Principals Message

Impetigo
Recently there have been incidents of Impetigo within the school. Impetigo is sometimes referred to as School Sores. Children with Impetigo should be kept from school until treatment has begun and the affected areas are suitably covered. Impetigo can be easily transmitted so your care with this condition is actively sought. Information regarding Impetigo appears later in this newsletter.

Student Supervision
Campbellfield Public School functions on a school day that commences at 8:30am and concludes at 2:40pm. Please ensure that you provide supervision for your children outside these hours.

Recently, a number of students have started to congregate at the front gate on Townson Ave from around 8:00am. This is far too early for children younger than 12 to be unsupervised. Prior to 8:30am the supervision of your children remains with you. Please do not allow children to be at school this early in the morning. Supervision within school commences at 8:30am. Students should be arriving from that time, not before.

Bambinos Kindergarten
At this stage there has been a few more enquiries made about the before and after school care service now being provided at Campbellfield. If you are finding it difficult to drop-off or collect your child at the 8:30am and 2:40pm times, maybe you could consider the Bambinos Kindergarten service.

I envisage the service becoming increasingly popular as new homes are developed throughout the One Minto housing estate. It would be disappointing to miss out on this positive service should positions fill quickly within the next twelve months due to new residents. For all enquiries, ring Kelly on 4647 8932.

Student Enrolments
Our school continues to slowly re-build student enrolment numbers, with 183 students now after another single enrolment this week. This is a positive sign of things to come when the One Minto project gets into full-swing on our side of Ben Lomond Road. Prior to the demolition of public housing townhouses our school had regular enrolments in the range of 325 – 375 students. As our lowest enrolment figure was 159 students in 2012 it would appear we are finally heading back toward our regular enrolment range.

Please inform the school office should you be aware of an impending move away from Campbellfield, or if you know of children who should be commencing kindergarten in 2014. This information assists our school make the necessary plans to support all our students.

P&C Meeting
Mrs Proctor will provide information regarding policies, annual survey and possible merit selection panels at tomorrow’s P&C Meeting. Please be available from 9:00am in Classroom 3, ie. the old kindergarten block near the morning assembly area.

Learning Support Team
Each school has a Learning Support Team (LST) to manage available school resources to support students experiencing difficulty with access to learning. Here at Campbellfield our LST is coordinated by Mrs Callan and includes, Mrs Holt (Learning and Support Teacher), Mrs Effendy (Assistant Principal-Special), Mrs Proctor (Deputy Principal), Mrs Handosa (School Counsellor) and myself. Our LST meets every Thursday to review student progress, discuss teacher referrals and evaluate school processes.
Individual Education Plans
Within Public Schools across NSW students experiencing learning difficulty can be supported with an Individual Education Plan (IEP). Our teachers are currently in the process of reviewing IEPs in preparation for meetings with parents.

Parent teacher Interviews
Our school holds parent / teacher interviews in Term 1 and Term 3 each year. The date designated for the Term 3 parent / teacher interview is Wednesday 18th September. While this may seem a long way off at present, the day will be here before you know it. Your attendance at the interviews assists in staying abreast of your child’s progress at school.

Campbelltown Academic Challenge
Last week a team of Campbellfield students competed at the Campbelltown Academic Challenge. There were 20 schools in attendance at this event. Our team did themselves and our school proud by placing a very credible 12th. I would like to thank Miss Poier for her organisation of this activity.

Quote
Success is not final, failure is not fatal. It is the courage to continue that counts.
Winston Churchill

Craig Redfern
Principal

Book Parade
Book Week is here again! To celebrate our student’s interest in books we are holding another book character parade. It will be held on Wednesday 21st August, 2013. The theme for book week this year is “Read across the universe”. We would love your child to dress up as their favourite book character. It would be fantastic if they can carry the book where the character came from as well – they can bring the book from home or borrow from the library. Students are encouraged to wear their character clothing all day.

Parents are invited to the library from 12.00 to view and purchase books from the book fair. The parade will start at 12.30pm and will finish at lunchtime where parents are invited to bring and share a picnic lunch with their child/children. The library will be open again during lunch for parents and children to browse/purchase books from the book fair. Parents wishing to take children home after lunch must first sign them out through the classroom teacher.

I will also be running a colouring in competition for book week. These will be going out this week and students need to bring them back if they wish to enter the competition by Friday of week 5.

Thank you for your continued support.
Kristie James
Librarian
Circle Time

Circle Time is a new program that all classes at Campbellfield Public School have begun engaging in. This program has been designed to:

- Promote social skills and positive relationships between all students
- Encourage positive behaviour
- Help students develop their self-esteem and self-confidence; and
- Support the emotional well-being of students.

"Our first Circle Time lesson focused on 'Making New Friends'. The main aim for this Circle Time session was for students to develop relationships with each other. All students in 1/2L have some great relationships with their peers. However, this lesson was designed to break the barriers between students and to develop new friendships amongst each other. Students began the lesson by discussing the different barriers that they were faced with when having to make new friends. Students were then grouped into pairs where they worked collaboratively with a peer from the class that they normally wouldn’t interact with. Students had to work together to design and make the biggest tower using only sticky tape and newspaper. Students in 1/2L really enjoyed their first Circle Time session."

Miss Longhurst