18 March 2014

Term 1 – Week 8

PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

Dear Parents

Congratulations to our students who were inducted into our Student Representative Council on Friday. It is always an honour to be recognised and selected by your peers. We are very proud of these students as were their mums, dads and friends!

At Cambridge Gardens Public School we are working hard to ensure that every learning opportunity is maximized for the benefit of our students. If you need to speak to your child’s teacher please see them before or after school. Please don’t grab them in class time as they are walking into their rooms. It is amazing when you think that if a teacher is talking to a parent for 5 minutes each morning that is 25 minutes of class time a week lost. Thanks for your help with this.

A huge congratulations to the following students. Congratulations to Alec and Jake who have been selected in the Penrith District Soccer team and congratulations to Jordyn and Cameron who have been selected in the Penrith District Rugby League team. Four boys representing Cambridge Gardens Public School proudly!

Stage 3 parents please remember that the second payment for Stage 3 camp of $70 is due this Friday March 21. This would mean that a payment of at least $120 should have been paid at this stage.

Thanks for keeping up to date with payments.

Four of our senior students headed off to Katoomba for two days to the Sydney West Debating Camp. A big thank you to Miss Allan for going along with these students to learn and further develop their debating skills.

On Thursday we will have our arborist attend to complete our annual reassessment of our trees and what work needs to be done. We were very pleased last year to remove all trees and limbs considered to be critical. In light of recent events, the DEC is also providing funding to support these activities. I will keep you up to date on their recommendations.

Just a reminder to our Year 6 parents that High School Expression of Interest forms are due this Friday. These need to be returned even if your child is attending a non-government high school. Please assist us with this.

Next Tuesday March 25 will be our next P&C meeting. Please come along for a chat and some coffee. It is excellent to have as many people at our meetings to make their contributions and give the widest viewpoints on the matters discussed. See you there!

Next Wednesday is the Salaka Drums Incursion. We have been overwhelmed with the response to this activity and know our students are going to really enjoy this event! Payment can still be made for this activity.

Have a great two weeks!

Adam Wynn
Principal
Harmony Day Festivities

This year Harmony Day will be celebrated on Friday 21st March 2014. Harmony Day allows students to celebrate their diversity with their school community. This year Cambridge Gardens Public School will be running fun and engaging activities throughout the day to promote the theme. ‘Everybody belongs.’

Parents and friends at Cambridge Gardens Public School are invited to our special assembly at 9:10am. Parents and friends are also welcome to our big morning tea where classes will be organising stalls with foods from different nations. This will commence at 11:20am during recess time.

Teachers will be communicating with their classes about foods being organised for this day.

Students will be asked to wear orange clothing or a country’s traditional costume.

On the day, students and parents will be issued a taste card for the food stalls. This will enable you to sample three different foods from various countries. Students will collect cards from their classroom teacher. Parents will collect cards from a stall under the COLA.

Cambridge Gardens Public School will also be collecting key cultural and religious dates that are celebrated by the families at our school. It would be greatly appreciated if families can fill in the slip below and return with information to the Admin office.

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Family Name: ____________________________
Please Circle: Cultural Religious
Event Name: ________________________________
Date or Time of year celebrated: ________________________________
Brief description: ____________________________________________
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Easter Fun Day – 11th April

As part of our Easter celebrations students K-2 will be participating in an Easter Hat Parade. Students in Years 3 – 6 will be making a themed Easter egg display for our Eggstravaganza. Students are asked to prepare their hat or themed egg displays at home.

On Friday, 11th April, 2014 parents are invited to view the egg displays from 9.15 – 10.00 a.m. in the library. Parents are then invited to attend the hat parade under the COLA on the multipurpose court at 10.10 a.m. Please bring a folding chair.

After the parade, tea and coffee will be for sale outside the library. Years 5 and 6 will be holding a ‘hot cross bun’ stall for Year 6 fundraising. Bring your money for some hot cross buns for morning tea!

Students with eggstravaganza displays are asked to bring them to the library between 8.40 a.m. and 9.00 a.m. on Thursday, 10th April. Please make sure that your name and class is clearly marked on the FRONT of your display.

Thank you
Mrs Thompson, Mrs Stoeckl, Mrs Wheeler, Miss Dean, Mr Tucker

SCHOOL PHOTOS

31st March, 2014 – Class/ Portrait

9th April, 2014 – Whole school/Captains/ Class Norton and Class Carle Class Photo
Year 6 Students should wear regular (sky blue) school shirt with logo on both these days. Please do not bring Year 6 Shirt for photos.
HOUSE CAPTAINS

Congratulations to our 2014 House captains. They will receive their badges on Friday, 28th March, 2014 at the assembly at 9.15 a.m. in the school hall.

Gould – Seth McConnell and Talisha Gow
Cuthbert – Daine Scerri and Carley Bingham
Newcombe – Kai Spackman and Jake Norberry
Benaud – Jade Lowery and Joel Bauerhuit

SNAIL TRAIL - raised $1201.00

Thank you for the support we received from Cambridge Gardens Public School. Congratulations to class Suess for their amazing effort of 38.5m. Mrs Ptolemy will be rewarding Suess within the next two weeks with a treat.

Lengths of each trail by class:
Abela – 15.5m   Carle – 20.78m   Carroll – 21.5m
Melling – 21m   Norton – 22m   Paterson – 22.27m
Potter – 23m   Smith – 24.02m   Suess – 38.5m
Tan – 24m   Thiele – 26.68m   Whatley – 23m
White – 23.7m

EMAIL ADDRESSES FOR NEWSLETTERS

Please supply your email address to the office to enable us to distribute school newsletters via email in 2014. We are anticipating that most families will receive their newsletters in this manner.

Attendance Reminder

Please be reminded that if your child is absent from school, you will need to provide a note, stating the reason for the absence, to the school promptly. Regular attendance at school is essential if students are to maximise their potential. If you have concerns in this area, please see or contact Mr Tucker on 47301201.

Cambridge Gardens Public School
34 Trinity Drive, Cambridge Park. 2747
Ph.: 4730 1201 Fax: 4729 1385

Absence note

Name ____________________________
Class ____________________________
My Child was away from _________ to ________. 
Reason for this absence was:
____________________________________________
__________________________________________
Signed___________________
Parent/Guardian         ____/____/____

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.

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