Dear Parents & Guardians

Festival Artwork by our children

What a fantastic display of children’s artwork put together by Rhonda. If you’re down the street this weekend partaking in festival activities, please walk past the Castlemaine Camera shop in Lyttleton Street. I’d like to thank Rhonda for her passion with artwork and photography to get this display up and running for the festival and for her enthusiastic involvement working on the festival themes – Earth, Water, Fire, Wind.

Yesterday, both school communities took part in the festival activities organised for all schools in our local community. The puppet play was funny, factual and provided a nice lead in to our term 2 unit of History. Phee Broadway Theatre was packed with children from our schools, Maldon PS, parents and teachers. A little bit of rain didn’t dampen our spirits as the children sang in the town hall or created art items in an old shed on Mostyn Street. Overall, we all felt it was a great day – interactive, engaging, well planned and created a sense of community in Castlemaine and beyond.

Festival Finale is on Sunday 24th March – children are invited to sing in a massed choir. An invitation from Jane Thompson & James Rigby is included in this newsletter. It outlines time, venue and clothing requirements for the day. You might also like to take your family to the shed to see the artwork your son/daughter worked on. It’ll be open midday to 4pm on Sunday.
Woodworking with Brian McCormick
A lot of the children have been able to have an hour session with Brian as part of his voluntary woodworking program. Some of the items that the kids have been working on are on display at the Macoolama Studio, 8 Simpson Street, Campbells Creek. He has asked me to remind families that they can come and have a look at what the children have been working on. This is the page from the festival handbook and I know the two cupboards in the photo are some of the items. Thank you to Brian for continuing to be a volunteer in our school. We’ll see him back in term 2.

iPods and other personal equipment
*Please do not let your child bring these to school.*
We seem to have a number of children (both young and older) arriving at school with iPods, computer devices, mobile phones and other personal belongings. Electronic devices are not permitted at school and are better off left at home. The children all have access to netbooks/computers for educational purposes during class time and do not need to bring other personal items to school. The Department of Education and Early Childhood Development – Victoria (DEECD) does not hold insurance for personal property brought to schools and it has no capacity to pay for any loss or damage to such property.

Dropping off and picking up your child/children
Two days ago, the police were very active on Main Road booking drivers for speeding during school pick up time. The safety of our children, parents and school crossing supervisor is very important to us. I urge parents, guardians and/or other drivers to remember where it is legal to park to pick up your child/children. The bus stop is not a pick-up area in the afternoons as we have a bus arrive to drop off and pick up students. Betty, our supervisor, does a great job for us and I’d like to ask all family members to be respectful and courteous to her. If you are a little bit annoyed about the road rules or feel that something isn’t right, please don’t approach her whilst she is acting as our supervisor. Any distractions can cause an accident. I’m happy for you to come and see me if you want to talk about something.

School Council AGM 2013
We held our AGM on Monday night and I’d like to congratulate the parents and staff members who volunteered to be on the councils. We’ve also been able to formalise sub-committees with the view of moving forward on various matters (Buildings & Grounds; Finance; Policy; Parent Club and Curriculum). If you’ve got some suggestions for us, please see anyone of the following members:

**Campbells Creek School Council 2013**
- President: Nicole Sweeney
- Vice President: Wendy Laidler
- Executive Officer: Deborah Harry
- Treasurer: Glynis Cox
- Secretary: Aimee Leversha
- Members: James Zappelli, Glenn Guest, Natalie Stuchbree, Jo Cordy, Narissa Leung

- Vacancies: 2 Parent members

**Guildford School Council 2013**
- President: Peter Foti
- Vice President: Jenny Schellekens
- Executive Officer: Deborah Harry
- Treasurer: Wendy Walsh
- Secretary: April Deal
- Members: Julie Rodgers
- Vacancies: 1 Parent member
- 1 Community member

**Notices, notices, notices**
I’d like to thank you all for your patience and understanding about all the notices that have been coming home for signature and/or payment. It’s been a very busy term for us all and we’re trying to make your life a bit easier by being prepared early and with payment plans for camps. Some of the important ones for you to look for are:
Swap Meet fundraiser 6th & 7th April
Thank you to all volunteers for the Swap Meet during the holidays. We’ve been able to do up a roster for the two days but still need a couple of more volunteers to help us out. Any help on Sunday would be greatly appreciated.

Crazy Hair Day

Are these really our staff members?

Cross Country
Our Cross Country is set to go ahead next Thursday (last day of term). All children will be at Campbells Creek for the day.

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://campbells creekps.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: What is the DEECD cybersafety link?
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!

Have a safe and enjoyable weekend.

