A message from the Principal

Term 4
Welcome back to all our returning families. It is great that we seem to have all our students safe and well back from holidays, I trust you enjoyed quality time with your children over the past two weeks. A special welcome to our new students and their parents, I believe you will find Campbellfield to be a supportive school environment.

Term 4 this year has eleven weeks. The last day for students to attend school will be Wednesday 18th December 2013. While that seems an awfully long time away, it will no doubt be here before we realise it. Our teachers have developed engaging learning experiences for your children and have commenced the term quite effectively. I am looking forward to observing the learning that takes place this term.

A term calendar is attached to this newsletter.

Mrs. Proctor
Over the past three years Mrs. Proctor has led the professional development of Campbellfield’s teaching staff as our National Partnership funded Deputy Principal (DP). The DP position that Mrs. Proctor enjoyed was an above establishment position, ie. over and above our school’s normal staffing allowance. Due to a change in funding arrangements this DP position will not be available in 2014, the last year of National Partnership funding.

Knowing that her position was coming to an end Mrs. Proctor started to consider her professional opportunities late last term. Fortunately for Mrs. Proctor she was able to secure the position of Relieving Principal at Homebush West PS for this term. Unfortunately for us, that means Mrs. Proctor will not be returning to Campbellfield.

While there is sadness for us as Mrs. Proctor’s embarks on a new position I wish to congratulate her on this important step in her career. Mrs. Proctor has been an excellent addition to Campbellfield over the past three years. Her legacy of quality teaching will continue at Campbellfield as our teachers have benefited from Mrs. Proctor’s expertise for three years. I truly believe that Mrs. Proctor will earn a substantive principal’s position for 2014 and beyond, and she certainly deserves that opportunity.

On a personal note, I wish to thank Melissa for her friendship over the past three years. I have learned a great deal about my profession and myself through working with Melissa. I extend my very best wishes for Melissa Proctor’s continued personal and professional growth. A message from Mrs. Proctor to our community can be found later in this newsletter.

Staff Changes
Mrs. Proctor’s move to Homebush West has necessitated a few changes to our staff structure here at Campbellfield. The following applies:

Deputy Principal – Mrs. Jan Holt
Stage 1 Assistant Principal – Mrs. Kylie Callan

While Mrs. Callan will remain on 6C she will supervise the teachers and students from Stage 1 and be the contact for parents who may have concerns regarding students in KH, K/1V and 1/2L.

Additionally, while Mr. Hawkins takes two weeks leave, Miss Amanda Poier will relieve as the primary assistant principal in his place. Mr. Hawkins’ class will be taught by Miss. Gabrial.

NAPLAN 2013
Generally by this time NAPLAN results have been published and parents have received a paper copy for their own records. While school’s have on-line access to the 2013 NAPLAN data, the paper copies have been withheld. Unfortunately, in 2013 an error was found in the average mark of all Year 5 and Year 7 records. This necessitated ACARA (the federal organisation responsible for NAPLAN) deferring the release of NAPLAN until the error could be rectified.

It is my understanding that paper copies of 2013 NAPLAN results for issuing to parents will be delivered to schools this week. I have been instructed to release NAPLAN results to parents from next Monday 14th October. At this point, the NAPLAN paperwork has not arrived at Campbellfield, however, I am hopeful that they will be available before next Monday.

Teacher Vacancy
Today marks the close of the advertised position for a permanent classroom teacher to commence here at Campbellfield in 2014. Mrs. Holt, Michelle Mittiga and I will meet next Tuesday 15th October to shortlist the
applicants. Interviews for the position will take place next Friday 18th October.

The merit selection process is governed by a ten-day appeals period that commences the day the successful applicant accepts the offer of employment. At the end of this appeals period the successful applicant can be publicly congratulated and discussed. I look forward to sharing that person’s name with you after the completion of the process.

2014 P&C and Canteen
It is imperative that we get a good turn-up at the next P&C Meeting to be held on Thursday 31st October 2013 at 9am. The future of Campbellfield’s canteen, and the support that is provided by the P&C, will be the major topic of conversation. After a long and distinguished period with our P&C, Michelle Mittiga has nominated her intention to not return in 2014.

As mentioned in a previous newsletter Michelle has gone over and above with her service to Campbellfield families through her time as P&C Secretary, P&C Treasurer and most recently P&C President. Please come along to the next meeting and offer your support to our P&C. Many people offering small periods of time can continue the fine tradition of supporting our great school.

Quote
I always wanted to be somebody, but now I realise I should have been more specific.
Lily Tomlin

Craig Redfern
Principal

Farewell from Mrs Proctor
Dear Parents and Students of Campbellfield,

I am very sad to say I will not be returning to Campbellfield this year as I have been given the opportunity to relieve as principal at Homebush West PS. It has been an absolute privilege to get to know the students and families during my three years as deputy principal and I will miss the supportive parents and beautiful children that have been a big part of my life at Campbellfield PS. I am sorry I was unable to farewell everyone in person but will do my best to come back and visit before the end of the year.

Kind Regards
Melissa Proctor

K-2, Readiness and MCU students have the opportunity to visit the Kindifarm presentation held at school on 22nd October 2013.

Each child will have an engaging, hands-on experience of the sights, sounds, smells and touches of the farm. This supportive active environment encourages children’s engagement in learning and is designed to enhance the learning that will be occurring in the classrooms during term 4 on living things and their needs.

Children will have an opportunity to:
- Hand feed pellets to friendly sheep and goats
- Bottle feed a baby calf
- Bottle feed baby lambs and goats
- Hold and pat rabbits, baby chicks and a duck
- Pat a piglet whilst it is eating
- Watch a sheep shearing demonstration and be given some wool.
- Watch and listen to a stock whip cracking demonstration

Further Information

When: Tuesday 22nd October 2013.
Where: Campbellfield Public School
Cost: $10.40

Please support your child’s education by allowing them to participate in this learning experience. Payment opportunity closes on Friday the 18th October. If further information is required please request to see Mrs Holt at the office.
**Responsible Pet Program**

This year we are fortunate to have the Responsible Pet Program visit our school. This program is designed to educate students on how to be safe around dogs and how to look after their pets.

On the 17\textsuperscript{th} October we will be visited by Anne Sharpe and her pet dog Sunshine. All students in the MCU and K-2 have been invited to attend the program. For your child to attend, payment is not required, only a signed permission note is to be returned to the class teacher by the 15\textsuperscript{th} October.

There is a website linked to this program which you and your child may wish to look at. It can be found at [www.pets.nsw.gov.au](http://www.pets.nsw.gov.au)

If any further information is required, please ask to see Mrs Holt at the front office.

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**P&C Family Portraits**

This Saturday **Mayne Portraits** will be taking family portraits in the School Library. If you are yet to book a time through Michelle Mittiga in the canteen **tomorrow is your last opportunity**.

For a **$15 booking fee** you receive a choice of either:

- 10 x 3 colour portrait
- 8 x 10 black & white portrait

See Michelle tomorrow (Friday) if you haven’t already done so to book one of the final places.

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**Kindergarten Orientation**

A special invitation is extended to all parents and 2014 Kindergarten children.

**When:** Wednesday, 27\textsuperscript{th} November, 2013

**Time:** 9.15 - 10.45 am

**Where:** The orientation will be in the school library for parents and in the school readiness room for children.

**What to bring:** Please bring the child’s original birth certificate or passport and the immunisation certificate if you have not already done so.

The Kindergarten orientation session will provide the information you need to make you and your child feel more confident about beginning school.