From the principal

Autumn is such a beautiful time of year and this is especially so at our schools! It has been wonderful to see all the creative and imaginative play going on in the yard thanks to the piles of fallen leaves from our big trees out the front. Every day there have been loads of students building, sweeping, raking, collecting, moving and piling the leaves out the front of the school. It is fabulous to see these students engaged in good old fashioned play each recess and lunch time.

Up the back of the school a group of boys have been creating a remote control car track out of leaves, dirt and bricks. The collaboration, problem solving and team work that has gone into this track’s creation is terrific and something all their teachers will be proud of (considering these are the very skills we are aiming to foster in our classrooms everyday!)

It would be great if parents could share their memories of school yard games and play ideas with their children to continue to encourage these beneficial types of play in our yard.

Have a great week everyone!
~Narissa

Open Morning Tomorrow

Tomorrow we are having an open morning for all families and community members to come in and see the great things we are doing here at the Creek. All parents, grandparents and friends are welcome to come in to the school from 9am-11am to have a look around.

From 9.30am-10am come along to the Banyan Building to learn how to introduce books to your children and get them hooked on reading. Melissa will go through some good books and hot tips for ways you can get your kids involved in reading in this time.

Dress Up Day

Tomorrow we will also have a gold coin donation, out of uniform day for Roy and Carlos our adopted orang-utans. The Junior School Council will be collecting the money on the day and we have been asked to wear red and white (the colours of the Indonesian flag). Why the Indonesian colours? Because several of the orangutan sanctuaries can be found in the country of Indonesia. Plus, it is the language we are all learning at school.
Art News
Local artist Chris Guest has kindly donated his most recent Graphic Book to Campbells Creek Primary School. His book, *Floating Horizon*, “is a single, unbroken, nine-metre-long hand-drawn image.” The drawing, in concertina format, explores the transformation of our familiar landscape to one of futuristic possibilities: an environment of clean flowing rivers, renewable energy and balance between the earth and its inhabitants. Come and check it out (it is in the artroom). An enlarged version is open for view at Castlemaine’s Lot 19 Gallery for the next week.

Knitting Club
A BIG thanks to Pheobe’s nan Denise who assisted our knitters last week. Knitting club has been running from the beginning of this term with lots of fun (and laughs) had by all. We have ten knitters in the art room every Wednesday lunch and welcome new members and helpers - just show up, there are plenty of needles and wool and things to chat about. **1:50 every Wednesday.** Hope to see you there! ~Zoe

Recipe Book (repeat)
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@campbells creekps.vic.edu.au

Congratulations
Last week at Victoria University, Mr Mac’s wife Caroline was the recipient of the *Victoria University Medal of Excellence* at their graduation and presentation awards night. The medal was awarded to a student who had achieved consistent excellence over the duration of their course. This was for her work completing her TESOL (Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages) Graduate Diploma. Caroline achieved several high distinctions and her lowest score for any unit was 94 out of 100! Not only was she the only student from all 340 graduates to receive this honor, she was the one student in the whole university to receive it!
To add to this, her receipt of the award preceded Julia Gillard receiving an honorary doctorate from the university.
Congratulations Caroline! (Congratulations also to Mr Mac for supporting her through this amazing achievement. Awards like this are very hard to get without a solid support base so well done to you to Mr Mac!)

You wouldn’t think this image needed a caption to point out which one of these people is Mr Mac’s wife would you!? Think again…one nameless staff member has taken home the much sort after ‘Staff Member of the Week’ trophy by asking a very poorly thought out question… “Is that your wife in the middle?”

