Last Thursday, nineteen excited Prep students were welcomed into our school.

In the past week, we have got to know each other by playing lots of games and making different things. We have sung lots of songs together and talked about the good choices that we make at school.

We have loved going to the library to borrow our first book and got to take the book home to read. Every day, we chose a new reader to take home and read with our Mum or Dad. Some of our favourite things to do at school are to play outside, read books, play with the Lego, colouring in and learning new things.

Miss Clark and her new Prep students
From the Principal's Desk…

We have enjoyed a very smooth and positive start to the 2013 school year and I thank our students, staff and families for their efforts. As you are no doubt aware, the Wilson Street main building was significantly refurbished during the school holidays, with carpet replaced in many classrooms and laid in the upstairs corridor and many classrooms and corridors receiving new windows and fresh paint. Students and staff have returned to a much improved learning environment and the installation of new blinds and notice boards will complete the refurbishment of the newly painted and carpeted spaces. The General Office/Foyer area has not yet been attended to as we are considering a range of options here.

Our five new staff have settled in very well, taking up their various roles and responsibilities with great enthusiasm. Kim Clark is overseeing the smooth transition of our new Prep students into the school, Jenna French (Bu Jenna) is initiating many of our primary and secondary students into the world of Indonesian study and Jason Whittle and Chelsea Fox are working with our Wilson Street students in the areas of Maths/Science and the Arts respectively. Meanwhile, Ange Hall is establishing herself as our new Brooke Street Assistant Principal, enjoying the challenges and wonderful opportunities that this brings. Our Camperdown College staff team contains a wonderful mix of experience and new ideas and I am confident that we are well placed to cater for the needs of our students throughout the College.

We have welcomed nineteen new Prep students into the Camperdown College community and it is terrific to see our Year 6 students helping out their Prep buddies in the Brooke Street playground. Thankyou to our Parents & Friends Association for putting on morning tea for our new Prep parents last Thursday, providing a buffer against those first day tears! We wish our new students and their families a very happy and successful journey throughout their time at Camperdown College.

Our Brooke Street students are looking forward to using their new playground equipment which was installed by a team of hardworking staff and parents over the holidays. Thankyou again to Darren Teal, John Fallon, David and John Kempton, Matt Gleeson and Graeme Wadley. The only remaining task is to install the softfall to ensure our students’ safety. Once this arrives, we will be looking for some more helpers to complete the job!

Most students have begun the new year in full school uniform and we are following up with families where this is not the case. It is important that we all support the School Council’s uniform policy and this includes the wearing of correct footwear. If you have any questions about uniform or are finding it difficult to purchase the necessary items, you are welcome to contact the relevant Assistant Principal. Families are reminded that this is the last year in which discontinued school uniform items (including those with the old school logo) may be worn. We are progressing well with our transition to the new school uniform and our students are looking very smart in the new shirts. The optional blazers for students at the Senior Campus have now arrived and samples in each size are available for students to try on.

This week, I attended a Trade Training Centre briefing in Melbourne, along with other Principals from the Corangamite cluster of schools. A new funding round has been confirmed and discussions between the Corangamite schools about how we can best supplement our existing programs have resumed. The process of appointing our new Secondary School Nurse is also underway and we hope to have a new nurse appointed in the coming weeks. The Secondary School Nurse will be part of our wellbeing team that comprises of Student Wellbeing Officer Megan Vandenberghe, School Chaplain Cameron McAdam and newly appointed Social Worker Nicole Rock.

Next Friday, we celebrate the induction of our junior and senior student leaders at our Leadership Assembly. It would be terrific to see many of our families come along to be a part of this important ceremony at the Wilson Street Hall and I encourage all parents and well wishers to attend if possible.

We have a great deal to look forward to this year, with our students and staff at both campuses settling into attractive and comfortable spaces that will do justice to the learning experiences on offer. Many of our staff are taking on new roles this year and will, I am sure, set a very positive example for our students as they tackle new challenges and continue on their own learning journeys. I wish all members of the Camperdown College community a very satisfying and successful year.

Ms Cherie Kilpatrick
Principal

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Camperdown College

Induction of College Student Leaders & Introduction of Prep Students
You are invited to attend the induction of our student leaders for 2013.
The ceremony will be held on Friday 15th February from 9.15am in the AG Daws Hall at the Wilson Street Campus.

