**A message from the Principal**

**Term 4**

**Teacher Vacancy**

The merit selection panel met Monday of this week to shortlist the applicants. As there were a high number of quality applicants it was a challenging task to reduce the group to a manageable number for interviews. Interviews will take place this Friday. I anticipate the successful person will be known to our community through next week’s newsletter.

**NAPLAN Results**

As mentioned last week the NAPLAN results for parents were on hold due to an error in the average mark on all NAPLAN documents. I have been assured this error has now been rectified and the NAPLAN results issued to students today reflect the correct data.

If you wish to discuss the progress of your child please make an appointment to meet with the class teacher in the first instance. Mr. Hawkins returns from Leave next week, and as the Stage 2 & 3 supervisor he can also be contacted should you have concerns about your child’s progress.

**PaTCH**

PaTCH is an acronym for Parents as Teachers & Classroom Helpers, an initiative of the EAS project Campbellfield is associated with. Nine parents from our school are actively engaged in the initiative and are developing the necessary skills and strategies to support student learning in the classroom. I am pleased with the progress of members in this group and am also pleased with the benefit the PaTCH initiative brings to our students.

**Kindergarten 2014**

Presently we have a little over twenty students for next year’s Kindergarten. The vast majority of these students have attended our Lil’ Kindy School Readiness program that has enabled Mrs. Hokin and Mrs. Holt an opportunity to consider student learning and social needs going into 2014. If you know of any other 5 to 6 year old children who are yet to attend school please inform the office.

**Enrolment Data**

At this time of year it is vitally important that our school have correct information regarding student movement. If you are planning to move schools please inform our school office as soon as possible. Teaching staff are commencing the process of forming draft classes for 2014 and it is important that we have exact figures to work with. A number of our students require the support of a transition program so it is imperative the executive have knowledge of possible class structures within the next few weeks.

**Temporary Teachers**

In addition to the appointment of a permanent classroom teacher for 2014, it appears that Campbellfield will be carrying two full-time temporary teachers into the 2014 school year. One temporary position will be to replace Mrs. Heyburgh who continues to fulfil a curriculum role at another school similar to Mrs. Proctor did here at Campbellfield. The other position is to backfill the temporary vacancy left by two of our teachers continuing on part-time maternity leave. I have asked the executive team to consider a priority listing of our current group of excellent temporary teachers so that I can confirm positions for 2014 once the permanent teacher position is finalised.

While I would prefer to keep all of our excellent temporary teachers, the reality is that fewer vacancies at Campbellfield results in fewer opportunities. Additionally, our temporary teachers are so good, I am very confident that it is only a matter of time before they are appointed to permanent roles through the ongoing merit-selection processes at other schools.

**School Access**

For the safety of all our students Campbellfield only opens one gate during the day. While all gates are open for drop-off and collection of students, between 9:15am and 2:25pm all gates are closed and locked except the pedestrian gate leading out onto Townson Ave. The gate on Townson Ave has the added security of a 5ft pool fence with childproof lock. Please close the security gate after opening to ensure the safety of all children.

**Bambino’s OOSH**

In very disappointing news, it has come to my attention that the Bambino’s OOSH will close its doors next Friday 25th October 2013. With only two permanent students utilising the facility Bambino’s has decided to cease operations.
I firmly believe there will be a suitable market for an OOSH at Campbellfield but without adequate family support for the OOSH at present, Bambino’s suggest they can no longer afford to operate here.

P&C Meeting
Next Thursday 24th October is the Term 4 P&C Meeting. It is imperative we get a good roll-up of parents to this meeting as we have to discuss P&C processes after Michelle Mittiga. Michelle will need to train suitable Canteen Helpers in anticipation of her not being available in 2014. Please consider the time you can offer all our wonderful students by being a part of Campbellfield’s 2014 P&C Committee. Remember, as John Heywood once said, “Many hands make light work”. See you there next Thursday!

Quote
Wanting to be someone else is a waste of the person you are.
Kurt Cobain

Craig Redfern
Principal

Kindergarten Orientation

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

When: Wednesday, 27th 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.

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.