From the principal

Apa kabar? (How are you?)
It is all about community involvement again this week!

What a terrific ‘roll’ up we had on Ride/Walk to school Day! Students came from all over on foot and on wheels and then enjoyed a ‘wheely’ big feast of scrambled eggs on toast cooked by the volunteers at the Breakfast Program. A big thanks to the teachers who walked and rode and to Leanne Rowan, Kathy Kuster, Rima Mustafa, Michelle Williams, Jess Rungen and Steven Schellekens (who actually stopped in for a quick coffee and ended up coking eggs) for helping out on the morning. Many parents commented about how excited their children where to walk and ride to school (even the non-school aged children were excited about it!) Next time I will certainly be wearing my winter gloves as it was quite chilly on the fingers!

Special mention goes to Josh and Harry who rode all of the way from Guildford! (Any wonder Steven needed a coffee when he got here!)
Well done to all of the students from Guildford who also walked and rode on the day.

The other focus on community involvement has been with the parents club at Campbells Creek. We have a few new members and the group has some very exciting things in the pipeline for our students. You can read all about the opportunities in the Parents Club news section in this newsletter. We are still keen to have more people join in with our Parents Club. Please consider coming along to the next meeting or joining our fete committee.

Have a great week everyone!
~ From Narissa
(Acting Principal)

Brian is back!
I was very pleased to have had a visit from Brian our woodwork man last week. He has returned from his holiday to Cuba and is ready to start his weekly student woodworking group again. Brian will come in every Wednesday to work with a group of students on small woodwork projects. The students thoroughly enjoy their time with Brian and they will all be very excited to hear he is back! You can have a read about Brian’s trip in this newsletter. Brian worked with his first few students today and will be working out of the art room as of next Tuesday.
Welcome back Brian!
School Council
Last night our school councils held their Annual General Meeting and voted on the new office bearers. We would formally like to congratulate the following people on taking on these important roles for our schools:

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- **Secretary:** Amy Leversha
- **Treasurer:** Glynis Cox

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Also, a curriculum day has been approved for Friday May 9th. This day will be sued as a professional learning day for teachers to learn about the BOUNCEBACK program.

**Computational Thinking/ Logic Challenge**
Last week all students in the 4/5 and 5/6 classes, as well as the 3/4 students from Guildford participated in the BEBRAS Computational Thinking Challenge. 2000 students from across Australia participated in this trial challenge. How lucky we were to be involved!

The challenge promotes the use of computational thinking skills through problem solving tasks. Computational thinking skills are very important for solving problems with technology, and are often used by people who are computer programmers, software developers, and makers of hardware and digital devices.

In the challenge, students had the opportunity to attempt easy, medium and hard questions. The questions went right up to a year 10 level standard. Students were allowed to work in teams or individually during the challenge.

Congratulations to the following students/teams for achieving the highest scores in our schools:
- Ruby P-H (Guildford)
- Ethan D, Katie P, Tarni W, Zoe M
- Ben S, Dylan S, Jasmyn N
- Gabi S

**Brian’s Letter**
Hello to everyone. Sorry I haven’t been able to get to school for woodworking classes, because Colleen and I have been on a wonderful holiday to Cuba.

Cuba is a large island (about half as big as Victoria) and sits in the Caribbean just over 100km from Florida in
America. We took lots of story books, pens, pencils and games to give to the children in one of the schools. They sang some songs for us and showed us through their school. They all dress the same with a nice uniform and were excited to meet someone from Australia.

They are very good at sport and just love playing outside. We went to a lovely little village, just like Campbells Creek and watched some of the farmers plough their paddocks. They didn’t have any tractors, but used oxen to pull the plough along.

The temperature was about 29°C each day and the people are so nice and friendly. We made a lot of friends and are keeping in touch.

I will be starting back this week and look forward to seeing you all again.
Take care,
Brian

**Congratulations Tristan**

Our very own Tristin Parsons recently competed in the Zone Swimming Championships in Swan Hill. After coming first in Bendigo (doing a personal best time along the way) he went on to compete at Swan Hill where he came 2nd!! To further his amazing efforts in the pool, Tristan competed in the All Juniors Competition in Bendigo on the weekend where he came 24th in Backstroke, 18th in Breaststroke, 15th in Butterfly and 26th in Freestyle. Congratulations to Tristin on his fabulous efforts representing our school!

