**From the Principal’s Office**

**School Sign Puzzle**
Our school sign is highlighting our PBL values (see item below). In the sign (on both sides) is a simple puzzle for the students to solve. The students need to identify the pattern of the different coloured letters on the sign. Students can enter the competition by writing their name, class and the answer on a piece of paper and dropping it in the box outside my door. The first correct answer drawn out on Wednesday morning will win a small prize. This is a very simple puzzle but over the term they will get harder and involve the staff and parents as well. Please do not solve the puzzle for them, but support them by asking questions. The Preppies may not have learnt this content just yet, though!! I will have a special competition just for them!

**Principal’s Award**
Last Friday, I had great pleasure in presenting my first Principal’s Award at Cambooya to Audrey Mellor. Audrey has displayed a very high standard of behaviour both in the classroom and the playground, as well as applying herself diligently to her work in class. I spoke to her several times during the week and she was always positive about friends, work and school and she has set a fine example for other students to follow.

**PBL (Positive Behaviour for Learning)**
Our PBL focus this week is on Responsibility and Safety. The specific lessons will focus on some of the following behaviours – Follow adult directions (right away), Manage my own behaviour, Right Place – Right Time, Walk, Make good choices, Be organised, Return consent forms and money by the due date. Any discussion and support at home will assist our students to learn and display the appropriate behaviour at school.

**P&C Meeting**
Last Tuesday night I attended my first P&C meeting in my role as school principal. Thank you to the P&C executive who organised the meet and greet, and to the extra parents who came along to join in the meeting. I have been impressed by the drive and commitment of the P&C members and they have been responsible for many of the great things that exist at our school.

I intend to use the P&C meetings as the key forum for gaining parental input into the running of the school. Before each meeting I will advertise any major topics of discussion to allow you the opportunity to come along and have your say about school priorities. We are facing a shortage of volunteers to help out in the tuckshop. The tuckshop provides a great service to the school and it would be a shame to lose this. Even if you are able to support our school for just one day this term this would make a great difference to the dedicated volunteers who turn out on a regular basis.

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**Library borrowing**
Students will be able to borrow from the library at the following times. For library borrowing all students need to bring library bag to help protect the books. Library bags can be purchased from the school for $2.

- **Prep Students**: Friday 2:00 - 2:30
- **Year One**: Thursday 2:45 - 3:10
- **Year Two**: Tuesday 2:00 – 2:30
- **Year Three**: Tuesday 2:25 - 2:45
- **Year 5/6 class**: Thursday 2:00 – 2:30
- **Year 4/5**: Tuesday 2:45 – 3:10

Kind Regards  
David

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**Important Dates**

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**Same Day Notification of Absences**

It is a requirement of Education Qld for us to find out on the same day as why students are absent. If your student is away, please notify the school on the day of the absence by phoning 4612233 or emailing Helen - hhoun@eq.edu.au. If we do not hear from parents we will be phoning to find out the reason for the absence. Notes can be sent in prior to the absent if you know your student is going to be absent.

**$5 Seed to Feed Workshop:**

Book into the Cambooya Seed to Feed workshop by Brian Sams at the Cambooya Hall (Harrow St) on Saturday 25 February, 9am to 12pm, to learn how to grow your own fruit and vegetables organically in backyard gardens, patches and pots. Workshop topics will include plant and seed propagation, seed saving, creating your own mini greenhouse and fertilisers. Everyone who attends a Seed to Feed workshop during 2016-17 goes into the draw to win a veggie patch boost by Brian Sams! To book contact Council 131 872 or register online at [www.tr.qld.gov.au/change](http://www.tr.qld.gov.au/change).

**Commemorative Walkway Project – seeking stories.**

As part of the new walkway construction at the school, we are building a Commemorative Mural to acknowledge the contribution of some of our local servicemen and women. The students will be contributing to the mural. We are researching the history based on names on the local monument and the Australian National Archives. There are some surnames of students currently at the school. If you have some stories about a local Cambooya Servicerson, (man or woman) we would love to hear them and potentially make them part of this project. Please send any information in to school and hand it in to Helen in the office.

