From the principal

Apa kabar? (How are you?)

I hope everyone made the most of the long weekend! There have been lots of stories from the children about different activities over the weekend—from festivals to fishing and even tractor pulls and lawn mower racing! We certainly are a talented bunch here at the Creek!

This week the theme of my week seems to be history! I have been fortunate enough to have had the opportunity to listen to many stories about the history of the Campbells Creek area and of the school.

I had a visit from the great grandfather of some of our students, Cliff Sheehan, who told me some of the history of the Five Flags store. Cliff’s father took over the shop in 1933 and they found a couple of Official Gold Buyers Ledgers from the early 1900s in the loft in the stables. Cliff still has possession of these ledgers and they are in excellent condition!

These ledgers show the names of the sellers, place of abode, witness, date, approximate age, claim number, weight of the gold and the paid value. On page 36 of the ledger Cliff’s mum’s grandfather walked all the way to the Five Flags store from Wesley Hill in order to sell their ounce of gold (this would have earned them over a week’s worth of wages at the time).

I was also surprised to find a book of handwritten school council minutes dating back to the 1920s last week. It was interesting to see some of the discussions of the time. On the 19th of December 1928 this motion was carried: “That the committee grant a prize to Elsie Hauser for attending school for (8) eight years without the loss of half a day.” What an amazing effort! I wonder what the prize was?! (Have a look at the end of our newsletter for the scan of this piece).

Finishing off the theme of history, we have an interview with iconic office lady Val Laidler in the ‘know your community’ section of the newsletter this week.

If anyone else has some pieces of history they would like to share please let me know.

Regards,

Narissa Leung (Acting Principal)

School Disco

This Thursday night the Parents Club will be holding the first disco of the year. The disco will be held in the (newly named) Banyan Building from 4.45pm-6:15pm. The parents Club will be selling some drinks and snacks on the night and all monies raised will go towards a Parent Club project (possibly the redevelopment of the old portable area or the refurbishment of the school library). Students come dressed in their disco clothes and will dance the evening away to tunes supplied by our senior students.

Please note: Once students arrive, they will not be permitted to leave the area surrounding the Banyan Building and will need to be collected from this area at the end of the evening.
New Mobile Phone App
Have you downloaded our new school mobile app yet? Remember, this will be a vital tool for communicating to parents in the event of an emergency at school.

We will use the Konnective app to send out updates on things happening in our schools including reminders about notes, fundraisers and meetings as well as photos and newsletters.
You can opt in to receive updates from Campbells Creek only, Guildford only or both schools.
We currently have 30 users who have downloaded the app.

Don’t have a smartphone? No need to worry! A news thread has been added to the ‘Newsletter’ page on our school website so any messages sent out on the Konnective app will appear on this page as well.

To download the app:
Search for Konnective in your app store.
Download the app then click ‘Register’ when you open it.
Add your first and last name, email address and a password you will use to open the app.
Check your email for a confirmation email from Konnective, click on the link and you are registered!
Open the app again, then follow the on screen instructions to search for Campbells Creek and Guildford School in the ‘My Connections’ section.
If you would like help downloading this app please come and see Narissa.

Learning about Writing
Last week the teachers had another professional learning session with Literacy Consultant Anne Smith. They looked at how a writing lesson should look and discussed various things including the vocabulary students should use in their writing. The teachers even had to create their own persuasive piece of writing. This was a great experience for teachers as we realised we all went through the same motions as our students when they write- some of us started well but ran out of ideas, some of us started slowly but got going after some encouragement, some of us even wrote the wrong thing! Anne reinforced the importance of students writing daily and reading lots and lots of books to help them develop a rich vocabulary.

House Captains
Congratulations to the following students for being elected as house captains at our assembly on Friday:

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Hats
Some of our students’ hats are starting to look a bit ragged and torn. Can you please check the state of your child’s hat and make a decision about whether it needs to be replaced.

Australian Maths Competition
Is your child interested in participating in this event this year?
What is it?
The Australian Maths Competition is sponsored by the Commonwealth Bank and is run every year. It is made up of 25 multiple choice questions and five questions requiring a number answer. There are 2 primary divisions and the students have 60 minutes to answer the questions.
Why do it?
The AMC gives students external recognition of their achievements: all students receive a certificate showing their level of achievement and a detailed report showing how they performed on each problem with comparative statistics (against other students in the same school year and state). Prizes are awarded to the top students.
Cost: $6 per student
When: We need to enter the student details before May and the actual test will be in August.