Congratulations Dylan and Chloe
Friday afternoon assemblies are a wonderful weekly reminder of the talent that we have in our school. After hearing all of the wonderful academic achievements of our stars of the week last week, we were wowed in the ‘Special Achievements’ section! Congratulations to Dylan from year 6 for his efforts in being selected for the Inter-league football team (and being selected as co-captain no less!) Congratulations also go to Chloe in yr 6 for being selected in the State Basketball Try Outs team last Tuesday. Apparently 50 girls tried out for selection and only 10 were picked for the next round- Chloe was picked as number 1! Goodluck in the next round Chloe. Another special mention to Thomas, Mitchell, Paige and Matilda who have recently completed karate grading and
moved up another belt. (I believe Mr Myagi status isn’t too far around the corner for some of our kids - they just need to work on their beards!).

Facebook Page (repeat)
Don’t forget to join our school Facebook page (Campbells Creek and Guildford Schools) for all the latest information about what’s happening in our schools. We have been posting photos and updates from our camps and excursions lately so feel free to join and keep updated.

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

Friday Assembly
Thankyou to Jacqui and Taylor for leading our assembly last week. This week’s assembly will be run by Jasmine S and Ethan D.

Book Club
Book club orders are due back next Wednesday May 28th.

Here and Happy Award
We were incredibly close to the elusive 100% figure this week! Just 1.5 days of absence from a class away from getting it! Congratulations this week go to the 1/2 class.

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Remember it is a requirement of the Department of Education that parents notify the school when their children are absent.

Ways to let us know of absence:

Call: 54722180  Text: 0437 658 617
Web: http://goo.gl/vNQaUV
Website: Links-> Contacts Us

Japanese Exchange Students
A big Thankyou to the two families who have put their hands up to have Japanese exchange students this year. This is the first time Campbells Creek primary School will have been involved with the Japanese Exchange program - the organiser was very excited to hear of our interest!

You still have until Thursday to let the office know if you are happy to host two students at your house. Remember - you get financial reimbursement of $180 per student and you are only having them for 4 days!

At this stage we will be having at least 4 students (and possibly a teacher) come to our school. This is sure to be a fabulous learning opportunity for our school. Here are some words from previous years:

The host family welcomed us so warmly ...and after four days, sad farewells with memories never forgotten.

I got a lot of friends, had a fun time. The host family treated me like family. I was anxious at first, but with the help of gestures we communicated well. I was very happy. I wanted to stay longer. The homestay experience gave unforgettable memories - precious memories - lifetime memories.

I experienced a lot of things for the first time. We were talking like family before you know it. I spent only 4 days with our host family but I they were very close to me - and so much fun.

Stranger Danger
Last week, after an incident in a nearby Primary School, a note was sent out reminding people to have the stranger danger talk with their children. Teachers have been speaking to students about this in classrooms already and ensuring that the message gets across without alarming the students. It is important not to panic children over the stranger danger message however extra vigilance is recommended at this time.

Remember: If you see any suspicious behaviour, report it to the local police immediately.

Year 6 T-shirts
The year 6 t-shirts have been ordered and will be a couple of weeks away. This year’s design was a combination of student and teacher input. The design has been created from scratch so hopefully they look good when they arrive! Congratulations to Ben from year 6 on his winning art design.

Gardening Club - New Day
Gardening Club will now happen on Fridays at 1pm. Parent and community helpers are always welcome to come in and lend a hand (or a foot). Each week a new group of students will be selected to join in with the club to learn about growing herbs and vegetables and to help get our garden ready for the Buda Garden competition.
Prep/1 | Cohen C- making great choices in and out of the classroom.
1/2 | Luke D- Building positive relationships in and out of the classrooms.
3/4 | Brianna O- Her positive contribution to whole class discussion.
4/5 | Aidan D- Bouncing back and making a great start on his inquiry.
5/6 | Jasmyn N- Applying herself to all areas of her studies.

Banyan Values Tree Awards
Gemma K, Aidan D and Gabrielle P.

Inter School Netball
A big congratulations to the year 5 and 6 netball teams for their efforts at the Inter School netball today. The A team were fortunate enough to take home grand final title for the day! There was no getting around the defence ring full of Stubbings kids, the short (but dangerous) mid field in Katie and Georgia, the speckies that Dylan took over his own team mates, nor the incredible accuracy of the Chloe and Tarni duo in the ring. Well done team!

