Dear Parents & Guardians,

Congratulations to the under 12’s footy boys

Throughout the footy season, we’ve heard from the players about their success every weekend (mainly via Myles) and we knew that the team were heading for the final. At our assembly last Friday, the boys stood up with their trophy as winners of the grand final. Congratulations to the team, coach and the supporters.

Congratulations to our poets

Last term, a number of our children entered the Mount Alexander Shire’s Poetry Competition. Children from Campbells Creek did extremely well receiving Highly Commended and Commended certificates at the presentation held during the holidays at the library.

Charlie, Kyan, Tia, Mitchell, Alex & Jess attended the ceremony during the holidays.

I have also received certificates for Erica B, Kayla M and Nathan A who will be presented with these at tomorrow’s assembly.

Swimming update

I apologise if I have confused parents about the swimming programs offered by both Campbells Creek and Guildford Primary Schools. With two school councils and two different budgets, the programs are different in relation to transport costs and arrangements. The letters you have received
from the schools explains the cost associated with your child’s program.

**Prep sleepover tonight**
I know there are a number of children at Campbells Creek who are very excited about the prep sleepover tonight. I certainly hope the hail doesn’t come back and the children are able to go for a walk across the road to the lovely park. I’d like to thank Melissa and Michael for arranging this event for the children. I will see them bright and early at 7am tomorrow morning with pancake batter in hand.

**Reading for Fun is Important**
I was interested in a recent article in *The Age* which began;

> Children who read for pleasure are likely to perform significantly better in the classroom than their peers who rarely read, according to a recent report by the University of London’s Institute of Education.

In the article the journalist, Brooke Lumsden, points out that reading for pleasure not only builds vocabulary and spelling but can also have a positive impact on Maths.

> ‘‘It may seem surprising that reading for pleasure would help to improve children’s maths scores, but it is likely that strong reading ability will enable children to absorb and understand new information and affect their attainment in all subjects,’’ Dr Sullivan said in the institute’s report.

This research underlines the role good reading habits play in children’s development, and I think this final observation is a reminder of the crucial role parents play in partnership with schools in this.

Encouragement is crucial, however, particularly for reluctant readers. Ms Neilson says reading aloud from a variety of authors and genres, and offering children a range of reading materials including magazines and graphic novels, is critical in helping to meet their reading interests.

She explains that to support children in finding the success and positive self-esteem that reading can set them up for, we need to live what we teach.

‘‘As parents, teachers and the whole community, we have a job to demonstrate to young people that reading has value for them personally. Lectures and speeches about that won’t do it for them, but modelling slow reading of great books and articles will.’’

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**Gardening working bee – Saturday 26th October**
**Campbells Creek PS**
Do you love to garden? Put down a few pavers? We are looking for volunteers to help a small group of parents to tidy up the vegetable garden area on Saturday 26th 11am – 1pm. If you have two hours of spare time, please come along and share your gardening knowledge. The children are really enjoying watching the veges grow (they also seem to like eating the snow peas 😊).

**Campbells Creek Live Music Fundraiser**
Saturday, November 2nd at Campbells Creek PS. Australian Rock Chick, Marie Wilson will be performing live in our assembly area. Tickets are $20 (online), children U16 free. 50% of ticket sales and 100% of additional fundraising are donated to our school. You can book online at [www.gigs4good.com](http://www.gigs4good.com)

Please see the attached flyer and consider supporting this fundraising activity.

I certainly hope the weather is better for us on Saturday and Sunday as it is hailing while I’m typing this newsletter. Enjoy a lovely weekend.

Kind regards

**Deborah**
Principal

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**Salad in Gardenland revisited**

I hope that some students may have encouraged their parents to attend the Castlemaine Children’s Literacy Festival, which was held on the last weekend of the holidays?

This year Guildford Primary School was asked to participate in the festival at Buda House, where we were again able to show off our fabulous ‘Mad Gardeners Tea Party.’ The setting just below the historic homestead was ideal and gave visitors to the garden a bird’s eye view over the table, which was surrounded by the student’s signs. The shriek of delight from the head gardener when she came across it made it even more worthwhile! Thanks once again to the families who loaned out their watering cans once more to make it possible.

In an email following the festival, the festival’s director, Lisa D’Onofrio, commented, “I wanted to write and thank you and the children involved for the marvellous display, it really was such a perfect fit with the Buda garden, and greatly enhanced the festival atmosphere. We made signs to direct people to it, and it was a lovely surprise for the children to find.”

**Somers Camp**

By now all students attending Somers Camp should have received their note relating to pick-up times on Tuesday the 22nd October from the Castlemaine Train Station. This note will also inform the students of their group number. Hut details will be given out once the students reach Somers Camp. If your child is attending the Kanga cricket clinic on Monday, please remind them to resolve any school matters on Friday 18th October.

