PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Friends,

TEDDY BEARS PICNIC

What a wonderful picnic our school hosted to welcome our 2016 Kindergarten students and their families. They enjoyed a variety of games, a great picnic and a nice cold iceblock provided by our P&C. It was also very special to have our 2015 Kindergarten students and their parents as well as our 2016 Kindergarten buddies taking part in this activity. A big thank you to Mrs Ptolemy and our staff for the coordination and conducting of such a special event. A big thank you to our wonderful P&C for joining in and bringing the iceblock fun! We have 63 new Kindergarten students for 2016!

ENROLMENTS 2016

We are busily organising the school including classes and staffing for an exciting 2016. If you are definitely not returning in 2016, could you please inform the school in writing with details of your new address and the school your children will be enrolling in. Thanks for your help on this matter. The more we know the least disruption to our school in term 1.

P&C AGM

Tonight is our P&C Annual General Meeting. Come along and hear about Mr McAllister’s adventures in Australia, Mrs Ptolemy’s plans for developing innovative, successful, resourceful and reflective learners in 2016 or our P&C plans for 2016!

STAFFING NEWS

Mrs Jacqui Thompson will be taking long service leave from Thursday December 3. Miss Kirsty Allan will be working with Tombaugh class for the remainder of the year. This is excellent as Miss Allan already works with the class on Mondays and Fridays. Mrs Thompson will be attending the Year 6 Farewell. Mr Terry Nicholls will be relieving as the Stage 3 Assistant Principal for the remainder of the year. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs Thompson for her outstanding work in 2016 as the classroom teacher for Tombaugh but also for her amazing work for our Stage 3 students and teachers in her leadership of Stage 3 and across our school. We are very lucky to have Mrs Thompson as part of our school team.

PRIMARY MUSIC INSTITUTE

We are very excited to be working with the Primary Music Institute in 2016. Your children will have the opportunity to have tuition in keyboard, guitar, concert band instruments and drums. The school is also looking at the commencement of a school band in 2016. This is a great opportunity for your child to learn an instrument. The staff from the Primary Music Institute will be talking to children at our assembly on Thursday December 10 as well as attending our Christmas Picnic. Please take the opportunity to have a chat with them. Due to this initiative the school will not be proceeding with the Cool Kids program in 2016.

Have a wonderful two weeks!

Adam Wynn
Principal
End of Year Calendar

Year 6 Assembly
   Friday, 4th Dec – 2.00 p.m.
Parent Thank You Morning Tea and Assembly
   Tuesday, 8th Dec – 8.30 a.m.
Principal’s Assembly
   Thursday, 10th Dec – 12.20
Christmas Picnic
   Thursday, 10th Dec – 5.00 p.m.
Talent Quest
   Friday, 11th December – 9.30 a.m.
Presentation Assembly
   Monday, 14th December – 9.30 a.m.
Year 6 Farewell/Graduation
   Tuesday, 15th December – 5.30 p.m.
Last day for students
   Wednesday, 16th December

Year 6 Fundraiser – Snail Trail

To support our Year 6 Farewell fundraising efforts we are holding a Snail Trail on Friday, 27th November 2015. Start collecting your coins as the class with the longest trail will win a pizza party during Week 9.

Thank you for your continued support.

Jacqui Thompson - Relieving Assistant Principal

Aboriginal Celebration

Come and join our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students celebrate their Learning Pathway Journey at 3.30 p.m. on Wednesday, 2nd December and followed by afternoon tea.

Please RSVP by Monday, 30th November.

Ros Todd

Stage 3 Human Sexuality Program

Stage 3 students will participate in the Human Sexuality Program in week 9. Parents are asked to refer to the letter about the program and contact their child’s teacher if they have any questions or would prefer their child doesn’t participate in the lessons.

Mrs J Thompson

Letters from Kindergarten

Dear Mr Wynn,
I love Cambridge Gardens Public School because it is pretty and it has pretty gardens and I promise to be good. And I like you because you are funny. You are a business man.

From Porschea

Dear Mr Wynn,
I like Cambridge Garden Public School. I like Mr Wynn. I hope you have a good day. I like Mr Wynn because he is a principal at our school. Even Mr Morgan is like our school principal. I like this school because it has a sand pit. I like this school because Mrs Sayle does art with us because she is a teacher. Mrs P-tolemy is our teacher. School is fun. Fun means to me that it is not bad. I like top grass because I can run.

From Mia
**Ethics Classes**

We are very excited to announce that Ethics classes will be starting at Cambridge Gardens Public school in 2016. This is a fabulous program approved by the NSW Department of Education, the curriculum and teaching/learning material is stage specific and includes sequential units of enquiry. Essentially this program will run as an alternative to current scripture and non-scripture classes where specially trained volunteers follow a topic of enquiry and facilitate discussions and questionings within the group. This program will allow your child to discuss philosophical, ethical and moral dilemmas with their peers in a structured environment free from any religious content. We are proud to announce that we have 2 parent volunteers that have been accepted into the program. Sheryl Vine will be the facilitator for Stage 3 and Suzanne Stuart will facilitate Stage 2. We are limited to 22 students per teacher and current non scripture students will have priority. It would be great to have the program extended to Early Stage 1 and Stage 1 as well, and in order to do that we need 2 more volunteers. You simply need to have a spare 1 hour a week. 30 minutes to read through the specific weekly material and 30 minutes to deliver to the class every Thursday at the school. Complete and full training is provided by Primary Ethics. If you think you may be interested or you would simply like more information about the Primary Ethics program please visit the Primary Ethics website:  

Or contact me via the parents Facebook page or email:  
cambridgegardenspublicschool@pandcaffiliate.org.au

Rebecca Mott (P&C Vice President and Primary Ethics Coordinator)

**P&C AGM and General Meeting**

Our Annual General Meeting is tonight 24th November at 7pm, followed by our general meeting, please considering becoming a member of the P&C. At the AGM all executive positions are vacated and up for nomination. If you are interested in becoming President, Vice President, Secretary or Treasurer, then please come along. We also welcome any new members, to help support our new executive committee. If you are unable to attend on the above date please let us know if you are interested in becoming a member or holding an executive position.

Membership cost is $1, please put in envelope with your name and drop into the office.

**School banking**

School banking is this Friday 27th November. Please ensure you complete the deposit slip and secure your money in the banking wallet. All bank books are to be taken directly to the office before school. If anyone is available to assist with banking on a Friday morning please meet at the office at 9.10am.

**Christmas Picnic BBQ Helpers**

The end of the school year is fast approaching. The Christmas Picnic is on the 10th December, so there is still lots of planning to do. If you can spare some time to help cook the bbq or serve please let us know either via facebook, email  
cambridgegardenspublicschool@pandcaffiliate.org.au or the slip below

Time slots are:

Set up 4pm
4.30pm – 5.30pm
5.30pm – 6.30pm
6.30pm – 7.00pm
Clean up.

Name_______________________________
Phone______________________________
Email_______________________________

If you are able to help, but not for the whole hour, please indicate the time you would be available to help out, any time is appreciated 😊

Many thanks,

Leanne Reed (President)