A message from the Principal

Dear parents and caregivers,

The last two weeks of Term 2 have been jam packed with opportunities to positively promote how awesome we are at Campbellfield Public School.

Principal’s Morning Tea

We have celebrated students being safe, respectful learners at our Principal’s Morning Tea. It was lovely to see so many happy students and proud family members enjoying this special event. These students have worked hard to impress their teachers by; actively participating in their learning, being kind, polite and helpful and always being safe. Congratulations to every student who received this special reward - you make us proud every day.

MCU visit the IMAX

The MCU students and staff also celebrated the end of their writing unit about the sea, with a visit to the IMAX in Darling Harbour. Students were taken on an extraordinary underwater 3D adventure to come face to face with the most unusual and mysterious sea creatures. Our students learnt many new facts about sea creatures whilst enjoying a great day out on the harbour.

 Semester One School Reports

Students also brought home their Semester One school reports this week. This is a wonderful opportunity for you to celebrate your child’s academic and social progress with them. I had the pleasure of reading every report and I was impressed with the excellent attitude that most children displayed towards their learning. I encourage all parents to read through their child’s report with them and have a conversation about the great things that your child is achieving. If you have any further questions about your child’s report, please feel free to make an appointment to speak with your child’s teacher.
NAIDOC Day a Huge Success

One of the highlights of this term was our NAIDOC day celebration. Our school was buzzing with students, staff, families and community members, all celebrating Aboriginal culture and history. The 2015 theme, ‘We All Stand on Sacred Ground: Learn, Respect and Celebrate’ was supported through our assembly, lunchtime activities and cultural workshops. Students had incredible fun participating in the dance and quilt making workshops. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the NAIDOC committee, professional experience students and parent helpers who put a huge amount of time and preparation into making NAIDOC Day so perfect.

With the end of the term approaching, there are also some changes to staffing that will come into effect for Term 3.
Farewell Miss Morelli

It is with mixed emotions that we say both congratulations and farewell to Miss Morelli. Miss Morelli has accepted a permanent position as a classroom teacher at Riverwood Public School. She will start at Riverwood PS from the first day of Term 3 this year. We are extremely sad to lose a wonderful teacher and I am sure that the students in 1/2 Coral and our school will miss her greatly.

Although Miss Morelli would love to stay at Campbelfield PS, gaining a permanent teaching position in a public school can be a difficult process. So when the opportunity comes around, it is important for our teachers to accept the offer. We wish Miss Morelli a productive career and I know that she will make a huge difference to the students and families at her new school.

From Term 3 onwards, Mrs. Wafa Hanna will be teaching 1/2 Coral. Mrs. Hanna is extremely excited about this opportunity and will do an excellent job of maintaining a quality-learning environment for 1/2 Coral.

3/4 Violet welcome Mrs Bexterman on Mondays

Mrs. Vella will continue to take leave every Monday. Mrs. Bexterman will commence teaching 3/4 Violet every Monday from the start of Term 3 onwards. Mrs. Vella will still teach the class from Tuesday through to Friday. Mrs. Bexterman has worked closely with 3/4 Violet this year and can’t wait to teach them every Monday. Mrs. Bexterman will also be joining our staff for Wednesdays through to Friday. She will be working as the Release from Face to Face teacher in our MCU and also be supporting children with English as an Additional Language or Dialect within the classrooms.

Good luck Mrs. Hobbins

Mrs. Hobbins will be taking leave for all of Term 3 from her role as the Student Learning Support Officer in 2/4 Orange. Mrs. Hobbins will be completing her final professional experience block in order to become a qualified classroom teacher. We wish Mrs. Hobbins the best with her professional experience on a K/1 class. We know that she will do an incredible job improving the learning of these students whilst developing her own skills as a teacher. Whilst Mrs. Hobbins is on leave, Ms Farrell will be working as the Student Learning Support Officer in 2/4 Orange. Ms Farrell has spent lots of time working across our MCU and has a positive relationship with the students. She will do a wonderful job supporting 2/4 Orange across Term 3.

I hope that all of our students, staff and families have a well-deserved holiday break. I know that I will be looking forward to sleeping in and avoiding those chilly, winter mornings. Have a wonderful and safe holiday break.

Warm regards,

Ms Nicole Wade
Principal

Change of Eating and Play Times- Term 3.

During Term 3, we will be trialing different eating and play times for our students across K-6. We will be swapping the recess and lunchtime breaks around for Monday to Friday. The change in eating and play times will not affect the start and end time of school. It will also not change the amount of learning time or play time that your child receives each day. It is simply a swap!
Here is why:
- The theory is that children have a larger amount of food earlier in the day and will run it off, and it is reasonable to get kids to eat earlier.
- If you imagine students eat breakfast at 7am, but don't have lunch until 1:10pm, that's a long wait for them. Many of our students don't like or eat a good breakfast and need to eat something substantial sooner.
- The current break for recess involves 10 minutes of active play. This is not enough to break up the two big learning blocks in the morning and middle of the day.

New Times
8:55am School starts
11am-11:10am Eating time for lunch
11:10am-11:30am Lunch play
1:20pm-1:40pm Recess eating & play
2:40pm End of school

Our school has consulted with staff, students and our P&C before making these changes to the lunch break.

Don’t Forget Crunch & Sip!

The Crunch&Sip program is an easy way to help kids stay healthy and happy!

Our school Crunch&Sip break is at 10am in most classrooms K-6.

Crunch&Sip is a set break to eat fruit or salad vegetables and drink water in the classroom. Students re-fuel with fruit or vegetables during the morning or afternoon, assisting physical and mental performance and concentration in the classroom. This gives kids a chance to refuel, a bit like putting petrol in a car.

Each day students bring fruit or salad vegetables to school to eat in the classroom. Each child has a small clear bottle of water in the classroom to drink throughout the day to prevent dehydration.

2015 Fete Wednesday 9th September 2015

At this stage we are trying to get donations suitable for prizes on our Chocolate Wheel and Show Bags. If you know of any businesses or you would like to donate something yourself it would be most appreciated. Please call in at the office if you are able to help.

Unlimited wristbands for the rides are also pre sold through the school office for $20.00 or $25.00 on the day at the ticket box. Individual tickets will be $5.00 per person per ride. If you would like to purchase a wristband tear off the note below and send it in with $20.00 to the office.

Unlimited Ride Wristband
Name ..........................................................
Class ..................
How many bands ................. @ $20.00 each
Total amt ..............
We have been busy in 1/2 Coral this term!

In maths we have been learning about different types of measurement. We explored using different things to measure the length, height, mass, area and volume of different things around our classroom. At the end we decided having a universal system like centimetres and kilograms was a good idea.

In writing, we have been exploring the writing cycle. We learnt how to plan, draft, edit and publish our writing. We used our knowledge of the writing cycle to write our own narratives. Once we had planned, written a draft and edited it, Miss Morelli took us to the computer lab to publish our stories. We are so proud of our work!

We have been exploring free roaming activities in literacy groups each morning. We move around to different activities and it is our responsibility to make sure we finish all of them. Here we are working on some of the activities we can do.