Dear Parents and Carers

Term 3 seems to be flying by and has certainly been busy.

School website
Holly and Alana have been working to improve the look and content of our school website. Please take a moment to visit the site and you will see that it has been modified and updated. Some of the changes include a calendar with upcoming events, some information about the classes under School Structure. We will continue to keep the site updated with photos and information about the school. Take a look at: http://www.marybrooks-s.schools.nsw.edu.au

School Photos
The School Photographer has been booked for next year on Thursday 12th February 2015.

Positive Behaviour Intervention and Support (PBIS)
Five 2 metre high PVC pencils with the school rules written on them have been purchased and will be concreted into the ground, possibly on the slope at the front of the school. A fence banner and metal signs for each playground displaying the school rules are being designed so we can display the school rules in a professional and appealing way throughout the school.

Sensory Room
The P & C continue to fund the upgrade of the Sensory Room and we have recently purchased a range of new equipment with this money. The room is now divided into 2 sections, one dark room with strings of lights, a bubble tube and other lighting effects and relaxation equipment. The second section of the room will contain tactile equipment and equipment to encourage movement and mobility. It is hoped this upgrade will be finished before the end of the year. At the same time, the school is beautifying the courtyard outside the Sensory Room with a massive student artwork planned for the brick wall. Bianca and Sharisse have planned the artwork and each student will create a tile to become part of the work.

High School Playground
Holly was successful in applying for and receiving a grant from the Cancer Council to erect a shade shelter over the basketball court. This will allow students to use the equipment all year round. A trampoline that was recently donated for the High school playground has been installed.

Daffodil Day
We raised $177.50 for the Cancer Council. Thank you to all students and staff that donated on the day. This is the largest amount to date that we have raised. A great effort and thank you to Marlene for arranging the day.
McDonalds Fundraiser Night
We wish to thank McDonlads for their continued support of our school. On Wednesday the 6\textsuperscript{th} August 2014 we held our annual fundraising night and rasied approx $2,100 for the school. Thankyou to all of our families that helped support the night by purchasing McDonalds on the night and also to our wonderful staff who worked at various stores thought out the Macarthur area (they were all very stressed and much prefer there day job).

Multicultural Day
Multicultural Day took place on Tuesday the 29\textsuperscript{th} July 2014. It’s was a fantastic day and all of our classrooms looked amazing. Congratulations the following winners.

Classroom Displays
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Regards
Jennifer Neradovsky
Prinicpal (Acting)
Save the Date: Friday 5th September 2014 - BINGO NIGHT
Campbelltown Catholic Club

We are still looking for any parent or carer that knows of any business’s that would be able to donate prizes, please let the school know so the P&C can contact them directly. Any assistance that can be given for this fundraiser would be greatly appreciated.

Letters have already been sent home for purchasing of tickets. Please note that tickets MUST BE pre-purchased this year at $20.00 per seat (10 to a table). NO TICKETS WILL BE SOLD AT THE DOOR ON THE NIGHT. We still have limited spaces available so get in quick so you don't miss out on a great fun filled evening.

If you have already pre-booked tickets payment must be made by Friday 28th August 2014, otherwise your seat allocations will be forfeited. If you have already paid for your tickets they will be sent home shortly with your child.

This fundraiser event has always been a wonderful evening that is very popular. All funds raised will be given to the school for the senior playground.

Raffle Tickets
We still have spare raffle books if anyone is interested in selling additional books. Just give Mel or Kylie a call in the office and they will arrange to send home for you. Don't forget that there is also a PRIZE for the student that sell the most books. Thankyou to all our families that have already returned your sold raffle tickets and returned money. Attached to this newsletter is a copy of the prizes available.

Donations for Hampers
This week is non perishable goods week so if you would like to donate please send in any non perishable beauty products. Thankyou to all families that have kindly donated items for our beaut hamper last week. The P&C is always greatful for the support you show the school.

Cadbury Chocolates
Thank you to all parents, carers and staff members that have supported our Cadbury Chocolate Fundraiser. We have made approx $3000 and proceeds will be going towards the senior sensory outdoor area.

