The writing talents of our students in Years 5 - 8 were showcased at the Camperdown Agricultural Show on Saturday 12th October.

'Homeless Person'; written by Olivia Maskell impressed the judges and was awarded first prize in the Year 5/6 short story category. Zharia Lawlor took out first prize with her story 'Uninvited Guests' in the Year 8 - 10 sections and Soraya Clark received the runner up award for her piece entitled 'A Strange Day in July'.

Congratulations must go to these girls and to all students who took part in this competition.

Vicki Angus, Senior Campus Assistant Principal
From the Principal's Desk…

Our Year 12 students began their final exam period this week, with a three hour English exam on Wednesday. The Geography exam on Friday 15th November will be our students’ last. It has been terrific to see students continuing to work hard and work closely with their teachers as they make their final preparations for each exam and we are confident that they are well placed to succeed.

Last week was a very exciting week for Camperdown College in the sporting arena. Our Junior Campus students who represented the College at State level competitions are featured in this newsletter and I am sure you will enjoy reading about their experiences and successes.

Important information for bus travellers is included in this week’s newsletter and may help to provide answers to questions that have been raised in recent times. The School Bus Program requirement that students pay a fare if attending a school that is not their closest is not currently enforced in the Corangamite cluster. With support from the DEECD Student Transport Unit and Public Transport Victoria, our schools will be working together to comply with the policy requirements. Please carefully read the information within this newsletter and look out for further updates in Term 1 next year. You are welcome to contact me if you have questions about current or future arrangements.

Trade Training Centre planning continues, with our cluster considering a revised model of training courses and facilities across the schools to support shared provision of Vocational Education and Training. Options for schools to develop infra-structure and deliver particular courses for their own students and participants from other schools and the wider community are being explored.

This week, I attended the South West Local Learning and Employment Network Employer Appreciation Evening which paid tribute to the many local businesses and tradespeople who support students through Structured Workplace Learning and School Based Apprenticeships. Camperdown College students learning by doing in these programs are very fortunate to enjoy such strong support from their local community and our Careers Coordinator Suzanne Maskell does an excellent job sourcing diverse and relevant opportunities for our students.

Next Monday is a pupil free day and our teaching staff will be involved in a full day of professional learning. Teachers will be exploring the High Expectations framework and participating in a range of workshops, including virtual learning, AUSVELS curriculum and further strategies to strengthen students’ writing confidence and skills. I am sure that our students will enjoy their four day weekend and return refreshed on Wednesday.

We wish our Year 3/4 campers an enjoyable time at Boomerang Ranch next week!

Ms Cherie Kilpatrick
Principal

Calendar of Events

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Congratulations:
Congratulations to Luke Wright who is one of five teenagers to be selected in the Victorian State Under 18 lawn bowls side. Luke is a very talented bowler who has won many accolades for his bowling prowess and is most deserving of this recognition.

Final Days of school for Year 12 students:
The final day for Year 12 students proved to be a scary affair for no other reason than the attire that they dressed in. Students were unrecognisable in their creepy costumes. Congratulations must go to the Year 12 students on the standard of their final assembly. Lots of planning and effort went into making it such an entertaining and enjoyable event. The students made a video clip where they danced behind their teachers who were oblivious to what was going on and this proved to be very entertaining. Many humorous awards were presented from the students to the staff based on their scary theme. Not to be outdone, the students were presented with awards from the staff based on some of their more light hearted achievements over their past six years of secondary schooling. I am sure all present would agree that the teachers’ chorale to the tune of Buttercup was excellent; greatly enhanced by Mr McKenzie’s guitar skills, Mr Whittle’s drumming and the echoes of Mr Robertson and Mr Gratton. It would be remiss of me not to also mention the dance accompaniment of Mrs Charles and Miss Bloomfield.

Thursday morning’s challenges between the Year 12 students and teachers proved to be very competitive and highly entertaining. Students and staff versed each other in a number of activities such as the life-saver swap, waiter challenge and flour tower. After a scrumptious breakfast cooked by Mrs McPhee, the students were taken on a mystery bus trip. Mrs Maskell and I accompanied the students to Warrnambool where we went ten pin bowling, took to the track at the Indoor Karting Centre and enjoyed lunch at Images Restaurant.

