A message from the Principal

Campbellfield Public School continues to shine this fortnight with students, staff and families being recognised for their talent.

Student Leadership
I have been blown away by the incredible skills our students are developing as both school leaders and aspiring leaders. This week, Abigail Lillie and Patricia Bragger represented our school at the NSW NAIDOC Public Speaking competition. This is an outstanding achievement to be selected to compete at a state level in the public speaking arena. The girls confidently delivered a thought provoking speech at Parliament House in Sydney. They proudly represented our school and are fine ambassadors for our community.

In addition, our school has been overwhelmed with the number of Year 4 and 5 students who have accepted the challenge of applying for the 2016 school leadership team. After sitting an interview about their skills and qualities, 22 talented students progressed to the speeches round. I cannot stress enough how proud we were of every child that participated in this process. The quality of aspiring student leaders is testament to the partnership between home and school. We are definitely developing tomorrow’s leaders who are confident, intelligent and socially just! The results of the election process will be announced at our school presentation day on Thursday 10th December. Thank you to Mrs James and her team of teachers that have done an incredible job organising our school leaders and ensuring a smooth process.

Our last Principal’s Morning Tea was a huge success with students being recognised for being safe, respectful learners. Congratulations to all the students who were invited to attend this wonderful event. They are excellent role models and fine ambassadors for our school community.

Teacher Leaders
The exceptional teaching practice that is occurring in literacy across our school has been highlighted by a recent visit from Lansvale Public School. Over 15 teachers from Lansvale PS observed how we teach literacy through a program called L3. The visiting teachers were extremely impressed with our reading and writing practices. They spoke highly of the students’ abilities to take risks, self-direct their own learning and collaborate independently. Congratulations to Mrs Moroney and Mrs Arzapilian who opened up their classrooms to share the wonderful work of our Campbellfield staff.
Another teacher that has stolen the limelight this week is Mrs Hokin, who featured in a Positive Partnerships teacher resource. Mrs Hokin and four clever students from our school were filmed during a sensory read of the book Djarra, The Different Kookaburra. We are very proud of Mrs Hokin being chosen to create this resource for parents and schools to use across Australia. You can view the resource by finding the link on our FaceBook page.

I am looking forward to the final few weeks of school and the exciting events that we have planned to celebrate all of our hard work!

Mrs Nicole Wade
Principal

Canteen News
As the end of the year approaches the school, canteen will be finalising purchases and accounts. Just a reminder that the school canteen will be closed in Week 11. Students will need to bring their own lunches for the last three days of school. A big thank you to all of the amazing parent volunteers who run our school canteen. In particular to Jenny Hunt and Tash Singh for leading the canteen. You do an incredible job providing us with lunches and snacks!

P&C Annual General Meeting

Wednesday 2nd December 2015 9.15am

All Welcome
This semester we have been looking at a range of plants and animals.

Things:
3/5 Red, K/4 Emerald and 1/5 Orange have been studying Living Things in class.
40 fun things for kids in Campbelltown
1. Can you count the number of Koi fish in the stream at the Campbelltown Arts Centre’s Japanese Gardens?

2. Play a round or two of putt putt at Mega Mini Golf, featuring elaborate fantasy sets designed by a Hollywood movie props expert.

3. Put your bicycle and scooter skills to the test at the Bicycle Education and Road Safety Centre. There is a main road circuit with traffic lights, stop signs, round-a-bouts and a skills course.

4. Find the statue of Elizabeth Macquarie watering her irises in Mawson Park.

5. Go green and join in a Little Explorers Workshop at the Macarthur Centre for Sustainable Living.


7. Join the Bookalicious program at your local library and earn rewards when you read books.

8. Saddle up and explore Campbelltown on horseback on a scenic trail ride at Sydney Trail Riding Centre or Sugarloaf Horse Centre.

9. Challenge your friends to a game of ten pin bowling.

10. Collect a Kids Art Trail Activity Sheet and draw, colour, act, stomp and explore your way around the Campbelltown Arts Centre’s galleries and gardens.

11. Explore the universe at an open night at the UWS Campbelltown Rotary Observatory.

12. Catch the latest release at one of our two local cinema complexes.

13. Pick up a Scavenger Hunt map from the Campbelltown Visitor Centre. Explore the city, answer the questions and claim your free certificate once you have finished the hunt!
14. Slip, slop, slap and visit the water splash park at Macquarie Fields Leisure Centre. Ride the water slides, fire the water cannons and enjoy 40 interactive aquatic activities.

15. Head over to the Wizard of Oz Funland and join Dorothy and friends on their musical journey to the Emerald City.

16. Have you ever wanted to wear your PJs to the library? Guess what? During PJ Storytime, you can! Head down to the local library and join in the fun.

17. Take your dog for a run around one of Campbelltown’s four leash free parks, open every day during daylight hours.

18. Do you like live performances? Check out the Campbelltown Arts Centre’s theatre show schedule offering fun, interactive, professional theatre experiences for kids and parents!


20. Try on soldier’s uniforms and period clothing at the Soldier’s Settlement Museum, Campbelltown East Public School.

21. Visit historic Glenalvon House and the Rural Exhibition Centre to learn how life in Campbelltown used to be lived.

22. You’re never too young to visit the library! Baby Read ‘n’ Rhyme is a fun program with music, songs, stories and rhymes.

23. Enjoy a picnic lunch or BBQ at Koshigaya Park, then have fun playing on the playground equipment!

24. Listen to school kids reciting their lessons in the historic school room at Campbelltown Visitor Centre.

25. Pat Esmeralda, the pre-historic wombat, and her sleepy baby on display at the Campbelltown Arts Centre’s Sculpture Garden.

26. Let the battle begin with a round or two of outdoor laser skirmish.
27. Skate, roller blade or scooter down to Campbelltown or Macquarie Fields Skate Parks.

28. Feel the need for speed? Hit the road and race your friends at Fastlane Karting’s outdoor go kart track.

29. Grab a copy of the Georges River Bushwalking Guide and discover the many bushwalking trails and hiking tracks right on our doorstep.

30. Can you find the milestone in Mawson Park? How many miles does it say Campbelltown is from Sydney?

31. Join in a free, guided tour of the Australian Plantbank Scientific Research Facility which run every weekend.

32. For hands-on fun, join in a workshop at the Campbelltown Arts Centre each term and school holidays. Workshops include acting, painting, music, sculpture and more.

33. Did you know we have our own beach here in Campbelltown? Grab your bucket and spade and visit Simmo’s Beach Reserve, Macquarie Fields.

34. Learn about Australia’s war history at Dredges Cottage Veterans Recreation Museum.

35. Race the mountain biking Enduro Trails in The Australian Botanic Garden, Mount Annan.

36. Take a walk, ride or stroll along one of our many cycleways - bring the whole family!

37. Enjoy hours of fun at one of Campbelltown’s indoor activity centres. With a range of activities, you can jump, crawl, slide and climb!

38. Ask mum or dad to take you on a self-guided heritage walk of Campbelltown and walk in the footsteps of colonial pioneers.

39. Do you know that we have a three metre giant goanna as well as pelican, owl and frog sculptures in Campbelltown? Visit John Kidd Reserve in Blair Athol to check them out.

40. Design your own tasty treats at one of our many dessert bars - yum!