16 September 2014

PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

Dear Parents

Wow! Term 3 is drawing to a close and what a wonderful term we have had particularly evidenced through our participation in the Cranebrook Learning Community Performing Arts Festival, The Nepean Blue Mountains Dance Festival, our Father’s day breakfast and we look forward to tomorrow’s Open Day and Book Parade.

Term 4 is sure to be a wonderful culmination to a great year at Cambridge Gardens Public School and we look forward to celebrating and enjoying the progress and achievements of our students, staff, community and as a school.

As you are aware, I will be taking five weeks long service leave commencing after the holidays. Mr Denis Morgan will be relieving as Principal during this time and then will be working for the remainder of the year with students identified through NAPLAN and school assessment of needing support with their learning. Mr Leam Farrar will be working with Melling class for term 4. Mrs Ros Todd will relieve as Assistant Principal supervising Early Stage 1 and Stage 1 during the first 5 weeks of Term 4.

We are very pleased to welcome Mr Tucker back from his long service leave to Europe. Mrs Otten will be continuing on Thiele class until November 10. Mr Tucker is working with our students identified through NAPLAN and school assessment as needing extra support with their learning.

Mr Nicholls will continue his long service leave following the holidays for two weeks returning on Monday October 20. Mr Keith McNamara will replace Mr Nicholls following the holidays. Mrs Nelson will be commencing three weeks long service leave following the holidays and will return to Carroll class on Monday October 27. Mrs Rebecca Castle will return to Carroll class in Mrs Nelson’s absence.

A reminder that after the holidays, the DEC Special Swimming Scheme commences on the first day. Mrs Ptolemy is sending out a separate note today in regard to this.

What an amazing morning our Father’s Day breakfast was yet again. It was so wonderful to have so many families and friends come along and enjoy a morning together with our school students and staff. Our students did some outstanding Dad portraits and wrote some tremendous Dad stories. It was great to see everyone having a chuckle along with our Dad jokes. All this would not be possible without the hard work of our staff and parents in organising and running such a huge event. A special thank you to Mr McCann for his efforts in securing the milk donation from Lion Nathan Dairy and Drinks. It was a wonderful morning!!!

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for a great term, hope to see as many of you tomorrow for our Open Day and wish everyone a safe and relaxing holiday!

Have a great few weeks and see you on Monday November 10.

Adam Wynn
Principal
Open Day / Book Week Celebrations / Book Fair

On Wednesday the 17th of September we will be holding our Open Day and Book Week celebrations. Beginning at 8.40am you are welcome to enjoy our Art Show in the hall (vote for your favourite art work and buy a ticket to win an Aboriginal painting) and the Book Fair in the library. Open classrooms will begin at 9.30am and conclude at 10.15am. Stages will showcase some of their work at the following times: Stage 3 at 9.30-9.45am, Stage 2 at 9.45 – 10.00am and Stage 1 and Early Stage 1 at 10.00 – 10.15am. However, all classrooms will be opened during this time. Parents are invited to join Mr Wynn at 10.15am for a cup of tea or coffee and purchase some yummy cakes from the Stage 3 students to raise money for our Year 6 Farewell. All students will be able to purchase cakes ranging from 50c to $2 at recess time.

As part of our Book Week Celebrations students in K-6 will be participating in a Book Character Parade commencing at 11.10am under the COLA on the top playground. Parents are invited to attend and have lunch with their children.

Children in K-6 are asked to come dressed as their favourite book character or in something associated with this year’s Book Week theme “Connect to Reading – Reading to Connect”. Parents and pre-schoolers are welcome to come dressed in character.

We ask that parents bring a folding chair for the character parade and picnic lunch. We look forward to seeing you on the day.

Mrs Thompson, Mrs Nelson, Mr Kristof, Mrs Rist, Mrs Cheetham, Mrs McArdle

THE FANTASTIC CAMBRIDGE GARDENS BOOK FAIR

WHEN  Wednesday, 17th September, 2014.

OPEN DAY

TIME  8.40am – 11.00am, 3.10pm – 4pm.

Note - Book Fair will be open during recess but closed when Assembly is on.

WHERE  Cambridge Gardens Library

WHAT’S IN IT FOR YOU  You will have the opportunity to purchase quality books at reduced prices. There will be lots to choose from, to cater for different interests, including Junior Fiction, Fiction and Non-Fiction.

Our school receives a percentage of all sales, which means we select many of the popular books available for our school library. Thank you, Merryn McArdle.

Would you like to donate a book to our school library?

It will have your child’s name inside and the year of donation.

We love books at Cambridge Gardens

Innovation, Excellence and Connections!
Celebration Activity
Thursday 18th September, 2014

Next Thursday, all students who have received or will receive a Blue, Maroon or Principal’s award during the term, will be invited to a celebration afternoon.

Beginning at 2.00 pm, students are invited to enjoy some ice cream and a lolly buffet in the hall. Upon completion of this activity, students will return to class to be dismissed as usual.

We look forward to celebrating with our award winners!

Mrs Nelson and Mrs Stoeckl

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.

Eat More Fruit and Veg
Environmentally friendly snack foods

Fresh fruit and vegetable pieces are a quick and easy snack food. Choose an apple, mandarin, orange, pear, banana, plum, pieces of melon, grapes or other fresh seasonal fruit for a quick and easy snack. No packaging, full of nutrients and antioxidants, plus they taste delicious.

Did you know? 8 to 12 hot chips (100 g) have around 3 teaspoons of fat and 1000 kJ. Compare this to a small baked potato (100 g) with a light spray of oil that has less than ¼ teaspoon of fat and 400 kJ. The main difference is added fat, hence the added energy or kilojoules.

Try including some crunchy fruit or vegetables in your child’s lunchbox. Eating these after lunch can help stop tooth decay.

Some suggested filling for sandwiches:
- cheese with celery or sliced cucumber
- grated cheese and carrot
- cheese and lettuce
- canned salmon with lemon juice, lettuce or spring onions
- sweet corn with lettuce
- avocado, low-fat cottage cheese or hummus as a healthy spread on sandwiches.
**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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**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: ________________________________

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**P & C News**

**SCHOOL BANKING**

School Banking is on this Friday (last day of term). Please remember to hand your bank book into the office BEFORE THE BELL in the morning.

**FAMILY PORTRAIT DAY REFUNDS**

If you booked in for the Family Portrait Day and have not yet collected your booking fee from the office please call in before the end of term to do so. If you are not able to call in, please call the office and authorise them to send the money home with your child.

We would like to wish everyone a relaxing and safe holiday! The next P & C meeting will be held on 28th October 2014 at 2pm in the staff room.

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