It is with great sadness that last week we farewelled our Principal for the past nine years, Mr Irvine.

In his time at Campsie Public School, Mr Irvine has initiated a vast number of programs and improvements at our school. These include the expansion of the language program and introduction of the Korean bilingual program, the band program, increased emphasis on sports and the arts. This has been coupled with a strong emphasis on the basics of literacy and numeracy, where our students consistently achieve outstanding results. Mr Irvine has ensured that our best and brightest have every opportunity to excel and to challenge themselves at the highest level, but also ensured that students who need additional support and those with special needs are supported to achieve their full potential. He embraced the cohesive, multicultural community at Campsie and built upon it, valuing every member's contribution to our school, which created the inviting, positive and friendly atmosphere that everyone feels as soon as they enter the school.

Mr Irvine is a passionate advocate of public education, being himself a proud product of public education. He firmly believes that a good public education prepares students to be active, positive, contributing and successful members of a global society, and as a result, he worked tirelessly to provide every opportunity for the students in his care. He never let obstacles stand in his way, because he firmly believes that if it is worth doing, you can always find a way to make it happen. Mr Irvine sees the school as the centre of the community, and always sought opportunities with community groups in order for students and families to connect with their community.

On a more personal note, Mr Irvine is an honest, hardworking person who always saw the best in those he worked with and for (that is the students and parents). He holds high expectations for himself and for those around him and leads by example. He is generous with his time and his knowledge. He is passionate, idealistic and visionary, but at the same time realistic and grounded. Each of us is a little better for having known him.

At his farewell assembly the choir sang "You Raise Me Up", which is a very fitting tribute to a life-long educator who has done just that for countless students (and teachers!) over his career.

Mr Irvine has left an impression on our school that will not leave with him! His passion and vision are shared by the staff, students and parents alike, and our school will continue to develop and grow in his absence.

Ms Jones will be the Acting Principal, assisted by Ms Lupton (Deputy Principal) and the leadership team (Ms Haigh, Mrs Koulouris, Mr Farah and Ms Zonaras) until a panel of parents, teachers and Department of Education representatives select our new Principal through a process of advertisement and interview. The leadership team is well prepared to lead the school until this time, as well as to assist the transition to a new Principal when one is appointed.
Welcome Ms Todorovic!
Ms Todorovic has been appointed to our school by the Department of Education as a Targeted Graduate. She had been working at Cabramatta Public School as a literacy and numeracy support teacher on Stage 3 before taking over our year 5 class (5T, formerly 5K). We welcome Ms Todorovic to our school, and thank Mr Koulouris for his work with the class so far this year.

Medical Conditions
If your child suffers from a medical condition including asthma, allergy or anaphylaxis, or any other condition that requires medical treatment, please make sure you have provided the school with an up to date action plan. It is a Department of Education requirement that all students with a medical condition have a current action plan from their doctor. Please contact the office if you require further information, or need to provide an updated plan.

Sports House Captains
Congratulations to the following students, who have been elected as Sports House Captains for 2015.
Massey: Joban Singh 6EN, Susannah Tupou 6K
Paterson: Zubair Hossain 6EN, Ashley Saipaia 6EN
Bryce: Sioeli Hopoi 6LE, Joceline Tran 6K
Morcom: Imran Khan 6LE, Rachel Sapalo 6LE

Part-Time Work Opportunity
The Transport Roads & Maritime Services are currently advertising School Crossing Supervisor positions in our area. Be paid to help keep our children safe and your community will thank you! No experience is required. To apply go to www.jobs.nsw.gov.au and search for “school crossing supervisor”.
This is a great opportunity for parents and/or grandparents of our students!

Indonesian Teacher Visit
Last week we were proud to be invited by the Asia Education Foundation to host 20 visiting teachers from Indonesia. The purpose of the visit was to experience an excellent Australian school. Our visitors participated in language, literacy, and sporting activities across the school and thoroughly enjoyed their visit.

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Thank you to all the families who completed our menu survey. Our revised menu for winter will include the following suggestions made by families and children: butter chicken and rice, homemade pizza, Spaghetti bolognaise & tacos.

April Vacation Care program will be available first week of March; we have a lot of fun incursions and excursions planned for the children based on their ideas and feedback received from families and children via our vacation care survey.

We will be hosting a community meeting on the 27th March 2014 more details will be available closer to the date.

During the past weeks children participated in World Wetlands Day, World Cancer day, Valentine day & Pancake Day. Photos from these experiences can be found in the daily journal which is located in the OSHC room.

The weekly program for this term in OSHC is as follows:

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OSHC Staff complete regular training related to their work – this includes management of children’s behaviour, WHS, Food handling, Child Protection, First Aid and CPR.

Jaspreet Saini is the Centre Co-ordinator and is assisted by Joanna Maropoulos, Sharon Azzopardi, Fatima Mashud and Paul Thompson. Our casual staff are Christina Tran and Brodie.

Families can contact staff at the Centre by calling M: 0430 369 286 or emailing coshc@primaryoshcare.com.au. Centre Managers can be contacted directly by emailing headoffice@primaryoshcare.com.au. Alternatively you can visit our website www.primaryoshcare.com.au

Kind Regards, Jaspreet, Joanna, Paul, Sharon Fatima & Christina
Swimming Carnival

Our school swimming carnival was a great success again this year! Students participated in age races, relays and novelty events, and all students were assessed for a 25m swimming proficiency test. Any student who cannot swim 25m must attend the School Swimming Scheme during the last 2 weeks of term at Canterbury pool.

Congratulations to the 30 students selected to represent our school at the Zone Swimming Carnival on Monday 2nd March (pictured) where they competed against the 17 schools in our zone. We brought home a bagful of ribbons as well as a number of 4th place getters. This was an impressive result!

Good luck to Seojin & Ashley, who will go on to compete at the Regional Carnival!
FAREWELL MR IRVINE!

Students farewelled Mr Irvine in language, the choir sang *You Raise Me Up*, our Korean bilingual students performed and our captains spoke from the heart.

Our farewell assembly concluded with our school band, which was established by Mr Irvine, playing the National Anthem.

Thank you Mr Irvine, for helping us walk in the right direction!