**A message from the Principal**

**Roll Up, Roll Up! The Spring Fete is about to hit Town!**

Excitement is growing as we count down for our school fete next **Wednesday 9th September**. We are all getting excited thinking about the rides, show bags, community café, BBQ, chocolate wheel, haunted house, petting zoo and more. Our fete day will kick off with a creative arts showcase in the school hall from 10am. At 10:45am the fete will begin and conclude by 2:15pm. The whole school community will regroup under the COLA from 2:15pm until 2:30pm to draw our raffle.

We encourage all families to keep their children attending Campbellfield PS at school for the entire school day. We have made it so that the fun continues until home time and want children to remain at school until 2:40pm. You will be required to provide a reason for signing your child out early at our early leavers station on the day.

Please ensure that you don’t miss out and pay for the unlimited rides pass and save up for the stalls. All money raised will go back into supporting the school community. We hope that you have put Wednesday 9th September in your diaries and will join us for the day.

**NAPLAN Results**

Students in Years 3 and 5 brought home their 2015 NAPLAN results this fortnight. The reports summarise each student’s performance in literacy and numeracy during the testing week. In general, our school has shown improvement from 2012. There is consistent growth in most areas, particularly in reading and language conventions. A reminder that the testing program is just one measure of a child’s progress and there are many different factors that can affect a child’s performance on the day/week/month and year! Parents are encouraged to read the report and make an appointment with their child’s teacher should clarification be necessary.

**School and Support Staff (SASS) Recognition Week**

This week is “School and Support Staff (SASS) Recognition Week”. It is a week where we acknowledge the dedication and hard work of our School Learning Support Officers, Aboriginal Education Officer, General Assistant and School Administrative staff. Whether they work in the office, sick bay, school grounds or in our classrooms, their professionalism and commitment is a vital part of your child’s education. Please take the time to say thank you to our SASS for the incredible job they do supporting your child.

Thank you to our awesome SASS Staff
School Administrative Staff - Mrs Neal, Mrs Ayres and Mrs Kelly.
Aboriginal Education Officer - Mrs Ruttley.
School Learning Support Officers - Mrs Bailey, Mrs Parkinson, Mrs Farrell, Miss Michelle.
General Assistant- Mr Knowles
Change to Morning Assemblies

Any school must be looking at ways they can improve learning and results for students. From Week 9 this term, Campbellfield Public School will adjust some of the school’s organisation to ensure that we have a sharp focus on academic performance, ensuring all students get the support they need to succeed. Teachers will be focusing on provided an uninterrupted daily literacy session. Our learning and support teachers will assist classroom teachers to target key skills in literacy during this morning session.

To maximise the time spent on learning, we will only be giving morning messages at our Monday morning assembly. Students will still line up under the COLA every morning from 8:55am and will be greeted by their classroom teacher. On the second bell, teachers will take their class directly to their rooms ready to learn!

‘Little Kindy’ providing a Great Start to School!

Our Little Kindy program started last week with lots of happy children coming to big school for the first time! Starting kindergarten is an important milestone and at Campbellfield Public School, we see this as an opportune time to give your child a happy and successful start to their schooling. Our Little Kindy program aims to strengthen your child’s curiosity as they translate existing competencies into new kinds of learning. Mrs Hokin, Miss Michelle, Mrs Moroney and Miss Konorowski have done an incredible job getting this brilliant program organised. A big thank you to Mrs Sandra Robbins for delivering the flyers to houses in our local area. If you know a child ready to start kindergarten in 2016, please encourage them to visit our school office. I can’t wait to hear more about the wonderful adventures that these children will have across the next 7 weeks.

Being aware of Bullying

Unfortunately from time to time all children will experience bullying in different forms- physical, emotional, social and now even technological. The school has an important role to play in educating our young students on:

1. identifying different types of bullying,
2. how they can cope with bullying if they encounter it,
3. how they can report it, and,
4. ways to avoid further harm.

Our school endeavours to follow up any alleged bullying incidents as quickly as possible. At times, the investigations can be quite complex and time consuming. Parents and students are encouraged to report bullying to their classroom teachers as a first step. If more support is required, the Assistant Principal will become involved and finally the Principal where necessary.
Bullying is repeated over time, targeted and usually involves an imbalance of power. At times kids can be unkind to each other – this is not regarded as bullying, but rather a student or students being nasty to each other. If one child continues to target another student, then the ‘bullying’ tag could be applied.

At Campbellfield Public School we encourage all students to report any bullying behaviours and there are consequences for students who break school rules or expectations. Parents also have a role to play in raising resilient children. Parents should listen to any concerns and encourage the student to report it immediately.

I understand that parents are keen to eliminate all forms of bullying in their child’s life, but the reality is that bullying can be encountered throughout a person’s life: in high school, university, in public places and in the workforce. Teaching our students to cope with bullying and the steps they can take to manage it peacefully will lead to far more resilient and confident adults!

Every school will come across bullying, but it is the whole school community’s effort to reduce it, that is what really matters!

Warm Regards,

Ms Nicole Wade
Principal

Commonwealth Bank School Banking Update
Thank you to Mrs Curtis who has been doing a fabulous job coordinating our School Banking. Mrs Curtis volunteers her time every Thursday to ensure the success of this program.

Some concerns have been raised regarding the ‘Cosmic Light Beam Torch’ reward item due to the inclusion of four button batteries that can be accessed by unscrewing the back of the torch. Whilst this reward has been independently tested and deemed to meet relevant product standards, the Commonwealth Bank have made the decision to proactively withdraw this item from the School Banking Rewards Program. Parents/guardians are requested to dispose of any ‘Cosmic Light Beam Torches’ their child may have already received as part of the Rewards Program. Students who have previously received a ‘Cosmic Light Beam Torch’ are welcome to redeem an alternative reward from Mrs Rebecca Curtis.

Father’s Day Stall
Spoil your Dad with a thoughtful gift from our Father’s Day Stall. Students will have the opportunity to purchase a range of well-priced gifts for Dad at the P&C’s Father’s Day Stall on Thursday 3rd September. Thank you to the P&C volunteers who have helped prepare for the stall. Prices range from $0.50c - $10.00.

Riding to School
We love to see children in Years 3-6 riding their bike to school! Unfortunately we have had some children arriving at school with their bike or scooter without a helmet. Children are not allowed to ride to school without a helmet. Parents are asked to ensure adequate safety and legal requirements are met.