PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

Dear Parents

It has been an incredibly busy two weeks at Cambridge Gardens PS.

A big well done to all our Year 3 and 5 students who completed their NAPLAN assessments. NAPLAN is a one off assessment which gives the school an overall view of the strengths and areas of developments of our teaching programs and for our individual students. It is important that this information is combined with school based assessments to gain a full picture of our students’ progress. The results of these assessments will be available later in the year.

I spent a most enjoyable evening at the Evans Theatre where our school captains were recognised by Penrith City Council. Congratulations to Emily and Callan who, as always, represented our school proudly!

Well done to our netball and soccer teams that have commenced the weekly PSSA winter competition. Ms Allan and Mr Nicholls have worked with our students to develop their skills and attitude so that they can enjoy the competition each week. Thank you Ms Allan and Mr Nicholls and we look forward to keeping you updated in regards to their play.

I would also like to thank Mr Attard for his wonderful work in getting our two school teams ready and looking so great for the Panther Trophy. Our students performed very well on the day and again exhibited the behaviour and attitude that is expected at Cambridge Gardens PS. Mr Attard’s report is in the newsletter.

A big thank you to our school community for their support of our Green Day activity. Mrs Cheetham was overwhelmed by the enthusiasm and support and has many plans for our next work in this area. A big thank you to Mrs Cheetham for her effort in organising such an educational day for our students highlighting sustainability and the environment for our students. Mrs Cheetham has also been building links with local businesses to utilise their expertise and to gain their support in regards to greening our school. Mrs Cheetham’s report is in our newsletter as well.

What an amazing day I spent with our students at the Sydney Writers’ Festival.

This was one of the best and most inspiring days I have seen for students. To get to hear from, meet and learn from the authors and illustrators that our students read and view was tremendous. Our students were motivated to read more and experiment with their writing. A big thank you to Mrs Thompson for organising this exceptional day and a big thank you to our students who again showed why our students are renowned for their wonderful behaviour and interest.
I found the most wonderful part of the day to be the train trip home were our students were immersed in their books.

In regards to school photos, they are on the way. You will remember that the company was one of the businesses who lost their premises in the recent hail storm. We have also had some issues with the photographs that I am working with MSP to resolve but I am not prepared to sign off on the total package until we are happy with them. Thanks for your understanding with this.

A big congratulations to both our boys’ and girls’ basketball players who participated in the state knockout competition. Both teams trained hard with Mr McMaster and played well. They both came up against very strong opposition. Thanks to Mr McMaster for his work with these teams.

A big thank you to St Marys Leagues Club who have supported our school through the donation of a new set of rugby league jerseys for our school. This now means that both our senior and junior teams take the field proudly representing our school!

A big congratulations to Pavlov for their wonderful work on nursery rhymes which they presented as an item at our assembly!

The school was most excited to recognise and celebrate our students who received their Blue, Maroon and Principal’s Awards last week. It was special to have a lovely afternoon with their families and to thank them all for their wonderful effort for themselves and our school! Well done to all!

Our school car park is only accessible for our school staff and deliveries and people dropping off disabled students using the disabled drop off zone. The disabled drop off zone, is a drop off zone and is not to be utilised for parking. Parents should be walking their children into school and then leaving ensuring this facility is available to those who need it. Please note this drop off zone is not a disabled parking spot. No other cars or parents are to be in the school car park at any time. Please ensure the safety of our students and staff by adhering to this. I also ask that parents and students are not walking across the front of the hall and then across the driveway or through the car park.

Tonight is our P&C meeting at 7pm in the school library. Mrs Nelson and Mrs Wright will be talking about Archimedes class and Mathematics. We hope that many of you can come along!
We are excited that next week a group of Year 5 students will be attending a two-day camp with Mr Nicholls focussing on leadership qualities. I hope those students have a wonderful time and learn a great deal.

In state knockouts our Netball teams will take part in a gala day next Tuesday at Jameson Park and our girls soccer team take on Emu Plains PS on Thursday. Good luck to everyone!

We are looking forward to a great second half of Term 2!

Adam Wynn
Principal

Student Information Update
We are currently updating contact and emergency information for our students at the school. Please review your child’s details as noted on our system and amend the information where applicable to ensure all details are current.

Please initial the student emergency form once you have reviewed the information and return it to the school office as soon as possible even if no amendments have been made.

