving the funds i.e. Pay after 6pm on Monday, the school will have the funds on Wednesday morning.

If you need any assistance with Parents online payment please see me in the front office and I will be more than happy to assist you.

Kerrie Heath
School Admin Manager
Medical Information

We require information from parent/carers about your child/children’s health, even if you are not requesting specific support from our school. Our school asks for medical information when you enrol your child/children. It is also important that you let us know if your child’s health care needs change or if a new health condition develops.

Information about allergies, medial conditions such as asthma and diabetes and other health care related issues (including prior conditions such as medical procedures in the last 12 months) should be provided to the school by parents/carers. Please provide this information in writing to the front office. This will greatly assist our school in planning to support your child/children’s health and wellbeing.

We appreciate your assistance in this regard and assure you that any information you provide to the school will be stored securely and will only be used or disclosed in order to support your son or daughter’s health needs or as otherwise required by law.

Please also remember to notify staff in the school office of any changes to your contact details or to the contact details of other people nominated as emergency contacts.

We appreciate your assistance.

Kerrie Heath
SAM

Library News

Classes and timetables have been confirmed so please remember your library day and to bring a bag to borrow your books.

Monday  Tuesday  Wednesday
1H       3/4D     5/6W
2W       3/4T     5/6M
1/2S     4/5S     5/6M
2/4M     4/5S     K/1G
KC       2/4M     K/3T
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Australian School University Competition

The following NSW University competitions held at various dates throughout the year are available to primary age students – Year 3-6.

Your children are under no obligation to participate as they are your choice and at your expense to enter. All competitions cost $8 to enter, with the exception of writing $17 and the new Spelling Assessment, for primary students is $11.00.

Please return the correct money in an envelope which includes your child’s name and the competitions being entered by the due dates if you wish your child to enter.

☐ Science (Years 3-6)
☐ Digital Electronics (3-6)
☐ Writing (Years 3–6)
☐ Spelling (Years 3–6)
☐ English (Years 3–6)
☐ Mathematics (Years 3–6)

I give permission for Child’s Name_______ _____________________________Class _________

to enter the Australian School/University Competition (Please tick above box for competition of your choice.)
Parent/Carer Name______________________

Parent/Carer Signature___________________

Date_______ I have enclosed $______ being total payment for Australian School/University Competition

Please Note there will be NO LATE ENTRIES taken. All Money and notes need to be placed in the blue letter box in the school foyer by the closing date. Remember entries will need to be in before school holidays.

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Uniform Stall

Don’t miss out on some great bargains!

2nd hand uniform items start from as little as $0.50 cents.

The uniform store is open on Thursday mornings 8.30am – 9am

We are looking for parent/carers with some spare time to help man this stall

Please see Mrs Heath in the office if you can spare just 1 hour per week

Parent Feedback/Suggestion Form

Please complete the slip below and return to the office blue mail box if you have any feedback, comments or ideas you would like to let the school know about.

Name: ____________________________

Child’s Name (optional): ______________

Child’s Class (optional): ______________

Comment/Suggestion: __________________

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Thank you, your input is valued.

Parent/Carer Workshop

Do you want to meet people? Would you like to have a chat and enjoy a coffee or tea with other parents/carers?

Your help is needed for the parent/carer workshop. The workshop runs on

Thursday afternoons

1.30pm - 3pm

In the P&C room

Staff and teachers would appreciate your help with odd jobs such as cutting, pasting, laminating, covering books and many other exciting jobs.

So please mark your 2016 calendar for Thursday afternoons.
Notice is hereby given that the P&C Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be held on Tuesday March 2016.

All positions will be vacated so if you have ever considered being part of the P&C this is your opportunity.

The meeting will commence at 6pm and there is a $1 fee payable to become a voting member of the P&C. A letter was sent home with your child with details of the AGM and General meeting. It would be great to see more parents/carers & community members come along for our last meeting as the P&C Committee.

Canteen News

We **urgently need volunteers** to help in the canteen in 2016 as quite a few volunteers from last year have moved on due to other work or family commitments. We would therefore like to take this time to thank them for their valued support and wish them all the best.

We need volunteers on Tuesday and Wednesday so if you can spare a few hours see Michelle in the canteen for more details.

Museum News

Our next Museum & Market open day will be:

**Sunday 13 March 2016**

8am – 2pm.

Come along a purchase a bargain or visit the museum and see the great displays and let your children have a hands on experience

If you have a stall you would like to have at the next market please contact Kerrie Heath on 4626 2022 for details.
Transport for NSW

Fact sheet: The School Opal card

Who’s eligible?
To be eligible for a School Opal card, students need to be NSW residents and may need to live a minimum distance away from their school:
- Years K-2 (Infants) there’s no minimum distance.
- Years 3-6 (Primary) 1.6km straight line distance or 2.3km walking or further.
- Years 7-12 (Secondary) 2.0km straight line distance or 2.9km walking or further.

Students completing secondary studies at TAFE, boarding school students and students temporarily in Australia may also be eligible for a School Opal card. The eligibility criteria for these students is available at transportnsw.info/school-students.

A School Opal card is provided to eligible students who need to travel within the Opal network. Paper travel passes are issued to eligible students who need to travel outside the Opal network.

Who needs to apply?
Most students or parents won’t need to apply for the School Opal card. The School Opal card will be sent to a student’s school automatically at the beginning of the new school year in 2016. However, a new application is required if:
- The student is just starting school or has not had a pass for travel before.
- The student is progressing from Year 2 to 3, or Year 6 to 7.
- The student is changing schools, including going between primary and secondary school.
- The student’s personal details have changed (e.g. address).

Applications must be made by a parent or guardian for children aged 15 years and under. Applications must be made by the student if aged 16 years or older.

How to apply
Step 1 Complete the application at transportnsw.info/school-students.
Step 2 Print, sign and submit the form to the school for endorsement.
Step 3 The school will then forward the application to Transport for NSW for processing. Once approved, Transport for NSW sends the School Opal card to the home address given in the application.

The application may take several weeks and the applicant’s email address is required.

If the student doesn’t qualify for free travel
They may be eligible for a Term Bus Pass which offers travel on buses between home and school at a discounted rate for the whole school term.
Apply at transportnsw.info/school-students.

Find out more
For more information on the School Opal card and the School Student Travel Scheme (SSTS), please visit transportnsw.info/school-students.