Principals Message

Out Of School Hours Care (OOSH)
The tender process for the OOSH to operate from Campbellfield will be completed next Monday 18th March 2013. A panel that includes a parent representative, members of asset management and myself will select the most suitable candidate. After the selection process the successful candidate will develop a timeline for the commencement of the OOSH. I am hopeful that an OOSH will be operating from Campbellfield by sometime next term.

Student Enrolments
Please inform the school office should you know that your children will no longer be attending Campbellfield. We are currently two students short of confirming a seventh mainstream class. Exact student enrolment numbers will assist our school in securing another teacher.

Swim Scheme
I visited our students participating in Swim Scheme on Monday at Eaglevale Pool. Each group were settled and engaged in their activities. My thanks to Mrs Ward for organising this event once again. Mrs Ward is supported this year by Mrs Major and Mrs Gollan. No doubt the 45 students in attendance appreciate the effort of all staff involved. Swim Scheme concludes this Friday.

Principals’ Conference
Over the next two days all principals from South Western Sydney will be attending a conference in Wollongong. Two keynote speakers will focus on Leadership and School Improvement over the two days.

NSW Housing
Street meetings are scheduled for this Friday to discuss the ongoing changes to the previous Minto Public Housing Estate. A flyer is included with this newsletter indicating times and locations. We have offered the use of our school should it be raining. I encourage residents to attend the meetings to get an idea of the planned changes to roads during the re-development of the estate. I have seen plans of the finished estate, it appears to be very well considered.

NAPLAN
This year’s National Assessment Program Literacy And Numeracy (NAPLAN) is scheduled to take place in Week 3 Term 2, i.e. 14th – 16th May. It is important that all Yr 3 and Yr 5 students be in attendance across those three days. A ‘catch-up’ day may be utilised on Friday 17th May should students have an absence on one of the other three days. Students are not permitted to undertake all tests in one day so it is best they are available 14th – 16th May.

School Hours
Please remember that our school is open to students from 8:30am until 2:40pm. It is the responsibility of parents and carers to supervise their children outside of these school hours. Please do not allow your child to be at school prior to 8:30am as no supervision is available.

Recess and Lunch
Students have two class-free periods throughout a school day here at Campbellfield. Recess is held between 11:00am – 11:20am. Students are expected to sit and eat their recess until 11:10am, at which time they are permitted to play until 11:20am. Lunch is held between 1:20pm – 1:45pm, however, a ten minute in-class ‘eating time’ commences at 1:10pm. Please provide your child with nutritious foods such as fruit, sandwiches and healthy snacks for recess and lunch.

School Counsellor
Students from Campbellfield have access to our school counsellor on Monday and Tuesday each week. We are fortunate to have Mrs Anna Lee over two days each week and we keep her exceptionally busy. However, if you feel your child may be assisted by access to our school counsellor please make enquiries through the office. Consent forms are required before student access to our counsellor can begin.

Quote
We are what we repeatedly do. Excellence, then, is not an act, but a habit.
Aristotle
Kindergarten Parents

This week a best start Kindergarten Assessment feedback sheet will be sent home with your child. It contains information on what your child can do in literacy and numeracy, and ideas for you do at home to help with your child’s learning. This assessment was conducted during weeks 1 and 4 of the school term so you may already see progress in some areas. If you have any queries or would like further information please make an appointment to see Mrs Hokin or Mrs Holt through the office or raise the subject at the upcoming parent teacher interviews (Week 11).

Mrs Holt

Hat Parade Sausage Sizzle
On Wednesday, 27th March we will be having an Easter Hat Parade.
For the hat parade your child is encouraged to wear an Easter hat. Over the years we have seen a great variety of hats, some have been hats decorated with feathers, chickens, eggs, bunnies... or some hats are made from cardboard and decorated. There will be a prize for the most creative hat.
If you need any more information feel free to contact your child’s teacher.
A note explaining the procedure for the day and the opportunity to order from the P & C sausage sizzle will be sent home shortly.

Book Club

Book Club orders and money are due back at school this Friday 15th March.

Stewart House Envelopes................. are sent with this newsletter. A $2.00 donation would be much appreciated. Your donation supports the 1,800 children who attend Stewart House each year from public school across NSW and the ACT. Please support this worthwhile charity.

P&C News

A huge thank you to the families who have returned Billy G cookie dough orders. We have now extended the due date to FRIDAY 15TH MARCH. Please ensure all orders are returned no later than Friday.
Also, please don’t forget to put your name on your order.

Easter Mufti Day

Next Tuesday, 19th March is our P&C Easter Mufti Day.
A donation of an Easter egg or something suitable for our Easter baskets would be much appreciated.
Raffle tickets have been sent home with this newsletter. Sold tickets and money need to be sent back to school by Tuesday 26th March. The raffle will be drawn at the Easter Hat parade on Wednesday 27th March. Don’t forget to put your child’s name on the front of the returned ticket stub to go in the draw for a ticket seller’s prize.