Dear Parents & Guardians

Reminder tomorrow is “Funky Hair Friday” gold coin donation.

WeetBix Triathlon

Congratulations to the children who participated in the WeetBix Triathlon, Sunday, two weeks ago. For those of us who enjoy a sleep-in on Sunday, these children lived up to our vision, Healthy Students, Healthy School, Healthy Community. Well done. Thank you to Brooke D for the photo of Luke, Cameron, Roselin and Tia after their event and apologies for the late entry into the newsletter.

Cross Country

Well, I did say I’d be surprised if we ever get around to holding this event. Unfortunately, we had to cancel it today (Wednesday 13th) due to the predicted heat conditions and advice from the department that we were to keep our kids cool. At our staff meeting this afternoon, we decided that it would be nice to reschedule to the last day of term. So, our next planned Cross Country event will be held on Thursday 28th April with a combined school assembly in the afternoon before a 2.30pm finish.

National Conversation with Principals

Last week I went with an enthusiastic and skilled group of Victorian Principal Association (VPA) members who represented Victorian Government primary principals at the National Conversation in Canberra. The federal government requested that 11 members from regional and metropolitan areas attend this event where the Federal Education Minister, the Hon Peter Garrett, hosted. Tony Cook, Associate Secretary for DEEWR facilitated the very full program. The areas discussed included Leadership, School Funding, School Reform, Asian Literacy, NAPLAN, Future Directions, 21st Century Skills, Initial Teacher education, Certification and DAI.

Shoulder to shoulder (well, almost) with the Hon Peter Garrett.

Victorian Principals Association State Council meeting – Thursday & Friday

I apologise in advance for not being in school again this week. This is my 2nd year on the VPA State Council and the two days provides the Board and Council the opportunity to plan the strategic direction of the VPA for 2013. Our school is also under review this year and we will be required to develop our own 4 year plan 2014 – 2017 so any insight as to what’s coming up is a bonus for our school community. Again, I thank Narissa L for acting as principal for the two days. I know the grade 6 children will be excited to have Leigh R back in the classroom.
School Council AGM 2013
The Annual General Meeting of the two School Councils will be held at Guildford PS on Monday 18th March starting at 7pm. The Annual Reports will be presented at the AGM and everyone is welcome to attend. Election of the 2013 office bearers will take place and after the AGM, the President of the Guildford PS School Council will hold the first combined meeting for our new 2013 councils. I’m really looking forward to presenting the Annual Reports to councillors as our student outcomes are evidence of the hard work that we have been undertaking over the past couple of years.

Castlemaine State Festival School Program
Pink notices were sent home today for your information about our involvement in the festival this year. The schools are paying for the bus to transport the children to and from Castlemaine. If you’d like to help the teachers on the day (Thursday 21st March), please see your classroom teacher.

Solar Panels
The installation of the solar panels is almost concluded and if you look at the roof of the BER building you’ll see the sea of solar panels. The $50,000 National Solar Schools Program grant we received will certainly save us some power bills for quite some time. I’ll be having a chat with the installers to see what we can do for Guildford PS regarding the installation of some panels too.

Swap Meet fundraiser 6th & 7th April
We still would love to have a couple of more volunteers for this fundraising activity during the holidays. The money is quite a significant donation to the schools and will contribute to the kitchen (Guildford) and a variety of projects identified by the Campbells Creek Parent Club (toilet block, fruit, Prep for Puberty). Please consider an hour or two of your time to support us with fundraising.

Parent sharing sessions
As a part of ensuring we promote Healthy Communities, next Wednesday teachers will be offering time for parents to come in and catch up with them about how your child is settling in to school and any issues or information we may need to know about your child. Teachers will also use the opportunity to update contact information, inform you of the topics for next term and let you know of any opportunities for parent help and support that may be available. These sessions will commence at 2:30pm next Wednesday night (20th) and will last approximately 10 minutes each. The notes for this night will go out tonight. We ask you to select a time that best suits you and we will do our best to find a time that suits. Please return the notes by next Monday (18th).

Swimming
Due to the year 4/5S and 6L classes attending swimming tomorrow, the students in these classes will not be able to participate in Crazy Hair Friday until they return from the pool. Once these students return from the pool they will be able to make their hair crazy in readiness for the assembly. A reminder also that tomorrow’s swimming lesson will be the second last session; the final swimming session will be next Monday (18th).

