Apa kabar?

What a terrific morning we had last Friday at Campbells Creek!

Leanne started cooking pancakes well before 8am and our many parent helpers arrived from 8am onwards. We had lots of children bring their special friends (mums, dads, grandparents etc). Parents, teachers and students all enjoyed a special breakfast of pancakes, toast, cereal and yoghurt together before enjoying some reading in the classrooms.

It was a wonderful feeling to see so many of our community members enjoying a meal together. It was also lovely to have so many people supporting the event by offering to help out on the day. There were many positive reports from parents and teachers were very happy to have families in the classrooms for the morning.

I would like to say a special thankyou to Leanne Rowan, Rima Mustafa, Kerri Douglas, Georgina Clapton, my mum Cheryle and my lovely aunty Dot. Also a thankyou to students Shereen Mustafa and Phoebe Spragg for helping out with washing the dishes and for agreeing to have their photo taken for the local paper. It was certainly a great team effort all round!

I would also like to thank Dot Hardman for the many hours she spent tidying up the school grounds with the leaf blower on Friday. Dot arrived well before 8am and did not stop until almost 11am! I am sure everyone would agree Dot’s work has made a fabulous difference to the look of our schoolyard.

It has been so pleasing to see everyone in our community chipping in to help make our school a wonderful place for our students. Let’s keep this partnership going strong!

Regards,

Narissa Leung (Acting Principal)

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School Captains Leadership Training
Yesterday I took a group of year 6 student leaders down to Melbourne to participate in the National Young Leaders day held at the Melbourne Exhibition Centre. There were close to 4,000 students there from around the state, all fortunate enough to hear from four inspiring leaders. Students heard leadership tips and stories from John Marsden (Children’s author), Daniel Flynn (Founder of ‘Thankyou’ water), Jess Fox (Olympic Kayaker and silver medallist) and Kevin Sheedy (AFL coach).
The speakers gave plenty of ideas to our young leaders and there was a very positive feel in the room on the day. I was very proud of the students I took down as we were the only students (out of 4,000 students from private and public schools) to be using netbooks to take notes from the speakers! I was even more proud to say that other teachers asked where our students were from and commented on how our students stayed on task the entire time they were taking their notes. Well done to our students leaders- what great representatives they are for our school.
We had better be careful- with so many people starting to recognise how effectively our students use technology we will be starting to get a name for ourselves!

Student Report on the Leadership Day
Daniel Flynn was the second speaker of the day and he was the most inspiring for me. He watched videos of people suffering without water, a kid my age would have to walk 10 km just to get water, that’s like me walking just to get my little brothers and sister to have water so they can survive, let alone the water has heaps of germs in it.
But Daniel he had a dream and he made his dream into a reality.
Now he owns a business of selling “thank you water” But along his journey had a lot of hardships when no-one would buy his products and stuff like that.
His quotes were inspiring. These are my favourites: “impossibility is only someone’s opinion not a fact”, “What if”, “Dreams getting to reality, Dream really really big”
“Persist, Never let excuses get to you” and “Never give up”.
Jess Fox Was third up and she showed me to chase my dreams because hers came true.
She never gave up sometimes she told us that she wanted to quit and leave, but no she stayed and kept her head up and ended up getting silver metal.
She said her feeling was over the moon all the happy feelings altogether, it was just amazing. Jess is one of my heros, because she never gave up one her and got to the olympics and she told me that I can make my dream true.
She said a quote that made me think , “You don’t have to be great to start but you have to start to be great”.
By Chloe Langley

Parent teacher Catchup Sessions
Tomorrow night we will be having our start-of-year parent/teacher catch-up sessions.
Meetings will last for 10 minutes each (please see your child’s teacher if you think you will require more time).
Please also drop in to the library on the night to learn about our school’s new mobile phone app ‘Konnective.’

Friday Assembly
Thankyou to Shereen and Josh for running the assembly last Friday. This week’s assembly will be run by Chloe and Phoebe and might just include a few new sections inspired by their participation at the Young Leaders Day event on Monday....

