PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

Dear Parents

Time is flying toward the end of term! It has been a wonderful two weeks and we look forward to an exciting and fun time leading into the school holidays.

We are very excited that the excellent and innovative QuickSmart program has commenced for many of our students in Years 4-6. It has been a huge effort to get this program running with 42 students commencing. We look forward to seeing really positive results for these students.

There was a definite beat throughout the school last Wednesday as the Salaka Drum performance took place. Our students were captivated by this excellent performance and thoroughly enjoyed participating in the activities. Thanks to our community for supporting this event!

I ask that parents have a think about whether they are comfortable with their children riding their bikes to school. Whilst I support this healthy lifestyle choice, I would like to highlight how congested and busy the streets around our school are particularly in peak times. Children do not develop their periferal vision until after the age of 10 and this makes it very difficult for them to see situations in the same manner as we do. Our number of riders has increased immensely this year and I am also concerned that in these large numbers our children are less likely to concentrate and make wise choices. I have also heard of incidences of unsafe risk taking. Please consider your child’s level of maturity before allowing them to ride to school. Thanks for your care and thought on this matter. If your child does ride to school please ensure they have their helmets and follow all the rules.

How wonderful was our Harmony day activities. It was a day where we celebrated and enjoyed the cultural diversity of our Australian society. Thanks to our community for your outstanding support of this activity. The cooking was amazing!

A big WOW! Of congratulations to Danielle Latter who has been selected in the YMCA High Performance Program in gymnastics. This is an elite sports program and Danielle has been coordinating her intensive training with her schoolwork and needs to be congratulated on how well she is doing this.

This Friday is our final Principal’s Assembly for the term as well as our school cross country. I look forward to seeing many of you join us for these events. Don’t forget that the following Friday, the last day of term, is also our exciting Easter activities and I hope you can drop in for some fun!

A reminder that the first day of Term 2 is a pupil free day. Students return on Tuesday April 29.

Have a tremendous and safe holiday!

Adam Wynn
Principal
**School Cross Country**

The annual school cross country carnival will be held on Friday, 4th April 2014 for all students turning 8 years and older.

As the carnival is part of the PDHPE curriculum, all students will participate as part of our sports program for the day. The course expands over the top oval of school grounds and into the council land behind the school.

The carnival will begin after recess. Recess will be held following the Principal’s Assembly. It is anticipated that the carnival will commence at approximately 10:40 a.m.

On the day, all students will need to:

- wear shoes suitable for running
- wear school sports uniform/house colours
- bring a water bottle
- bring sunscreen
- wear a school hat
- bring Asthma puffers (if required)

Please ensure that your child has returned the permission note.

Parents and friends are welcome to attend as spectators.

Terry Nicholls and Rebecca Castle
Co-ordinators

**Celebration Activity Term 1**

All awards recipients (Blue, Maroon and Principal) for Term 1 will be celebrating their achievements by participating in a ‘movie and popcorn’ session on Tuesday, 8th April. List of awards attached.

Miss Allan and Mrs Cheetham

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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**

9th April, 2014 – Whole school/Captains/ Class Norton and Class Carle Class Photo and individual portraits. 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.
Kindergarten 2015
We are now taking enrolments for Kindergarten 2015. Students enrolling in Kindergarten 2015 MUST turn 5 before 31 July, 2015. Please visit the office to obtain enrolment forms. The forms should be returned as soon as possible so that we can notify prospective parents of information and orientation sessions to take place in term 4. Please inform neighbours if they have children due to start school next year.

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.

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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.

P&C News
Our second P&C meeting for the year was held last week and we had another good turn out.

Again, I would encourage anyone who may be available on the 4th Tuesday of each month to come along to meetings.

It is of great importance that the parent groups in any school are a true representation of the school community.

Cambridge Gardens is a diverse group of cultures and attitudes, each of us with unique needs and wants for our children within the school. Make sure yours are being considered by adding your voice to the discussion.

Next P&C Meeting 27th May 2014
Our Mothers’ Day project has started and all the students so far have had a great time making something for their mum.

Thank you to those wonderful parents who have offered their time to help the P&C and the students with their presents. It is you that make these activities possible.

Please remember to have notes and payment (cash only) for Mothers’ Day Gifts in by the 10th April.
All gifts will be sent home after the school holidays in the week before Mothers’ day.

School Banking is this Friday 4th April. Please remember to place bank books in the box in the office.