CAMPSIE PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER
Term 1, Week 9  29th March, 2014

Swimming Scheme
The school swimming scheme begins this week for students from years 2-6, especially those who are not able to confidently swim 25m. All students are encouraged to attend everyday, especially as the daily 45min lessons are free and students only pay pool hire costs (after a school subsidy). It is very important that students participate EVERY DAY of the program in order to benefit. The scheme operates daily for the last 2 weeks of term.

Traffic Safety Around School
It has come to our attention that there are a number of parents who are not following the road rules around our school. This is of great concern as it puts the safety of our students at risk. We encourage parents to walk with their children to school if possible, or to park away from the school in allocated parking areas and walk the remaining distance using the designated crossings. We will be working with Council and the neighbouring school to ensure all parents are following the road rules in order to keep our students safe.

Teacher Training
Over the coming weeks, a number of our staff are participating in further training and professional development. We have eight staff participating in a Bilingual Education Conference, as well as others participating in seminars with the Australian National University, and University of New England as part of their higher degree studies. We are very proud of the large number of our staff who continue to grow and learn throughout their careers, in the continual pursuit of improvement in their teaching practices.

Sporting News
Summer PSSA sport has finished for now, and will resume in the warmer months in the second half of the year. Winter sports begin next term and students in Year3-6 will be asked to trial to gain a place in these representative teams over the coming weeks. Students not participating in PSSA sport will again be asked to express an interest in the wide range of sports provided by the school. This week we have a number of students representing the Wiley Park/Western Suburbs Combined Zone Team in Regional Carnivals for both Boys Football (soccer) and Rugby League. We wish these students luck in the competition and on their possible selection in the Sydney East Regional Teams.

Park & walk:
Keep our students safe around school

THE BELL TOWER
Regional Debating Gala Day
On Thursday 27th March, Campsie Public School welcomed the debating teams of 21 schools to the Granville/Strathfield Debating Gala Day. Throughout the day students participated in workshops and seminars presented by staff from our school, while their teachers also participated in workshops.

The day aims to prepare students and their teacher coaches for the upcoming regional debating competition, which is coordinated by Ms Zonaras. Last year our school won the debating competition and this year we are again entering teams.

Congratulations to Ms Zonaras and her team on a successful debating gala day, and good luck to our debating teams as they begin their competition.

P&C Corner
Congratulations to the 2014 Harmony Day Art Competition winners & runners-up for their fantastic artwork! Thank you to all students who submitted artworks and well done to all finalists!

A special Thank You to the Harmony Day Art Competition sponsors:
Ms Kim of Line Art Village art school, Ms Song of Alan Lo Chemist Campsie and Morning Glory Australia.

We invite and encourage parents/caregivers to join in the preparations for the upcoming Easter raffle.
P&C committee can be reached by email: Campsie.pandc@gmail.com or through our Facebook page: https://www.facebook.com/CampsiePandC

Apologies to those parents who attended school for a meeting last week: the date was incorrectly advertised in a previous newsletter.

EASTER RAFFLE 2014
P&C and Fundraising Committee are organising an Easter Raffle. We are asking families for their support by bringing in Easter eggs, chocolates or baskets to be made into prizes for our raffle.

Easter raffle tickets will be given to students and the Raffle will be drawn on Thursday 10th April in the morning for K-2 and from 2.40pm for Years 3-6.

Last day for Easter egg donations and return tickets by Wednesday 9th April.

Please ensure all returned ticket stubs have names, class or contact number.

Thank you for your ongoing support!
P&C and Fundraising Committee

SRC Report
Two weeks ago, the P&C and SRC celebrated Harmony Day. Harmony day is a day when people celebrate multiculturalism by wearing orange. Orange signifies peace and order.

The P&C and the SRC held a Harmony Breakfast and an Art Gallery competition. Everyone enjoyed the food and the artworks. It was crowded as people had fun and enjoyed the rest of the breakfast. Many parents came and we appreciated their support. We thank the parents for donating food for the breakfast.

All students, teachers and some parents voted for their favourite artworks. It was an anonymous vote and we congratulate all the winners.

Thanks to the P&C and the SRC, we had a great time. Thank you to the local businesses for supporting our event and providing great prizes.

Next term, the SRC will be promoting Walk Safely to School Day on Friday 23rd May. More information will be sent home next term. Written By: Eugene, Lopi and Wendy L (SRC reps)
**Kinder Corner**

It is nearly the end of term 1, and our kindergarten classes are now in regular routines. Most parents have established the routine of leaving their children at the morning assembly, which has helped them to settle in and transition to class easily. We have noticed, however, that a few parents are still walking their children to the classroom. This can cause the morning routine to be disrupted and delays the start of lessons. As a result we ask that parents do not go to the classroom in the morning, and say goodbye at the assembly area before the assembly takes place.

**Tips for morning routines:**

1. **Encourage your child to pack their own bag.**
   
   Put picture of the items they need each day (lunch, home-reading bag, hat etc) on the fridge and remind them to check that they have everything they need.

2. **Have a consistent time schedule**
   
   Aim to leave home at the same time each day. Get up at the same time and do things in the same order each morning. Children like predictability and routine.

3. **Attend reading club or computer club**
   
   This gives students a chance to meet with their friends before school starts, which makes it easier for them to separate from you and provides a smooth transition from home to school.

4. **Say goodbye when the music starts to play (or before).**

   Encourage your child to join their class line on their own. Do not go to them after the assembly and do not walk to their classroom. Be consistent about this so that your child learns what is expected. If you are worried about this, speak to your child’s teacher the afternoon before you start this.

   Following these tips will help create a calmer morning for the whole family!

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**Stage 3 Observatory Excursion**

Year 5 & 6 students attended the Sydney Observatory to learn more about their study of Space. Students had a great time exploring the facilities at the observatory, including using a telescope to explore the sky.

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**Friday Skills Sessions**

No matter what level of skill you are currently achieving we can accommodate every player from age 6 to Youth League.

Each Friday FFA qualified and highly experienced Academy coaches target specific skills, including:

- Ball Mastery
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- Shooting Technique
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- Tackling
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- Volley Technique
- Balance & Body Movement
- Heading Technique
- Corners
- Throw-ins

**Session Times:**

- **Fridays**
- Start 5:30pm – Finish 7:00pm

**Prices:**

- 5 week pass = $130
- 10 week pass = $250

**Venue:**

- 531 Illawarra Rd, PCYC Marrickville

Contact: Ben Burrows on 0420 20 10 20

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