PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

Dear Parents

It has been an excellent two weeks at Cambridge Gardens PS and we are excitedly working towards all the events that make term 3 such a special time for our school.

Some dates for your diary:
- **August 12 and 13**
  Cranebrook Learning Community Performing Arts Festival
- **August 21 and 22**
  Penrith District Athletics Carnival
- **August 29 & September 2**
  Nepean Blue Mountains Dance Festival
- **September 5**
  Fathers’ Day Breakfast and Celebration
- **September 17**
  Book Character Parade and Open Classrooms

Mrs Todd and I have been checking attendance and are quite concerned regarding the attendance rates and patterns of a number of students. Whilst understanding that sickness occurs, it is important to remember that it is a legal requirement that students attend school. It is also very disruptive to your child’s learning and can lead to gaps in their progress. We also seem to have a high number of students who are regularly late and leave early. It is important that you put your child’s learning first and book appointments outside of school time. It is also very disruptive to classes to have children coming and going during learning time. I ask that you ensure your child is at school on time each day.

What a great day our Aboriginal for a day cultural experience was. Our students really enjoyed the varied and interesting activities that made up the day from dance, to art, to storytelling. We really thank all parents for the overwhelming support of this program with over 315 children taking part.

Please remember that next week is our next Principal’s Assembly so any Award Booklets ready for processing need to reach the classroom teachers by this Friday.

Have a great two weeks!

Adam Wynn
Principal

Chess Competition

Our students represented Cambridge Gardens exceptionally well at the RSL Chess Competition on Tuesday 22nd July. Thirteen pupils attended the event and spent the day competing with other children from across the region. Teachers from other schools made a point of complementing our students on their wonderful manners and behaviour!
Our children displayed fantastic sportsmanship throughout the day, and enjoyed the chance to connect with students from other schools. Congratulations to Hayden Ashby for winning 7 out of 7 matches, and to Simon Ybabao for winning 6 out of 7. Special congratulations also to our reserve, Mackenzie Ashby, who stepped up to play with a team from Emu Plains who had had a student drop out at the last moment.

Year 5 Debating at Warragamba Public School

On Tuesday 22nd July, the Year 5 debating team travelled to Warragamba Public School to compete in the fourth round of the Premier’s Debating Challenge. The topic for the debate was ‘There should be an extra afternoon of sport at school each week’. Our team were the negative and came up with many good arguments, however Warragamba won the debate in what was a very close decision from the adjudicator. The Year 5 debating team is continuing to show great improvement and are looking forward to facing Maroota Public School in the final round of this year’s competition.

Final round of Premier’s Debating Challenge

On Monday 28th July, both the Year 5 and Year 6 debating teams travelled to Maroota Public School to compete in the final round of the Premier’s Debating Challenge. Both teams had difficult topics for their debates. The Year 6 team were the negative side for the topic of ‘All sports involving animals should be banned’ and the Year 5 team were the negative side for the topic of ‘Gambling should be banned in Australia’.

Despite the difficult topics, both teams came up with many good arguments and developed strong team lines. The debates were very close but unfortunately for us Maroota Public School came out on top in both debates. Our students all enjoyed the challenge and represented Cambridge Gardens with pride.

These debates saw the end of this year’s Premier’s Debating Challenge for Cambridge Gardens Public School. We would all like to congratulate the Year 6 team Jasmine Scheithe, Hayden Ashby, Danielle Latter and Taitum Brown for all their hard work and for representing the school in such a positive manner throughout the competition. We also wish the current Year 5 team good luck for next year’s competition.

Kindergarten 2015

We would like to invite you and your family to our Kindergarten Information Night for Kindergarten students interested in enrolling at Cambridge Gardens Public School for 2015.

Wednesday, 3rd September 2014 6:30-8:00pm

This night will provide information about:
- Our School’s Vision (Message from the Principal)
- Innovative programs in Literacy and Numeracy
- Our enrolment process
- Kindergarten Orientation events in 2014
- Extra-curricular activities the school provides.
- Meet parents already at Cambridge Gardens Public School.
We will also have a special item from our 3-6 Dance Group.

For further information please contact the school
Phone: 47302201
Website: www.cambridge-p.schoools.nsw.edu.au/home
https://www.facebook.com/CambridgeGardensPublicSchool

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.
Performing Arts Tickets

All allocated tickets must be purchased by Thursday, 7th August, 2014 from the school office. Please do not make payment by direct deposit as this may not be received in our bank account until after Friday.

Any tickets that are remaining will be sold on a first in first served basis on Friday, 8th August.

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.

Attendance Reminder
Please be reminded that if your child is absent from school, you will need to provide a note, stating the reason for 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 __________/____/____

Please enter my details on the Cambridge Gardens Public School P & C helpers’ data base. I consent to being contacted by a member of the P & C Executive committee regarding my availability to help at various P & C events.

Signed: ________________________________
P & C News

Next Meeting
Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday 26th of August at 2pm in the staffroom. Please consider coming along. Mr Wynn always has something informative to say!

iPads
Our school has recently purchased a classroom set of iPads. The P & C Association has helped to fund this purchase and we look forward to seeing our students using them in the classroom soon.

School Banking
School Banking is this Friday 8th August. 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.

Scholastic Book Club
Orders have been given to the class teachers today to be handed out. !

Helpers Required
Our Father’s Day Breakfast will be held later this term and many of our regular helpers will not be available this year due to changes in work commitments. If you may be available to help with this (or other) events please complete the form below and return it to the office. We will place your name on our helpers database and contact you with details of events and you can let us know if you are able to help. Remember many hands make light work!

Helpers Database

Name: _____________________________________

Email: _____________________________________

Mobile: _____________________________________

Please enter my details on the Cambridge Gardens Public School P & C helpers’ data base. I consent to being contacted by a member of the P & C Executive committee regarding my availability to help at various P & C events.

signed: _____________________________________