I would like to also make mention of the students’ behaviour over their last two days of schooling. This of group of students exited the school in the highest of esteem. The way that they conducted themselves was outstanding, displaying maturity and great respect for the school community. Students sat their first exam (English) yesterday and I would like to wish them well in all of their exams.

VCE English Texts for 2014:
Students studying Year 11 and 12 English next year have received their text list for 2014. Students are expected to read their texts over the summer vacation. If pre-orders are made, students will receive their texts by Monday 18th November, which will mean that they will be able to access them during the Step Up program.

Year 11 Exams:
Year 11 Exams will model the Year 12 conditions. Students are required to attend their exams at the set time and are permitted to study at school. School uniform must be worn. Attendance at the exam and satisfactory completion is compulsory in order to meet Unit outcome.

Year 11 Examination Timetable 2013:

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**VCAL Bridge Building:**
VCAL students Jayden Cronin, Lewis O’Neil and Trey Darcy worked under the guidance of Brett Ryan (all pictured right) to construct a bridge to be installed in the new Playspace area at Apex Park. The students worked well to read plans and construct a very solid structure that was picked up last Friday morning by Corangamite Shire staff. The bridge will hopefully be installed in the coming months. The boys should be congratulated on their efforts on this project.

**Pre-Service Teacher:**
Last week, we welcomed Mr Josh Hose to our College. Josh is currently studying at Federation University in Ballarat (formerly known as University of Ballarat) and is completing a three week teaching round in Health and Physical Education.

Ms Vicki Angus, Senior Campus Assistant Principal

Brooke Street News

Walktober:
This term, we coordinated a walking school bus activity and healthy breakfast in conjunction with Corangamite Shire’s annual Walktober event. Lots of students and families took part by walking to school together, having a chat and enjoying the small snippets of sunshine. It was wonderful to see lots of smiling faces arrive at school together and then enjoy a healthy breakfast to top it off. Thanks once again to our staff for driving the buses and preparing the breakfast.
Welcome!
This term, we welcome two new members to our Camperdown College community! Taneika who has joined Year 5/6W and Charly who is new to Prep. Welcome girls and your families, we hope that you both enjoy your time at Camperdown College!

Sport:
Last Friday, we had a team of Year 5/6 boys represent the College at the Milo T20 Cricket Tournament in Colac. Even though they didn’t win all of their games, a great day was had by our boys and, as always, they represented the College in a mature and responsible way. Well done to Lachlan Stephenson, Tom Cole, Angus Gordon, Leigh Ball, Thomas Nicholson, Ben Micallef, Luke Ball, Daniel Nelson, Dylan Russell and Dexter Barron.

Also on Friday, we had representatives at the State Cycling Championships in Ballarat. Bailey McDonald, Riley Helmore, Jack Helmore and Khris Clementson all qualified for this event in their varied categories and represented the College with pride.

On Monday of this week, Olivia Henzen travelled to Melbourne to compete in Hurdles at the State Athletics Championships in Melbourne. Olivia came 5th in her heat and qualified for the final (which ran a whopping six hours after her heat!) In the final, Olivia ran eighth. What a remarkable achievement that is – well done Olivia!

Music Count Us In:
Today, all students from Prep – Year 6 joined the Music Count Us In Day by singing Keep On live via webstream with over 600,000 other students from around Australia. Our students have spent the last couple of weeks practising both the song and the movements that go with it in order to participate in this event. Well done to both our students and to Mrs Pugh for coordinating this event.

Year 3/4 Boomerang Ranch Camp:
Next week, our Year 3/4 students are looking forward to their Boomerang Ranch camp. Thanks to Mrs Downie and Mrs Coates for organising and coordinating this opportunity for our students. I’m sure that you’ll all have a lovely time and enjoy horseriding!

Mrs Angela Hall, Junior Campus Assistant Principal

Brooke Street & Wilson Street Canteen Roster

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Junior Campus communication sent to parents this week:

| J16 | Year 5/6 The Arts Local Excursion |
| J17 | Year 3/4 Camp Reminders |
| J18 | Year 3/4 Weekly Email |
| J19 | Year 5/6 Weekly Email |
| J20 | Prep – Year 2 Excursion, Sleepover and Night In |
| J20 | Year 1/2R Parent Information |

Senior Campus communication sent to parents this week:

| S7 | Term 4 Sports Day |
| S8 | Rail Trail |

The annual Camperdown College Parents & Friends Trivia Night was held on Friday 18th September, with a fantastic 14 teams fighting it out for the coveted Trivia Night Trophy.

