Principals Message

All for One
An organisation as large as the NSW Department of Education and Communities (DEC) requires to have procedures and policies to govern the actions of those it employs and serves. At times this may give the impression of inflexibility, however, it is important to have one set of ‘rules’ in which we can all abide safely and equitably.

Campbellfield, as an entity of the DEC, requires a similar structure so that all people, be they student, staff or community member know the expected boundaries to maintain the well-being of each other.

Over the past week three issues have arisen that require clarification:

Dogs on school grounds – Regardless of the size of your animal or whether the animal has a leash, dogs are not permitted on school grounds. The only exception are certified assistance dogs. Please do not enter school grounds with a dog.

Birthday Cakes – We support birthday celebrations in the classroom with cakes. However, if you wish to support your child’s birthday please do so by providing individual serves such as cup-cakes or donuts. Do not provide one cake that requires cutting.

Information regarding the ingredients of cup-cakes and donuts should be made available to the teacher as many of our children have allergies. Some of those allergies can be life-threatening so information sharing is important. Supermarkets now produce mini-cup-cakes in trays for your convenience.

Entry onto school grounds – All persons on school grounds once the gates have been closed or lessons have commenced need to be known to the school office. Please sign-on as a visitor through the school office, even for a short visit.

While the information above may seem trivial to some, there are logical reasons for implementing them. I value your support in adhering to the above.

School Uniform
Our school has a pleasant school uniform. By wearing the school uniform your child is advertising his or her pride in attending Campbellfield. Already there are some diversions from full school uniform that need to be addressed.

School Hats – Baseball caps or slouch hats emblazoned with CPS are available from the canteen for a low $10. They are so good that even I have one that I wear on playground duty. Personalised hats are not permitted. Students wearing personalised hats or no hat at all will be asked to play under the COLA.

Shoes – Students are permitted to wear ‘school shoes’ or ‘sports shoes’ as long as they are all black or all white. Shoes with large sections of colour are not permitted. Laces for shoes should be black for all black shoes and white for all white shoes. Sports days are the exception when students may wear a variety of running / sports shoes.

Your support in maintaining our high standard of school uniform assists students look their best at all times.

New Model
As discussed in a late 2012 Newsletter the NSW Department of Education and Communities (DEC) is developing a new model to support schools. Some of the planned changes include:

- Replacing the current 10 region system with a 5 division system. Our South West Sydney Region of almost 300 schools will be replaced with a Southern Sydney Division of almost 500 schools.
- Restructuring the 80 School Education Director positions across the state to 60 Director positions.
- Distributing district office support services requiring the closure of some offices. Our office, Glenfield, will be expanded to support some offices that are closing.
- A reduction of 360 personnel from district offices across the state.

For the time being schools are maintained under the current 10 region system. A definitive timeline for the transfer to the new model will be known to schools within the next six months. At present Campbellfield’s ‘line of sight’ supervision remains as follows:

Craig Redfern - Principal 9603 4233
Peter Phelps - School Education Director 9203 9900

Workplace Health & Safety
Campbellfield Public School has a responsibility as an employer to safeguard our premises for all staff, students and community members. Part of this obligation is the practising of Emergency Procedures, ie. Lock-Down within the classroom and exiting of classrooms to a safe meeting point. Practising these procedures ensure our staff and students are familiar with them should a real emergency occur. I will be discussing
these procedures at the next P&C meeting on Thursday 28th February 2013 at 2:00pm. Please join us at that time.

School Photos
Please remember that next Tuesday is School Photo Day. Our preference is for photographs early in the year so that we can display this year’s students in the office foyer. Our students enjoy finding their picture amongst our whole school photograph in the foyer when they have an opportunity to visit. Please remember to enclose the correct money in the provided envelopes as the school office has no authority with regard to photograph money and cannot provide change before or on the photo day. Payments are made directly to the photographer on the day, not to our office.

Quote
Life is a succession of lessons that must be lived to be understood.
_Helen Keller_

School Photos
On Monday, payment envelopes were distributed to each student for school photos. School photos will be held on Tuesday 19th February 2013. The envelopes are self-explanatory with price breakdowns, methods of payment and options for parents/caregivers to select. Should you have any further queries please do not hesitate to contact Miss Poier.

It is vital for the smooth operation of the pre-payment system that each child returns their own envelope, even if the payment is enclosed in a sibling’s envelope. If parents/caregivers would like to purchase a family photograph, a small number of family envelopes will be available at the front office upon request. Family photo envelopes are to be kept separate. They must not be enclosed in any other children’s envelope. Correct money needs to be placed in envelopes. NO CHANGE WILL BE GIVEN AT THE OFFICE.

Book Club
Order forms were handed out today. If you would like to order anything please send the order with the correct money to school by next Thursday 14th February.
_Mrs James_

Healthy Eating
It is important that children learn from an early age the importance of healthy eating. At school we reinforce this importance and encourage students to make healthy choices when it comes to food. It would be great if parents and teachers could work together to ensure children bring appropriate foods and drink for recess and lunch. Children should be encouraged to bring plain water to school to drink. Sweet drinks such as cordials or fruit juice are high in sugar and are not necessary all the time. Soft drinks are also not appropriate drinks for students to bring to school.

Snack foods are also something to think about. While the occasional lolly or bag of chips does not do any harm, students should not be eating them before school or all the time. Please try to ensure your child has healthy snacks and limit the amount of chips, sweet biscuits, lollies etc that your child brings to school.

Staff planning
Staff have been collaboratively planning this week and last week to develop programs for their classes. Stage teachers are working together to ensure there is consistency in content and quality teaching and learning happening in all classrooms. Literacy and Numeracy are explicitly taught every day and students are setting individual goals to work towards in class.

Positive Behaviour in Schools
In 2012 Campbellfield Public School embarked upon the long term process of implementing a new approach to modifying and managing student behaviour known as Positive Behaviour. This has created a positive school culture where students and staff continue to work collaboratively to set goals and model desired behaviours. Our three school values are
- Be Safe
- Be Respectful
- Be a Learner

All staff continually teach the expectations behind each value and reward students positive behaviour. One example of positive feedback for students used across the school is PBIS raffle tickets. Students can receive raffle tickets in classrooms and the playground from any member of staff. Playground raffle tickets are collected and two are drawn each Monday morning at assembly. The winners receive ice block vouchers. The classroom raffle tickets are collected by each classroom teacher and students get the opportunity to receive rewards and go to a Principal’s morning tea each term.

Our school is committed to maintaining a positive school climate. The implementation of PBIS in 2012 has allowed staff to move away from consequence driven practices and create an environment where expectations are clear, explicit and reinforced. PBIS enables school staff to adopt the most efficient and effective practices for decreasing problem behaviour. PBIS systems acknowledge that students need to be taught desired and appropriate behaviour in the same way that we would teach them to read.
_Mrs Proctor_

Community News……..

KIDS & BULLYING

2 sessions, 2 ½ hours each
This course is designed for parents who are seeking to better understand the issues surrounding bullying.
10.00am – 12.30pm Friday 15th and 22nd March
35a Cordeaux St, Campbelltown
Bookings essential – 46280044

YMCA Indoor Sports Centre 2013 Programs

Every afternoon at 4.00pm - Learn to Pay and Teen Fitness
For more information please phone 98201377
In K-2M we are learning to use Captain Capital, Mr Spaceman and Freddy Full stop when we write a sentence.