If your child is interested in participating, please send along $6 in an envelope with your child’s name and Maths Competition written on the front.
More info: Visit http://amt.edu.au

Friday Assembly
Thankyou to Ben and Katie for running the assembly last Friday. This week’s assembly will be run by Kamaya and Ebony.

Here and Happy Award
Congratulations to 4/5 Quill with 98.1% attendance who took home the ‘Here and Happy’ award last week.

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Will the big 100% goal be achieved this week?
Ways to let us know of absence:
Call: 54722180  Text: 0437 658 617
Web: http://goo.gl/vNQaUV
Website: Links-> Contacts Us

**Owl Mystery**
It looks like the community is divided...is it a Barking Owl or it a Boobook? Mr Mac invited a bird specialist in and he identified it as a Boobook. He says that although it isn’t as rare as a Barking Owl it is still a significant sighting and we are lucky to have been able to observe it at such close quarters.
Mr Mac believes given its name, that is probably why it lives in the tree closest to the library.
Some of the students did some owl research in the library this morning and discovered that Boobook owls eat insects such as moths and grasshoppers. This makes a lot of sense as it would explain all the half eaten moths we have been finding around the tree.
Come in and have a look- the children certainly enjoy having a look at it.
Did you know? The Dja Dja Wurrung word for owl is ‘wirrimul.’
P.S There is a beautiful photo of our special ‘wirrimul’ on our Facebook page.

**Toys at school**
Can parents please ensure students do not bring toys to school that encourage violent play. Toys such as Star Wars light sabers and toy guns have been popping up in the yard lately and we would rather see toys that encourage better types of play.
What games did you use to play in the yard? Are there any games we could bring back? It has been lovely to see the year 5/6 girls getting the hand clapping games happening again!
Are there any parents out there who would be willing to supervise some lunchtime activities for students? We are hoping to run some ‘clubs’ to help give students option for play at lunchtimes. Please let Narissa know if you can help out in any way.

**Sanders wanted**
Are there any people out there who would be interested in helping to sand the green tables and chairs out the front of the school? We would like to give these a fresh lick of paint but need to sand them down first. We had Eddy Dunn come in over the long weekend and replace the worn wood, now we just need to do some repainting. (Thankyou to the people who have offered to help with painting- we will be calling on you help once the sanding part is completed) Any sanding help would be much appreciated as it all helps to make our yard a nicer environment for our children to play in and enjoy.

Please see Narissa if you are willing to lend a hand.

**Manure wanted!**
The Veggie club will meet each Thursday from 10am. They are currently looking for donations of manure to help revive our tired old veggie patches. They are also looking for bales of lucern or straw. Do you have any you could bring in? Please place any sheep, cow or horse manure next to the veggie patches at the back of the school. If you would like to come along and be a part of our gardening group we would love your company!

**Masterchefs wanted**
We are in desperate need of some cake bakers and slice makers for this weekend’s BBQ at the Castlemaine newsagents. The more cakes we sell the more money we will make to go towards improving our wonderful school. Please remember to add a list of ingredients and your name to the cake/slice. Cakes/ slices can be dropped off to the school on Friday or to the BBQ on Saturday. Thanks!

**Last week’s focus was Respect**
P/1- Ella M- for always taking pride in her work.
1/2- Harry K- for always being kind and caring to others.
3/4- Riven R- for working very hard on his maths.
4/5- Damon K- for a fantastic persuasive text about homeless people.
5/6- Kamaya L- for working well in all areas of the curriculum.
Active After School- Chelsea Hardman for her amazing effort in AFL activities.

**This week’s focus is Responsibility**

**Staff Member of the Week**
The staff member of the week award went quite for a few weeks but it is back again this week thanks to poor old Mr Mac! Why do we say ‘poor old’ Mr Mac? Because poor old Mr Mac has found it so hard to get an award for anything he has done that he has
resorted to writing one out for himself! At assembly on Friday, Mr Mac’s name was announced as the recipient of the year 5/6 Star of the Week! Mr Mac strongly denied writing his name on the award sheet but the evidence is there for all to see in black and white (well actually just black).
For someone who is clearly desperate to win an award, Mr Mac didn’t seem too impressed about winning this week’s Staff Member of the Week award…

Net Set Go! 2014
This Saturday 15th March from 9-11am at the Wesley Hill Courts, netball registrations will commence.
Season commences 23rd April, 4-5pm and runs for 10 weeks.
ANZ NetSetGO is Netball Australia’s only junior entry netball program.
It has been developed to provide children from 5 to 10 years with the best possible learning and playing experience to develop a positive introduction to netball, ensuring enjoyment and continued participation.
For more information contact Vanessa Saunders 0407508391.

