Apa kabar? (How are you?)

Another busy week has passed and we are now half way through the term (can you believe it?)

This week it all seems to be about our school oval! We have had some developments in the sprinkler system saga and we now have the Campbells Creek Football Club using it for their footy training on Monday nights.

It was fabulous to see all the kids from around the area who turned up to train here last night. It was also great to see so many parents- what a terrific opportunity to put our school on show to the wider community.

Tomorrow night we will have the Campbells Creek Netball Club using our netball courts for their training sessions as well. It looks like we are starting to live up to the “healthy community” part of our school vision.

Before the developments in the sprinkler/bore saga over the weekend we did manage to sprinkle a bit of water on one part of the oval when we had a visit from the local CFA truck on Friday.

After having it suggested on our school Facebook page that we support the ‘fireys’ by dressing in red and bringing a gold coin donation, we called the Captain of the Campbells Creek CFA and invited them over to our school so we could make a special presentation to them.

It was quite obvious that they were all thrilled and surprised by the kindness and thoughtfulness of our school community!

The school captains handed over a whopping big cheque made out for $154 to a beaming Malcolm and Mary-Anne Murdoch. After a quick photo shoot for the local paper students were allowed to have a closer look at the truck with the junior students even being allowed to have a go at spraying the water!

Thankyou everyone for supporting the fireys fundraiser on Friday- it was a fabulous community effort!

Regards,
Narissa Leung (Acting Principal)

New Resident

Lately we have become the proud landlords of a new tenant in the school- a very sleepy owl. This owl originally took up residence in the trees near the new building before moving to the (much lower) tree near the student toilet block. Incredibly, this owl seems to have no problems sleeping through recess and lunch time and doesn’t seem to mind the noise of the students in the yard. Rachael Honeychurch posted a note on our Facebook page to let us know that it is a native ‘Barking Owl’. Wikipedia reports ‘they often reside near rivers, swamps or creek beds,’ maybe it heard the name of our school?

The Barking Owl is reportedly the most threatened owl species in Victoria- how lucky we are to have one in our school!
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Curriculum

Tomorrow night teachers will continue their learning journey with Literacy consultant Anne Smith. Anne is helping us to become better teachers of writing (and literacy in general). The teachers have been busy implementing some of Anne’s suggestion over the last few weeks and are looking forward to gaining more knowledge on the topic.

While our focus for teacher professional development is on teaching Writing for the first semester, our second semester focus will be on teaching Maths. We will soon be applying to have three teachers accepted into the Leading Numeracy course at the Bastow Institute for School Leadership. Applications close at the end of March- fingers crossed we get accepted!

House Captains

House captain speeches and voting were held on Friday afternoon. It was terrific to hear all the stories about how prepared the students were with their speeches- there were even a number of keen students and ‘Nervous Nellies’ practicing their speeches all through lunchtime!

Thankyou to all students who put their hand up and had a go at running for House Captain positions. Congratulations on challenging yourselves to take on this task! The House Captains will be announced at assembly this Friday (with badges to be given out at a later date…when the postman delivers them!) Thankyou to Nicole Semmens for her work in creating the election papers and tallying up the votes over the weekend.

Student Report on the Leadership Day

The second speaker for the day was John Marsden and he asked us all a question, “what’s the truth about language?” Well, what do you think it is? John talked to us about speaking in public and that you have to use your

voice and believe in yourself and that you sound more confident if you talk fluently. He also told us to always be honest and use first hand language not second hand to encourage the listeners to listen. People will wonder if you use fresh words.

The last speaker was Kevin Sheedy. He is so funny but he also taught us that you should always keep dreaming, take on challenges, have great listening skills, try writing your thoughts, take any opportunity that you can see, keep smiling, have a great life, life is a gift from your parents. Enjoy it!!! He also taught us that if you want to get somewhere you have to look after your fitness and health.

At the end of this day I have been inspired and have learnt many things to help me in life. I have learnt that I am somebody, I can make a difference and that I can be the change.