On Monday this week, I spoke personally with the District Secretary, also the teacher in charge in Bendigo and he had only just finalized all the placements at that time. Any information given out prior to this was for staff only, as it was not the final information and numbers. I apologize if some parents heard from friends about other arrangements, but Deborah and I wanted to wait for confirmed details before providing notes to parents.

Should you or your child have any concerns whatsoever about the camp, please do not hesitate to contact me at Guildford PS on 5473 4241. Please reassure your child that some level of anxiety or uncertainty is to be expected prior to camp, but that the experience of being in Somers will be a memory they will have with them for the rest of their lives, like so many students before them.

**T20 Cricket**

On Monday we had a visit from a representative of Cricket Victoria, to teach the Grade 3-6 students the finer points of the Milo T20 Blast cricket competition, which will be held against many of the surrounding schools at Wesley Hill on Monday. As you can see by the photos they thoroughly enjoyed learning how to improve their bowling, batting and catching skills!
Dean McLaren

Thank you
 Again, I would like to say a huge thank you to all the families who have been helping out in the grounds of the school. We have had a few families come along, armed with a whipper snipper. This has made a huge improvement to the general look and feel of the school. Remember, this is our school and if everyone lends a hand to help out, it increases the feeling of pride amongst us all and makes our school an inviting and beautiful place to visit and work in.

Swimming
 Our swimming program starts this Friday the 11th of October. The bus will leave the school at 1.30pm and drop us off at Everyone Health and Fitness Indoor pool at 1.45. The younger students will swim first from 2.00 - 2.30, then the older students will have their session from 2.30 - 3.00.

The dates for the swimming program are Friday 11th October, Friday 18th October, Friday 1st November, Friday 8th November, Friday 15th November and Friday 22nd November.

Please note there is a one week break on the 25th of October because the senior students will be at Somers Camp during this week.

Parents Club & Curriculum meeting
 The next meeting is:
 Parents Club and Curriculum – Thursday 24th October at 9am.
 Everyone is welcome to attend the meeting.

Book Club
 The next issue is out and has been sent home. All orders are due in by Monday 28th October.

Clubs
 We will be starting up a ‘clubs’ program on Wednesday afternoons soon. This will involve the students choosing an activity to do from 2.30-3.30. We hope to offer a variety of things such as knitting, construction, tennis, craft, art, gardening, cooking etc. If you have a particular interest and would like to be involved please see Wendy. Each program will run for a two week block. We will need one or two helpers each week. After the two week block, we will change to different activities for the next two weeks.

Recipe books
 The recipe books are finished and ready for sale. They contain many family recipes and illustrations from all the students. There are two front cover designs to choose from. The books cost $10 each and can be ordered anytime. Please see Wendy if you would like a copy. They would make a great family gift for Christmas.

Playgroup
 Playgroup is on every Friday from 9-11am. If anyone has a spare hour to help supervise, we would appreciate it. Supervision includes watching over the group while they are playing and helping to pack up at the end. No skills are necessary.

Cooking program
 Finally, now that the majority of the kitchen renovation is completed, we can start our classroom cooking program once again. We have helpers for each group. Thanks to April & Ginny for helping out with the seniors, and Nicole & Julie for helping out with the juniors.

The senior group will start on Monday 21st October. The juniors will commence on Monday 28th October. Both sessions will form part of the literacy block and will run right after assembly on Mondays.

Widerluege,
 Mrs Walsh.

Assemblies will be held at the Creek on:
 Monday mornings 9am – 9.10am
 • National Anthem
 • Birthdays
 • Special events for the week

Friday afternoons 3.15pm – 3.30pm
 • Student of the Week
 • Special achievements
**Campbells Creek**  
**Stars of the Week**

P/1  **Liam** for trying hard and staying on task.

1/2  **Ashlee** for using great word attack skills to improve her reading.

2/3  **Kohen** for working well in groups.

3/4  **Kiara** for great attitude to all classroom tasks.

4/5  **Rachael** for her positive attitude towards all learning tasks.

6  **Tegan** for her consistent effort in early morning running.

Art  **Matthew** for actively participating in the Art room.

Lote  **Jacinta** for enthusiastically participating in the LOTE program this week.

Music  **Mikayla** for recording a terrific song.

**Guildford**  
**Stars of the Week**

Grade P-3 : **Madi** for the effort she has put into spelling activities.

Grade 3-6: **Otis** for showing great perseverance in class, despite his broken arm.