Second Hand Uniforms
We are in desperate need of second hand clothing for our second hand clothing pool which can be resold or offered to families that may require financial assistance. We are after school shirts, jumpers, shorts and tracksuit pants. Please be aware that we can only accept GOOD QUALITY second hand uniforms and can not accept items that are damaged.

Uniform Shop Opening Times
The P&C are at school on each alternate fortnight between 9am to 10am if any parent/carer requires uniforms. Alternatively if you are unable to get in please let either Mel or Kylie know on 4628-4555 and they can arrange for a uniform order sheet to be sent home.

We still offer a 6 week layby on all uniform purchases.
The uniform shop will be open in Term 3 on the following Mondays.

1st September 2014
15th September 2014

Don’t forget that we also hold our P&C meeting on Tuesday mornings from 9.30am in the library in weeks 4 and 8 of the school term. Due to the Bingo taking place during week 8 we will be moving our next meeting to Tuesday the 9th September 2014 (week 9). We warmly welcome any parent or carer that would like to attend. Why not come along for a cuppa and a chat and it’s a great way to meet other parents and see what we do to support our school and our wonderful students.

Warm regards

P&C Committee

Dates for your Diary

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Staff Spotlight: Erin Wightman

Erin Wightman was appointed to our school this year after completing the STEPS program – a teacher retraining program in Special education. During this term and next, Erin will be teaching each class for short periods of time to familiarise herself with our unique school context and our students, We welcome Erin to our school.
**ASD Social and Networking Group (ASANG)**

**WHEN:** THIRD MONDAY of each month - during School Terms

Time 10.30m - 12.30noon

Held at: Woodbine Neighbourhood Centre

83A North Steyne Road, Woodbine

PHONE NO: 4625 1254

Next meet: 21ST JULY 2014

Parents / carers will have a forum to share
their experiences and receive and offer
support to other parents / carers with an ASD child

The support group will assist you in expanding your
social network, creating an opportunity to organize
Social Activities during the term and in the School Holidays.

Open to all parents / carers with children on
the Autism Spectrum (ASD)

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**Woodbine Autism**

**Spectrum Disorder (ASD) Playgroup**

Do you have a child on the spectrum either
diagnosed or pending diagnoses? You’re not alone. Come along to the Woodbine ASD Playgroup to enjoy
two hours of play with your child/ren on the spectrum and their
siblings and meet other families with ASD children.

**When:** Wednesdays during school terms

**Starting:** 23rd July 2014

**Time:** 10am—12noon

(packing away starts 11.30am)

**Cost:** $2 per child

**What to bring** - due to allergies and sensory
sensitivities parents / guardians are to bring their
child/ ren a healthy snack and bottle/s of water for morning tea.

If your child requires supportive equipment
please bring it to each playgroup session.

All parents and / or guardians are responsible for the supervi-
sion of their child/ren at all times during the session.

Arts & Crafts and other play equipment will be
provided.

**Bookings and further information**

phone 4625 1254
Hello to All

Campbelltown's first special needs Scouting group is approaching its first birthday. And we are proud to announce that our group is providing a successful program to in excess of 30 youth members between the ages of 6 to 18 years of age (Mentally).

The youth have had when they are considered ready opportunities to participate in small hikes, camps, day outings, regional scout events and also our State camp for youth with special needs. They have tried flying fox, obstacle courses, orienteering, scavenger hunts, and lots of great games to meet a variety of different needs and ability levels.

It is great to see young people with special needs achieve badgework to the best of their ability, to participate in the flag ceremony and even to take on leadership roles when they are ready.

We are pleased to announce that as our group has expanded so have our sessions;

**Joeys** (6-8 year old) meet Tue from 5:00-6:00  
**Cubs** (8-11 year old) meet Wed from 5:00-6:30  
**Scouts** (11-15 year old) meet Fri from 5:30-7:30  
**Venturers** (15+) meet Thurs from 6:30-8:00

**Mixed session for Youth with greater needs or higher sensory issues** (6-18 year old) Thursdays from 5:00-6:30..most youth in this session attend with a parent or carer participating/assisting them.
Youth with Special Needs attending events.