Campbells Creek & Guildford PS
Stationery & Materials 2014 (repeat)
Stationery and Materials cover materials for student use, this supplements the grant provided by the Department of Education and Training. The fee pays for:
- Class Consumables (eg pens, pencils)
- Photocopying/Printing
- Library, LOTE and Art materials

We bulk buy these stationery and materials at a substantial saving that we pass on to you. All children have the same items to use at school and are not disadvantaged in any way. The Stationery and Material for 2014 is $90 per student for the whole year. Payment (CASH or CHEQUE- Also Eftpos is now available) would be appreciated before the end of term 1 as the school has purchased these materials for your children.

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

STATIONERY AND MATERIALS 2014

Family Name

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Child’s
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$90.00 per child x .........=

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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.

Term 1 program:

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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

Val Laidler
Guildford Primary School Bursar

Val Laidler has been a staff member at our schools since 1984! She is an icon at our schools.

What was the first computer you used at the school? I used a Commodore 64 and went and did night classes with John James (principal for 2 years) to learn how to use it. I think I only did about 2 classes. (I still have a Commodore 64 at home). Before that we used a typewriter— I still have one of those at my house too! For books, we used to use a big long red book (a ledger) and people would have to handwrite in it.

What other jobs have you had? We owned the Five Flags store from 1979 until 1984. We used to do the school lunches and the kids would all leave the school ground and come up. They would come in one door and buy a pie or paste and then leave through the other door (probably pinching lollies on the way). All the other customers would just stand back until all the kids were finished— there were so many of them they filled up the shop!
I was also the crossing lady for Campbells Creek in 1984. I worked before and after school and also for an hour at lunch time in case any of the students went home for lunch.

What have been some of the significant changes over your time here? Only the main admin building existed when I first started. Where the office and principal’s room is now, there were 2 classrooms. The office was in the place where the ladies toilets are now. The library area was divided into 2 classrooms. The staffroom was also divided into 2 rooms as well (one was a classroom, one was the Art/photography room). Then we fundraised to build the LOTE room building— it used to be a kitchen/library in those days. The Parents Club used to make lunches for the children in there once a week. Parents club had a roster and the people on duty would have to make 2 dozen cakes each (about 5 people were on duty each week). These cakes would be sold to the students for lunches. We used to serve lunch through the 2 side windows on that building. The toilets used to be up the back where the old portable was. If it was raining the kids would have to run through the rain to get there. When you pressed the button a flap used to drop down. There used to be a shelter shed up the back as well. The classroom block building was originally a group of portables then they built that block and the people doing it went bankrupt which meant we struggled to get it all finished off. In recent years the BER building (Banyan Building) came and the kitchen was taken out of the old LOTE building.
School Council Minutes from 1928

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Smygar School Minutes

A. School Committee meeting was held at school on the above date.

Members present: W. Bentin
(Chairman), A. Magstaff, P. Powell
also C. W. Lindsay Head Teacher.

Magstaff: That minutes of last meeting
Bentin as read be confirmed. Carried

Bentin: That the Committee grant a prize
Magstaff: To Chris Hamer for attending school
for 8 years without the loss of
1 day. Carried

Bentin: That a letter of commendation be sent
to our staff. Carried

D. Winkelmann
FUNDRAISING EVENT
Castlemaine Swap Meet
Expression of Commitment
(Saturday 5th & Sunday 6th April, 2014)

Campbells Creek PS has, for many years, been involved in this fundraising activity which earns the school a donation, $1000 of which goes towards resources/facilities/programs for the children of the school.

This year, the dates for the meet are on the first weekend of term 1 school holidays.
We are calling for **Expressions of Commitment** from our families who will be able to assist us on these days. If we are unable to provide sufficient volunteers, we will be advising Castlemaine Lions Club that we cannot support them this year.

**VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED TO HELP** sell hot food, tea & coffee and prepare food.

*Can you help?*

Please indicate whether you can help us or not and return to the office by Friday 21st March. Even an hour or two will be appreciated. This will give us sufficient time to notify Lions so they can approach another school for support.