**Junior School Council**

Last week students selected their junior school council representatives. Congratulations to the following students for being selected for 2014:
- Prep/1- Mathilde and Riley
- 1/2- Brodie and Chelsea
- 3/4- Tia and Jye
- 4/5- Abby and Aidan
- 5/6- Chloe and Ben

Melissa will organise this group of young leaders in our school and they will have regular meetings and start making important decisions very soon!

**Artist in School**

Student in the 5/6 class were again lucky enough to have local animator Josh Salmon come in to give his support and advice on creating animations as a part of the art program on Monday. Students have been building backdrops for their animations and then using their ipods and tablet devices to create fantastic animation creations. We thank Josh Salmon for giving us his time to work with our students and we are sure they will remember these early lessons in the craft when they are receiving their animation awards at the Oscars later in their lives! We hope to get some of the animations uploaded to our Facebook page in the coming weeks.

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Student Welfare Officer Position
Matt Bugden’s Student Welfare Officer position has been funded through the National School Chaplaincy and Student Welfare Program. This program has enabled our schools to access up to $50,000 to support the position of a Student Welfare Officer across the 2 schools since the start of last year (concluding at the end of this year). Now that we are more than 12 months in to this program we need to do a review of the program in order to apply for the second half of the $50,000 funding. Community consultation as to the effectiveness of this program is a compulsory part of this review. We need to find out if the school community values the role of the Student Welfare Officer as much as the staff do. We need you to have your say! Please drop in to the office to sign our support paper or fill out this short survey to help us to show others how important this role is to our schools: http://goo.gl/sVo7eC

Recipe Book
The Campbells Creek Parents Club are hoping to revamp their family recipe book this year. We are therefore putting a call out for any great tried and tested, fail-safe recipes that you use and would be happy to share. Please drop your recipes in to the office or email the Parents Club on parentsclub@campbellscreekps.vic.edu.au

Sad News
Last week we were saddened to hear of the passing of Melissa’s grandma. It would have been her 97th birthday yesterday! We would like Melissa and her family to know that we are all thinking of them at this sad time.

Disco thanks
A slightly delayed thankyou goes out to the Mustafa family from the One Stop Lolly Shop and to the Spragg Family from Extremity Surf and Sport for donating some wonderful prizes for the disco last week. The winners of the best dancer awards were VERY happy with their prizes!

New Mobile Phone App
Don’t forget to download our school mobile app. Search for Konnective in the app store on your phone.

Australian Maths Competition (repeat)
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 Chelsea and Taylor for running the assembly last Friday. This week’s assembly will be run by Katie and Georgia.

**Tough Mudder**

A few weeks ago when I (Mrs L) was interviewed for the ‘know your community section’ I said I was going to enter in the Tough Mudder challenge at Phillip Island. It all happened on the weekend and I finished the 20km obstacle course (complete with loads of mud, high wooden walls, and electric shocks) in 5 long and tiring hours!!

A note to all the females out there: there is a 5km “Miss Muddy” challenge coming up in Creswick in November…let’s get a team together!! Keen? Let Narissa know and we can register a team. Come on ladies, there is plenty of time to train for it!!

Here is a photo of me with my team about half way round the course:

**Here and Happy Award**

Congratulations to with attendance who took home the ‘Here and Happy’ award last week. This week it was VERY close!!

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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

**Manure wanted!**

The Veggie/Garden club will meet each Thursday from 10am. If you would like to come along and be a part of our gardening group we would love your company! Bring your manure along too 😊

**Last week’s focus was Respect**

P/1- Zebadiah for his neat handwriting.  
1/2- Matilda for always following school and classroom rules.  
3/4- Leshae for a big effort in all aspects of school.  
4/5- Gabriel for being a responsible class member.  
5/6- Josh P for assisting others in class with their learning.

**This week’s focus is Responsibility**

**Values Tree Awards**

Congratulations to Jordan D and Tia D for being the first students to add leaves to our new Banyan styled values tree in the Banyan Building. Each week teachers will write raffle tickets out for students who have displayed our school values in the yard and in the classrooms. At the end of the week 2 students’ names will be pulled out of the raffle box and their names will go on leaves and be put on the tree.

**Classroom Catchup**

Zeke and Matt asked students around the school what they had enjoyed about school this week. Here is what our students had to say:

Who is in your family?
In my family is my husband Glenn, Louise & Kyle and Jessica. We have our family pet dog Vinnie and new member Evie. When our children were growing up we spent a lot of our time taking them to their many loved sports such as netball, basketball, tennis, music, swimming lessons at the Campbells Creek swimming pool, inter school sporting events and little athletics. Being involved with our children’s sports or whatever they were doing was a priority for us. I urge all parents to take an interest in their child/s interests as time passes quickly. It’s pleasing to see that my children are now actively involved in their chosen sports. **When my father attended Campbells Creek PS in 1932-1940 his parents were also actively involved with the school. I came across some old school council minutes which showed their involvement!**

What jobs have you had?
My first job was a clerical position at Stonemans supermarket. I then had another clerical position at the Castlemaine Woollen Company for 12 years, then left to start my family. I worked at Castle Bacon for nearly 4 years on an evening shift, then started at Campbells Creek primary school where I have been for 17 years.