**Week 2 Certificates**

Congratulations to the following students who received a Certificate on Assembly : Cooper Brennan, Ellie, Adalira, Autumn, Ozzie-Bon, Lihana, Emily E, Asher, Blaze, Seth, Jack S, Madison, Dylan (a)

**P&C News**

Last week’s meeting saw a couple of new faces joining us. Thank you to all for coming and we hope you will be back next meeting. Next meeting will be 21st of Feb held in the library. We will be holding our annual general meeting in March so we look forward to seeing as many members there as possible.

**Felton Food Festival:**

Last year we ran a successful fresh corn and sorghum stand at the festival and we will be back again this year. The festival is held on Sunday the 26th March and we will be sending a letter home soon asking for helpers on the day. You will only be required for a couple of hours on the day, this will give you an opportunity to walk around the other stalls and watch some demonstrations. So keep this date free and keep an eye out for a letter home for helpers.

**Book club:** Book club is due back this Friday the 10th Feb.

**Do you want to get started with School Banking?**

This Friday, 10th February, we are lucky enough to have Alana from Kmart branch attending our parade.

If you are interested in getting your child started with school banking this is a great opportunity to ask any questions you may have and get a Youth Savers account set up. Just bring along your drivers licence and child’s birth certificate and this can be arranged on the day with Alana.

We also love it when younger (or older!) siblings participate. They do not have to be attending Cambooya State School to take part in the Dollarmites program.

Alana and I look forward to seeing you at parade this Friday, Vanessa (Dollarmites co-ordinator)

**Playgroup**

We had an amazing first Playgroup for 2017 last week! Big thank you to all that bought their little ones along, I hope they enjoyed it as much as I did! It was lovely seeing some familiar faces back and fabulous meeting some new friends.

We will meet again Tuesday 7th February, 9.30am outside the school library. Feel free to pop over earlier if you are doing drop off as I’m normally there setting up from 9am. This week we will be learning how to make our own paint (I have not done this before so fingers crossed it works!), I have also gathered some different objects like string and forks to explore the effects painting with these create! Cost is just a gold coin donation per child attending, to cover costs of morning tea and supplies we use.

**Tuckshop**

**WEEK 3— WEDNESDAY 8TH FEBRUARY**

** Helpers :** Michelle Adams & Alison Wharton

**Meal Deals :** Taco Boats—$3.50 or with any drink $5.00

**Homebake :** Savoury Slice or Banana yoghurt & Choc chip muffins or ginger bread men—$1
CLASS WRAP

Prep - This week in Prep we are reading Clancy and Millie and the Very Fine House. We will plan pretend play episodes. We will then plan for our plan and decide what the play will involve. We will discuss ideas and decide what planning and preparation will need to occur. We will decide what props are needed. We will learn how to construct a list using words and pictures. We will talk about the purpose and reasons for making a list and talk about making lists as a way of planning play ideas and equipment. Then we will read and view examples of lists that plan for play. We will recall the play ideas discussed earlier in response to a story, and create a ‘planning for play’ list using pictures and words. In Mathematics we are continuing to learn about numbers and the purpose of numbers. During our outside curriculum we will be doing a number of activities to develop our counting and number recognition skills. In science we are learning how scientists observe using our senses. We are learning all about the needs of living animals. In health we are discussing how to make safe choices for play at home and at school. Our letter of the week is Mm and the character’s name is Munching Mike. Wednesday afternoon at 3.15 I will hold a short meeting to let you all know the routines and learning that will be occurring this term. There will be supervision for Prep children only in the playground. Hope to see you there. Homework starts this week. Three sight words a week this term, retelling of a story, counting practice and alphabet practise. Homework goes home Monday and is required back at school on Friday this term. Any questions please don’t hesitate to ask. On Wednesday we are very pleased to have Mrs Marlene Schmidt working with us and helping us to learn. Have a great week Marion and Natasha.

