**A message from the Principal**

**Term 4**

**Recent Bushfires**
You would all be aware of the bushfires that abound on the outskirts of Sydney and across NSW. The closest fires have caused days of smoke that are affecting the breathing of our staff and students. A daily decision has been made regarding the exposure to the smoke, similar to decisions that may be made for wet weather. For example:

- **Friday 18 Oct** – Outside Play (decision based on smoke haze clearing at 10:30am)
- **Monday 22 Oct** – Inside Play (decision based on smoke haze staying thick)
- **Tuesday 23 Oct** – Outside Play (decision based on minimal smoke haze)

Yesterday an e-mail from the Deputy Director General - Schools was directed to principals informing them that NSW Health recommends students do not participate in outdoor sports this week. Students will still be permitted access to the playgrounds during recess and lunch on low smoke haze days, however, Campbellfield’s participation in PSSA Gala Day sport has been cancelled for this Friday.

Please be advised that on inside play days the classroom air-conditioners may not be operational. It was found on Monday, quite a significant smoke haze day, that fans circulated less smoky air than the air-conditioners. While a cool room is preferable to a warm room, a smokeless room has a higher priority.

**Selective Schools**
Information for parents interested in applying for **Selective High School** entry in 2015 are advised the application process is now open. If your child is currently in Year 5 and you would like him / her to sit the Selective High Schools entry assessment please go to:


A limited number of hard copy applications can be made available upon request, however, as the online process is far simpler and more efficient it is recommended that process be followed.

**2014 Temporary Teachers**

This week I will discuss the opportunities available to our temporary teachers for 2014. At this stage it appears there will be two temporary teachers engaged for class blocks, ie. to teach a class for the entire year. With many quality temporary teachers here it will be a difficult decision, however, it is important our teachers have notification now so they can apply elsewhere should their services no longer be required.

**2014 Permanent Appointment**
Last week the merit selection panel made an important decision to appoint Mrs. Kirsty Moroney to our vacant permanent teaching position. I say important decision because there were many exceptional applicants who narrowly missed the fantastic opportunity to work with your children. The merit selection process can be quite daunting and I was well pleased with the quality of the top 10% of applicants. Mrs. Moroney will bring with her an experienced pedagogy that parallels that which has been a driving force here at Campbellfield under the mentorship of Mrs. Proctor. I welcome Mrs. Moroney to her new role that will commence January 2014.

**P&C Meeting**
Please remember that the Term 4 P&C Meeting will be held tomorrow Thursday 24th October from 9:00am.

**Quote**
*Even if you fall on your face, you’re still moving forward.*

*Victor Kiam*

**SRC - Bandana Day**

Bandana Day was a huge success on Friday 18th October. As a school we have raised over $400 dollars for CANTEEN. The funds will help support children who have been diagnosed with cancer.

**There are still some pens for sale in the office for $3.**

Miss Callan
Canberra Camp Reminder

Students from 4/5P and 6C are off to Canberra on Monday 4th and Tuesday 5th November. If you have any outstanding money or medical notes, please finalise these by Thursday 24th November.

Mrs Callan.

News from the Sports Field

GALA DAY WEEK 3, FRIDAY 25th OCTOBER 2013 IS CANCELLED.

Due to the air pollution, Oztag Gala Day has been cancelled until further notice. Classes will resume as normal on Friday.

Week 6 Gala Day will go ahead as normal, unless unforeseen weather conditions.

Public Speaking Competition

Congratulations to the four students who attended the Public Speaking Competition on Monday 21st October 2013 at Ruse Public School. The students delivered planned and impromptu, engaging speeches to the audience. I am pleased with their preparation and commitment. Well done to all our children for representing Campbellfield Public School at the Public Speaking Competition.

Miss Poier

P&C Information

Heatherbrae Slice Drive & Fundraising Snax
Order forms are attached to this week’s newsletter. Orders are due back at school NO LATER than 13th November 2013. This will ensure orders arrive before end of term.

Mayne Portraits
A big thank you to all the families who supported this fundraiser. Portraits will be ready for pick up tomorrow Thursday 24th October 2013 in the library.

P&C Meeting
A meeting will be held tomorrow morning 24th October at the infants COLA. It is vital that as many parents as possible attend this important meeting to discuss the future of a P&C run canteen and uniform shop. Our school benefits greatly from a P&C and it would be a terrible loss to see it go.

In the coming weeks the P&C will be selling tickets for our huge Christmas raffle. We have some amazing prizes on offer, including a 2 hour cruise in the massive F650 Truck! Tickets will be sent home soon.

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.