Cameron McAdam and Michelle Norton, our quiz masters extraordinaire, hosted a wonderful evening of fun trivia and games. The night was deemed a great success by all in attendance, with lots of laughter emanating throughout the hall – especially when trying to answer the questions that we should have known the answer to, but didn’t!

Over $1,200 was raised from the night, which will be allocated to the relocation of the Junior Campus gates.

Thank you must be expressed to Michelle and Cameron for all of their work in creating such a wonderful event. We would like to also thank our talented guest artist, Ben McKenzie, for his musical component and also Jenny O’Neil and Darren Maskell who were our official scorers. Finally, thank you to Amy Stephenson who did such a professional job with all of the administrative duties and parents who assisted in providing a delicious supper. Congratulations to the winning Camperdown College staff team, F.A.T – Fabulous Answering Team, for taking home the prized trophy!

Thank you to the following businesses who donated items to the Trivia Night. Their generous support greatly contributed to the success of our fundraising event:

Aussie Farmers Direct

B & S Discount Tyres

Camperdown College Parents & Friends also extend their sincere appreciation to the individual families and friends of the College who generously donated prizes for the Trivia Challenge.

Kim Helmore, Parents & Friends President
Monday 4th November: Pupil Free Day
Tuesday 5th November: Melbourne Cup Public Holiday
No students in Prep – Year 12 are required at school on these days

You are invited to the
Camperdown College Art Exhibition
Showcasing students work from year 7 - 12
November 8th
5 - 6pm
DJ’s Café

131 Manifold St, Camperdown

For more information please contact Wilson Street Campus
Camperdown College 55931617
Thursday 31st October 2013

IMPORTANT

Bus travel: Advice for families

Terang, Timboon, Camperdown and Cobden schools are currently working with the Student Transport Unit of the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development and Public Transport Victoria to review the operation of the school bus program in our area.

This includes fare paying requirements. Under the School Bus Program policy, students using a school bus to travel to a school which is not their closest would normally be required to pay a fare.

In addition, we are investigating how the School Bus Program could be used to support the operation of the Trade Training Centre facilities we are establishing across our cluster of schools. One key element in making the Trade Training Centre facilities accessible to as many of our students as possible is to ensure our students can travel between our towns on the day each week they would be attending their TTC course.

We have confirmed with the Department and PTV that there will be no change for the 2014 school year but there could be changes in 2015. These changes, depending on what they are and when they are implemented, may affect current students however, we are working with the Department and PTV to ensure the School Bus Program can both support our schools and students and comply with the School Bus policy.

We will keep you informed during Term 1 next year as this work continues.

Yours sincerely,

Cherie Kilpatrick
Principal

On behalf of:
Cherie Kilpatrick  Camperdown College
Michael Smart  Cobden Technical School
Adam Box  Terang College
Rosalie Moorfield  Timboon P-12 School
The Victorian Schools Cycling Championships Road Series State Final was held on Friday 25th October at Victoria Park in Ballarat. Over 250 students raced on the 2.2 kilometre flat criterion course and organisers were impressed with the high level of skill on display. Camperdown College was proudly represented by Bailey McDonald, Jack Helmore, Riley Helmore and Khris Clementson. The boys made comment on the freezing cold weather with the wind being a bit gusty, which added to the challenges of the day. Both Jack and Riley competed in the JR13 Boys Novice Racing Category and came 3rd and 6th respectively. Bailey and Khris competed in the JR13 Boys Racing Category and finished midfield. The first half was very fast and even though Bailey just couldn’t hold his wheel, he was still pretty happy with the result as he was up against some excellent, serious competition. A great day was had by all of the boys and they were very competitive on the day. Well done!

Caroline Duynhoven, Prep – Year 6 Sport Coordinator

Pictured above: Jack Helmore (right) with his medal after his race.

**Year 3 – 6 Athletics**

**Year 3 – 6 Regional Athletics**

Camperdown College was represented by six talented Year 5/6 students at the Regional Athletic Championships in Ballarat on Friday 18th October. The weather was good and lots of people were in attendance which helped to create a fantastic atmosphere for an action packed day.