Not all children will be ready or able to attend all events.

Our priority will be to the child and we will work with families to help prepare their children to attend events.

In preparation for children attending events, programs are run on weeknights to introduce children to what they can expect, families are provided with Social Stories and simple games and activities to do at home to help them to further prepare their children to go on a camp, a hike, a march, or an excursion.

It is possible that some children’s experience of this type of event will be through the activities designed to prepare other children for events.

For example in preparing for a camp we may play games where they open up sleeping bag and mat and set up a “bed” in the hall, we may pack a bag, we may set up a tent in the yard and pretend we are camping. This in itself can be fun and rewarding experiences for youth, especially those who have never seen a tent or sleeping bag before.

We are currently seeking people who are interested in helping or being involved in our group in either of these sessions...We need people who...

- have ideas on working with youth with disabilities.
- are parents of children with special needs and want their child to have an experience in a Scout group.
- might just want to help on an ideas group.
- might want to be involved in a more long term role in the group.
- might want to be leaders.
- And of course youth who want to become Scouts.
News from Campbelltown Ghost Scouts..

Some of the exciting things our **Joeys** have done include:

- Visiting the Settlers Museum and the Aviation Museum
- Making friends with Joeys in other groups
- Attending big events with other Joeys in the area such as Campfire, the Zoo and also going to Camp.

Our Joeys had a great time at camp, they go for just 24 hours with their parent who helps them with all their care needs...all Joeys in all groups go to camp with a parent or carer. At camp the Joeys went on the Flying Fox, the obstacle course, they went to campfire and made Cowboy and Indian costumes, it was a lot of fun.

Some of the exciting things our **Cubs** have done include:

- Canoeing
- Hiking
- Camping
- Roller Skating
- And Camp Cooking

Our Cubs had a fantastic time at the Environmental Camp in March where they dipnetted to find bugs and platypus food in the river, they swam and they learnt how to use a canoe. Roller Skating recently was great fun and we were all so proud to watch the Cubs doing their best and not giving up as they kept trying to master the art of walking on wheels...
Scouts have had a huge program...they have
• Camped
• Hiked
• Abseiled
• Go Karting

Recently some of our Scouts attended the State Rally in which they had to fend for themselves with no (leader at a distance) support...and they did very well, achieving some great results and getting better at working with each other to achieve a goal...not easy for some!!

Our Venturer Unit is just getting exciting...

They recently organised an overnight hike into the city where they explored the rocks and then caught a Ferry to Cockatoo Island where they stayed the night...They had planned to tell lots of Ghost Stories but we are not too sure how many they got too when the sun went down..

Whatever your age...whatever your interest...

We would love to have you join us at Campbelltown Ghost Scouts...
Claire Eaton
Australia’s positive voice for teens
"ROC" Seminar for Parents of Teens

What ‘ROC’ stands for - Resilience, Optimism and Confidence.
JOIN us to hear Claire Eaton, from "ROC Teen", speak about what parents can do to nurture these strengths in their teens. This session is for adults only.
Young people can BOOK TO attend one of the teen workshops on Sat 13 or Sun 14 September for Free.

WHEN: Friday 12 September, 2014

TIME: 6.00pm - approx 8.00pm
(The library will be closed at this time)

COST: FREE

VENUE: Iron bark room - Narellan Library
Cnr Queen and Elyard Street
Narellan, NSW 2567

CONTACT DETAILS:
kim.white@camden.nsw.gov.au Narellan Library 4645 5039

To Register go to www.library.camden.nsw.gov.au/bookings

FREE Parent Workshop
For parents & carers only
Friday 12th September
6:00pm - 7:30pm
Numbers are limited
"ROC" Teen workshops

"ROC" stands for Resilience, Optimism and Confidence.

Join Claire Eaton from "ROC Teen" to learn ways to build these qualities into your life. A fun, informative workshop for young people.