Year 1 - Welcome to week 3! Once again, we have had a wonderful week in the Year 1 room. Last week’s behaviour focus was keeping our hands and feet to ourselves. We practiced this many times throughout the week through games and role play. We looked at body language and facial expressions to see friendly and unfriendly actions. This tied in well to our English focus of emotions and feelings. Last week in English we read the story ‘Too Loud Lily’ and learned how authors use verbs to tell us the characters actions. This week in English we will be learning how to discuss characters using examples from stories. In Maths, we have enjoyed singing our songs each day about the days and months, whilst also practicing counting in 1s and 2s. This week in Maths, we are learning about teen numbers. Home reading will begin Monday morning this week, whilst sight words will be coming home throughout the week. Have a great week! Miss Leven and the Year 1s.

Year 2 - Welcome to week 3, Term 1! This week in the year 2 classroom, we will be learning more about poems; including more alliteration, repetition, rhyming words and how we can count the beat when we say poems. In Maths, we have been focussing on place value and how to add and subtract numbers. This week we continue to work with the part-part whole strategy, as well as learning and practising how to count in 2s, 5s and 10s. Over the last two weeks, the year 2’s have been learning about how to keep healthy. We had a focus on healthy eating last week and made some healthy and unhealthy plates of food for the ‘Very Hungry Caterpillar’. This week we are looking at physical activity and ways of becoming physically active. In science, we are learning about living things and life cycles! We will be raising some tadpoles and watching them change! We are hoping to have some tadpoles by the end of the week. Feel free to pop in and have a look when we get them! This week, Library borrowing begins. Please remember to bring library bags. We are also beginning Art with Mrs K, which we are all very thrilled about! We hope everyone has a fantastic week! From Miss Brigden and the year 2’s.

Year 3 - Welcome to Week 3! We are well into the swing of things now, with homework going home, Library borrowing beginning this week and the routine becoming familiar. In English this week we look at modality of verbs and examine persuasive language in two different examples of narrative texts. In Maths, we will revise counting patterns and odd and even numbers, and begin exploring three-digit numbers. It is also very exciting for us that Mr Wilson will be teaching Digital Technologies with the class on Thursdays! Last week, a slip went home explaining how to sign students on to the Spirit Animals website/app. Please note that this is not compulsory, and students will not miss anything in class if they are not able to access the game. Have a lovely week, Mrs K!

Year 4/5 - A warm welcome to Week 3! For the first two weeks of school, our 4/5 students and myself have had a blast learning the expectations and routines of our classroom and school. I hope that everyone has settled comfortably into our class. This week we will be busy learning new routines for our reading groups and continuing to practice activities for Words their Way. Our English Unit is an ongoing study of fantasy texts, which is reflected in our homework tasks. Please ensure that students are participating in the homework story writing task, as this will help to cement their knowledge around story development. Homework books will be developed this week with daily spelling, reading, writing and maths tasks. Library borrowing will start this week, which will assist students with their nightly reading. I wish you all a lovely week. – Miss Leece

Year 5/6 - What a busy 2 weeks we have had. We have been greatly impressed by the Year 6 students and the way they have taken on their leadership roles. The Year 6 shirts will hopefully be here within the next few weeks. This week the children will begin the visual arts unit with Mrs Kraschnefski on Tuesday morning. Our English Unit is based on short stories and at the end of the term the children will be required to write and edit their own short story. In Maths we have been studying numbers identifying factors, multiples, prime and composite numbers. We have also learnt some divisibility rules and looked at rounding numbers which will help us to determine the reasonableness of our mathematical answers. This week we will continue to revise these concepts in warm ups and then examine multiplication and division strategies and determine which best suits our individual needs. Mrs Erbacher is away on Long Service Leave next week hoping to find some cooler weather in Tasmania! Enjoy your week. Kelly Robertson and Joan Erbacher