Prep Information Session
Wednesday 13th February
From 5.30pm in Room 3 at the Brooke Street Campus
A child minding service is available on the night.
Wilson Street News

I’d like to welcome students and their families back to Camperdown College for 2013. I trust that you all had a relaxing and well deserved break. A special and warm welcome is extended to our new students who were welcomed at our Assembly on the first day of school. We have had students join us at nearly all year levels. We trust that all students will find their time at Camperdown College rewarding in many ways. Camperdown College is a very caring community that encourages all students to achieve personal excellence. We are proud of the programs that we offer, the results we achieve and relish the opportunity to watch our students develop into community minded and responsible citizens.

Wilson Street Refurbishment:
It was lovely to hear and see the reactions of students as they walked into the building on the first day of school. Over the holidays, the main corridor upstairs and down stairs was painted, carpet was laid in many rooms including the upstairs corridor and the majority of the classrooms were painted. Adding to this, windows were replaced along the south side. The school looks fantastic and offers a nice bright environment for our students to learn in.

Staffing Arrangements:
We welcome three new teachers to the Wilson Street Campus:
- Mrs French who is teaching Year 7 Indonesian and part of the VCAL program,
- Mrs Fox who is teaching Art across all year levels,
- Mr Whittle who is teaching Mathematics and Physics.
We look forward to benefiting from the experience and knowledge that they bring to their positions.

Mrs McPhee is the Learning and Engagement Leader for students in Year 7 – 9 and Mrs Maskell is the Learning and Engagement Leader for students in Year 10 – 12. These teachers are responsible for overseeing any issues that may occur with students. They will also be signing students’ organisers each week, so feel free to use this as a means of communication with them.

Ms Crowle is now in charge of buses and will deal with any concerns in relation to bus travel.

Sympathy:
We express our deepest sympathy to Wayne, Judi and Caitlyn Oakes and family on the passing of their daughter and sister Erin who passed away suddenly last week. Erin attended Camperdown College for all of her primary and secondary education. She will be fondly remembered by all.

Leadership Induction:
Students have been nominated for positions of leadership for 2013. Our School Captains, Jarrod and Madison, along with SRC President Shannon, spoke to the students at our first assembly about the importance of being good leaders and taking on the challenge of being a leader. Students will be presented with badges for SRC and Environment Group and Bus, School and House Captains at our Induction Ceremony next Friday. Parents are welcome to attend this event from 9.15am in the AG Daws Hall at Wilson Street.

Year 12 Camp:
Our Year 12 students are attending a camp at Ballarat University next week, along with students from seven other small secondary colleges in the Western District. Students will attend specialist lectures on the subjects that they are studying and also participate in goal setting and study skills sessions.

Southern Brown Bandicoot Competition:
Last year, our Year 6 students participated in a competition that was run by the Port Campbell Community Group to design a sticker/poster to save the Southern Brown Bandicoot. Congratulations to Alanah Blake and Dylan Frith (pictured right) whose art work has been made into a sticker to be handed out to visitors to the Port Campbell area.

Ms Vicki Angus
Wilson Street Assistant Principal

Wow! What a fantastic start to the year and what a fabulous place Camperdown College is to be a part of. I have thoroughly enjoyed my first two weeks here and look forward to many more. One of the first things I noticed was what a welcoming group of staff we have, as well as polite, friendly students who have made it their job to make me feel part of the school community. Thankyou to all those people, big and small, who have made me feel very welcome here.

Swimming Program:
This week saw the first successful week of our 2013 Swimming Program. Next week, students in Year 1 – 6 will continue their program through to Thursday 14th February, before enjoying their Carnivals on Monday 18th February.

Bus Notes:
If your child is a bus traveller and has separate arrangements on certain days, for example: doesn’t catch the bus on Thursday nights due to sporting commitments, you need to provide this information in writing to Amy in the Office. It is important to keep this information updated and to ring the College if daily arrangements change as the bus has a very tight timeline to transport our students to Wilson Street before changing buses to make their way home.

Parking:
Just a reminder to all parents to ensure that they are parking in marked, legal car parks when dropping off and collecting their children each day. The police are frequent visitors to this area to ensure the safety of all.
Camperdown College Canteen:
The Camperdown College canteen cannot run efficiently without the support of our parents/guardians. If you are able to spare approximately three hours once or twice a term, it would be greatly appreciated. If you have any questions and/or would like to put your name down, please contact the Brooke Street or Wilson Street Office. Thank you in anticipation for your continued support.