Here and Happy Award
Congratulations to P/1 Semmens with 96% attendance who are the third class in the entire history of Campbells Creek and Guildford Primary Schools to win the ‘Here and Happy’ award.

There were only 4 absences recorded for their class last week- we are yet to see a class have 100% attendance for a week. Can we do it this week?
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Facebook Group (repeat)
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There are 3 ways you can join this new group:
• Follow the link on our campbellscreeps.vic.edu.au website under ‘Parent Links’ or

- Search on Facebook for “Campbells Creek and Guildford Primary Schools” or
- Visit http://goo.gl/IGyIrw

Newsletter Emailing
Would you prefer to have a colour copy of the newsletter emailed to you? Please email campbells.creek.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au, or let the office ladies know and we will send it out to you via the cyber-postman from now on.

The newsletter will now also be sent out on the Konnective mobile app as well as added to the school Facebook page each week. Past editions are always available on our school website as well.

Seeking Volunteers
We are still seeking a volunteer lawn mower (with own ride on mower).
Other jobs still available:
Garden Waterers- our gardens are looking a little tired and more benefit from some regular watering. Are there any greenish thumbs out there?
Painters- The wooden tables and seats at the front of the school are in need of another paint and some sanding. Eddie Dunn is replacing some of the timber that has been broken. If you can lend a hand please let Narissa know.

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If the payment of the Stationery and Materials presents any problems, please contact Narissa.

STATIONERY AND MATERIALS 2014

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Odd Request
Last week we had Troy Murley out on the oval with the gold detector trying to locate the valves for the sprinkler system. As we are unable to locate the original sprinkler plan we are now looking at having to find all the points and recreate a new plan. We are wondering if there is anyone out there in the community who would know where we could find a copy of a copy of the original sprinkler plan? We would love to get the oval back to its former lush state- all help accepted ☺

Introducing our School Captains

Melbourne Young Leaders Day

Community News- Hornet Flyover
The centenary celebrations of the RAAF take place this weekend at Pt Cook. Castlemaine has a link with this celebration as one hundred years ago, a young man from Castlemaine became the first RAAF aviator/engineer.
To acknowledge this link the RAAF will be conducting a brief flyover of Castlemaine this coming Saturday and Sunday at 10.30am. The flyover will be by an F-18 Hornet.
Active After School Program (repeat)
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.

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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Campbells Creek Junior Football Club
Wishes to advise that training commences for Under 10 and Under 12 players on Monday 3rd March at the Campbells Creek Sports Ground from 4-5pm. Past and new players welcome.

Phone: Rob Douglas 5470 6419 for enquiries.

Know your community
Zoe Volpato
Art teacher, Campbells creek

What got you into teaching?
I was working as an artist and in a gallery and also doing some voluntary teaching. After a few years, I realised that teaching became a way that I could use the skills and knowledge I’d picked up to help kids gain confidence in their ideas and capabilities. I started in a secondary college in Melbourne teaching English, Literacy and History, and after having kids moved into Primary Teaching in Castlemaine.

What do you do when you’re not at school?
When I’m not planning fun activities for my students I look after my two boys and help out at their school and kindy. I play piano and read books, work in my garden and look after my chickens, dog and cat. Mostly I am the cook at home and also like to make time to hang out with friends.

What is your favorite food?
I really like fish and seafood and any type of Greek food is delicious! I like baking and eating cakes, especially anything citrusy and nutty.

What do you remember from Primary School?
I remember the art room very clearly! It was a busy, interesting room, with mess and artwork everywhere and I distinctly recall making pots out of clay and enjoying getting messy. I remember lining up on the asphalt play area with the other kids in front of the Principal, he’s name was Mr. Punshon (or ‘Punch-On’) and when it was windy his toupee would flip up like a bird’s wing. We sang Advance Australia Fair and God Save the Queen at Monday morning assembly. We also did bush dances to “Strip the Willow” in that spot too.

