The Grapevine
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Principals Message

Bridge Demolition
On Monday this week I received a phone call at 7:45am from Mrs Vella who was told by workmen that she was not allowed to drive into the staff car park. This was the first notice our school received about the bridge demolition on Townson Ave. After some negotiation workmen allowed Mrs Vella, and the rest of our school staff, to drive into our carpark.

I apologise for any inconvenience you may have encountered last Monday. School staff were just as surprised as you by the road blockage and subsequent bridge demolition.

Relieving Principal
The period of leave I shared in last week’s newsletter has already been altered. My leave will be Friday 31st May until Friday 28th June. Therefore, Mrs Proctor will relieve as principal until the end of Term 2.

Relieving Principal - Mrs Melissa Proctor
Relieving Deputy Principal - Mrs Jan Holt
Relieving Assistant Principal - Mrs Kylie Callan

Mrs Callan will continue with her class responsibilities while undertaking the relieving assistant principal role.

Road Rules
Every now and then a parent or two will ask what I can do about inconsiderate and/or dangerous drivers. Inconsiderate and/or dangerous drivers include people who:

- Park in No Stopping zones
- Perform U-Turns across double lines
- Drive faster than 40km passing the school
- Ignore Tony, our RTA Traffic Controller

Unfortunately, the truth is I can do little to stop inconsiderate and/or dangerous drivers because I am not a police officer. I do contact Macquarie Fields Police and ask them to perform ‘blitzes’ of our area in the hope these ‘blitzes’ may stem the actions of inconsiderate and/or dangerous drivers. Please consider all children when driving near our school and obey the road rules.

Lil’ Kindy
Campbellfield will again be running our successful school readiness program, Lil’ Kindy. The program will run for twelve weeks starting on Tuesday 20th August 2013. The program runs on Tuesday and Thursday. It aims to prepare children for ‘Big School’ by exposing them to age appropriate learning activities and the routines of school two mornings per week. If you have children old enough to commence kindergarten in January 2014 please inform the school office now.

Toys at school
From time to time all schools experience challenges associated with toys brought to school by students. The challenges faced include:

Ownership, exclusions, breakages, etc

Last year in an attempt to support the management of the above issues a decision was made to limit the number and size of toys brought to school. Please ensure that if your child is bringing a toy from home that he/she brings only one toy that must fit into his/her school bag. Large or multiple toys only serve to increase the issues related to toys at school.

Through our PBIS initiative our school provides toys and activities during play sessions so the need to bring toys from home is very limited. Please ensure that your child’s one toy being brought to school has his/her name somewhere obvious so that ownership can be quickly decided. The responsibility for a breakage or loss of a toy brought to school remains with the student and his/her family.

New Model
Last week after discussing the New Model in the newsletter confirmation was e-mailed of the four Executive Director positions. Murat Dizdar, Jane Simmons, Dail McGilchrist and Frank Potter have all been appointed to the role of Executive Director. Murat Dizdar remains the leader of the schools within the departing South West Sydney Region and will continue his association with Campbellfield. Each will be responsible for around 550 schools. The new Executive Director’s commence in their roles on Monday 3rd June, i.e. next Monday.

School Canteen – Monday Closure
A decision was made at last week’s P&C Meeting to close the school canteen each Monday. Canteen trade is at its lowest on Monday and there is also a lack of reliable and trained volunteers to assist. Please provide suitable food and drink from home for your child each Monday until further notice.

Housing Reconstruction
I am pleased to see there are three homes under various stages of construction on the old sports field area on the corner of Townson Ave and Ben Lomond Ave. Continued construction will eventually result in greater numbers of student enrolments. I envisage Campbellfield returning to student enrolments of around the 300 mark in about 5 years.
Financial Assistance
Our school can provide limited financial assistance to families struggling to meet school related costs. Our biggest assistance goes to uniforms and school camps. Please contact the school office should you require assistance with school related purchases.

$2.50 Sunday Funday
You may not be aware but CityRail provides a fabulous deal for families each and every Sunday. For $2.50 per person travelling, you receive unlimited access to CityRail Trains, Sydney Buses, Sydney Ferries, the Darling Harbour Light Rail and a host of private transport companies. Check out the following web link for more details:

http://www.cityrail.info/tickets/which/funday

Last Sunday my wife and two of our children took the following trips all for a grand total of $10!

1. Train from Wollongong to Central
2. Light train from Central to Paddy’s Markets
3. Light train from Paddy’s Markets to Darling Harbour
4. Ferry from Darling Harbour, under the Sydney Harbour Bridge, to Circular Quay.
5. Bus from Circular Quay to Central.
6. Train from Central to Wollongong.

By packing a backpack with food and drinks Sunday Funday becomes an easy, cheap and fun day that any family can enjoy. I encourage you to give it a go.

Lost Property
Our lost property box is becoming quite full. If your child has come home without his/her jumper you may find it in our lost property box. The lost property box is located in the school hall, just down the stairs near the exit door. The school hall is open in the morning and afternoon when you collect your children. Please take a look in the lost property box, you may be surprised with what you find.

Mrs Garlick’s Return
Students in 2/3G are already aware that Mrs Garlick has returned to school this week. I would like to welcome Mrs Garlick back to Campbellfield after an extended period of leave. My thanks to Ms Porter for her work commencing the new class 2/3G over the past four weeks.

Lost Property

Quote
Nothing is impossible, the word itself says, “I’m possible”.
Audrey Hepburn

Craig Redfern
Principal
Zone Cross Country
As you are all aware, the Zone Cross Country Carnival, which was scheduled to occur last Thursday 23rd May 2013, was postponed due to the wet weather conditions. The carnival has been rescheduled for Friday 7th June 2013 (Week 6). I look forward to a successful day on and off the course, with the qualifying students, along with their parents/caregivers who will be attending Eschol Park for the Zone Cross Country.
If you have any questions about the carnival, please don’t hesitate to contact me before or after school.
Miss Poier

Year 6 T-shirts
Organisation for Year 6 t-shirts is underway. The t-shirts will be maroon with white writing. Please return the t-shirt order form and the correct money by Monday 3rd June 2013.
The cost of the t-shirt is $31.00.
Mrs Callan.

6C and 4/5P Canberra Camp
In Term 4 we are off to Canberra to explore parliament, role play voting, investigate Questacon and have a ball at the Australian Institute of Sport and much more. For students to attend parents need to return their permission note and $30.00 deposit by Friday 31st May 2013.
Mrs Callan
Canteen
The new canteen menu has been delayed and will be available soon.

Adidas Fun Run prizes have now been sent home. The P&C would like to acknowledge:
Emile Moosman for being our highest fundraiser, and
KH for being our highest fundraising class.
A very big thank you and congratulations to all our participants.

A big thank you to all who are sending in the Woolworths Earn & Learn point stickers. There is a box in the school office to place the stickers in. Keep up the great work.
Our Student Action Team (SAT) is responsible for our lunchtime passive area playground.

We are learning to be productive group members.

We work in groups to share ideas, solve mathematical problems and practise our speeches.