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

Sunday 14 February  Museum & Market Open Day 8am – 2pm
Monday 15 February  Swimming Carnival
Tuesday 16 February  Meet the Teacher
Friday 11 March  PSSA Gala Day
Friday 1 April  PSSA Gala Day
Tuesday May 17  Australian University Competitiion Digital Electronics
Tuesday May 31  Australian University Competition Science
Tuesday 14 June  Australian University Competition Spelling

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)
Welcome back to another exciting year at Campbelltown East Public School.

Over the holidays we have been busy making significant improvements to the school. We have completed the following -

* **Air Conditioners** - replaced air-conditioners in all classrooms.

* **WiFi** - WiFi installed throughout the school to provide all students with improved connectivity.

* **New Carpet** - new carpet in 1H, 1/2S and 2W classroom. New carpet will be installed in the Library very soon.

* **New Interactive Whiteboards** for 1H, 1/2S and 2W (arrived but still to be installed).

The classes for the 2016 school year are as follows:

| 2016 Staff |
|-------------|-------------|
| **Early Stage 1** | **Stage 1** |
| KC – Ms Claussen | K/1G – Miss Gittoes |
| KL – Mrs Martin (Mon – Wed) | 1H - Mr Houston |
| Mrs Pelle (Thurs – Frid) | 1/2W – Mr Storey |
| K/1G Miss Gittoes | 2W – Miss Walker |

Assistant Principal Supervising – Mr Storey

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Assistant Principal Supervising – Ms Brien

**Staff changes**

There have been several new teachers join our staff at Campbelltown East Public School. We are very fortunate to have Miss Moselen 5/6M, Mrs Murphy 4/5S, Mrs Donoghue 3/4D, Miss Walker 2W and Miss Gittoes K/1G. We also have a new school counselor, Ms Munro who we are very pleased to have joined our staff.

2016 classes are now all settled and working hard. Our student numbers at Campbelltown East PS are rising and we have been very fortunate to start a new class, K/1G this week. Miss Gittoes will be teaching K/1G this term.
Meet the Teacher

‘Meet the Teacher’ afternoon will take place on Tuesday 16th February. Times are as follows -

3.15pm  K-2 parent afternoon tea, under shelter.

3.30pm- 4pm  K-2 Meet the Teacher in classrooms.

3.45pm  3-6 Parent afternoon tea, under the shelter.

4pm- 4.30pm  3-6 Meet the Teacher in classrooms.

At the ‘Meet the Teacher’ afternoon we are looking forward to having the opportunity to continue to build those important partnerships between home and school, and the staff and I look forward to seeing you there.

Uniform

Campbelltown East Public School has high expectations of student uniform. This has been determined by the school community and it is expected that all students come each day in full school uniform, including the wearing of the school hat and black school shoes. It is great to see so many students wearing our new dress and blue and white school shirt. We are phasing out the white school shirts and ask that all when shirts requiring replacing that they are replaced with the new school blue and white shirt only, this is available from the office. If you could ensure your child is wearing all components of our uniform it would be much appreciated.

I look forward to another exciting year at Campbelltown East.

Mrs Janene Cook
Principal

Birthdays

Happy Birthday to the following students.

Adam P  Kindy
Mercy T  Kindy
Noah H  Kindy
Piri P   Kindy
Sienna E  Kindy
Toby M   Kindy
Christian B  5-6W
Destiny L  3-4D
Ethene T  1H
Madeleine W  3-4-5-6B

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.
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

Student Banking

Teach your child how to save at an early age

Banking every Thursday

Place your bankbook in the blue box in the foyer and you will be able to pick your bank book up from the office that afternoon or it will be returned to the class teacher once processed if requested by parent/carer.

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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Don’t miss out on some great bargains!

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

**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

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**Parent Feeback/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: _________________________________
Childs Name (optional): ____________________
Childs Class (optional): ____________________
Comment/Suggestion:_____________________

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Thank you, your imput is valued.

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**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.

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**P&C News**

**P&C Meeting**

*When: Tuesday 16 February 2016*  
*Time:  6.30pm*  
*Venue: Staffroom*

Come along and see what is happening in your school

**Seven Brothers Tree Cutting & Gardening Fundraiser**

Please mention Campbelltown East Public School P&C when making a booking with Seven Brothers Tree Cutting & Gardening services.

10% of the total cost of the job will be donated to Campbelltown East P&C

**SEVEN BROTHERS TREE SERVICES AND GARDENING**

- Tree cutting  
- tree felling  
- stump removal  
- Pruning  
- gardening  
- block clearing  
- weeding

**ABN:** 52372682899
**Accreditation:** Fully insured and experienced
**Phone Sally 0406 191 139**
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.

Museum News

Our next Museum & Market open day will be:

**Sunday 14 February 2016**
8am – 2pm.

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

Book Covering

We desperately need help on Thursday afternoon at 1.30 pm to cover library books

Please come along to the P&C Room

Your help would be appreciated
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.
Help your child learn to write

From early times, people have wanted to pass on their ideas to others in a visual form. People painted on the walls of caves and used symbols to communicate. They were recording what they saw and what they wanted remembered.

Today, we still use writing to express our ideas and share information. Writing is part of our everyday life. We write our name on things that belong to us, we write emails to our friends to tell them our news, we write a shopping list so we don’t forget to buy the things we need.

However, not everyone learns to write in the same way or at the same time. This booklet aims to provide parents and caregivers with information to support their children as they begin to learn to write. It is designed to assist parents of children from birth through the primary school years.

This booklet will help you to help your child write at home, and will also provide you with information to understand what your child is learning about writing at school.

10 THINGS YOU CAN DO TO help your child learn to write

1. Write in front of your child and talk about what you are writing, for example shopping lists, cards, letters and notes.

2. Display paintings, drawings and pieces of writing that your child brings home from school or pre-school.

3. Give your child different types of paper and different pens, pencils, crayons, chalk and textas for drawing and writing.

4. Encourage your child to draw and to write about their drawing. They might like to keep a scrap book or photo album where they can keep their pictures. Help them to write labels for their photos and drawings.

5. Play word games. Play ‘I Spy’ or ‘Scrabble’ together. Help your child to find little words in big words and to write them down.

6. Encourage your child to write. They could write messages to you and other family members, or cards, menus, invitations and letters to friends, family, neighbours and school teachers.

7. Encourage your child to write around the home. They might like to write signs, poems, favourite recipes and instructions, or to label things that they design and make.

8. Praise your child for trying to write words that are new to them.

9. Encourage your child to use technology to help with their writing.

10. Encourage your child to keep a diary and to write in it regularly.