Welcome back to another wonderful year at Campsie! We are looking forward to continuing and surpassing the success of the past few years and welcome the many new families who have joined us for the first time this year.

We are very pleased to continue our successful trial from last year, extending the school day for older students and enriching the curriculum for all students by providing extensive opportunities to participate in the arts, sport and language studies taught by specialist teachers.

This year students will be able to participate in a wide range of extra-curricular activities including dance, choir, Sport in Schools, a variety of music programs, calligraphy and tennis as well as studying one of nine languages offered at the school. All students also have weekly lessons in the library and the computer lab.

Students in years 3-6 start school at 8:45am and have 3 short breaks during the day. This allows the extra time required for extra-curricular activities and languages without compromising on the essential studies of English and mathematics.

These programs are complemented by our optional before school clubs, including reading, computer, dance, art, ipad, and Cantonese clubs, to name a few! Computer club operates every morning from 8:15 in the school computer lab and Reading Club begins in week 2. Other programs will begin in week 3 (from Tuesday 9th Feb) and a timetable will be issued shortly.

It is with sadness that we farewell a number of staff, but know that each is leaving us with success:

Mrs Phillips and Mrs Soltan have retired.

Mrs Kavvalos, Mrs Brogan & Mrs Bransgrove have been promoted to other schools and we know they will do a wonderful job in their new roles.

Ms Williams and Ms Peel have received positions closer to home and Ms Johnson is travelling overseas.

We wish each of them the best of luck in their new roles.

We are pleased to announce the well-earned promotion of Ms Lupton as Deputy Principal and Ms Zonaras as Assistant Principal at Campsie as well as the permanent appointments of Mrs Goudis and Miss Luu to the school.

We also welcome to Campsie Mr Wilson, Miss Koeck, Mrs Alaouie, Mrs Kalia, Mr Beazley and Miss Chang. Each is a valuable addition to our classroom and language teaching staff.
Welcome Back Breakfast
On Friday 6th February, the P&C will be hosting a Welcome Back Breakfast from 8am. Items for sale include pancakes, fruit salad, dumplings and juice. Join us to celebrate the start of the school year!

School Swimming Carnival
Students in years 3-6 will participate in the school swimming carnival on Thursday 12th February at Canterbury Aquatic Centre. Students will compete in age races for free-style, backstroke and breaststroke as well as participate in novelty events and relays. All students will also have an assessment of their swimming ability on this day. Parents are welcome to attend (pool entry fee is applicable).

The School Swimming Scheme will run from Monday 23rd March to Thursday 2nd April. Students from year 2 to year 6 are invited to participate in daily swimming lessons from qualified instructors at Canterbury Aquatic Centre for a heavily subsidised price. Places are strictly limited; so make sure you return your note promptly to ensure you place.

What’s Happening in Classes This Term
You will have an opportunity to meet your child’s teacher at our MEET THE TEACHER sessions during week 5. Notes will be sent home soon with details of days and times for each grade, but in the mean time, here is what is happening this term at Campsie:

This year Kindergarten has 131 enrolments. There are 6 kinder classes including 2 Korean bilingual classes.

This term kinder students are learning about themselves and their family. Each class will have their own class blog. You will receive details about how to access this from your teacher.

A reminder to parents to please label all clothing and equipment with your child’s name and class. We ask that students bring healthy and nut-free lunches to school each day.

Ms Haigh (Assistant Principal)
KBlue Miss Abihanna, KRed Mrs Herbert, KPurple Mr Wilson
KOrange Mrs Messiter, KYellow Miss Koeck

This term Stage 1 will be focusing on a history unit looking at changes in the local community over time and comparing the past to the present. This topic provides a study of local history and students explore, recognise and appreciate the history of their local area.

Our focus in English will be writing descriptive texts, developing public speaking skills through weekly news presentations and developing comprehension skills using the “Super Six” comprehension strategies. The topics that will be covered in mathematics this term are whole number, addition and subtraction, multiplication and division, patterns and algebra, length, time and 2D shapes.