BOOK FOR the teen guys or girls session that is perfect for your age group.

FREE EVENT

To Register go to www.library.camden.nsw.gov.au/bookings

These workshops will be held in 'The Space' at Narellan Library.
Find out more about "ROC" visit http://www.claireeaton.com.au/

WHEN: Saturday 13 and Sunday 14 September - check suitable session for you.

VENUE: The Space - Narellan Library
Cnr Queen and Elyard Street
Narellan, NSW 2567

CONTACT DETAILS:
kim.white@camden.nsw.gov.au Narellan Library 4645 5039

"ROC" Teen workshops Session Times
Please select the session that you wish to book.

SESSIONS FOR GIRLS
Saturday 13 September 2014
Girls 11-13 years, 9.30-11.30am
Saturday 13 September 2014
Girls 14-17 years, 12-2pm

SESSIONS FOR GUYS
Sunday 14 September 2014
Guys 11-13 years, 9.30-11.30am
Sunday 14 September 2014
Guys 14-17 years, 12.00-2.00pm

Proudly sponsored by Camden Council
Fathers’ Support Service invites you to join a weekly support group to:

- Get together, share stories, experiences and having a mid-week discussion session.
- Join us for a catch-up and make new friends and listen to guest speakers from various services.

**When:** Every Monday from: Mon 4th Aug to Mon 8th Sep 2014

**Time:** 6.30 - 8.30 PM

**Venue:**

Cabramatta Multicultural Family Centre
232 Railway Parade
Cabramatta 2166

**Contact:** Emil or Quang
0417 570 688 or 0400399739
(02) 9781 3350 or 02) 9781 3333
Email: eshiba@burnside.org.au

Refreshment and light meal provided.
We hear a lot about child abuse and neglect
What does it all mean?

Children can be at risk of abuse in a variety of settings in the community
How do we keep our children safe?

To find out the answers to these questions and more, come to

**Keeping Children Safe**
“A free 04-week course”

- To explore options for children to be empowered to protect themselves
- Feel more confident about your parenting!
- Clear definitions of what constitutes abuse
- Pick up skills and tools to assess the risks our children face
- Gain confidence in talking to your children about safety issues

**Where:** C4C Community Hub

1/13 William Street, Fairfield

**Time:** 2:00pm to 4:00pm

**Dates:** 19/08 – 26/08 – 02/09 – 09/09/2014

**Bookings essential for more information contact:**

Quang 0400 399 739 or Emil 0417 570 688
or 9781 3350 | 9781 3333

Fathers’ Support Service (FSS) is a service funded by Federal Government (DSS) to provide Support to fathers in Western Sydney in developing and maintaining their valuable family/child relationships.
A THEATRE SHOWCASE

Now in its fourth year, National Skills Week provides a platform to highlight the opportunities and career pathways available through Vocational Education and Training. Hundreds of events take place nationally each year. We will be presenting a Theatre Showcase that will be informative, inspiring, entertaining and... pure magic! You will leave with a new perspective on vocational education.

THE MAGICAL MYSTERY TOUR OF SKILLS

NATIONAL SKILLS WEEK
nationskillsweek.com.au
August 25 - 31, 2014

Attendance at this event achieves 2.5 hours of professional development for Careers Advisers under the Australian Standards for Career Development Practitioners and the Careers Advisers Association of NSW & ACT Inc Professional Development Policy.

Monday August 25, 2014 @ 10:00am - 2:00pm
The National Institute of Dramatic Art (NIDA), Sydney
Lunch will be provided

RESERVE YOUR SEATS NOW

Name: ___________________________ Phone: ___________________________
Organisation: ___________________________ Position: ___________________________
Email: ____________________________________________

I wish to reserve ______ seat/s at the National Skills Week Theatre Showcase. Please RSVP noting any dietary requirements to amelie.deasey@skillsone.com.au or phone (02) 8060 0111. For more information about National Skills Week or to sign up to the e-newsletter, visit nationalskillsweek.com.au.