The 11 year old Boys Relay Team, consisting of Harry Sumner, Ben Walters, Angus Gordon and Thomas Nicholson, ran a clean run and came fourth in their heat, which meant that they only just missed out on a place in the finals. They were very happy with the result as it was an improvement on their 2012 effort. The boys are already looking towards 2014!

Harry Sumner unfortunately slipped at the start of his 100 metre race, but he picked himself up and finished it with a fierce amount of determination to come 8th. Harry improved his position by running 7th in his 200 metre event, which was a fantastic effort.

Molly Hedrick had a few nerves going into her long jump event, but that did not deter her from jumping an amazing 3.80 metres to give her a fourth place ranking on the day. She thought she had jumped really well on the day, but as only the first two go on to State, she now has her sights set for next year’s championships.

Olivia Henzen ran a tremendous race in her 200 metre event to gain a fantastic fourth place position for the day. However, it was her efforts in the hurdles that saw her run a brilliant second and qualify her to compete at the State Athletics Championships in Melbourne on Monday 28th October (see below).

**Year 3 – 6 State Athletics:**

On Monday 28th October, Olivia Henzen competed in the 80 metre Hurdles at the State Primary Track & Field Championships at Lakeside Stadium in Melbourne. Her big day began at 10.15am with her first heat where, despite knocking over the first hurdle, she kept her cool and finished 5th with a time that qualified her for the finals, which was to be an agonising six hour wait away!

The track was dry after a bit of rain and Olivia (pictured right) felt relaxed. She ran a good clean race and reduced her time to 14.43 seconds, a new personal best. Experiencing racing at such a venue is very different with her highlights of the day being the fantastic atmosphere, commentaries for each race, interacting with other athletes, having your name on the big screen and being introduced to the crowd.

Caroline Duynhoven
Prep – Year 6 Sport Coordinator

**Parents & Friends Junior Campus Sausage Sizzle**

Wednesday 13th November marks the half way mark of busy Term 4 and the Parents & Friends Association plan to celebrate the day by hosting a sausage sizzle at the Junior Campus. Please complete the order form below and return it to the Junior Campus Office with full payment by Monday 11th November.

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**Parents & Friends Junior Campus Sausage Sizzle**

Student’s Name: ______________________ Room Number: ______________________

Number of sausages ____________ @ $2.00 each □ Fruit Box @ $1.50 each

Total Cost: ______________________

Parent/Guardian Signature: ______________________ Date: ______________________
On Friday 25th October, ten Year 5/6 boys travelled to Colac to participate in the Milo T20 Blast Competition under very wet, cold and slippery conditions. The team included Ben Micallef, Thomas Nicholson, Leigh Ball, Tom Cole, Angus Gordon, Luke Ball, Lachlan Stephenson, Daniel Nelson, Dylan Russell and Dexter Barron (pictured below). The boys improved as the day went on with some spectacular catches, quick running between the wickets and excellent fielding team work. Three games were played with all players bowling, batting, wicket keeping and fielding in each.

The last game was the highlight of the day against Colac Primary School, with the boys producing some of our best plays of the day. The game was decided in the last over with the boys missing out on a win by only a few runs.

Caroline Duynhoven
Prep – Year 6 Sport Coordinator

Wow! What a great response to Expressions of Interest to audition for the 2014 Victorian State School Spectacular.

Forty three students, who will be in Year 5 – 8 next year, have signed up with a really good mix of new students and those who participated this year. Please be aware that there are only 22 positions in the dance team and having been in the team this year does not mean an automatic inclusion for next year as we want to give new comers a fair chance as well.

Auditions will take place later this term, so keep an eye out for more details. If your child is successful, a letter will be sent home with more information.

We don’t have definite dates for district rehearsals yet, but please start thinking about whether you are able to be a parent driver for those days, not only to take your own child, but at least a couple of others. You will need to have comprehensive car insurance and provide the details to the College. Parent involvement at all levels helps to keep the costs to a minimum which makes it more possible for our students to be involved and is much appreciated.