Childhood memories in Campbells Creek. My Grandparents lived in Campbells Creek. I recall staying on the farm, which is now a housing estate, collecting the eggs with my Grandmother then cleaning the eggs to take into the Egg Board in Castlemaine. I didn’t like those white leghorn chooks they always pecked my little fingers! There wasn’t any electricity in the old house, all that Ma & Pop had were tilly lamps to see with! How times have changed!
**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 Banyan 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.

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**Campbells Creek Football Club**

**News**

Campbells Creek Junior Football Club is holding their registration day this Sunday the 30th of March, between 11am and 1pm, at the Campbells Creek football oval. We encourage all under 10s and 12s families, new and old, to come along and register their child.
A word from Wendy

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Last Friday morning we had an amazing number of students turn up at the Guildford shop for the Ride To School Day. Only one student couldn’t make it; the rest rode bikes, walked or rode a scooter from the shop to school. We all wore our pedometers, thanks to Mt Alexander Shire, and continued wearing them throughout the morning. Did you know it’s 365 steps from the shop to the school? The students were invigorated by the chilly start to the day. They warmed up with a cup of hot milo at school and then continued to participate in another hour of P.E. to round off a healthy, active morning. In fact, the students were so keen, they want to continue the Ride To School Day on a fortnightly basis! So, the next one will be in the last week of school, Wednesday 2nd April. Meet Mrs Walsh at the Guildford shop at 8.30am if you would like to join in.

Friday morning Breakfast Club

We have had a few people keen to get this program up and running at Guildford. Thanks to Narissa for her donation of bread, margarine and vegemite, and thanks to Kerry Palmer for offering her time, we feel that we are able to start a Friday morning breaky club. If any students would like to participate, they must be at school by 8.30am. Breakfast will be served from 8.30-8.45am, starting this Friday, 28th March.
Parents Club and Buildings & Grounds
The next Parents Club meeting will be on Monday 31st March at 3.40pm. This meeting will combine the Buildings & Grounds meeting with the Parents Club meeting. Both will be short meetings. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Chook Roster
As the school holidays loom closer, we need to organize the care of the chooks over the two week break. It’s very important that they continue to be well fed and watered over the holidays as they are a part of our school family and depend on us for their health and wellbeing. I realize that the number of families is small and unfortunately this means every family has to be given a spot on the roster. If you are unable to do your designated time on the roster, could you please organize a swap with another family.

Please feel free to drop any food scraps off to the chooks at any time. They love this and it gives them a break from eating seed.

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RE
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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.

Cooking this week.

Last week the students used up the last of our donated produce from The Growing Abundance Program, and made a delicious apple and plum crumble. These were sent home to all families to have with their dinner. How was yours? I sampled mine at home that night and it was delicious.

This week the students made a yummy veggie frittata in their cooking session before lunch. The frittata contained our chook eggs, zucchinis, milk, flour and cheese. The students shared this for their lunch. It was certainly a hit to have a wholesome, hot lunch at school!

Items for sale
We have a few odds and ends which are no longer needed at school and a suggestion has been put forward to have a silent auction. You’re welcome to come and inspect the items at school and put in a silent bid for them. Bids will run for only one more week. Please see Wendy if interested. The items are:

- Old wooden desk sitting on school verandah
- Old photocopier

Wanted
We are looking for any of the following items. If you have any of these lying around home please drop them off at school or see Ange or Wendy:
* cardboard packing tubes
* puzzles, particularly boxes of 500 -1000 pieces

Matchstick Puzzle
Last week’s puzzle was:

The diagram shows 3 squares and 2 triangles.

Rearrange the matches to make 5 squares and 6 triangles.
This puzzle was worked on during our problem solving maths session and we already have one student who has solved it!
Here is the solution. Did you work it out?

Widerluge,
Mrs Walsh.

Value of the week is Optimism.
Last week’s value of effort was demonstrated by Ayesha.
Star of the Week: Madi for persistence in whole class maths tasks.
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Great work Madi for receiving both awards this week!!

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