A message from the Principal

Survey
Sent with this week’s newsletter is the 2013 annual survey. You will find there are four sections that comprise around thirty statements. The survey should take between twenty and thirty minutes to complete. The annual survey remains one formal opportunity to share what is good and what could be better about our school.

A box has been set-up in the school office for the return of surveys. Please take the time to complete the survey. All surveys need to be returned by next Friday 6th September 2013. After this date I will collate the data and share with community and staff, hopefully before the end of this term. The data will assist our school planning for 2014 and beyond.

Excursion / Incursion
When students attend an educational activity outside the school grounds it is called an excursion. Most of us would remember excursions fondly from our own time as a student in school. For some of us, including me, that seems an awful long time ago.

When an educational activity is brought into the school it is known as an incursion. Incursions have always been available but are becoming more and more prominent as the cost of transport becomes increasingly more expensive. Here at Campbellfield we try to balance educational experiences available to students that best support their learning and also effectively manage costs for families.

Early Action for Success (EAS)
Campbellfield is one of five local schools being supported by two Instructional Leaders in the Early Action for Success initiative. Mark Diamond and Nicole Cameron are our school’s Instructional Leaders. The EAS initiative was designed to predominately support K-2 teachers and students, however, as a small school we believe support should be across the K-6 range. Last week Mark and Nicole held a Data Day with our staff where information about student progress, and how to continue that progress, was discussed at length.

Student Enrolments
A slow but steady increase in student enrolment numbers have enabled me to contact Staffing regarding our need to employ another permanent classroom teacher to commence next year. Staffing will undertake a check of possible teacher transfer matches. If no matches are made then we will be given permission to proceed to advertisement. I am hopeful of finalising this position by early Term 4.

Lil’ Kindy
Mrs Hokin has been exceptionally busy providing engaging learning experiences for our littlest students in the school readiness program, Lil’ Kindy. Mrs Hokin ran a very successful Lil’ Kindy program in 2012 and has continued this into 2013. While Mrs Hokin is engaged with Lil’ Kindy on Tuesday and Thursday mornings Mrs Bexterman is teaching KH. Mrs Bexterman is a very capable teacher who compliments Mrs Hokin’s high level of preparation and active engagement with students.

Presently there are twenty-two kindergarten enrolments for 2014. Most of these students are attending the Lil’ Kindy program. If you know of a neighbour or friend who is yet to enrol their child for 2014 kindergarten please advise them to contact our school office ASAP.

National Partnerships
Campbellfield has been the recipient of substantial equity funds through the federal government’s National Partnerships for Low SES schools. These funds have been predominately used to support the professional development of staff, partially through Mrs Proctor’s appointment as Deputy Principal – Curriculum. The funds have also directly supported students through the employment of School Learning Support Officers (teacher’s aides).

2014 is the final year of the four-year National Partnerships program for Campbellfield. Important discussions will take place, once the annual survey has been returned, about how as a school community we will advance without the added financial assistance that has been provided by the National Partnerships. It will be a challenging transition for our school community to make in 2015. However, I am certain that our staff, students and community are up to the challenge and will continue to engage in a challenging and accessible education for all our students.

School Uniform
Yesterday during my lunch playground duty I was exceptionally disappointed to observe the number of students out of school uniform. While all students were wearing aspects of the uniform, there were far too many
students with added extras that do not conform to the agreed school uniform for Campbellfield

What is not school uniform?
- Black tights are not school uniform.
- Coloured shoes are not school uniform.
- Personal choice hats are not school uniform.

The correct school uniform consists of:
- Grey shirt and pants for boys.
- Maroon skirt/pants and white shirt for girls.
- ALL WHITE or ALL BLACK shoes.
- A school hat.

Teachers are recording correctly attired class groups for future reward at the end of lunch. Yesterday I had to write not applicable as there were far too many students inappropriately dressed. Please support the agreed school uniform by ensuring your child leaves home correctly attired.

Final Farewell
This afternoon Campbellfield staff farewelled Mrs Anna Lee – school counsellor. Anna has been an outstanding advocate for students, staff and community of Campbellfield over the past four years. Her passion for providing effective support for all people in need has defined her role with us and she will be sorely missed. On behalf of our school community I wish Anna all the best in her future endeavours.

Campbellfield Enrolment Area
NSW Public Schools have an agreed student enrolment area. Children living within that area are considered ‘local’ enrolments and must be accepted by the school. Children living outside that area can be enrolled as ‘out of area’ enrolments should the school have a vacancy and be willing to accept them. Campbellfield’s area is quite substantial with boundaries including Ben Lomond Road to the north, Westmoreland Road to the south, Campbelltown Road to the west and Hansens Road to the east.

All homes to the south of Ben Lomond Road within the One Minto project are in Campbellfield’s enrolment area. It is envisaged that children from those homes will increase Campbellfield’s student enrolment figure toward three hundred students within five to seven years. As Campbellfield was initially designed to cater for about six hundred students we can comfortably accommodate three hundred boys and girls with our existing infrastructure. It will be an exciting journey for students, staff and community as Campbellfield returns to its medium size school status.

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### Quote

*Weakness of attitude becomes weakness of character.*

*Albert Einstein*

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Craig Redfern
Principal

Father’s Day Stall
this Thursday 29th August.
Prices range from $2.00 - $10.00.
Please send a plastic bag with your child to hide their “special” gift.

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TICKET SALES FOR THE CONCERT WILL BE ON SALE ON MONDAY 2ND, WEDNESDAY 4TH & THURSDAY 5TH SEPTEMBER FROM 8.30AM – 9.00AM IN THE LIBRARY. Tickets are $3.00 each. Tickets WILL NOT be sold through the office.

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From the Library
Book Club went out last week and is due back on 28th August 2013

Mrs James

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For your Calendar.................

Saturday 12th October
Portraits for Christmas in the school hall.

Put this date in your diary.
This is a P&C fundraiser.
A flyer with more information will be sent home with next week’s newsletter.
K/1V are working hard to get ready for 2013 Campbellfield Cabaret.