Annette Timilsina, VSSS Coordinator

Year 5/6 Somers Camp

Every two years, students in Year 5 and 6 have the opportunity to apply for Somers Camp. This year, we were allocated places for three boys and three girls and the lucky students whose names were drawn were: Stacey James, Olivia Henzen, Amelia Kempton, Khris Clementson, Mathew Pineo and Charlie Tickner (pictured right).

These students spent nine nights at Somers Camp participating in a range of fantastic activities including: boating, bush cooking, initiative activities, ropes course, surfing and drama. The students could hardly express how much they loved the camp! Here is what some had to say:

It was fun. You got to go on the flying fox and the high ropes course. The Challenge Swing was my favourite. We could send letters to our parents. My mum and sister came to see me on visitors’ day. Mathew Pineo.

It was brilliant! The staff were friendly. There were lots of activities that I will probably never get to do again. I made new friends. The challenges were wicked! It was a memorable camp. Stacey James.

Michelle Norton, Year 5/6 Teacher

Working with Wood Excursion

On Friday 18th October, all Year 8 students, current VCAL students and some 2014 VCE Product Design students were given the opportunity to go to the Timber and Working with Wood Show at the Convention Centre in Melbourne.

This show is the premier woodworking event in Australia and we were lucky for it to be held in Melbourne this year. The aim of the trip was for students to gain inspiration from the stall holders and exhibitions and to investigate various timber varieties and wood working techniques. For the Technology Department, it was a chance to investigate some various timber finishing processes and to check out some of the latest tools and equipment.

The show itself was very busy and there were lots of different activities to attend including stringed instrument making, learning the didgeridoo and trying out some hand tools. There were exhibitors with every type of wood working machine that you could imagine and lots of these machines were working throughout the day. It was great to talk to the exhibitors and fantastic to see how the show ran their demonstrations with an emphasis on safety. The students engaged well with the show, some students bought home some timber samples and catalogues and a few of the senior students purchased timber for future major projects.

Ben McKenzie, Design, Creativity and Technology Teacher
Year 8 LEAP into Design

Year 8 students participated in a career program called LEAP into Design during October. This program is part of the Learn Experience Access Professions activities that aim to demystify the link between school, university and professions.

Students were introduced to a variety of careers in the design industry and their design brief for the day was to create a poster for a new animal exhibit at the Melbourne Zoo. They worked in teams to create an animal collage and had to present their final product to their peers.

Suzanne Maskell, Careers Coordinator

Music, Count Us In!

Camperdown College Junior Campus students joined in the national Music Count Us In Day today to celebrate music and singing in schools. Students from Prep – Year 6 came together in our BER building to sing the song, Keep On, simultaneously with over 600,000 students from over 2,000 schools around Australia. Students watched as the song was webcast and streamed live from the Melbourne Arts Centre. Harrison Craig, winner of The Voice did the official countdown to the national singing at 12.30pm.

Our students also took part in music workshops two weeks earlier with Ms Sue Arney, a dynamic and experienced Music Educator from Melbourne, who had been conducting regional school Music Workshops on behalf of the Music Council of Australia. Ms Arney taught the students and teachers the song, Keep On which was composed by four Australian students who had won the 2013 Music Count Us In song writing competition. They wrote the song in a day in Sydney and were mentored by John Foreman and Katie Noonan.

Our students loved singing and learning body percussion with Ms Arney. Our string students learnt to play the string parts available on the website and accompanied the school singing. They were very excited by the opportunity to pull it all together today in their performance.

Fiona Pugh
Instrumental Music Teacher

Prep – Year 6 students participated in the annual Corangamite Walktober event by creating walking school buses at various locations around Camperdown on Friday 18th October. Students met at a designated bus stop to join a bus with their peers, parents and teachers and enjoy a glorious walk around the picturesque streets of Camperdown before arriving at the Junior Campus.

Once at school, everyone was greeted with a free healthy breakfast that consisted of cereal, fresh fruit, yoghurt and juice that was kindly donated by the Corangamite Shire. A wonderful morning was had by all – what a fantastic way to start the day!

Angela Hall, Junior Campus Assistant Principal

Pictured above: Year 8 students Andrew Anderson and Dylan Gravett.
Western District Schools Spelling Competition

Six students from Year 4 – 6 participated in the Western District Schools Spelling Competition at Warrnambool Primary School last week. There were many participants and the competition was very strong. Some of the words on their lists were: lychee, stationery, yacht, accommodation and solemn.