**Saturday 5th April**
1pm - 5pm  Yes  No  (Please circle)
**What time can you help?**

**Sunday 6th April**
6am - 3pm  Yes  No  (Please circle)
**What time can you help?**

Parent name: ________________________________
Phone number: ________________________________
Son/Daughter’s name: ________________________________
Disco

Thursday 13th March
4.45pm till 6.15pm
Banyan Building
Gold Coin Entry

Surprise Grade 6 Virtual DJ

Prizes
Best Outfit Girl & Boy
Best Dance Moves Girl & Boy
Best Dance Moves Teacher

Popcorn & Chips 50c
Drinks & Icy Poles $1
Help Needed

We are holding our first BBQ fundraiser this Saturday 15th March.

This will be held outside the Castlemaine newsagents from 7am.

We need people to man the bbq and cake stall.

If you can help please fill in the form below and return to the office by Thursday 13th.

Name:__________________________________________

Please circle the time you are available to help out.

7am – 8am
8am – 9am
9am -10am
10am – 11am
11am – 12noon
12noon – 1pm

A roster will be posted Friday morning.

Thank You for Your Support,

Parents Club
A word from Wendy

Grüezi mitenand,
I hope everyone had a lovely Labour Day weekend this week and enjoyed the beautiful weather we're having. This week I'd like to introduce our visiting library teacher to Guildford. This is Miss Mac who travels around with the MARC Van. Miss Mac teaches library each Friday morning to the students. Miss Mac has taken over this position from Mr Lloyd who had been the MARC Van teacher for the past 13 years. If you happen to be in next Friday, why not say hello?

Welcome BBQ
Thank you to all the families who came for the BBQ last Tuesday night. The weather was very kind to us and didn't rain on our parade! It was great to see everyone together enjoying themselves and chatting. The salads were certainly a hit with everyone!!

What's good about Guildford?
Many people ask me what we have at Guildford and why would people choose Guildford as their school? So, I put this question to the students themselves. I asked them to tell me why they thought Guildford was a good school and this is what they came up with.

- There's actually a good amount of kids here; not too many, not too small.
- All the kids get to be in one class.
- I like playing with all the kids outside.
- There's well-mannered children here.
- When a new person comes, we're welcoming.
- We make up new games outside.
- You can always make friends here.
- Everything! Making friends is good here because the children are fun.

RE
This Wednesday the new Religious Education teachers will be popping in for a very quick visit to meet the students. As you may or may not know, Mrs Mein retired at the end of last year. She had taught RE to the Guildford students for 12 years. Her entertaining way of teaching RE will be missed by the students. This year there will be 2 people teaching RE every Friday from 12.30-1.00. There will just be one class and the cost for this is $6.00 per student. If you do not wish your child to participate, please send in a written note confirming their intention.

Punctuality
It's great to see all the students arriving at school, in uniform, ready to start the day. It's very important that not only are all students here
each day, but also on time each day too. It’s very
difficult when we revisit the previous day’s work and
not all students were present. Coming to school early
also means your child can play before school and
socialize before getting stuck into the day’s program.
Don’t forget, you can now text your child’s absence
into the school; our mobile number is 0437 631 776.

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.
The purpose of this will be twofold; one is to get the
beds ready for planting seedlings for our
cooking/gardening program, and the second is to
prepare beds in readiness for the Buda gardening
competition which will commence at the end of April
with the seedlings being delivered to our school.

Help wanted
While I find that I’m ok on the end of a shovel or a
hammer, I’m not so great with electrical equipment
such as drills etc. I have a few jobs around the school
that require screwing signs into the outside of the
school, putting up pictures inside the building and
fixing the shade cloth in the playground. If you can
help, please see Wendy or Ange.

They’re back.............
We have had a couple of reports of head lice again in
our school. If you find your child scratching, please
check and treat accordingly. If we all treat our students
at the same time, we may keep on top of this.
Weekends are a great time to do this.

Thanks
Thanks this week goes to Thaiesha for cleaning out the
fish tank and giving them a sparkling home. Also,
thanks to the Rowley family for coming in over the
long weekend and feeding the chooks.

Matchstick Puzzle
There are five squares (one 3x3 and four 1x1) formed
with 20 matchsticks, as shown in the illustration. Move
two matchsticks to get seven squares. Overlapping
or breaking of matchsticks or "loose ends" are not
allowed.

Value of the week is Responsibility.
Last week’s value of optimism was demonstrated by
Ayesha.
Star of the Week: Thaiesha for working well in all areas
particularly in Indonesian classes.
Artist of the week: none this week.