By Shereen Mustafa

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

Here and Happy Award
Congratulations to 5/6 Mac with 95.8% attendance who took home the ‘Here and Happy’ award last week.

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We are STILL waiting for a class to have 100% attendance for a week! Can we do it this week?

Ways to let us know of absence:
Call: 54722180       Text: 0437 658 617
Web: http://goo.gl/vNQaUV
Website: Links-> Contacts Us

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.

The never ending saga of the bore and the sprinklers…
We had three bore men (not to be confused with ‘boring’ men) traipsing around our oval on the weekend trying to get the bore and the sprinklers sorted. Can you believe it?! Our heroes have managed to find things, dig things up, turn things, press buttons and AMAZINGLY, at the end of it, our sprinklers are now working!! Our oval will be lush and picturesque in no time! A huge thankyou to Glen Guest, Troy Murley and Hayden Williams for all your persistence and problem solving with our lovely (when it is working) bore. We all promise to

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Glynis Cox (DEECD)
Jo Cordy (DEECD)
Wendy Laidler (Parent)
Aimee Leversha (Parent)
Nicole Sweeney (Parent)
Glen Guest (Parent)
Clare Baker (Parent)
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think of you every time we look at the new green grass.
All hail the bore men!

We got one!
Thank you to Jess Rungen who has come forward to claim the position of volunteer lawnmower for the school. We look forward to our lawn being green enough to take you up on your kind offer!

Seeking Volunteers
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.

Veggie Garden Club & Budafest
The new parent veggie garden club met on Friday and have decided to meet again this Thursday at 10am. They will then start a plan for developing our existing veggie patches in readiness for the Buda garden competition.

Parents Club News
Please see the attached Parents Club report. We have had the election of office bearers and fundraisers have been organized. What a busy year ahead our parents and friends club will be having! (How lovely it was to hear of the new people coming too!)

Last week’s focus was Optimism
P/1- Gabriel- for being enthusiastic towards learning  
1/2- Jeht- displaying a positive attitude to all tasks  
3/4- Josh- showing friendliness to his fellow students  
4/5- Gabriel- overcoming a problem and getting a good result  
5/6- Georgia- constantly completing work to a high standard  
Indonesian- offering assistance with LOTE.

This week’s focus is Respect

Active After School Report
This term’s Active After School activities are dance and AFL. On Tuesday night students have been having great fun learning some groovy moves and tricks with dance instructor Della. Check out these pics of the students using hoops to have some fun:

(Remember: Active After School sessions are free and students can enrol at any time. The school receives special funding for this program and the more students we have participate, the more funding we get to buy special sports equipment for our school.)

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.
Attendance – Information for Parents from DEECD

International research demonstrates a strong relationship between students’ learning, longer-term life outcomes, attendance at school and appropriate participation in education programs.

It is crucial that children and students develop habits of regular attendance at an early age; even from the time they are enrolled in a pre-school setting.

Poor patterns of attendance place students at risk of not achieving their educational, social and psychological potential and are disadvantaged in the quality of choices they are able to make in later life situations.

Once learners have begun to absent themselves from pre-school or school, and the initial cause of this remains undetected or unexplored, it is likely that the pattern of absence will continue and escalate through the subsequent school career.

New Legislation

Legislation was passed in 2013 to provide a clearer process for escalating issues of non-attendance and non-enrolment. In certain circumstances principals can now refer attendance matters to School Attendance Officers (Regional Directors) who may issue a School Attendance Notice. Failure to comply with this Notice could result in a School Attendance Officer issuing an Infringement Notice. The infringement penalty is approximately $70. Issuing a fine is a last resort.

If the following has occurred:

- The student has 5 or more days of unexcused absences in previous 12 months
- Measures taken to improve the student’s attendance have been unsuccessful or deemed inappropriate,

then the principal may elect to escalate to the School Attendance Officer.