2En Ms Mandalakis (Grade Manager), 2LE Ms Jeong,
2LE Mrs Alaouie, 2P Ms Palma, 2K Ms Perdikaris
1C Ms Wong, 1K Miss Kang, 1L Miss Luu,
1H Ms Hristou & Mrs Thyregod, 1Z Miss Zhu
School Sport

School sport for primary students begins soon. Students in years 3-6 can trial for inter-school competitive sports teams (PSSA) for cricket, t-ball, softball and oz-tag. All other students in yr3-6 will receive a sports options note, where they nominate their sports preferences for Friday afternoons. Their class teacher will notify them of their final sport.

Make sure you have returned the orange general permission note to participate in sport and sports trials. PSSA teams will also receive an extra permission note.

What’s Happening in Classes This Term Continued

This term Stage 2 will be studying the theme unit called "Information". This unit of study focuses on digital literacy and will encourage students to reflect on the various online communities to which they belong. Examples of online communities include: online homework sites; social media sites; online game sites; email accounts etc. Within this unit of work, students will discuss ways in which they can become responsible global citizens by recognising what cyberbullying is, how to cope with it, how to avoid it, how not to become a cyberbully and strategies for dealing with cyberbullying. We will also examine the role that the Internet plays in students' lives and how digital media can be used in advertising and in providing us with information.

In English this term, we will be exploring a variety of key literacy concepts, looking at a wide range of genres. Our aim is to encourage our students to enhance their comprehension skills and to help support this we will be implementing the "Super 6" comprehension strategies. Each one of these key strategies will be taught within our classrooms to help strengthen students’ understanding of what they are reading. Our specific writing focus this term will be to examine texts that entertain us (narratives) and persuasive texts (expositions). In mathematics we will be covering data; 2D space and geometry; measurement - length and time; and all number strands.

3En Ms Zonaras (Assistant Principal)
4En Mrs Liaros (Grade Manager)
3F Mr Fox, 3LE Mrs Kalia, 3/4L Mr Lau, 4LE Miss Kim,
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This year Campsie Public School welcomes two new teachers to Stage 3. Along with Mr Farah (6EN), Mr Krstevski (6K), Mrs Milis (5/6M), Mr Gibb (5EN), and Mr Koulouris (5K), the new teachers, Miss Chang (5LE) and Mr Beazley (6LE), will be teaching Stage 3 throughout 2015.

The main unit of work Stage 3 will be focusing on during term 1 is a Science unit. Students will learn about the topic entitled 'Geological Changes'. Within this unit, students will learn about weather phenomena and landforms. Stage 3 will be rotating between all seven classes on a seven-week rotation, whereby they will be learning about different aspects of the Science unit.

As we have been implementing the NSW Syllabus for both English and mathematics, there have been some slight changes to the term’s focus in these subjects. Stage 3 will be learning whole number, fractions and decimals, 24-hour time, mapping and number patterns during mathematics classes. The focus in English will be on grammatical conventions, persuasive texts, novels, and computer-based projects.

6En Mr Farah (Assistant Principal)
6LE Mr Beazley, 6K Mr Krstevski, 5/6M Mrs Milis,
5LE Miss Chang, 5K Mr Koulouris, 5En Mr Gibb

Salvation Army Homework Club

All students are welcome to attend on Tuesdays & Thursdays from 3-4:30pm at 23 Anglo Rd Campsie.
Our new Kindergarten students met in the hall on Thursday, before heading off to their new classrooms!

Year 4 hard at work already!

Primary students participating in the Sports In Schools program

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Wests Magpies Junior AFL Club

Western Suburbs Magpies Junior AFL Club is on the lookout for new players of all ages. U5-U17’s all welcome to join!

**Registration:**
Full season rego only $110 if done before mid-March. Register online or contact us re Rego days, training, games, season details!

**Contact:** Richard Stone
**Phone:** 0408 409 200

**Email:** Richard.stone@anz.com
**Website:** www.westsjuniorsafl.com.au

Kids will learn the skills of AFL and U5’s-U8’s receive an awesome backpack full of gear!