3 June 2014

PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

Dear Parents

It has been an incredibly busy two weeks at Cambridge Gardens PS.

Congratulations to our rugby league teams that took part in both the Panther trophy and the Greg Alexander Shield. They won a number of games and came up against some very talented opposition. Most importantly these students represented with pride and great sportsmanship and it was wonderful to receive such positive feedback from our coach, Mr Nicholls and some parents from another school. Well done!

A big thankyou to our school community and P&C for providing the funding for our great new jerseys!

What a beautiful day we had for our school athletics carnival. Thanks to Mr Nicholls and Mrs Patrick for their outstanding organisation of the day. Our students had a great deal of fun and our talented students showed their skills in qualifying for the Penrith District Carnival.

It was great to have so many people join in the fun of Walk Safely to School Day. It is so important that we encourage and teach our children how to walk to school safely as well as encouraging all of us to undertake a healthy choice in our lifestyle.

A big thank you to Mr Tucker and Mrs Thompson who took 47 of our students to the Sydney Writer’s Festival. This was a tremendous opportunity to meet and hear authors talk as well as being introduced to some quality reading materials.

Our Stage 2 students had a wonderful day last week with the team from Brewongle Education Centre coming out to work with them on their Climate Savers work. The students built electric cars and baked garlic bread in solar ovens as part of the days learning.

Congratulations to all our award recipients at last week’s Principal’s Assembly. It was very pleasing to recognise and congratulate 20 Blue Awards, 17 Maroon Awards and 19 Principal’s Awards. Well done to all those students. We are very proud of you.
What a privilege it was to spend the evening with our school leaders at the Penrith City Council Leader’s Reception. It was very special to celebrate with our students and their families as they were recognised for their leadership role at our school.

It was also a privilege to spend the day with our Aboriginal students in Years 3-6 and their families at the ANZAC Commemoration to recognise the achievements and service of Aboriginal servicemen and women.

Our teachers are putting in some very long hours as they finalise your child’s Semester 1 Progress Reports. These will be issued to parents on Friday June 20.

Just a reminder that all children are expected to wear school uniform each day to our school. We are at the moment seeing a high number of multicoloured jumpers and jackets being worn to school. I ask that you ensure that your child has a school sloppy joe or jacket that they can wear each day. Thanks for your help with keeping our students looking keen and eager at school. If you are having difficulties in supplying winter clothes please let me know. I have also asked that if students do need to wear something that is non uniform on occasion that they have a note from their parents so that I am aware that you know your child is out of uniform.

A reminder to all parents that it is unacceptable and inappropriate for parents to talk to other people’s children at school. Whilst understanding that as a parent you are looking to sort out an issue or remind another child how to treat another student, it is unacceptable as it is intimidating to our students. If you or your child have an issue please come in and discuss it with your child’s teacher, their Assistant Principal or myself.

Thanks and have a great two weeks.

Adam Wynn
Principal

Stewart House Clothing Collection

Stewart House clothing bags need to be returned to school by Tuesday, 10th June, 2014.

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

Next Meeting
Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday 24th of June at 2pm in the staffroom. Everyone is welcome!

School Banking
School Banking is this Friday 6th June. Please make sure you complete the deposit slip and secure your money in your banking wallet. All bank books are to be taken straight to the office.

Book Club
All orders are due back on Thursday 5th June. Please make sure your child’s name and class is on each order form and the correct money is enclosed.

Meeting Brief
Thank you to all who attended the last meeting. Items of interest that were discussed included:

iPads: We should soon have a set of 20 iPads to update our technology. These will be available to all classes to use. The P & C is contributing half the cost of purchasing this technology for our school. Computer lab: a parent had raised the question of whether we have enough computers in the computer lab for each student to use. The school has enough computers, however we are waiting on the delivery of enough computer DESKS so that the computers can be installed. Hopefully they will arrive soon!

Playground program: the P & C were delighted to see that items from the Coles Sports for Schools Program that have been in storage for nearly 12 months are now in use with the new playground program. The kids are having a ball, thank you to the staff for providing these fun opportunities for our students.

Dance 2 B Fit Disco: will be held in the coming weeks. Look out for a note to come home soon. The P & C will be providing refreshments and lollies will be available to purchase. If you can help out on the night selling lollies please let us know.