Uniform:
Term 1 is a Sun Smart term and therefore all students should be wearing hats. Those students without a hat must remain under the tree, in the shade, for the duration of recess and lunchtime. Hats can be purchased from the Brooke Street Office. We are particularly fortunate at Camperdown College to have a neat, nice looking uniform. I have noticed a lot of students looking particularly smart in the new additions to the uniform range. Please ensure that your child is in uniform each day.

Mrs Angela Hall, Brooke Street Assistant Principal

**Calendar of Events:**

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Families will be advised on Tuesday 12th February of the implications that the Stop Work will have on Camperdown College students.

Brooke Street & Wilson Street Canteen Roster

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**Communication sent to parents this week:**

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Every year, thousands of students from Victorian Government Schools come together as the Victorian State School Spectacular to showcase the outstanding talent within our schools.

This year, over eighty schools have been accepted to participate and I am very happy to announce that Camperdown College has managed to secure entry into the Primary level mass dance segment. As this is our first year of participation, we wanted to be involved in an area that we felt our children would excel in.

We have been allocated a 22 student team of dancers and because of the great amount of interest from students in Year 3 – 6, are going to conduct auditions tomorrow and then over the next couple of weeks, we will need to measure for costumes. We will commence rehearsals when we receive the necessary information. There will also be two district rehearsals that may be either during school or on weekends – the dates are yet to be confirmed.

The final event will take place at Hiscence Arena in Melbourne in July of this year, so if your child has mentioned to you that they have decided to audition/participate, please have a conversation with them about the commitment required and whether or not your family will be available at that time of the year. We want students to realise that they cannot change their minds after a couple of weeks or pull out at the last minute because of a family holiday, etc.

Students who participate in the Spectacular have a wonderful opportunity to work with internationally renowned industry professionals, as well as the amazing experience of performing in front of thousands of people. Once students have been chosen, a Participation and Media/Recording Consent Form will be sent home to be signed and returned to school.

We are also very fortunate to have Wilson Street student Jessica Gaut, who recently received an Australia Day Award for her work with dance in the community, offering to assist with rehearsals and other processes leading up the performance, but may require the assistance of parent helpers with some aspects – watch this space for more information.

Annette Timilsina, Camperdown College State School Spectacular Coordinator

The Year 7 – 12 Swimming Carnival will take place on Thursday 21st February at the Camperdown Swimming Pool. The day will begin at approximately 9:30am and run throughout the school day. Parents and family members are more than welcome to come along and support their children. Students are encouraged to wear their house colours to help support and barrack for their team members. Earlier this week, our house captains were selected and they are as follows:

**Senior Boy Captains:**
- Jarrod Esh (Leura)
- James Scott (Manifold)
- Brad Rees (Bullen Merri)

**Senior Girl Captains:**
- Shannon Jolly (Leura)
- Grace Morrissey (Manifold)
- Amanda Sadler (Bullen Merri)

**Intermediate Boy Captains:**
- Kale Wyles (Leura)
- Jarrod Watson (Manifold)
- Mitchell Walsh (Bullen Merri)

**Intermediate Girl Captains:**
- Brooke Hedrick (Leura)
- Molly Helmore (Manifold)
- Tamara Emery (Bullen Merri)

Congratulations to all of these students, I look forward to working with you all throughout the year.

Ashleigh Bloomfield, Year 7 – 12 Sport Coordinator

The Australian Government’s Active After-school Communities (AASC) program is a national initiative that provides primary school children with access to free sport and other structured physical activity programs in the after-school time slot.

**Currently, we are calling for Expressions of Interest for the AASC Program Coordinator role.**

The coordinators facilitate the program, recruit community coaches and promote local sporting clubs and organisations. The cornerstone of the AASC program is the involvement of the local community in the delivery of the program. This involvement will offer opportunities to support and strengthen community cohesion and development. The program coordinator will be responsible for coordinating Camperdown College’s Active After School Sport program for primary aged students through two after school sessions per week.

Expressions of interest for the role of coordinator are invited from the Camperdown College school community, to be provided in writing to the Brooke Street office by Friday 15th of February.