Thankyou
A huge Thankyou to Michelle Williams for giving up her weekend to paint the tables and chairs out the front of the school. They now look so nice and shiny! This is just in time for our Open Day- thanks Michelle!

Adidas Fun Run
A note was sent out last week to notify everyone of our upcoming school fun run. This fun run will be used to help raise money for some new sports equipment and hopefully some football goal posts or a cricket pitch for our oval. The date for this fun run will be Thursday June 19th (the 2nd last week of school).

Help Needed
Our gardening club are currently in search of someone who can construct a garden planter box for an unloved garden bed at the back of the school. We have the materials- we just need the handy person! Please let the office know if you can help out.

Parking
We have been notified that the council is intending to change the parking times in the bus zone out the front of the school. Keep an eye out for this sign- the change will mean parking will only be allowed in this zone after 5pm. This means no cars will be permitted to park between the crossing and the school gate until 5pm each day.

Football Clinic
Some of our year 2-4 students were lucky enough to participate in a football clinic run by some members of the Carlton football club last week. Thankyou to Nicole Semmens for putting in all the extra work that enables our students to have these terrific opportunities. Here is a photos of some very happy Martin boys with their favourite team:
Classroom News- Year 5/6
Last week the Grade 5/6 students were busy preparing their sets in preparation to film their stop motion animation as part of the literacy block. The students collaborated on writing a recount, which they then discussed with their partner. This was then elaborated on, to make it more of a narrative style story. From here they story-boarded each scene in preparation for turning it into a visual story, which will be produced and edited by the students. The emphasis so far has been on planning and detail, to ensure the final outcome is both entertaining and engaging to the viewer. Stay tuned to see what they can come up with!

Prep-6 Buddies
On Monday, during the buddies activity the Grade 5/6 students assisted the Prep/One students in a literacy activity to improve their spelling and word skills. Scrabble pieces were used to find words from the Oxford Word List and the students also created other words that they knew. There was lots of rich discussion around letter sounds and blends which was useful to all the students involved. Well done to all the students for doing such a great job and being so responsible whilst still enjoying your learning.
Grüezi mitenand,

This week we had a visit from Julie with an echidna that she had rescued from a property. Julie, who works as a volunteer for Wildlife Victoria, is called upon when a native animal is sick, injured or orphaned in the local area. On Monday morning this poor boy was caught between some bricks at a house. Thanks to Julie we all learnt some amazing facts about echidnas. Did you know that echidna’s tongues are sticky and smell sweet which helps them to feed in ant’s nests? Or that a baby echidna is called a puggle? They are certainly amazing creatures. Thanks Julie for the impromptu visit.

LaTrobe Uni student
Jake will be working with us for the next two weeks at our school. Jake is a 2nd year student at LaTrobe University.

Sports news
Unfortunately, due to some technical issues, our Prep-2 students will not be able to participate in the Tabloid sports day on Friday 23rd May. I am very sorry about the confusion. Unfortunately the permission notes went home and the decision had to be made the following day. I will endeavour to organize a similar activity later in the year.

On Thursday 22nd May, Grade 3/4 students will be participating in an Interschool netball event held at the Wesley Hill Sports complex. The cost for this is $5. Students will be bussed to and from the event, departing Campbells Creek P.S. at 9.15am and returning at 2.30pm. Permission notes need to be returned by Wednesday 21st May, no later.

Our next walk safely to school day will be this Wednesday 21st May. If you would like to participate, please join Mrs Walsh at the Guildford general store at 8.30am.

Wendy’s leave
On Saturday 31st May, I will be flying to Indonesia to spend two weeks brushing up on my language skills, catching up with some friends in Java and visiting parts of Indonesia which I haven’t yet seen. Ange will be in charge while I am away and can be contacted regarding any concerns. If you have any queries please see me before the 30th June. I will be away from the 2nd-13th June.