Do you have any unusual skills?
I can wrap presents really well and I am good at guessing the exact volume of containers when pouring stuff in! I can make food out of lots of seemingly random things from the fridge and I can sometimes tell when the phone’s about to ring.
A word from Wendy

Grüezi mitenand,

This week our school value which we are all demonstrating is optimism. Everyone was put to the test on Monday morning, teachers included, when we arrived at school only to find that we had no mains water due to a burst water main. After a quick call to Coliban Water we discovered the wait could be as long as 4 hours. With a bit of creative thinking using our tanks and a very kind offer of bottled water, handsoap and towelettes from Val Laidler, we managed with no hiccups, grumbles or complaints. A big thanks to Val for bringing a 10L pack of water from her house which kept our drink bottles topped up for the morning. If nothing else, it made us realise what precious resource water is. During the water shortage one of the students said to me “This must be what it’s like for people with no water”. This comment made us think about how lucky we are really!! True optimism.

School Council
We are currently looking for new parent members for the Guildford School Council. Information went home in last week’s newsletter on School Council elections. If you are keen to support the school and would like to be involved, please pick up a form at either the Guildford office or Campbells Creek school office.

Thanks.
This week I would like to give a big thanks to Julie and Rheese Rodgers. Julie spent last Thursday in the garden tidying and Rheese worked all Friday morning on the grass, paths and garden beds. It was amazing between the two of them what a difference a few hours of whipper-snipping, weeding, sweeping, watering, tidying and raking did to the look of the garden beds, but also around the school building. Even though the grounds are small, there is always plenty of work to be done. If everyone could help by just offering a small amount of time, it would make a huge difference to our beautiful school. Even 15 minutes before or after school would be appreciated. There will be a jobs list pinned on the door facing the verandah of things we need help with.

Donated Items
Thanks also to the Foti family for their generous donations of books and furniture. These items will be put to good use within the school. We gratefully accept all donations of unwanted books (in good condition) to supplement our library. We are also currently on the lookout for kitchen utensils and cooking equipment (cake tins, pots etc.), puzzles or board games.

Growing Abundance Program
Once again, we are extremely fortunate to be involved with the Growing Abundance program run by Community House. Last week, a very kind member who participated in the Community House lunch, offered to pick up our box of plums and apples. This was very helpful for us however we are really looking for a parent helper who could pick up a box of fruit for us each Tuesday, from 9-12pm at The Castlemaine Old Gaol. If you can help, please see Ange or Wendy.
Cooking
The cooking program is up and running and we are now looking for parent helpers to assist Ange. To enable the class to have enough time to prepare the food, cook and enjoy the yummy dishes, we have had to move the time to Tuesday at 12.30. This will commence next week. Ideally, we would like to run 3 groups each session but this means we need 2 parent helpers each week. Please let Ange know if you can assist in any way at all, even if for a short time.

This week in cooking, the students used the produce from the Growing Abundance program and cooked apple and plum pies. This great photo shows how “many hands make light work!”

Welcome BBQ
The welcome BBQ has been re-scheduled for Tuesday 4th March.
The school will be providing sausages and hamburgers (vegetarian as well). If you can attend, please bring a small salad to share. If you could also indicate on the attached form whether or not you can make it, this will assist us with the catering. Please return the form by Monday 3rd March.

Parents Club meeting and Buildings & Grounds meeting
Our first Buildings and Grounds meeting was scheduled last Wednesday 19th February, however, due to lack of numbers, it was cancelled. The next Buildings and Grounds meeting will be on the same night as Parent Club. This meeting will be Monday 31st March from 3.30-4.15. The first 20 mins will be allocated to Parent Club issues, then we will be discussing Buildings and Grounds items. Everyone is welcome to attend!

Gardening
If you have a green thumb, or have a bit of spare time on your hands, feel free to come down to the school garden each Thursday from 12.30-1.30 to pull weeds, prune, mulch and tidy up the garden beds. No equipment or expertise needed. We will even supply the cup of tea/coffee afterwards. Could be some biscuits in there too (home-made of course!!)

Widerluege,
Mrs Walsh.

Value of the week: Effort Chloe-Grace
Star of the Week: Ruby for putting effort into all activities, particularly with listening.
Artist of the week: Madi for an amazing effort with her collage.

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Don’t miss the flypast of the F/A-18 over Castlemaine at 1030am on both Saturday 1st March & Sunday 2nd March, 2014.