If you would like more information please contact me at school for a position description or visit the AASC website [http://www.ausport.gov.au/participating/aasc](http://www.ausport.gov.au/participating/aasc).

Angela Hall, Assistant Principal
Mt Leura Fun Run/Walk

Open to all members of the community

Come and have a timed run or take a leisurely walk up Mt Leura Rd, (approx 1.8 kms) or tackle the longer course (approx 4 kms) with some off-road sections.

Medals and prizes for the first male and female adult, veteran (40+), secondary school child, and primary school child (Prep – Year 3 and Year 4 – 6) to finish.

Date: Friday 15th March 2013

Time: 5.00pm onwards for registrations
6.15pm start long course, 6.25pm short course

Cost: $5 Adults, Gold Coin Donation Children

Registration: Forms available from the St Patricks and Camperdown College Offices or on race day at the showgrounds entrance.

Please note: pre-registration by posting forms to schools preferred, money to be paid on event day.

Enquiries: Kathy Hallyburton 0419 671 300 or Claire Kempton 0402 332 963

Sausage Sizzle

Giveaways

Prizes

Camperdown College & St Patricks would like to gratefully acknowledge the following organisations for their support: Corangamite Shire, Sadlers Transport, Bendigo Bank, Benallacks Sportspower and Primary Logic

Proceeds from this event will be donated towards the new Camperdown Playspace, for all families to enjoy.
Join Sarah Wall and the Camperdown senior netballers in a fun-filled, high energy netball clinic to launch the start of the 2013 netball season. (No cost)

Thursday the 14th of February at the Leura Oval.

Ages 10 to 17
4-5pm U12, U13 & U14s
5-6pm U15, U16 & U17s
6pm Sausage Sizzle for all ($2)

6:15 Registration of all players for 2013.
(Junior and senior players)

6:30pm Information night in the Five Star Function Centre to introduce the 2013 coaching team and pre-season training details to be announced

All past, present and new players welcome.

DO YOU HAVE ANY CHIPPED, CRACKED OR DODGY CROCKERY AT HOME?

HAVE YOU GOT A DINNER SET OR A CERTAIN PLATE YOU DON’T LIKE?

WELL I CAN USE THEM!!!

I NEED YOUR UNWANTED CROCKERY FOR MY STALL AT THE COLLEGE FETE ON 24TH MARCH

I WILL TAKE ANYTHING

PLEASE LEAVE YOUR UNWANTED CROCKERY AT EITHER OFFICE (BROOKE ST OR WILSON ST) BY MARCH 22ND

THANK YOU,
FIONA CROWLE
Excitement is building for the Parents & Friends’ Sporting Legends Fete. Keep this date free between 11am and 3pm for a fun filled day for the whole family!

Thankyou to those parents and teachers who have already volunteered to man a stall on the day. Please think about getting together with friends to hold a stall (there are plenty of ideas on the internet for inspiration) or contact one of the committee members listed below to offer your help. Feel free to join us at our regular Fete meetings as we appreciate all input and ideas!

The next Fete meeting will be on Wednesday 20th February at 2pm in the Brooke Street Staffroom.

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We would love to see more parents volunteer, some other ideas for stalls are:

* Bust a Balloon
* Lucky Envelopes
* Fingernail Painting
* Lucky $100 Note
* Spinning Wheel
* Showbags
* Easter Raffle

We would love to be able to sell jams/preserves on our cake stall, so please keep us in mind when you start bottling all of that delicious summer fruit!!

Thankyou to all of those wonderful people who assisted in making bunting to decorate the Wilson Street Hall on the day of the Fete. The response was terrific and we are looking forward to using it very soon!

Any ideas or suggestions would be most welcome by our committee members:

Kim Helmore 5393 2818 Sandra Clementson 5393 1302 Jane Bennett 5393 9207
Claire Kempton 5393 9353 Kellie Kempton 0418 176 698 Lisa McDonald 5393 2079
Dave Wilkinson 5393 1177 Marie Jopling 5394 3377 Maz O’Neil 0417 824 138

Desperately Seeking Plants!

We are seeking plants of any sort (big, small, smelly, interesting) that we can sell at our Plant Stall at the Fete. Even if you only have a few, they all add up! Why not go out one night with the kids, as I know we have some very keen budding gardeners! Perhaps the kids could visit friends, neighbours and Grandparents and pot some together!