Deborah

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| 28th | CROSS COUNTRY  
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 |
| 29th | GOOD FRIDAY |
Grüezi mitenand,

Well the term is certainly flying and next week will be the final week of term. Although there are only days left, there are still a few things.

On the last day of term we will once again be meeting at Campbells Creek at 9am for the annual Cross Country event. Students need to come dressed in their house colours, ready to cheer on their house. Parents are welcome to come along and watch or even help out. The events will take place in the morning. An assembly will be held at the end of the day to present ribbons and announce the winning house. All students will be dismissed at 2.30pm (early dismissal for the end of term).

Welcome
We would like to welcome Lifon Henderson to Guildford PS. Lifon is a first year student at LaTrobe University and will be working with Mrs Walsh and the younger students on Mondays and Fridays this term and for one full week next term.

Harmony Day
On the 21st of March it was Harmony Day. This is a day of cultural respect, widely celebrated across schools, childcare centres and community groups. The message of Harmony Day is Everyone Belongs. Our students participated in Harmony Day activities on Wednesday due to the State Festival on Thursday. The students discussed the many cultures that contribute to our country and made paper models of people joining together from different cultures.

Meeting Place
Last Friday I visited the old Yapeen School, to watch the Meeting Place students prepare their performance for the state festival. It was a lovely setting and I took a photo of Tanisha enthusiastically joining in with the dance of the volcanoes.

Nits
Every so often we have a bout of headlice and they seem to be present in the younger student’s hair. Please check your child’s hair over the weekend and treat accordingly. Apparently orange juice seems to work if you prefer natural treatment. Once treated, students can return to school.

Cooking program
Today the junior grades cooked two apple tea cakes; one to eat and one to give as a thank you gift to Tony and Maria Derrett who often offer to look after the chooks on the weekend. The students went for a short walk up the road and hand delivered the cake and a thank you card to Tony and Maria. It certainly was much appreciated and gave the students a good feeling to give to others. Here is a photo of the class (and the cake!)
URGENT .............Recipe book
I am now desperately looking for more recipes to add to our collection. We need more desserts, kid’s recipes (ones that your kids might cook themselves), mains, salads and soups. I need one more recipe from each family. Once in, I will resume typing and collating the recipe book. Hopefully we can publish it during term 2 and have copies for sale.

Chook roster
Don’t forget to check and see if you are rostered on over the holidays. This time the families are: Donnan, Foti, Murray, Nendick, Palmer and Paynter. Please let me know if you can’t do your specified time or, preferably, arrange to swap with another family.

Parents and Friends
On Tuesday we held the Parent meeting in the kitchen. Many items were discussed, primarily the upgrade of the kitchen. We have plans drawn up, thanks to April. These will be on display behind the kitchen door. Please make time to come and have a look at our designs and feel free to add any comments or suggestions.

Guildford Monkeys
If you haven’t dropped into the Guildford Monkeys group on a Monday afternoon, please give it a try. They are currently looking for more members. If numbers drop, the funding for this fantastic activity may be given to another group. They meet every Monday from 4-5 at the John Powell reserve. Anyone from 5yrs and up can join. It’s free!! Just turn up at the oval. Currently they are focussing on soccer skills.

Festival
Sam, Sunny, Taneisha & Declan represented Guildford Primary School in Friday night’s State Festival Opening "Cornucopia" singing 'Food, Glorious Food' from Oliver together with a group from the Castlemaine Steiner School. They were fabulous and Declan said his line "Excuse me, ma'am. Can i have some more?" brilliantly! Special thanks to Kerry Patmore for chaperoning the kids and April Deal for being a taxi. By Penny

Guildford Ride to School Day

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

Meeting
A meeting will be held the first week back in Term 2 to discuss the terms planned events. We hope to notify you of the date next week.

Hot Cross Fundraiser
Don’t forget the Hot Cross Bun Fundraiser. The Buns are made by Bakers Delight. There are traditional Hot Cross Buns packed with sultanas, currants and spices and have no added peel. We also have mouth watering Choc Chip Hot Cross Buns available. A 6 pack of buns cost $6.50.

Order forms are due back on Tuesday 26th March and should be placed with the correct money into the Parents Club box. Unfortunately late orders cannot be accepted.

Buns will be handed out on Thursday 28th March as Assembly or can be collected from the Office from 11.00am onwards.

Jamie Oliver Cutlery Set Raffle
Tickets due back Tuesday 26th March. Drawn Thursday 28th March as assembly

Events Planned For Term 2:
Anzac Day Wreath - 25th April.
Special Lunch - Wednesday 1st May - Salad Roll Lunch.
Mothers Day Stall - Thursday 9th May - Lisa to co-ordinate.
Mothers Day Raffle - Drawn Friday 10th May.
Muffin and Milo Morning - Friday 21st June.
Disco - Date to be decided.

