Februrary 28th, 2013

Dear Parents & Guardians

**House Captains 2013 (see photo page attached)**

Congratulations to the following children who were elected as the House Captains for 2013:

**Dingoes**
Senior: Shakira C & Lucas B  
Vice:  Indianna C & Charlie H

**Platypus**
Senior: Elyse T & Myles L  
Vice:  Tia D & Riley S

**Kangaroos**
Senior: Chelsea H & Jay H  
Vice:  Abby F & Luke A

**Koalas**
Senior: Chloe L & Dylan S  
Vice:  Montanna S & Kyan M

**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.

**National Young Leaders Day (Melbourne)**

Tomorrow I will be attending the National Young Leaders Day with our 7 School Captains and Vice Captains from both schools (Madi, Kaine, Roselin, Cameron (CCPS) & Taihlen, Summer & Declan (GPS). After a train trip to Melbourne, we’ll be walking down to the Melbourne Convention Centre where we’ll hear an exciting line-up of speakers: Creel Price (Entrepreneur/Founder of Club Kidpreneur); Dan Jackson (Winner of the Jim Stynes Award 2012/Richmond FC Player); Detective Senior Sergeant Susan Thomas (Victorian Police Detective) and Ruben Meerman (Surfing Scientist/Science Presenter/Children’s author). I know that the leaders of other schools in Castlemaine are also attending, so it should be a great day.

**Website development**

Our new website is finally live on the World Wide Web. Have a look at the following link: [www.campbellscreekps.vic.edu.au](http://www.campbellscreekps.vic.edu.au). Please remember that we are still working on this, so if you have some suggestions we’d love to hear from you. Just let me know and I can discuss at staff meetings and with School Council. An enormous thankyou to Narissa for working on the website.

**Swap Meet fundraiser 6th & 7th April**

Thank you to the parents who have already returned the **SWAP MEET** forms indicating whether they can work on Saturday 6th or Sunday 7th April (during the holidays). This is a bright yellow notice so if you still have this around your kitchen (or potentially still in the children’s bag), please take the time to fill this out and return to the office.

**Cross Country**

Our inter-house cross country will be held on Wednesday 13th March (weather permitting – rain and/or heat). Nicole has a plan organised and we again thank Kelvin S for his support with marking out the track. Guildford families will be asked to drop the children at Campbells Creek for the day as we all participate in the day. Wendy and Dean will remain with the children after the event finishes at 12.30pm and we’ll have presentations of our champions around 3pm.
Castlemaine State Festival School Program
On Thursday 21st March, all children and teachers from both schools will be attending this festival. The school will be paying for the bus to transport us all to town, but the charge for each child will be $10. This is an opportunity for our children to participate in the festival which only occurs every second year. All children at schools in our district are learning the same song and making art works for the festival. Notices will be sent home shortly. On this day we will catch the bus from Campbells Creek at 9.45am. Children will be involved in workshops (Children’s Choir & Concrete Poetry) as well as watch the performance ‘The man who planted trees’. Thank you in advance for supporting us with our involvement with the festival.

National Conversation with Minister for Education (Canberra)
On Wednesday 6th and Thursday 7th March, I have been invited to attend this national principals’ forum in Canberra. As I am a member of the Victorian Principals’ Association State Council and a female, rural principal, I was invited to enable a wide representation of schools in our state. The event is seen as an opportunity for principals to meet with Minister Garrett, the Australian Government Minister for Education to discuss current issues and policy development. Narissa L will be Acting Principal in my absence on these two days.

Campbells Creek Park
(Thanks to Wendy Drony for this information)
The long awaited revamp of the Campbells Creek Park, formally the swimming pool, is scheduled to commence in April. The security fencing is due to be erected the second week of the school holidays and the work is expected to be completed in three months. The front section of the park including the existed toilets will be demolished and temporary toilets erected and some of the existing play equipment will be transferred to the Community Centre.

While this has been a long time coming and is very exciting, there will obviously be an increase in industrial traffic although a request has been made to the contractors to enter the gate opposite Silver St instead of closer to the school. When further updates occur, every effort will be made to keep the school community informed through the newsletter. Developments can be viewed on the Mt Alexander Shire website and local inquiries can be made through Wendy Drony.

Parenting Ideas website
We have subscribed to a Parenting Ideas – Helping schools support parents’ website to help us provide some information to our families. The website by Michael Grose, provides information on a range of topics that may or may not be relevant to you as a family. Today, I’d like to share his views around ‘Effective Parenting’ –

_There is no one secret to raising great kids. There are many. It takes the consistent application of parenting basics practised every day to raise well-behaved, confident, sociable young achievers._

Great parents have a solid understanding of the basics of child-rearing and apply them every day in their interactions with their children.

_The basics of parenting include:_

- **Talking with children** – This is the essence of effective parenting. If you do nothing else, talk with them about a whole range of ‘stuff’. The links to school achievement and parents’ ability and propensity to engage in conversation with their kids from a young age is indisputable.

- **Authoritative parenting style** – Authoritative parents search for a balance between warmth and firmness in their child-rearing. Their disciplinary methods are supportive rather than punitive and they aim for self-regulation. Authoritative parents influence rather than control their children and have a range of strategies to build relationships and give children a voice in their family enterprise.

- **Promoting citizenship and respect for others** – The ability of parents to teach kids the concept of altruism and that there is more to life than meeting their own needs is strongly linked to children’s social competencies.