We are also after six inch and larger pots as well as donations of bulbs and decorative pots/containers which we can fill to add a bit of variety to our stall. Wed would be grateful if you could drop empty pots off at the Brooke Street Office ASAP and if you need any, please let me know. To help with our planning, could you please send in the names and quantities of plants that you have or if you are not sure if what you have is appropriate, send a list with your child and I will get back to you. Plants can be brought to school the week before the Fete.

Happy potting!

Caroline Duynhoven and Lorraine McKenzie, Plant Stall Coordinators

Sporting Legends Fete Wrist Bands for unlimited rides

Get in early to secure your wristbands for the Camperdown College Sporting Legends Fete in 2013.

Pre-ordered wristbands cost $20 and allow you unlimited rides on the jumping castle, giant slide, go karts, Zap Zone and Bungee Run at next year’s Fete!

Wristbands will still be available on the day at a cost of $25 and the cost of each ride without a wristband will be $5. Please contact the Brooke Street Office to purchase your certificate that will secure your wristbands for collection at the Fete.
Education Maintenance Allowance - information for parents currently receiving EMA

Changes to the Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) for 2013:
The EMA continues to help families on lower incomes with financial assistance to cover the cost of educational expenses including textbooks, stationery, uniforms and excursions for their child up until the age of 16.

From 2013, the Victorian Government is restructuring the EMA to better target financial support to families on lower incomes. Payments made direct to parents will be increased for eligible recipients at all year levels up to age 16, with an additional increase for parents with students in Years Prep and 7 in recognition of the additional costs at these transition points.

In 2013 the annual EMA payment for families with children in primary school (years 1-6) will receive a payment of $150. Families with children in secondary school (Year 8 up until the age of 16) will receive an annual payment of $250.

The School Start Bonus which was previously received by EMA families has been discontinued as a separate payment from 2013. However, additional funding has been incorporated into the EMA meaning that parents of children in Prep and Year 7 will receive boosted EMA payments of $200 and $300 respectively in these years.

From 2013, the EMA will no longer be paid 50/50 between the parent and the school. The 50% school portion of the EMA will no longer be paid to schools on behalf of parents. However, $62 million over four years will be redirected to the State’s most needy schools to assist families on lower incomes. These funds will form part of the school Student Resource Packages to be allocated at the local level.

New EMA payment option
From 2013, on the EMA application form you can choose to have your EMA payment;
- Paid by direct deposit (Electronic Funds Transfer) into your nominated bank account or
- Paid by cheque which will be posted to the school for collection or paid to the school to be held as credit which you can use towards education expenses.

The introduction of the new payment option to have the EMA payment directed to the school provides parents with extra flexibility to assist with budgeting towards education expenses.

Eligibility:
To be eligible for the EMA in 2013, you must:
- be either a parent or guardian of a primary or secondary school student up to the age of sixteen; and
- be an eligible beneficiary of a Centrelink pension, allowance or benefit within the meaning of the State Concessions Act 2004* or be a Veterans Affairs (TV) pensioner or be a temporary foster parent.

* i.e. the parent/guardian must be the holder of a valid Health Care Card or valid Pension Card.

The eligibility criteria must be met as at 29 January 2013 (Instalment One) and 16 July 2013 (Instalment Two).

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* Student year level (or age for ungraded and special school students) will determine the amount payable. Parents of students turning 16 years in 2013 are paid on a pro rata basis.

Contact: School Office for an EMA application form and to lodge your application. The closing date for EMA application forms to be submitted to the school is 28 February 2013.
The Corangamite Educational Gymnastics program will resume next week.

An exciting program has been planned for Term 1 2013, with a focus on balancing, jumping, crawling and landing. The hour long classes will commence Wednesday 30 January as follows:

- Camperdown: Wednesdays, 9.15am and 10.30am at the Theatre Royal
- Cooriemungle: Fridays, 9.30am at Camp Cooriemungle
- Terang: Mondays, 11.15am at Terang Stadium (commencing Monday 4th February)

Fees are outlined below:

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| NB: Children under 12 months of age are FREE
1 Child         | $5.00   | $45.00     |
2 Children      | $8.00   | $72.00     |
3 Children      | $11.00  | $99.00     |

For further information please contact the Corangamite Shire 5593 7100.