Principal’s Message

If I wasn’t already convinced, I certainly am now that Campbellfield Public School is the best school in the world! I have felt extremely proud this past fortnight of the hard work that our teachers, students and parents have been putting into supporting students with their learning and extra curricula activities.

This fortnight, I have been so impressed with a number of students who have taken up the challenge to participate in a range of extra curricula activities. A team of senior students proudly represented our school at the first round of the Endicott Cup. These students stood fearlessly in front of large crowds of unfamiliar faces to participate in a spelling bee and public speaking competition. Our students displayed their outstanding spelling knowledge and remarkable creativity and confidence during these competitions. Thank you to Mr Hawkins and to the families of these students for supporting them to achieve academic success, develop resilience and to become strong school ambassadors.

I have also been blown away by the fabulous sporting skills emerging from our students. A swimming squad of 8 students competed in our zone swimming carnival last week. The students displayed true sportsmanship as they competed in the water against local schools and against their personal best times. Although none of the students progressed to the next level, they demonstrated dedication and great skills in the pool! Thank you to Mrs Forester for organising this squad.

Also making a splash, over 60 students displayed their dedication to learning how to swim as part of our School Swimming and Water Safety Program. The students enjoyed double lessons that built their skills treading water, floating or gliding and swimming in a variety of styles. Students also learnt about important water safety and survival sequences.

A big thank you to Mrs Vella for organising this valuable program and to all of the staff who accompanied our students to the pool each day.

Our sporting skills also extended outside of the pool and onto the rugby league field. Mr Hawkins and Mrs Hanna took a group of rising footy stars to compete in a local seven a side rugby league competition. Both the Junior and Senior teams battled it out on the field for hours. Although we had some wins and some losses, the most important thing was that we had lots of fun. Thank you to the families who supported this event and went along to cheer on the players.

Staffing news

It is almost time for Mrs Callan to take maternity leave in order to have her beautiful baby. Whilst Mrs Callan is on maternity leave, Miss Morelli will be teaching 1/2 Coral. Miss Morelli is extremely excited about working at Campbellfield Public School. Miss Morelli brings a passion for teaching literacy and numeracy and is a strong advocate of inclusivity. She also enjoys providing children with extra curricula activities such as sport. Mrs Callan and Miss Morelli will be working together across the next week to ensure that there is a smooth transition for your child.
I know that our school community will make Miss Morelli feel welcome as she starts teaching at our school. We are also looking forward to hearing about the healthy birth of Mrs Callan’s baby and wish her luck as she starts her new adventure as a mother.

**Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world.**

- Nelson Mandela

Principal
Ms Nicole Wade

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**Upcoming Events**

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**Easter Egg Mufti Day**

Our P&C will be holding an Easter egg raffle again this year. The raffle tickets will go on sale shortly with the raffle being drawn on the Easter Hat parade in Week 10. In order to support this fundraising event, we will be holding an *Easter egg mufti day*. Students will be encouraged to wear sensible clothing of their choice to school on Wednesday 11th of March in exchange for an Easter egg donation. These donations will be collected on the day and used to make the raffle prizes. Please support this event as all money raised by the P&C directly helps our children.

**Book Club**

Issue 2 of Book Club went out last week to all classes. Orders need to be returned with money to the office by Friday 13th March. Thank you for your support – every order you place gives the school rewards points to spend in the Library and help give your children more variety to choose from when borrowing.

*Remember books make great alternative Easter presents instead of overloading on chocolate!*

Mrs James

**Lost Property**

The P&C will be starting a new initiative that involves the resale of lost property school uniforms. It is important as a parent or caregiver that you write your child’s name on all of their belongings so that these can be returned to your child. It is also important to regularly check lost property if you know that your child has lost their uniform and the items are not marked with their names.

The P&C will only use lost property items for resale when they:

- Have no name or class identifying students.
- Have been sitting in the lost property box for more than 5 weeks.

The resale of the items will be at a bargain price and will only be for lost property items in good condition. They will be available for resale at the school uniform shop through the P&C.
Gala Day Monies
Please be reminded that money for attending the Gala Days need to be in by:

Friday 6th for the 13th
Friday 20th for the 27th

No spots will be available for late payments.

Ms Vella

Moving Into Year 7 in a NSW Government School in 2016
All students who will be in Year 7 next year have been given a document called ‘Moving into Year 7 in a NSW Government School in 2016’. This information is vital for your child’s placement in a High School in 2016. The document needs to be completed, signed and given to Mr Hawkins by the 13th March.

If you have any questions about this document, please don’t hesitate to make an appointment through our school office, so we can address the matter.
Thanks to the parents/ caregivers who have already returned this information.

Mr John Hawkins

Endicott Cup
On Wednesday 25th February eight students from Stage Three represented our school in the Endicott Cup at Sarah Redfern High School. Endicott Cup is a scholastic based competition between four local public schools that feed into Sarah Redfern High. The other competing schools are Minto, Sarah Redfern and The Grange.