GREEN DAY
Our students celebrated a wonderful Green Day last Wednesday, with the whole school dressing in green mufti. Each class planted their own native tree or shrub and enjoyed a number of environmental activities with their teachers. Children went on a Nature Walk around our wonderful school, stopping to investigate and learn about ten different places of interest. They discussed different aspects of the natural and built environments around our school. Children learnt about the origin of our Red Rattler trains, and explored our very own orchard. Classes visited the vegetable garden where they will be planting the seedlings or plants which they have been growing this term. Students were very enthusiastic in their support of this day and over $450 was raised to help make our gardens even greener!

J.Cheetham
Gardening Club  Environmental Studies

Panther Trophy
Last Tuesday, students from Stage 2 and 3 participated in the Panther Trophy rugby league competition. In the first set of games, both of our teams were successful. Our Stage 2 students defeated Windsor Park Public School while our Stage 3 students defeated a determined Wilmot Public School. In their second game, our Stage 2 students faced Lethbridge Park and unfortunately were defeated in a gutsy effort. Our Stage 3 students were once again successful, beating Blackett Public School five tries to nil.

In their third and final game, our Stage 2 team would be defeated by Londonderry while our Stage 3 students would draw with Werrington Country. Our Stage 3 team would advance to the Semi-Finals but would unfortunately lose two tries to one.

I would like to thank all of our parents for their help throughout the day as well as Mrs Crisford. All of our students played well but I would like to make special mention to Tomas for his determined defensive effort throughout the day.

Mr Attard

Homework Survey
A parent survey will sent home with your child’s homework. We would appreciate your feedback as we are currently reviewing our homework policy. Please return the survey to the admin office.
Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability Notification for Parent and Carers

From 2015, all Government and nonGovernment schools across Australia are required to participate annually in the Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability (NCCD).

All Australian schools will collect data on their students who are receiving adjustments to meet additional learning and support needs in accordance with their obligations under the Disability Discrimination Act 1992 and Disability Standards for Education 2005. This data will be provided to the Australian Government to assist in the development of a consistent, national picture of the education needs of students with disability.

The data provided to the Australian Government by the NSW Department of Education and Communities is provided in such a way that it cannot be used to identify any individual student or school.


Privacy Protection

The NSW Department of Education and Communities follows the requirements of the Privacy and Personal Information Protection Act 1998 and the Health Records and Information Privacy Act 2002. Schools will collect, record, store and use data about individual students in line with these requirements. Data security and protection is a priority and students' personal details will be kept confidential.

Under Clause 52 of the Commonwealth Australian Education Regulation 2013, data collected by the NSW Department of Education and Communities for the NCCD must be provided to the Australian Government Department of Education and Training. This includes the number of students at each level of education, the number in each category of disability and the number at each level of adjustment. The information is provided to the Commonwealth as a series of number sets that cannot be used to identify any individual student or school.

The Australian Government Department of Education and Training follows the requirements of the Commonwealth Privacy Act 1988 when handling any data provided by NSW Department of Education and Communities in connection with the national data collection. A privacy notice has been developed to by the Australian Government to provide students, parents and carers with important privacy information in relation to the data collection. This notice is available on the department’s website at http://education.gov.au/notices.

If you have any questions about the data collection please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Todd

Kindergarten 2016

We are now taking enrolments for Kindergarten 2016. Students enrolling in Kindergarten 2016 MUST turn 5 before 31 July, 2016. 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 2 and term 4. Please inform neighbours if they have children due to start school next year. Mr Wynn will be conducting interviews with all 2016 Kindergarten parents and students throughout the coming weeks.

Our parent information night for Kindergarten 2016 will be held on Wednesday, 22nd July, 2015 at 7.00 pm in the school hall.

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

School banking is this Friday 29th May. 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. If anyone is interested in helping out with the banking on a Friday morning please let us know either via the slip below or email cambridgegardenspublicschool@pandcaffiliate.org.au

Next P&C meeting

Our next General Meeting will be on Tuesday 26th May at 7pm in the library. **Mrs Wright and Mrs Nelson will be there to talk about how to help your child in Maths, they will also be talking about what is happening in Archimedes class. Mrs Ptolemy will also be attending in her Assistant Principal role to answer any questions regarding K-2.** This is a great time to be able to get to know our teachers and learn about what is happening in your children’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 or drop a note in the suggestion box in the front office. Hope to see some new faces at our next meeting.

Thanks, Leanne Reed (President)