Dear Parents,

Wow! The end of a busy Term 1 is coming fast and we have some exciting times in the final weeks before our Easter break.

This week we are very excited to be hosting our Chinese Cultural Day. Last year our students thoroughly enjoyed our Aboriginal Culture day and we expect this day to be just as good. Our K-2 students will be participating on Wednesday and our Y3-6 students will be having the performances on Thursday. We look forward to the dragon dancing and martial arts displays. If you have not made payment as yet, please ensure you do tomorrow. Thanks!

Congratulations to our swimmers who represented our school proudly at the Penrith District Swimming Carnival. Ms Allan and Mr Nicholls report that our students performed at their best as well as displayed excellent behaviour throughout the carnival. Well done to all involved.

Our school has been very proud of the implementation of QuickSmart numeracy. Last week, Mrs Todd, Ms Austine, Mrs Whybrow, Mrs Crisford and Mr Bale went of to be trained in QuickSmart Literacy. The team has come back bursting with energy and looking to implement this great program in our school. We hope to have a small group of children working on this program in term 2. We will keep you updated on this.

Last week, Mr McMahon and myself attended the Early Action for Success conference in the city. As you know this is a program our school will be working on over the next two years and this conference helped to steer the direction and strategies that our school will utilise over the coming months. The program focusses closely on the academic gains of our K-2 students every 5 weeks and looks to implementing strategies for students not working at expected levels. We look forward to seeing the benefit of this for our students.

Next Monday, March 23 is our school photos day. Can I ask that all children come to school looking their best and in their best school uniforms. We ask that all students wear a school shirt with a logo, no sports shirts and that all girls that have a school dress wear a school dress. Thanks for your help on this matter.

Our school will be holding our Harmony Day activities on Wednesday March 18. Last year was a great fun day with food stalls and activities and every class focussing on a country. Our day will be very similar again this year. All students should have received a note indicating what their class will be required to do to contribute to the success of the day. We look forward to an exciting day!

Today you will receive a note concerning Parent Teacher interviews that are occurring on Tuesday March 31. This year, bookings for these interviews will take place online and it will be a first in/first choice situation. I encourage you to get in quickly and book your time. If you can’t make the Tuesday night please make a time during the week to meet with your child’s teacher.

Have a great two weeks!

Adam Wynn
Principal

EMAIL ADDRESSES FOR NEWSLETTERS

Please supply or update your email address with the Admin office to enable us to distribute school newsletters and notes via email in 2015. We are anticipating that most families will receive their newsletters in this manner. Some paper copies will be available from the school office. Newsletters and notes will also be available on the school website.

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Child’s Name: __________________________

Class: ________________________

Email address for newsletter: ____________________________________________
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 Mrs Todd 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                       ____/___/___

CLOTHING POOL will be open in the train Tuesday mornings from 9.15 to 9.45 a.m.

Easter Fun Day – 2nd April

As part of our Easter celebrations students K-2 will be participating in an Easter Hat Parade. Students in Years 3 – 6 will be making a themed Easter egg display for our Eggstravaganza. Students are asked to prepare their hat or themed egg displays at home.

On Thursday, 2nd April, 2015 parents are invited to view the egg displays from 9.15 – 10.00 a.m. in the library. Parents are then invited to attend the hat parade under the COLA on the multipurpose court at 10.10 a.m. Please bring a folding chair.

Years 5 and 6 will be holding a ‘hot cross bun’ stall for Year 6 fundraising. Tea and coffee and hot cross buns will be for sale outside the library from 9.15 – 10.00 for parents. Hot cross buns will also be for sale after the parade for all students to purchase. Please bring $2 for some yummy morning tea!

Students with Eggstravaganza displays are asked to bring them to the library between 8.40 a.m. and 9.00 a.m. on Wednesday, 1st April. Please make sure that your name and class is clearly marked on the FRONT of your display.

Thank you
Mrs Thompson, Mrs Stoeckl, Mr Nicholls,
and Mr McMaster.
Election day BBQ/Market stall:

Election day is Saturday 28th March 2015. Our school will be holding a market stall and a fundraising BBQ. Funds this year will be directed at literacy resources (print and technology based) that will benefit all of our students. If you can spare ANY time on this day (even an hour) please speak with us. Alternately you could send an email to the new school P&C email address at cambridgegardenspublicschool@pandcaffiliate.org.au

Mothers’ Day

Mothers’ Day will soon be upon us. Plans are underway and notes will be sent home in the near future. Volunteers and helpers will be required in the afternoons, so if you can spare sometime please let, Sam, Leanne, Karlea, Jo or myself know, or contact us via the parent’s Facebook page or send an email to cambridgegardenspublicschool@pandcaffiliate.org.au

School Banking

School banking is this Friday 20th March. Please make sure 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. Apologies to those children whose banking was returned unprocessed, this was due to a technical issue please send you’re banking in again this Friday and the problem will be rectified this week.

Next P&C meeting

Our next General Meeting will be on Tuesday 24th March at 7pm in the library. Please come along and be part of your child’s schooling. It benefits our whole school community to hear new ideas, thoughts and perspectives. If you can’t attend but would like something raised, please send an email to the above or drop a note in the suggestion box in the front office. Hope to see many new faces at our next meeting.

2015 HELPERs

Even if you can’t attend meetings, we still need you!! Please fill in the slip provided and return it to the office. We will add you to our database and contact you when we have something on. Your children benefit from seeing their parents, grandparents and carers involved in their school. We can always do with extra helpers at the school disco, Mother’s Day crafts, Election day BBQ, Christmas picnic and other events that your P&C run through the year.

Helping hand database.

I,_________________________, may be available to help with P&C associated events throughout 2015. Please contact me by phone on ___________________or by email at ___________________.

Signed:_____________________

Many thanks,

Rebecca Mott (Vice-President)

Meet The Executive Committee:

Each Newsletter we will introduce a member of the Committee

Secretary: Sam Ivimey

Hi, my name is Sam and I am your P&C Secretary for 2015. I currently have a little man in year 2 attending Cambridge Gardens.

I was on the P&C executive committee at my son’s previous school and look forward to working with our fantastic team of volunteers this year.

We are still fairly new to the school, moving here at the end of last year. We are absolutely loving this school, its teachers, students and their families. I hope to meet and possibly work with you all as we work towards common goals for our kids.