Principals Message

Learning Management and Business Reform (LMBR)
This morning I attended a briefing for principals regarding the implementation of LMBR Student Wellbeing. LMBR will one day replace all of the systems currently used by schools to manage finance, student records and general administration. The first release is the Student Wellbeing portfolio which is earmarked for release on 30th August. Student Wellbeing will assist schools in tracking the access needs of students. Five staff members will access training in the new portfolio next Thursday morning.

School Self-Evaluation
Each year schools are required to consider at least two areas for focused evaluation, one curriculum and one administration. As discussed in a previous newsletter this year we will evaluate our approach to mathematics and leadership. The school executive have drafted a school self-evaluation survey that will be evaluated by staff and the P&C. Surveys will likely go out to our community with next week’s newsletter. The newsletter will go home next Thursday due to the Book Parade on Wednesday. Please be mindful to complete this survey and have your say about our school.

School Pick-Up
One or two families continue to find the collection of their children at 2:40pm a concern. The late pick-up of your child can be a cause of stress for them as he/she may be worried about being ‘forgotten’. It is important to collect your child on time to avoid unnecessary stress. If collection at 2:40pm is an ongoing concern please discuss those concerns with Mr Redfern at your earliest convenience.

Consequence v Punishment
I have been asked by parents on different occasions what ‘punishment’ will be ‘handed-out’ to students for various misdemeanours. At Campbellfield we do not use the term ‘punishment’, as punishment refers to an act of retribution. Restitution is a far more effective means of developing lasting positive behaviour and that is why at Campbellfield we use the term ‘consequence’.

Consequences for negative behaviour may include discussion with a teacher or executive staff member about the behaviour in question. It may include apologies, or acts of restitution toward the student in receipt of the negative behaviour or consequences could be thinking time within classrooms or an executive staff member’s office.

Consequences can also be formal responses to high level negative behaviours. A formal response may be suspension from school. Here at Campbellfield we generally issue a Warning of Suspension letter before suspension, although extreme negative behaviour can result in an immediate suspension. Suspension allows school staff to consider alternate plans to assist the suspended child more suitably access his/her daily learning. A suspension cannot, in itself, resolve a child’s negative behaviour.

School Canteen
Our school community has been exceptionally fortunate to be the recipient of Michelle Mittiga’s effort in managing the canteen. For a school our size to have a canteen operating four days per week is a testament to the hard work Michelle, and her small crew of volunteers, put into its operation. There will be days, like yesterday and today, when Michelle is unable to attend the school at short notice and unfortunately there is presently not a suitable ‘back-up’. As a volunteer Michelle has committed an exceptional amount of time and effort into our school. It would be beneficial to our school, and to Michelle, if more able volunteers stepped-up to support the canteen remain open and viable.
Quote
Prosperity is only an instrument to be used, not a deity to be worshipped.
Calvin Coolidge

Craig Redfern

Children’s Book Week 19 – 23 August
Read across the universe

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

Years 5 & 6 Canberra Excursion Reminder
Statements showing outstanding money owed for the Canberra excursion were sent home last week. If your child received a statement could you please pay all outstanding money by Thursday 29th September. Thanking you in anticipation.

Campbellfield Cabaret
Wednesday 11th September

Matinee Performance - 12.00pm
Evening Performance – 6.00pm
Tickets will be $3.00 each with a limit of 4 tickets per family.

More information will be sent out closer to the date.
6C with Mrs Callan

We have been very busy in 6C. Here are some photo’s of us enjoying our trip to the University of Western Sydney and the Australian Ballet incursion.

A tornado in a bottle.

Experimenting with the effects of carbon dioxide.

Experiment to see the effects when air is removed.

Team building exercise.

Striking a pose with the Australian Ballet.