PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

Dear Parents

Term 3 is always a most exciting time for our school!

Please note that the Penrith District Athletics Carnival scheduled for Wed and Thurs August 20 and 21 has been postponed until next week. We expect it will run on Wednesday and Thursday next week.

Our school has been visited in recent week’s by our Home School Liaison Officer who regularly checks student attendance. Can I take this opportunity to remind all parents that attendance at school is compulsory and students should only be absent for sickness or Principal approved leave. As a school we will be following up with student’s whose attendance has been poor. We also have a high number of students who are arriving late or leaving early. This is most disruptive to your child’s learning and to the school. I ask that all students arrive at school by the 9.10 starting time and that parents refrain from picking up students early except in exceptional circumstances. Thanks for your help on this matter.

Our school was most fortunate to be represented by Callam at the mock Penrith City Council meeting last week. Callam was outstanding in explaining his ideas and ensuring his views were held. These skills are essential in persuading others what is the best thing for our community. Well done, Callam!

As always Cambridge Gardens Public School students shone brightly at the Cranebrook Learning Community Performing Arts Festival. It is a credit to our students what they achieved through their hard work and practise. A huge thank you to our teachers who guided our students to such amazing performances. I could not be prouder of what everyone achieved for our great school.

I had a great day Friday visiting our school PSSA soccer and netball teams. It is wonderful to see students play with such skill and drive as well as outstanding sportmanship! It is so important that we promote a healthy lifestyle with our students and this is one of the ways that we do this. Thanks to Mr Nicholls and Mr Kristof for their work with our school teams.
Congratulations to our award recipients at last week’s Principal Assembly. It was very special to recognise many of our students for their academic excellence, their great behaviour or their contribution to our school community.

We also have two very exciting events coming up! We are hoping everyone can come along to our Father’s Day breakfast on Friday September 5 which will be followed by our father’s day assembly. Also on Wednesday September 17 we are having our open day with our book character parade. We hope mums and dads and grandparents and friends can join students on this day for a tremendous day of fun!

Tomorrow we have our Toy Science show for Stage 1 and next week we have “The Crossing” performance for Stage 2. Our Kindergarten students will also be visiting the farm. Wow!

Good luck to all our students at District Athletics and the Blue Mountains Nepean Dance Festival.

Adam Wynn
Principal

A big thank you to Mr Borland for all his efforts with helping with PSSA soccer.

**LITERACY AND NUMERACY WEEK 2014**

On Friday 29th August Cambridge Gardens Public School will be participating in The National Literacy and Numeracy week. At 2pm all classes will be participating in the synchronised read across Australia, reading “Sunday Chutney”. This will be followed by some further Literacy and Numeracy activities. All parents are invited to join this learning session and participate in the organised activities. The afternoon will be organised into two sections, to allow parents to access all their children’s classrooms.

2-2:20 – “Sunday Chutney” read and poetry activity.

*Transition time if needed 2:25-2:45 – Numeracy activities – based on water “Why we need water?”*

English and Mathematics Co-Ordinators
Mrs Thompson and Mr Morgan

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**Kindergarten Information Night**

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: 47031201
Website: www.cambridge-ps.schools.nsw.edu.au/home
https://www.facebook.com/CambridgeGardensPublicSchool

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**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.
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.

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34 Trinity Drive, Cambridge Park. 2747
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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: ______________________________

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!

Family Portrait Day Sunday 15th September
On Sunday the 15th of September Laura Jean Photographers will be at our school taking family portraits.

You must book your place before FRIDAY 5th SEPTEMBER.
Your $20 booking fee goes straight to our school, benefitting our children. You will receive a framed 10” x 13” portrait and the opportunity to purchase additional photos. Times will be allocated on a first come first served basis, so hop to it! You can not just turn up on the day, you must book and pay by 5th September. You do not need to have a child attending CGPS to participate, so tell your family, friends and neighbours! The photo’s will be taken outdoors in the school grounds. If the weather is bad the photographer will set up a studio in the Hall and take the photo’s indoors. Portraits will be back in time to make great Christmas Gifts!

School Banking
School Banking is this Friday 22nd 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
Please return your order forms and payment by Thursday 21st August. Remember to write your name and class on each order form please.

Helpers Required
Our Father’s Day Breakfast will be held Friday 5th September, 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 Data Base
Name:______________________________

Email:________________________________

Mobile:________________________________

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signed:______________________________

P & C News