A message from the Principal

School Concert
As you are very likely aware, Campbellfield’s biennial school concert will be held next Wednesday. There will be a matinee and an evening performance. For the safety of all children the following ‘housekeeping’ items should be noted:

- **Only the Townson Ave gate will be open for the evening performance.** The Underwood St and Burkhart Pl gates will remain locked.
- **Group photography is not allowed.** Privacy regulations mean you can photograph your own child only.
- **One ticket = one seat.** Seats have been allocated to ticket holders only. Please do not arrive with ‘extra’ people expecting to find a ‘spare’ seat.
- **NO SMOKING.** Smoking is not permitted in any area of the school grounds.
- **NO ALCOHOL.** Please be mindful this is a primary school event and the consumption of alcohol on school grounds is prohibited.

Please assist school staff as we strive to provide a quality experience for the children of Campbellfield Public School….as they put on a great show!

SASS Recognition Week
Next week is School Auxiliary and Support Staff (SASS) Recognition Week. Campbellfield has many SASS personnel in roles such as administration, learning support and general duties. Basically, every staff member who is not a teacher or executive belongs to the SASS group. The daily efforts of our terrific SASS personnel ensure our school is a wonderful place to work and learn.

In support of SASS Recognition Week I have asked Mr Knowles if I could join him as an apprentice GA for a day to gain first-hand experience with the work he does. Mr Knowles has assured me that he will have plenty of ‘real work’ ready for me next Tuesday. Additionally, a morning tea in support of our SASS personnel has been organised for next week. If you get the opportunity please thank our wonderful office ladies, learning support officers and Mr Knowles for the fabulous work they do to ensure your child experiences the best possible learning environment here at Campbellfield Public School.

Sarah Redfern P&C Association Year 6 to Year 7 Scholarships
Each year the Sarah Redfern P&C Association provides scholarships for several students who will be attending Sarah Redfern High School from the local primary schools. These scholarships provide funding for academic activities and provide a book pack for the successful applicants entering Year 7. If your child is entering Year 7 next year I encourage you to apply. Scholarship applications are due on Friday 20th September 2013. As information is required to be included by Mrs Callan and myself, all applications should be made available to us by next Thursday 12th September 2013 at the latest. Information regarding the scholarships can be found on the Sarah Redfern High School website at:

Positive Speech
This week I found it necessary to discuss with several students the affects that negative talk may have upon other people. I offered the advice my grandmother used with me as a child, “If you don’t have anything nice to say, don’t say anything at all” it is quite a simple philosophy and one that should not be difficult to follow. As adults we can support our children / students by being role models of positive speech. Please continue to encourage your children to be supportive and tolerant of others.

Attendance
Please be mindful that our school has a duty of care to all students who attend. Under the Education Act, it is compulsory for students to attend school on all days the school is open. The school requires confirmation of student absences, including late arrival and early leaving. The most effective confirmation is a signed letter from yourself regarding your child’s absence.

Child Wellbeing Unit (CWU)
Almost everybody has heard of DoCS (Department of Community Services). This agency of the NSW Government supports families, predominately being concerned for the welfare of children. What you may not be aware of is the Child Wellbeing Unit (CWU). CWU’s were set up as part of the Keep Them Safe strategy employed by the NSW Government in January 2010 after the Special Commission of Inquiry into Child Protection Services in NSW.

CWU’s have been set up in government agencies that traditionally made the majority of reports to DoCS, ie. Police, Education, Health and Housing. Staff within schools are bound by our Duty of Care to be mandatory reporters. If required, staff within Campbellfield report concerns and/or disclosures to me and I report them to the CWU or DoCS.

More information regarding CWU’s and the role of mandatory reporting can be found at:


Thank You
I would like to just take the time to thank you, a valued member of our school community, for your participation in the life of our school. However large or small, your contribution supports the positive culture that exists in and around our school. I regularly receive congratulations from visiting professionals on the quiet, encouraging nature of our school learning environment. Those congratulations belong to everyone involved with Campbellfield, so thank you.

Quote
Be not afraid of growing slowly; be only afraid of standing still.
Chinese Proverb
Craig Redfern
Principal

Mayne Portraits Fundraiser
A flyer has been sent home with this week’s newsletter. This is a fantastic opportunity to have a family portrait done in time for Christmas. A sitting fee of $15.00 is payable for each booking and you will receive your choice of a beautifully framed 10 x 13 colour portrait or a 8 x 10 black and white portrait.

If you would like to take advantage of this special offer please complete the booking form and return it to school as soon as possible. The P&C would like to thank everyone for your continued support of our important fundraisers.

Saturday 12th October
Portraits for Christmas
in the school hall
Students in 4/5P have been investigating how natural disasters occur and the effect they have on the earth and its surroundings. Students are learning to develop the skills required to inquire and research natural phenomenon. Below are some photos from last week, when Stage 3 mixed specific ingredients to make a chemical reaction, to erupt the constructed volcano.

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**Some simple facts about volcanoes**

1. A volcano is a mountain that erupts.
2. Rock under the earth's surface is so hot that it melts. This melted rock is called lava.
3. Expelling magma is called lava.
4. Volcanoes become bigger every time they erupt as the lava cools and makes a new layer of rock.
5. Volcanoes can erupt underwater and form new islands from the cool lava.
6. Volcanoes can be found on the moon and other planets.
7. There are more than 500 active volcanoes on Earth.