The students represented our College well and enjoyed a fantastic supper!

Julie Nelson, Year 5/6 Teacher


Year 7 and 8 Term 4 Sports Day

Students in Year 7 and 8 enjoyed their Term 4 Sports Day on Monday 28th October, participating in basketball and tennis. Four teams represented Camperdown College: one Year 8 girls basketball team in Camperdown, one Year 7 and one Year 8 boys’ basketball team (both pictured right) along with one Year 7 girls tennis team that all competed in Terang. Due to poor weather conditions, the tennis was washed out for the afternoon. However, the basketball ran smoothly and our Year 8 boys had a great couple of games, winning their match against Cobden Technical School and only losing by 2 points in a nail biter against Mercy Regional College.

Well done to all students who participated in this event, not only was it great to see them having a go but they also need to be commended on their excellent behaviour and great sportsmanship skills. A huge thank you must go to Ms Crowle and Mr Clissold who attended the girls basketball in Camperdown on the day and to Jayden Cronin and Connor Jackson who did a fantastic job coaching both the boys’ basketball teams in Terang.

Ashleigh Bloomfield
Year 7 – 12 Sport Coordinator

Brooke Street Citizenship Awards

Friday 18th October 2013: Scott Londregan, Esther McAdam, Hailey Rosenthal, Emily Smith, Kane Leishman, Neil Bain, Bailey Borland and Talon Ellerton.

Students involved in the Year 9 program were recently separated into three groups. The School for Student Leadership students, with assistance from Greg Farmer, started building their shed for the Rail Trail, whilst the remaining two groups took on the task of wiring the tennis court. They travelled to Camperdown Hardware for materials, suggestions and methods of how to fix mesh sheets, in order to stop birds into getting into certain parts of the school.

After gathering all required information, such as length and width of the mesh sheets, students were able to measure up and price the job.

David Robertson and Ashleigh Bloomfield
Year 9 Program Coordinators

“WHAT IF.....?”
Helping your child solve problems

One of the most important tasks a parent or carer needs to do is to keep their child safe whilst still encouraging them to delight in exploring the world around them.

Children come with their own personalities – some are adventurous and active while others are quieter and more cautious. However, they basically learn attitudes towards life from significant people around them. The young child observes their parents’ reactions and sees them as the normal way to behave. For instance, if there is a huge spider on the wall and the parent panics, the child learns to be afraid as well. If the parent explains a bit about spiders’ habits and calmly removes it to the garden “where it belongs” the child learns that there are ways to deal with this situation.

Our brains tend to shut down if we are threatened and go into a “fight” or “flight” or “freeze” reaction. The best way to help a child prepare for challenging situations is to give them skills and knowledge about the range of choices they can use. Then they do not have to work it out while they are in the middle of it. This needs to be done without frightening them about all the dangers that surround them, so it is often helpful to set up relevant “What if....?” scenarios.

This is a way of teaching that parents use all the time, but it is especially helpful when you anticipate difficulties and will not be there to protect the child. It also reminds the adult to think about what they know might occur and ask the child what they could do. It helps you to tune in to what the child understands and it should be a very interactive process.

Parent - “What if Mummy is late picking you up from Kinder?” Child - “I don’t know ....!”

Parent - “What if Susie tells you that she won’t be your friend?” Child - “I will tell Susie she’s not my friend either”

Parent - “What if you cannot find Dad when he takes you to the Show?” Child - “I don’t want to go to the Show if Dad will lose me!! You have to take me!!”

Once you have an idea of the child’s feelings and possible actions, you can encourage them to think of more alternatives and can start opening up more options.

“What do you think Susie might do next?”
“How can we be sure you can find the lost kids place at the Show? Who can you ask for help?”

It is also a time to set definite limits on things that will not be acceptable and emphasise the safest options. Most places where your child will be will have guidelines about what to do in difficult situations so it is a good idea to find out what these are and reinforce them yourself. This way the child gets a consistent message about what to do.

“No, you cannot just go home from Kinder by yourself with Will’s Mum. You need to wait inside and tell the teacher first, then ....”

“If another child hits you, remember that your teacher said to ....”

Discussing possibilities in this friendly way is very empowering for your child. Not only does it teach them to deal with that particular situation but it builds their life skills around solving problems.
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