The School Attendance Officer determines whether or not to issue a School Attendance Notice to the parent. The parent may respond to the Notice, providing a reasonable excuse for absences. The matter ends if this occurs.

If a parent fails to comply with the Notice, the School Attendance Officer may elect to issue an Infringement Notice.

Once an Infringement Notice has been issued, this is managed through Civic Compliance Victoria and DEECD central office.

Implementation of attendance legislation occurs on 1 March 2014.

Resources for parents can be found at: http://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/programs/health/Pages/studentattendance.aspx

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

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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.

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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
Wendy Walsh
Leading teacher, Guildford Primary
Wendy decided to ask the students at Guildford to provide the interview questions. This is what they wanted to find out about her...

Which kindergarten and primary school did you go to when you were younger?
I grew up in the small town of Mooroopna, which only had about 10,000 people living in it at the time so there weren’t a lot of options for school. There was one kindergarten, one state primary school and one secondary school. There was no choosing which school you went to; it was Mooroopna kinder, Mooroopna P.S. and Mooroopna High School. I remember my primary school was huge. There were 3-4 classes of each grade and there were around 500 children at the school altogether. I remember my grade 4 class had 42 children in the class.

What was your favourite subject at school?
I really enjoyed music and art at primary school. In art we had a specialist art teacher and got to make things like macramé pots, copper etchings, cushions, woodwork items, clay pots and enamel brooches which were made from heating powder on metal bases. I liked music because we got to play recorder and if we were able to, perform the National Anthem (God Save the Queen) at assembly every Monday morning. Singing wasn’t much fun though because we sat at our desks and sang songs out of the ABC books while listening to the PA.

Did you collect anything when you were young?
I had two collections. The first was a swap card collection and I would take these to school and trade for better ones. They were similar to playing cards but only with a picture on the front. They came in series of animals, Holly Hobby figures, landscapes, etc. They were all the go!! Then, in secondary school, I studied geology and was obsessed with collecting rocks. I stored them in a garden shed until my Mother had finally had enough of my rock pile and demanded that I get rid of them. I couldn’t understand why I wasn’t allowed to keep them (there were hundreds of them)!!!!!!!!!

How old were you when you wanted to become a teacher?
When I was younger, my Auntie (Auntie Dawn), lived four houses away from me. I idolized her from a young age. She was funny, interesting, young, let me sleepover at her house and was a Grade 1/2 teacher at a small school on the other side of Shepparton. I wanted to be like her so I decided I would also be a teacher. Auntie Dawn took me to her school when I had a pupil free day at my school and I loved the way she taught. When I was at home I would have my own school; either with my dolls and teddies as students, or using my brothers and sisters. I had eight siblings so there was always a choice and because I was the oldest, they did as I told them. I think I must have been bossy!!!

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Which school did you first teach in?
That was in 1988 at Taradale PS. I taught music at Taradale, Elphinstone, Chewton and Sutton Grange Primary Schools. The following year I taught at Campbells Creek PS for two years. I taught music and art at Campbells Creek, Guildford, Yapeen, Newstead, Barkers Creek, Harcourt and Harcourt North Primary Schools; all in one week. I did a lot of driving and ate lunch in my car most days.
BBQ FUNDRAISER

SATURDAY 15th March in front of the NEWSAGENTS.

Having homemade CAKES, MUFFINS, or BISCUITS to sell at our stall has proven very successful in the past, so if you can provide anything, please deliver it to the SCHOOL ON FRIDAY or the STALL ON SATURDAY.

(Your name and list of ingredients is needed on all homemade goods.)

* We do need helpers on the day. Please let the office know what time you are available. Thank you from the Parents Club.
It was exciting to find out that our “New Building” is to be henceforth known as the:-

**Banyan Building!!**

When asked whether there is a particular word in the Indonesian language that means ‘meeting place’, I immediately thought of not a word but a tree. The Banyan tree is culturally very important to the people of Indonesia as it is frequently used as a meeting place.

