PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

Dear Parents,

What a tremendous two weeks we have had at Cambridge Gardens PS.

I would like to start by congratulating and thanking our DanceSports team and Mrs Patrick for their outstanding achievements at the Western Sydney finals. Yet again our students flew the flag of Cambridge Gardens proudly and exceeded all our expectations. Well done to everyone!

In 2015, our Assistant Principal, Mr Bill Tucker will be taking part in the DEC Teacher Exchange program. Mr Tucker will be travelling to Canada to teach for the year and a Mr Brent McAllister will be coming to teach at Cambridge Gardens PS. This is an exciting opportunity for Mr Tucker and our school as he experiences the education system and practices in Canada. We look forward to welcoming Mr McAllister to our school community. Congratulations to Mr Tucker for being selected to take part in this exciting initiative.

Our amazing QuickSmart team spent two days at training with the New England University. Our teachers and tutors presented on our school and student achievements and it was most evident how well our program is going at such an early stage of implementation. The levels of student improvement are astounding. Well done to our students and their tutors.

Miss Spencer, class teacher of Suess class continues on leave until next week. As a school community, we congratulate her on her recent nuptials and look forward to her returning to our school on Monday.

Our staff have commenced the process of planning the directions and priorities for our school over the next three years as part of the DEC implementation of our school’s new school plan. Teachers have compiled their ideas and thoughts and I would like to have the opportunity to discuss parent ideas and priorities so that we can develop a shared vision and direction across our school community. To facilitate this I invite all parents to come along to a meeting. There will be two opportunities for parents to participate. A night meeting will be held next Wednesday December 3 at 7pm in the school library or a day meeting next Tuesday December 2 at 9.30am in the library. I ask that everyone come along and help guide the direction our school takes. Please fill in the intention to attend form to help us with catering. Looking forward to seeing you!

Our Kindergarten students for 2015 enjoyed an outstanding Teddy Bears’ Picnic last week. At this stage we are very excited to have 65 enrolments for 2015 which will facilitate the employment of a new teacher at our school. The school has notified staffing regarding the employment of a new teacher for 2015. A huge thank you to Mr Morgan and his team of Kindergarten staff for running such a successful event and a big thankyou to our P&C for providing our students with iceblocks.

Great news for our school is that we have been included on the Early Action for Success program for the next two years. This is an amazing opportunity for our school. This program focuses on monitoring every student in K-2 against the continuums for literacy and numeracy and providing students who need interventions with them. The school will be provided with a non-teaching Deputy Principal for K-2 with overall responsibility for the program and the professional learning of our teachers as well as a teacher to conduct the interventions for the students. This resource will provide a huge opportunity for our K-2 students and teachers over the next two years.

December brings with it a number of celebrations for our school. Please note down that our final Principal’s Assembly will be held on Friday December 12 at 9.30. At this assembly we will be recognising the contributions of our parent community to our student’s learning. This will be followed by our Parent Helper Morning Tea. On Monday December 15 at 9.30am will be our Presentation Assembly. We hope that everyone can come along and enjoy this special event.

Have a great two weeks!

Adam Wynn  Principal
Dance Sports
What a wonderful day we had last Tuesday. Our Dance Sport team went to the 2014 Dance Sports Championships to compete against 20 other schools and as usual made our school very proud. Three of our Junior teams made it through to the semi-finals, and both Slow Rhythm couples made it into the final. Daniel Borland and Kiara Arkley came 2nd overall – a fantastic effort.

The Senior team was even more successful. All six couples made it into the semi-finals, with four couples through to the finals. Alec Bailey and Jasmine Scheithe came first in the Gypsy Tap – an incredible achievement in a very tricky dance. They have won an individual lesson with Stefan Oliveri.

Congratulations to our teams who gave up many recess breaks to practise.

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Year 6 Christmas Fundraiser for the Christmas Picnic

LED Flashlight order—please return order and money by Monday, 8th December.

Name: ____________________________
Class: ____________________________

I wish to purchase ____________ LED flashing headbands @ $3.00 = $ ________________

I wish to purchase ____________ LED flashing shades @ $3.00 = $ ________________

I wish to purchase ____________ LED glow stick @ $2.00 = $ ________________

CASH ONLY $ ________________ enclosed

P&C Christmas Picnic Activities include Face Painting ($3) and Airbrush tattooing ($5) plus the Christmas Guessing Competition will be drawn.

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All orders and cash payment need to be returned by Monday, 8th December, 2014.

STAGE 3 Excursion
Students from our school have recently undertaken an education tour of the national capital. Students will be given the opportunity to participate in a variety of educational programs with a focus on Australia’s history, culture, heritage and democracy.

The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit the national capital as part of their Civics and Citizenship education. To assist families in meeting the cost of the excursion the Australian Government is contributing funding per student under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate program towards those costs. The rebate was paid directly to the school upon completion of the excursion.

CGPS Calendar

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PLANNING MEETING
Intention to attend

I/we will be attending the planning meeting on
____ Tuesday, 2nd December at 9.30 a.m.
____ Wednesday, 3rd December at 7.00 p.m.

Name: ________________________________

Turn off the TV or computer and get active

Why reduce television time?

- studies have shown we use less energy
  watching TV than sitting still
- TV influences the food choice of kids – Australia
  has a high rate of food advertising during
  children’s viewing hours
- TV replaces time a child can be active and enjoy
  physical activity
- there is an association between TV watching
  and being overweight
- 40% of children 5 – 12 years report watching an
  average of two hours or more of television or
  videos a day.

Turn off the TV or computer and get active

- Set a limit on the amount of time children
  watch television or spend on the computer.
  Two hours a day is the maximum. Too much
  screen time limits physical activity.
- On the weekend, live life instead of watching it
  on TV. Find a new place to hike, bike or run.
  When you hear “I’m bored” – think of
  something active to do.
- During the winter months, avoid allowing
  children to watch too much TV or play video
  games. Encourage active play, which builds
  social, mental and physical motor skills.

Kids love rewards

Praise healthy habits. This may be snacking on fruit,
  drinking water and being active. Use treats like stickers,
  special games and outings, hugs and praise. Avoid using
  food as a reward.

Direct Deposits to school account:
When making direct deposits to the school account for
excursion and activities please ensure that you include
your child’s name and a description of excursion.
e.g. J. Smith Carnival Westpac – BSB 032001 Account
No. 163318. All canteen and P&C activities need to be
paid in cash. No direct deposits to the school account
should be made.
All payments and permission notes need to be handed in at the office.

Thank you for your assistance. If you have any
questions regarding payments please contact the office.

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Absence note

Name ________________________________

Class ________________________________

My Child was away from ________ to
____________.

Reason for this absence was:
____________________________

Signed ______________________________
Parent/Guardian _______/____/____