Student Teachers
Over the next weeks of school we will have a few new faces around the schools. Campbells Creek will have 2 first year student teachers (one in 2/3 and one in year 6). Guildford will also have 1 first year student teacher in Prep-3. These student teachers will be here for one day a week for three weeks and then they will spend a whole week with us in May. We hope they enjoy their time in our wonderful school.

Reminder: School Website Challenge
To celebrate our new school website and to help everyone learn what is available on our website we will be having a couple of scavenger hunts over the next couple of weeks using our website. To find the website you can search for Campbells Creek PS in Google or go to http://campbellscreekps.vic.edu.au This web address has a page for Guildford PS as well and we will be adding further information to this over the next few weeks. This week’s school website challenge question is: which page has a link to the weekly newsletter? To be in the running for a small prize you need to write the answer to the challenge along with your name on the entry form at the end of this newsletter and hand this in to the office. Goodluck!

KidsMatter
Campbell’s Creek and Guildford Primary Schools are excited to announce our new journey as a KidsMatter School. KidsMatter is a framework for primary schools to develop a whole school community approach to support positive mental health amongst our students. We all know that strong mental health is vital for learning and life, but sadly research tells us that 1 in 7 Australian children will have mental health problems. Children who are mentally healthy are better able to meet life’s challenges. They also learn better and have stronger relationships with teachers, family members and their friends and KidsMatter will give us a framework to achieve this aim. The new framework will focus four main components;
1. Building a positive and inclusive school community.
2. Teaching students how to meet their social and emotional needs.
3. Support and education for parents around positive Mental Health.
4. Developing best-practice responses to students with mental health needs.

To drive this new framework we have created the following Action Team: Deborah Harry (School Principal), Josie Eastwood (Teacher - Campbells Creek), Dean McLaren (Teacher - Guildford), Jacklyn Beith (Teacher - Campbells Creek), Jo Martin (Parent) and Matt Bugden (Student Welfare Officer).

We're looking forward to making our school a KidsMatter School! Stay Tuned!!

Yard Matters
To ensure your child’s safety during recess and lunchtime there are always two teachers on yard duty to assist with any problems in the yard. Please remind your child that students must notify a teacher if they have an issue in the yard. This will enable us to deal with any issues in a timely manner. Thankyou for your assistance with this matter.

Religious Education
Religious Education will start next term. The sessions will last half an hour and will be run each Friday. Parent permission is required for students to participate in this program. There is also a payment of $6 required to cover the student materials in the program. Please complete the form and return (with money) to school by Monday March 25th.

Reminder: Year 6 Netbook Information Night tonight
A reminder that the second parent information session for the year 6 netbook program will commence tonight at 3:45pm in the year 6 classroom at Campbells Creek for those parents who could not attend the first session.

BOTH SCHOOL COMMUNITIES – DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

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<td>LAST DAY OF TERM 1 – All children from both schools will be at Campbells Creek today. End of term assembly to celebrate a great term. 2.30PM FINISH</td>
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Term 2 DATES

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Families may have noticed this year, each week, we announce an ‘Artist of the week’ award in Treetalk. Our Art teacher, Rhonda, chooses one student each week, who receives a certificate at assembly on Monday. This coincides with a generous and kind gift to the school from the late Robyn Massey who left money for the school to put into a trust fund. This money will be used each year for a special art award. This was decided by Dean and I and will recognize the artistic efforts of one student each year. The gift will enable us to keep this award going for many years to come. Robyn was a passionate artist who took an interest in the student’s art education, so this award will be a lovely reminder of her interest and passion towards art programs.

Deborah & Narissa
Castlemaine Festival
Notices were sent home to families last Tuesday. Parents need to return the permission forms, with the cost of $10 per child, to school by Wednesday 20th March. The program looks like it will be engaging and fun for all students, and very affordable with the subsidized costs. Please remember to drop students off at Campbells Creek by 9am and pick up at Campbells Creek at 3.30pm on Thursday 21st March.

Grade 1/2 camp
This year the Grade 1/2 students from Guildford and Campbells Creek will travel to Maldon for an overnight camp on Monday 13th and Tuesday 14th May. An expression of interest has been sent out to families. If you have not returned this please do so ASAP, indicating whether or not your child is attending.

Cooking program
Next Wednesday the 20th we will run the first session of the cooking program. The Junior school will be making an apple tea cake to thank Tony and Maria for helping with our chooks over the Christmas holidays. The apples have been kindly donated to the school from the Growing Abundance program, run through Sas Allerdice, Harvest Project Worker at Community House in Castlemaine. Hopefully with this warm weather we will have a few more weeks of donated produce to use in our cooking program.