The Banyan is part of the coat of arms of Indonesia. It is meant to symbolize the unity of Indonesia - one country with many far-flung roots. As a giant tree, it also symbolizes power.

Over the next few weeks your child/ren will be learning more about the Banyan tree, both its symbolic significance and its practical uses. I have ordered a book called “in the Heart of the Village” which is set in India.

Terima kasih Bu Cordy
A word from Wendy

Grüezi mittenand,
Last Friday morning Narissa came out to Guildford to present the School Captains and Vice-Captains with their badges. Part of the their roles this year will be to lay the wreath at the ANZAC Day Dawn service, raise the inaugural flag at the new flagpole next to the ANZAC Day memorial, greet visitors and assist with school sports days.
Congratulations Alex Rodgers and Thaiesha Foti as our chosen School Captains.
Congratulations also to Ayesha Donnan and India Davenport as our chosen School Vice-Captains.
Also on Friday we participated in National Red Balloon Day. The students all dressed in their red school uniform, gave a gold coin donation and helped to create a thank you sign for the front of the school. We managed to raise $20 which we will present to the Guildford CFA during a visit to their station in the next few weeks.

Cooking
Cooking this week celebrated both the Growing Abundance produce and Pancake Tuesday. It was too good an opportunity to miss making pancakes!! The students made the yummy fruit pancakes with Ange during cooking on Tuesday.

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!!)

Timetable
Ange and I have finally sorted out the finer details with our school timetable. Attached to this newsletter is a copy for you to pop on your fridge. Please take note of the specialist areas so that library books are returned each week and the students are ready with appropriate footwear for PE on designated days.

Art at Guildford
I have been amazed at the wonderful work coming from our students over the past few weeks. Ange has been working on developing drawing skills through self-portraits. The students
have also looked at famous art works by Frida Kahlo, Pablo Picasso and Vincent Van Gogh. I couldn’t resist sharing some of this amazing work!!

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 shadecloth in the playground. If you can help, please see Wendy or Ange.

They’re back……………..
Those pesky head lice seemed to have reared their ugly heads again in our school. If you find your child scratching, please check and treat accordingly. Once again, if we all treat our students at the same time, we may keep on top of this.

Student work
This week some of the students contributed items to the newsletter.

Red Balloon Day
Red Balloon Day is to celebrate the CFA and what they have to protect us. The CFA have fought many fires to protect us. The CFA is a mighty team of people who have the courage to protect many people. So on Red Balloon Day, dress in red, donate a gold coin to the CFA and you can even decorate your fence. By Ruby.

Getting my School Captain Badge
Today Ayesha, Alex, India and I got our School Captain badges. Alex and I got School Captain badges and Ayesha and India got School Vice-Captain badges. When I went up to get my badge I had butterflies in my stomach. But they passed and I was happy to get my badge. I will try my best to wear it every school day.

By Thaiesha.

Widerluege,
Mrs Walsh.

Value of the week is Respect.
Last week’s value of optimism was demonstrated by Chloe-Grace (again!!!).
Star of the Week: Harry for applying himself to all aspects of the classroom.
Artist of the week: Thaiesha for working carefully on her magazine art.

From Narissa

Cooking Program
Today I met with the organisers at Bendigo FoodShare (the people who donate the food for Campbells Creek’s breakfast program) and discussed the possibility of getting some food donations for our Guildford cooking program. Success! After discussing the program and the benefits to the students I have now been given permission to collect a monthly donation of food for the program! Get your mince recipes ready as today I came away with 12 lots of 500gms of mince as well as over 5kg worth of frozen vegetables! Wendy was delighted with the gift as it means the students will now be able to cook with meat (which was previously too expensive). The next thing we will have to do is find another freezer space as we couldn’t fit it all in the small freezer we currently have. At the moment we have stored the excess food at Campbells Creek until it is needed at Guildford. Just how many different ways can you cook mince? We will soon find out!
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Guildford: 0437 631 776
Campbells Creek 0437 658 617