**Artist of the week:** **Ayesha** for her great illustration of a dog.

**COMMUNITY NOTICES**

**AFTER SCHOOL CARE:** 0418120137

**Circus Group**

The Castlemaine Circus group aims to provide non-competitive circus training and performance opportunities for young people aged 4 to 24. The group recognises that circus training provides a positive and supportive environment for young people with an emphasis on physical activity, team work, improved co-ordination and strengthened self-confidence. The group are modelling themselves on successful youth circus programs such as Westside Circus, Flying Fruit Fly and Spaghetti Circus. They are seeking to occupy space within the State Festival’s proposed arts precinct at the Goods Shed in Kennedy Street and are currently pursuing grants and funding opportunities.

The group is comprised of parents and performing arts professionals and the Volunteer Network is actively assisting this group in their establishment phase.

If any MACCN members are interested in receiving further information, exploring potential partnerships or assisting with funding or resource opportunities, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards,

Jacqueline Brodie-Hanns, Co-ordinator
Mount Alexander Volunteer Network, M: 0425 323 005

**Friends of Campbells Creek Landcare Group**

A Free Community Event is being held on Sunday 20th October 2013 @ Campbells Creek Primary. (Opposite Campbells Creek Primary) 10.00am till 2.00pm.

There will be free activities, bus tours and barbecue. If you already appreciate our creek, or if you want to get to know it better, join in with the Friends of Campbells Creek Landcare Group in celebrating our environment and our community. Bring family and friends.

The day’s activities (all optional) will include:

- Free family BBQ – a mixed BBQ with vegetarian options. Homemade salads/refreshments, cakes, tea and coffee provided. Our famous fruit punch.
- Planting native grasses along the creek.
- Guided walks or bus tours along the creek from Castlemaine.
- Free raffle for everyone
- On site activities for families.

Bring water, sturdy shoes and a sun hat. Bring bikes if you want to explore the bush path. Please come along – for an hour, a cup of tea or enjoy the activities provided. If you have any enquiries regarding our activities, please do not hesitate to contact www.focc.org.au

**ACTIVE AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM**

Starts on Tuesday 22nd October with Badminton and Thursday 24th October with Table Tennis. Sessions run for 7 weeks and will finish on Tuesday 10th December, 2013 (an extra Tuesday due to Melbourne Cup holiday).

Please consider enrolling your son/daughter for AASC as it will allow us the opportunity to apply for funding in 2014 if available. Lower numbers of children will not guarantee this funding and given the beautiful weather, it’s a fantastic way for the children to get their exercise whilst learning a new skill.

If you would like your child to participate for the first time please come to the office and collect an application form.
TERM DATES 2014

Term 1  Wednesday 29th January (students start) to Friday 4th April. (Good Friday 18th April)
*(Teachers commence Tue. 28th January).

Term 2  Tuesday 22nd April to Friday 27th June.

Term 3  Monday 14th July to Friday 19th September.

Term 4  Monday 6th October to Friday 19th December

ENROLMENTS 2014
Enrolments for 2014 are now being accepted. Children will need to turn 5 years old by the 30th of April, 2014.
Parents need to bring a copy of the child’s Birth Certificate and an Immunisation Certificate. There are two types of Certificates now accepted by Primary Schools.

Child History Statement from the Australian Childhood Immunisation Register stating that “This child has received all vaccines required by 5 years of age”.

Immunisation Status Certificate obtained from your local council. It is a legal Requirement that an immunisation certificate be presented on entry into primary school.

For families who are currently at our schools and will have siblings that will be attending in 2014, please call into the office to obtain an enrolment form. Also if you know of any other families that may be attending here in 2014 could you please get them to contact the school to arrange an appointment with the Principal.
ARTROOM NEWS

In the next couple of weeks the grade 3/4’s will be creating a 3D sculpture to enter in the Castlemaine Show. To create our masterpiece I would appreciate it if the grade 3/4 students could please bring in one or two clean and empty 1.25lt plastic bottles into Art on Wednesday next week ready for us to transform.

Thanks, Ms Healy

GENIUS HOUR PROJECTS

Last term students in the 4/5 and 6 class participated in a new project called the Genius Hour Project. The students were challenged to come up with their own project based on something they were interested in learning about. They then had to work out a plan for what they would do in each of the Genius Hour time slots as well as how they would present their final product. Topics ranged from animal welfare to autism to world wars and everything in between. With presentations ranging from websites to posters and even models.

Roselin and Paige from year 6 were very lucky to have the help of a couple of wonderful parents who taught them all about sewing. The girls finished their amazing dresses this week and were very proud to show off all their hard work.

(A huge thankyou to Georgina and Chantelle for all their work with these girls!)

Ben and Rachael from the 4/5 class decided to base their Genius Hour projects on the work of impressionist artists Van Gogh and Monet. They completed their projects by painting their very own recreations of some of Van Gogh and Monet’s most famous paintings. They look absolutely amazing!

Although we are not continuing with Genius Hour Projects this term we will certainly look forward to offering students the chance to show their genius again next year!