The first round of competition involved students writing and delivering a two minute speech on a variety of topics such as ‘A day in the life as a pencil’ and ‘If I had three wishes’. Students also faced the challenge of competing in a Spelling Bee.

I would like to congratulate our students on their outstanding effort. You should be very proud of your successes in this competition.
Special thanks to the parents and Ms Wade who came and supported our students.

The members of our two teams were- Patricia Bragger, Abigail Lillie, Ashley Thompson, Shristie Shankar, Layleh Khaled, Paige Aramoana, Aanoosh Iqbal and Maria Aiono.

Mr Hawkins
1/2 Magenta

We have been creating short multi modal videos using Adobe Voice to assist with our writing. Making these videos allows us to practice using our speaking and listening skills with technology. We have been learning to write to share information. Our videos and writing are about sharing information on ourselves. We use our video to assist us while writing, they help us remember what comes next and the order we need to write in. To watch our videos and see our latest work follow these easy steps.

Step 1: Download one of the free following QR reader apps


Step 2: Open the app and hold it over the barcode to see our work.

1/2 Magenta’s QR codes. These will take you directly to our work.

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Art: We have been experimenting with wave patterns and students turned the blue wave pattern into an under the sea painting.

We would like to introduce ourselves to you. Please see the office foyer for all our student profiles.

Our positive statement of purpose.

In 1/2 Coral we come to school to learn in a happy and fun environment. We like making friends and are working towards our learning and behaviour goals.

Our class mural: We traced our hands on coral coloured cardboard to make our coral reef.
2014-2015 Family Energy Rebate

Apply before Midnight 16 June 2015

WHAT IS THE FAMILY ENERGY REBATE?
The Family Energy Rebate helps to cover the cost of energy bills for NSW households with dependent children. In 2014-2015 the rebate gives:

- Up to $150 credit on electricity bills for eligible applicants who hold an account with an electricity retailer.
- Up to $165 direct payment to nominated bank accounts for eligible applicants who live in a residential community (caravan or mobile home park) and receive electricity from the park operator.

AM I ELIGIBLE FOR THE REBATE?
To be eligible you MUST:

- Be a NSW resident; and
- Have been assessed by the Federal Department of Human Services (DHS) as being eligible for the Family Tax Benefit (FTB) A or B at any time during the 2013-2014 financial year, and have received an FTB payment in respect of that eligibility; and
- Be an account holder of an electricity retailer, or a long-term resident of a residential community (caravan or mobile home park), whose name appears on the electricity account for supply to her or his principal place of residence.

WHAT DO I NEED TO DO BEFORE I APPLY?
Before you apply, here’s a quick checklist. Have you:

- Lodged your tax return for 2013-2014 with the Australian Taxation Office or informed the Department of Human Services (DHS) if you are not required to lodge a tax return.
- Received confirmation from DHS as to your eligibility for Family Tax Benefit A or B for 2013-2014.

HOW TO APPLY

- ONLINE – it takes just two minutes to submit an application. Processing starts immediately.
- PAPER – download a form from the website, complete and submit by email, fax or post. Use this form if you receive your electricity from the operator of the residential community where you live.

FOR MORE INFORMATION & ASSISTANCE

PHONE Service NSW 13 77 88
EMAIL fer.program@trade.nsw.gov.au
Dear Parents and Caregivers,

We are continuing to implement a successful project to support volunteers who are prepared to act as parent classroom helpers. This program is being undertaken as part of the Early Action for Success Strategy.

Research indicates that strong parent and school partnerships improve the school’s capacity to deliver positive educational outcomes for all students and as such we are highly supportive of this initiative. Classrooms in our schools are supporting practical placements for these volunteers. The volunteers are parents of students from our school. During this program and potentially beyond, these volunteers will be working with groups of students in classrooms to assist and support the learning needs of all in literacy and numeracy.

The parent/volunteers will undertake 4-5 professional learning sessions (2hrs) and will be expected to practise strategies learned in this session as follow up. The parent/volunteers will provide additional resources in the classroom they are placed, to support student learning. The participants will visit the room for one to two sessions per week (30-40 mins.) Participation in this initiative may be a pathway (part qualification) towards a Certificate 3 at TAFE for interested people.

If you are interested in finding out more about the PaTCH program, please fill out the form below and return to the front office. The information session will be held at Campbellfield Public School from 9.00am – 11.00am, Tuesday 10th March. Please note, childcare will be available for children aged between 6mths and 5 Years Old.

If you have any additional question please don’t hesitate to contact Mark or Nicole.

Course Supervisors
Mark Diamond - Instructional Leader – Mentor (PH: 0413482790)
Nicole Cameron - Instructional Leader (PH: 0402843227)

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PaTCH – Parents as Community Helpers/Teachers – 2015

I ____________________, parent/caregiver of _______________________ of _____(class)

am interested in the PaTCH program and finding out more information. I will be attending
the meeting at Campbellfield PS on Tuesday 10th March 2015 – 9.00am-11.00am.

Contact Number: ___________________

Email Address: ___________________