COMMUNITY NOTICES
AFTER SCHOOL CARE: 0418120137

CAMPBELLS CREEK FIRE BRIGADE – CAR BOOT SALE EQUIPMENT FUNDRAISER
Where: Next to Campbells Creek Bowling Green.
When: Saturday 20th April.
Sites: $10
Time: 8am start
A sausage sizzle and wood raffle will be held.
ALL WELCOME
Contact: Maryanne 54724240 or Zizzy 0429724272 for items to be collected. (No electrical goods please)
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

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

THE LITTLE BIG TIME
NAB AUSKICK

As the colder months approach it means one thing, footy season is here. To all kids between the ages of 5-12 years who want to learn the skills of Australia’s own football code, AFL, are encouraged to register in the 2013NAP AUSKICK PROGRAM.

The program is designed for children to learn the fundamental motor skills for future physical activity and sports participation through specially arranged team activities. Children learn important social skills, including co-operation and respect for others. Both boys and girls of all skill levels are encouraged to participate from the non-contact entry level to the more advanced skilled groups.

For more information and to register visit AFL AUSKICK.COM.AU. All registrations are to be completed online. The program costs $63.00 which includes the weekly sessions and a footy pack consisting of a backpack, footy, cap, water bottle and many more extras.

Registrations must be received and paid before any merchandise can be handed out. To be eligible for the family pass to an AFL game all registrations must be paid before the 15th April.

An information day will be held this Sunday, 24th March at the Camp Reserve starting at 10.30am.

Packs will be available on Sunday to all those who have paid in full.

I encourage everyone to come on down, get active and most of all have fun.

Castlemaine and District Co-Ordinator
Shawn Rixon.

CASTLEMAINE CANNONS BASKETBALL ASSN.

Winter 2013 Season will commence on Monday April 22nd. Please ring Tracey on 5474 2570 or 0418 742 562 before April 8th. Ages under 12s up to seniors boys and girls. Senior team entries due in by April 8th.

AFTER SCHOOL CARE HOLIDAY PROGRAM
A copy of the program is available at Campbells Creek Primary School Office.
News from the Art room
What a busy few weeks the children have had in the art room.

Thirty two students from grades 4, 5 and 6 have completed their hot rod artworks and artist statements and these are now on show at the camera shop in Lyttleton Street, during the Castlemaine Arts Festival and for a week or so afterwards.

We have had some very appreciative audiences who have complimented us on exhibiting artworks done by children and of course that made me very happy to be able to tell them how well the children had handled the project and how delighted I am in their results.

Along with this, we completed the work for the Concrete Poetry art installation, which is taking place as we speak behind the Public Inn on the corner of Barkers and Mostyn Streets. Please have a look at both of these exhibitions to see what your children have been doing. If you would like to speak with me or see the children’s artwork in the art room, I am available on Mondays after school.

For next weeks art we will need parents to hard boil 2 eggs per child for an Easter activity. Please ask your child when they have art so they won’t miss out.

School Website Challenge Entry Form (return to the office)

What is the DEECD cybersafety link

Name________________________

Grade______________

Answer______________________

Castlemaine State Festival
Children’s choir at the schools program and Festival Finale performance

Dear parents/care-givers

We are having a wonderful time singing with your children in the Castlemaine State Festival schools program – and hope they are enjoying it too!

The program culminates in the Festival Finale on Sunday 24 March, Voices of Reason – in Victory Park. This is a day when families and friends are invited to bring a picnic and spend the day in the Park, soaking up the wonderful all-day concert among the atmosphere of the Artists Market and regional and exotic food stalls in Mostyn Street.

The day’s program starts with your children singing in a massed choir – please could you help us by:

• Bringing your child/ren to the Castlemaine Town Hall at 10.15am
• We will have a rehearsal/run-through of the song with all children
• We will then assemble at 11am ready to walk in a procession to Victory Park leaving the Town Hall at 11.15am – we would appreciate some parent helpers for this
• We arrive in Victory Park at 11.30am and perform our song, written for this project, so it will be a world premiere!

Immediately after the performance of the song, children will leave the stage area and meet up with you near the Mother’s Seat and playground area. We will make sure that all children are directed over towards this meeting point to be met by their families. You can then enjoy the rest of the day together!

What to wear: Please could your child wear a plain coloured t-shirt or top, (no prints, no patterns) – and dark-coloured bottoms, ie shorts, skirts, jeans etc. This looks great in a large group – the more colours the better.

Any questions, please contact Krsta Horbatik at the festival office on 5472 3722.

We are very much looking forward to the day! And we really hope your child can come and be a part of the special event.

Warm regards
Jane Thompson & James Rigby