Recipe book
This is still in operation and I am still looking for lots more recipes to add to our collection. We need more desserts, kids recipes (ones that your kids might cook themselves), mains, salads and soups. Please keep them rolling in!! We hope to use this as a fundraising opportunity later in the year.

Chook roster
Our chooks play a vital role in not only the atmosphere at Guildford but also are a useful part of our cooking program (eggs, not chickens!!) Sadly, we lost one of the girls over the hot long weekend recently, which saddened us all as they are like family to us. I understand that many families feel that looking after the chooks in the holidays is a big chore however I do try and spread it out, and it is important that we all help out to keep the chooks happy and healthy. This break, Tony and Maria are happy to help again, so families will only be rostered on for a two day period. As always, please see me if you cannot be included in the roster. This time we will need help from the following families: Donnan, Foti, Murray, Nendick, Paynter.

Parents and Friends
Our next meeting is on Tuesday 19th March, 9am in the school kitchen.

Widerluege,
Mrs Walsh.

Assemblies will be held at the Creek on:
Monday mornings 9am – 9.10am
• National Anthem
• Birthdays
• Special events for the week

Friday afternoons 3.15pm – 3.30pm
• Student of the Week
• Special achievements

CAMPBELLS CREEK PARENT CLUB NEWS
Events Planned For Term 1:
Cross Country - Wednesday 13th March. Free Icy Poles for all!!
Hot Cross Bundraiser with Bakers Delight.
Swap Meet – 6th & 7th April – We need many, many helpers. Especially for the Sunday.
Goals for 2013:
Renovation of toilet block - $2000
New bike rack and shelter - $3000
Funding for Preparation for Puberty - $900*
Parent Club Fruit Basket - $1600 ($40 per week) *

School Uniforms: - Winter Order
The uniforms have been ordered and will take approximately 3 weeks at the supplier and another week for printing.

COMMUNITY NOTICES
AFTER SCHOOL CARE: 0418120137

Campbells Creek Junior Football Club
Training commences on Wednesday 13th March at 4.00pm for under 10 & under 12 players.
New Players Welcome! Contact: Rob Douglas 54706419

Net Set Go!
Registrations are on the 23rd March, 9-11 am, at the Wesley Hill Courts. There is a limit of 60 places and registrations will only be taken on the day.

Hi Everyone it’s that time of the year again.
A reminder to any participants from last year who are eligible to play this year that its time to find or put together a team.
If anyone needs help with this please contact me via this email address, facebook or 0407508391.
Looking forward to seeing you all again this season.
Happy Netballing
Vanessa Saunders
Development Coordinator
Castlemaine District Netball Association
NORWOOD HILL NETBALL CLUB
IS REGISTERING NEW AND OLD PLAYERS WHO ARE
INTERESTED IN PLAYING NETBALL IN 2013
YOU MAY HAVE A TEAM OR NEED US TO FIND YOU A
TEAM.
PLEASE CALL:  JACKIE  0447 674 823
KEN  0407 508 387
EMAIL:  tiandjmclean@bigpond.com
:  kmaddern@impulse.net.au

Kids Let's Cook!
Cooking classes for Primary school aged children.
A fun and informal time for kids to be creative in the
kitchen under trained supervision. Apron and hat will be
supplied, kids must bring a container to take home what
they have made.
Limited places available - Bookings essential
When: Term 2 Monday afternoons 4:30 - 6pm
Where: Campbell’s Creek Community Centre
Cost: $20 per week
Contact: Jess 0409 704 084 or Karen 5472 3344

ACTIVE AFTER SCHOOL
PROGRAM

Term 1 program:

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School Website Challenge Entry Form (return to
the office)
What is the name of the page on our website where you
can find the newsletter?

Name____________________________

Grade____________________________

Answer________________________________

AFTER SCHOOL CARE HOLIDAY
PROGRAM
A copy of the program is available at Campbells Creek
Primary School Office.

YMCA is taking bookings for Holiday
Program Monday 18th March get in
quick so you don’t miss out
Our program is available the following
ways, on our website
www.bendigo.ymca.org.au, call into one of
our venues to pick up a copy or simply
phone our friendly staff on 54458300 at
YMCA House for a copy to be emailed or
sent out to you.

Call us now on 54458300 to make a
booking