Parent Survey
As I mentioned in previous newsletters, I was keen to ensure that the community received feedback from our survey which was conducted at the end of last term. Again thank you to those parents/families that responded. One of the questions asked for parent comment was on ‘The one aspect I like about this school…’ The written responses to this are attached to this newsletter. We also had a number of comments in other parts of the survey with regards to homework. The School Board has been working on a Draft Camboon Primary School Homework Policy. This has involved a number of meetings to look at the extensive research not only across our nation but across the world on this matter. It is important that we base, and support, our policy on this. The Draft Policy will then be presented to the teaching staff at the school through their representatives on the Board where further analysis and development will take place before finally being returned to the Board for ratification.

I will endeavour to respond to and/or address other comments and questions which have evolved from the survey in future newsletters as a form of feedback and information for parents.

APPLICATIONS FOR GIFTED AND TALENTED PROGRAMS NOW OPEN FOR YEAR 7 IN 2015
With Year 7 students moving to secondary school from 2015, Gifted and Talented Secondary Selective Entrance Programs will start a year earlier. This is an exciting opportunity for you, our parents, as you consider secondary school opportunities for your children. Gifted and Talented academic, languages and arts programs provide a unique and challenging curriculum designed to bring out the very best in your child. These elite programs are available at 17 select public secondary schools, and you can apply no matter where you live in Western Australia. If your child is in Year 5 now, you can apply for entry into Year 7 in 2015. The selection process will take place in 2014 when your child is in Year 6. Year 5 students will receive a brochure to take home with this newsletter.

Limited places may also be available for children entering Years 8, 9, 10 and 11 in 2015.

Applications close 12.00noon on Monday 10 February 2014. All applications must be made online.
For more information and to apply:
W: det.wa.edu.au/giftedandtalented
E: gate@education.wa.edu.au
T: 9264 4307

Vegetable Gardens
Students from all parts of the school have enjoyed eating the produce they have grown in the vegetable garden beds.

Swimming Lessons
Lessons for Year 7 students commence next week. This is part of their Physical Education program.
Year 7
Monday 25 November—Friday 29 November (5 x 1 hour lessons), Mullaloo Beach, Cost $42 per student
If you have not already done so, please return permission slips and correct money as soon as possible to the class teacher. If you are having difficulty meeting the costs of lessons, please see our front office staff for payment options.
Lessons for year 6 students commence on Monday 2 December.
Premier's Summer Reading Challenge
Information for the Premier's Summer Reading Challenge will be coming home with your child from the Library next week. The Challenge is open to all children from birth to Year 10 and runs from 2 December 2013 to 31 January 2014. This year's Challenge is to read (or be read to) for 15 hours. All entrants have the chance to win an overseas holiday for a family of four. Children also have the option to fundraise for the Multiple Sclerosis Society of WA. To find out more about the Challenge please visit summerreadingchallenge.org.au

Christmas Appeal
This year we will be collecting non-perishable items for the City of Bayswater's Mayor’s Christmas Food Appeal—supporting the Salvation Army. Families are asked to bring along non-perishable items such as dried pasta and pasta sauce, tinned tuna, rice, long life milk, tea, coffee, vegemite or something sweet and drop it in the Xmas Appeal boxes located in or near each classroom. We will be presenting the food gifts to the Shire at our end of year Christmas Assembly to be held on Friday 13 December.

Personal Items Lists 2014
A reminder that all Personal Items for 2014 are to be ordered with Campion by THURSDAY 28 NOVEMBER 2013. If you have misplaced your order form please refer to our website camboonprimaryschool.wa.edu.au or order directly with Campions on www.campion.com.au using “FEJ6” as your code. If you choose not to order and pay online, you can visit the school undercover area on THURSDAY 28 NOVEMBER between 2.30 and 4.00pm to order and pay, however you must pay by either cash, Eftpos or credit card. No cheques will be accepted.

Chaplains Corner
Points in teaching values to your children: Dads are very powerful in establishing values. Don’t rely on TV, movies, magazines or peers. Be specific about values like trust, honesty, integrity, respect, racism, generosity to those who are poor and kindness to those in need.
Phil Leenman
Camboon’s Chaplain
Phil@youthcare.org.au

Class Requests 2014
Parents who wish to request specific class placement for their child in 2014 may do so in writing. Reasons for requests need to be based on educational grounds. The school will endeavour to meet these requests where possible, however, there can be no guarantees that this will occur. Please address your requests to the Principal.

Students Leaving notice
We urgently require information if you know your child/ren are leaving Camboon Primary School. Currently we are looking at student placements for 2014 and accurate information is vital to assist us to best structure our classes. This does not include students who are leaving Year 7 to go to high school but does include those students leaving Year 6 to go to another school for Year 7. If you know your child/ren will not be attending Camboon PS next year, please complete the tear-off slip at the bottom of this newsletter and return it to the school's front office as soon as possible.

Uniform Shop
To cater for extra uniform orders, the Uniform Shop will be open from 2.00pm—4.00pm on Wednesday 11 December. We will also be open from 2.00pm-4.00pm on Friday 31 January before school begins for 2014. We currently have a high demand for second-hand clothes at the Uniform Shop and we always appreciate donations of uniforms that your kiddies have outgrown. If you have some clothes taking up extra space at home, please drop them off to the Uniform Shop or the Canteen. We have two brand new size 10 Leavers shirts available for sale for only $10 each at the Uniform Shop.

Canteen
The canteen will offer a special Christmas sausage sizzle for lunch on Friday 13 December. For only $5 students can order a sausage sizzle and juice and they will receive a special Christmas treat. This will be the only lunch order available on the day. Please order at the canteen by Wednesday 11 December (Halal sausages are also available to order).

Before and After School Care and Vacation Care at Camboon Primary School!!
Jacaranda OSHC provide Out of School Care at Camboon Primary School. With qualified and experienced educators, we offer a fun and challenging environment packed with exciting activities. Children are offered a tasty and healthy afternoon tea from our additive aware menus. Childcare benefit and Govt rebates apply. For more information please contact Kerri on 0419 907 565 or camboonoshc@jacaranda.net.au

CAMBOON PRIMARY STUDENT LEAVER(S) (DURING OR AT THE END OF THE 2013 SCHOOL YEAR)
Childs name__________________________ Year___________ Room Number___________

Childs name__________________________ Year___________ Room Number___________

Childs name__________________________ Year___________ Room Number___________

Date leaving Camboon Primary School____________________________

Name of New School________________________________________________________

Parent / Guardian Name________________________________Signature_________________Date____________

Please return to School Administration as soon as possible.