- **Persistence and responsibility** – These two values are huge drivers for children’s well-being and achievement. For instance, over 35% of children’s success in school is directly attributed to their ability to persist as a learner, and less than 10% is attributed to IQ.

_These are just some of the basics of parenting that when understood and applied lead to the best outcomes for kids._

Have a lovely weekend.

_Deborah_

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**Term Dates 2013**

**Term 1**  
Wednesday 30th January to Thursday 28th March. (Good Friday 29th March)

**Term 2**  
Monday 15th April to Friday 28th June.

**Term 3**  
Monday 15th July to Friday 20th September.

**Term 4**  
Monday 7th October to Friday 20th December

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**BOTH SCHOOL COMMUNITIES – DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:**

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**Gruézi mitenand,**  
This week I thought I’d talk about one of the things which we are currently doing in the classrooms. This year, we run a multi-aged literacy class on Mondays and Tuesdays for Grades P-6. The children work in different groups each week with different teachers each week also. On Monday we focus on recount writing and on Tuesday the focus is personal writing where the students choose their preferred genre. By structuring the writing session in this way, we find that we only have between 6-8 students in a group, both teachers get to see the skill level of all students, younger students get ideas from the older students, older students provide good writing examples to share, all students appreciate the efforts of every student and see what each other is capable of. At the end of each session, students share their efforts.

Below are two very short excerpts from two students; one in the junior grade and one in the senior grade.

“One night when the fruit bats were sleeping in the trees and the deadly rats were hiding in the grass, rain clouds and thunder started. It was quiet and everyone was asleep. Then someone woke up. BOOM! BOOM! CRASH! The rain started to roar.”

“A crash of lightning struck near a strange little town. The storm eventually moved away from the town and the only thing you could see was a dim street light that lit up an abandoned toy shop.”

**Kitchen upgrade**

At the moment, Parents Club are looking at plans to upgrade the school kitchen. Money raised this year will go towards the cost of new cupboards, appliances and sink. When we have a better idea of the exact plans, we will display the draft plan in the kitchen. All parents will have an opportunity to make comments and give ideas.

**Koorie program at Guildford**

Once again, we had a fantastic Koorie program on Wednesday afternoon, run by Sky. This week it was about the local mountains in the area. Sky read a traditional story to the students and then the whole school illustrated pages for a book to accompany the story. It was another fantastic session thanks to Sky.
End of day pick up
Thank you to all the families who are on time to pick up their children. Both Dean and I have to attend meetings at Campbells Creek by 4pm Wednesday’s and have a staff meeting on Friday; meaning that we will have to leave promptly on both days. If you are late on any day, please ring the school. We are on duty until 3.45 and bring any students inside with us after this time.

Playgroup
I am hoping to start playgroup again for pre-school aged children and will be sending out flyers soon with dates and times. Hopefully, we can look at beginning the sessions in Term 2. If you know of any children in the area who might like to join us, please let me know so that I can send the information in the next few weeks.

Eggs for sale
The chooks are currently laying a few eggs a day. If you would like to purchase a dozen, cost is $3.50. Please see either Wendy or Dean who will either put some aside or let you know how many are available.

Needed
The school is in need of some items. If you have any of the following, please send in as soon as possible:
- Shoe boxes
-Scraps of material
-Magazines including past issues of kids magazines (Kidzone etc.)
- Old plastic ‘squeezzy’ sauce bottles

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 Students of the Week
P/1 Jessica for writing a sentence during writing time all by herself.
1/2 Jye for demonstrating great listening skills when sitting on the floor.
2/3 Mitchell for cooperative behaviour at all times.
3/4 Charlie for showing respect for his classroom team.
4/5 Chloe for exceptional effort in completing homework tasks.
6 Jayne for the excellent effort she has demonstrated with her homework this week.

Music Luke for demonstrating leadership by conducting small group in choir.

Guildford Students of the Week
Grade P-2 Stephen for excellent effort with his writing.
Grade 3-6 Thairesha for attempting difficult spelling words.

Artist of the week Luke for his great abstract of his hot rod.

CAMPBELLS CREEK PARENT CLUB NEWS
Events Planned For Term 1:
Family Picnic Night - Tuesday 19th Feb - 6pm start
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.

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
If you would like to order a school hoodie, long sleeve polo shirt or polar fleece vest, please collect your order form from the office. You will need to have your order form in no later than Friday 1st March. This will give us plenty of time to get our order to the supplier and to the screen printer so they will be ready for term 2.

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COMMUNITY NOTICES
AFTER SCHOOL CARE: 0418120137

KIDZ KARATE
Campbell’s Creek Primary School
Tuesday at 6pm, All Welcome
Contact:
Sempai Kelly Warren 0409428948

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.
PLESE CALL: JACKIE 0447 674 823
KEN 0407 508 387
EMAIL: tjiandjjmclean@bigpond.com
: kmaddern@impulse.net.au

If you would like your child involved, please collect an enrolment form from the information table near the office. Completed forms need to be returned to the office. There are limited places so don’t miss out!!

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STATIONERY AND MATERIALS 2013

Family Name

Child’s Name..........................GRADE........

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$90.00 per child x ........= $.........................

TOTAL $.........................

EDUCATION MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCE
Applications have been lodged.

ACTIVE AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM

At Campbells Creek PS we offer an after school fun and games program that is free to our students. (We receive Federal funding to cover the costs.)

The program runs from 3:45-4:45pm Tuesday and Thursday.

Students go to the new building at 3:30pm for a fruit snack and then participate in a variety of games. The children will be learning new skills, having a go at new sports and having a lot of fun.

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