As part of our cooking program, and linking in with our Indonesian program, we will be cooking Gado-gado this Thursday 22nd May. We will be sharing this for lunch on the day. Your child may wish to have this for lunch instead of their normal lunch.

Bounce Back! Program
On Friday May 9th, staff at Campbells Creek & Guildford school participated in a pupil free day in order to learn how to implement the Bounce Back! Program which we will be using as our approach to teaching wellbeing.
The BOUNCE BACK! Wellbeing & Resilience Program addresses the environmental building blocks and the personal skills for fostering resilience in children and young people. The program focuses mainly on the teaching of coping skills to help children and young people respond positively to the complexity of their everyday lives. In other words, children are taught how to ‘bounce back’ after experiencing sadness, difficulties, frustrations and hard times. We will be commencing this program next week at Guildford.

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.

Playgroup
If you are interested in coming along, please let Wendy know. Please also help to spread the word to any pre-school aged children in the area to join us. The more the merrier! There is no cost; just bring along a piece of fruit for your child to snack on.

Brekky Program

Our brekky program has moved to Thursday mornings now at 8.30am. Come and join us for eggs on toast, yoghurt and hot milo. The kitchen will be open strictly between 8.30 – 8.45 am. Don’t be late!!

For those of you who enjoyed my previous maths Puzzle………

Only for the brave, this one! This square has eleven letters missing, which you have to replace:

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B R A V E
E B R
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Every row, column AND the main diagonals contain all the letters in the word "BRAVE".
(That reminds me, I must see the Postman about all those missing letters). Solution next week!
Doctoruege,
Mrs Walsh.

Value of the week is Optimism.
Last week’s value of effort was demonstrated by Alex.

Star of the Week: Tanisha for demonstrating understanding, resilience and optimism during challenges last week.
Artist of the week: Stephen and Chloe for their great care and effort with mixing primary colours.
Congratulations to those of you who have been working hard to learn some Indonesian language. Congratulations also to the students who have been working to teach you!! NB It is said that the best way to learn something is to teach it!

So far this year, we have been trying to get our whole community using the following:-

Terima kasih Thank you
Apa kabar? How are you?
Sampai jumpa! See you!
Ma’af! Sorry!
Di mana? Where is..?
Di sini! Here!
Di sana! There!
Siapa namamu? What’s your name?
And next we will be working on ...
Coba lagi!! Try again!!

Content and mellow When he is taken out for daily forest release, Roy contentedly hitchs a ride on a caregiver’s back and doesn’t get off until he has identified just the right tree to start the day’s journey. There is one distinctive tree that seems to be Roy’s favorite. It is a tall tree with white bark and huge roots that stick up above the ground to prop the tree into the air. Roy loves maneuvering through these impressive roots. From here, he wanders into the undergrowth or up vines into the highest trees. But he particularly likes exploring in the big swampy puddles that form on the forest floor after heavy rains. When he comes across something he finds interesting, like a rotting, waterlogged branch, he examines it intently and is very patient and manipulative while searching for tasty insects. When he is not foraging, Roy spends time examining his own skin and nails. He likes to be groomed by his caregivers, and uses the opportunity to sneakily snoop in their pockets or bags. He still spends a lot of time near his caregivers and tends to follow along with the group rather than venture out by himself. After a few hours, Roy sometimes decides he’s had enough of the forest, and will start walking by himself back to his sleeping enclosure. He certainly enjoys his comforts and has not yet fully embraced his place in the forest. If he were a wild orangutan, it would be normal for Roy to still be living at his mother’s side. So for now his lack of independence is not of too much concern, but we will continue to encourage him to step out of his comfort zone in the following years.

Next week I will give a report on Carlos.

Sampai jumpa! Bu Cordy