Dear Parents

Welcome to Term 3!

Term 3 is an exciting term for us with Education Week and the Cranebrook Learning Community Performing Arts Festival highlights of our term.

I would like to start by welcoming back Ms Melissa Bates following her six months maternity leave. Ms Bates is most excited about her return to Cambridge Gardens PS and has excitedly jumped back into our classrooms as the classroom teacher for Celsius class. Please ensure you say welcome back when you see Ms Bates around the school.

Our school is very happy to welcome some new students and their families. Welcome to the Micallef, Grayson, Bae and Dai-Nooma families. We are so glad you have joined our school community and look forward to working with you along your child’s learning pathway.

What a great item that Newton class performed at assembly on Friday. A big thank you! Both performances were fun as well as displayed our students amazing co-operation skills. Well done, Newton class and thank you Mr Nicholls.

I would like to alert our parents of an incident that occurred yesterday afternoon. One of our students has been knocked over by an unknown adult on the footpath close to their home. Police have been contacted and are investigating. Whilst being happy to report that the student is unharmed, I would like to ask all parents to remind their children of safe practices when walking home alone. It is important that students stick to the route that Mum and Dad have planned and always try to walk with a friend or close to other students and parents from our school. All teachers have reminded students of the “NO-GO-TELL” strategy in class today.

Our staff enjoyed a very purposeful Staff Development Day last Monday. Our teachers were trained in the new History syllabus that we will be expected to implement in 2016. Our teachers also completed activities related to positive education and psychology. It was an excellent and purposeful day for all staff.

Thank you to all for your understanding in relation to the postponement of our school Athletics Carnival. It is essential that we at all times put the safety of our students at the forefront of our decisions and I thank Mr Attard and Mrs Patrick for all their hard work in the lead up to this day as well as their wise decision making skills in relation to this matter. We look forward to our carnival going forward on Wednesday August 5 at the new location of Parker St oval.

As you will be aware, Woolworths have commenced their Earn and Learn program again. If you shop at Woolworths, support our school by placing your stickers in our boxes. There is a box for Cambridge Gardens PS outside the Woolworths at Jordan Springs and there is also one in our office foyer. Thanks to everyone for your support. Take a selfie when you are posting your stickers and post on our school FACEBOOK page and let’s encourage everyone to help us reach our target!

There are a high number of students representing our school in the coming weeks. Good luck to our chess players who are competing in the Penrith RSL Chess Challenge. Good luck also to our students who are sitting the Opportunity Class Placement test on Wednesday. This is a most challenging process and we wish you all the best! On Friday our Aboriginal students and their friends will be representing our school at the NAIDOC Cup. This is always a great community day and
I encourage our parents to come along and enjoy the day as well!

Good luck also to our Recorder group who will be performing at the Sydney Opera House on Tuesday August 4. This is always an amazing night and experience. I look forward to watching this wonderful event!

Next Tuesday July 28 is the day our school will be celebrating Education Week. We look forward to sharing with you some of the great work your child has been undertaking in class. We hope that everyone can drop in at some time during the day to visit. If you are here for the book parade get dressed up and join in the fun!

P&C will be holding their next general meeting on Tuesday July 28 in our school library at 7pm. Mrs Patrick will be coming along to talk to us about the exciting learning going on in Pasteur class. Mrs Todd our Assistant Principal will also be attending. The school will be presenting our Anti-Bullying Plan which has been reviewed by staff as well as our plans for the future in this area. We hope many of you can come along to this valuable meeting.

Have a great two weeks!

Adam Wynn
Principal

Open Day/ Book Parade / Book Fair 2015

We wish to invite all parents and friends to attend our Cambridge Gardens Public School Education Week Open Day, Book Fair and Book Character Parade on Tuesday 28th July 2015. Parents are invited to visit their child’s classroom to experience some classroom Science activities and view the exciting learning happening this year:

Early Stage 1: 9.20-9.45am
Stage 1: 9.45 – 10.10am
Stage 2: 10.10 – 10.35am
Stage 3: 10.35 – 11.00am

Parents are also encouraged to visit The Science Fair in the hall to see their child’s class display. The Book Fair will be opened in the library from 8.40 am until the end of recess at 11.50 am.

Parents are invited to join Mr Wynn at 11.00am for a cup of tea or coffee and purchase some yummy cupcakes from the Year 6 students to raise money for our Year 6 Farewell. All students will be able to purchase cakes for $2 at recess time. Parents are invited to have morning tea with their children.

As part of our Book Week celebrations all K-6 classes will be participating in a Book Character Parade. Students are encouraged to come dressed up as their favourite book character or in something associated with this year’s Book Week theme ‘Under The Sea - Explore An Ocean Of Books’. The parade will commence at 12.00pm under the COLA on the top playground. Parents and preschoolers are welcome to come dressed in character. We ask that parents bring a folding chair for the character parade.

We look forward to seeing you on the day.

BOOK FAIR

WHEN? Tuesday, 28th July, 2015
WHERE? Cambridge Gardens Public School Library
WHAT TIME? 8.40am to 11.50am

Students, parents and teachers love a Book Fair for a number of reasons. The top five are:

- An exciting event that engages children and promotes Literacy
- An opportunity for children to see, touch and connect with books that they want to read
- Affordable books to suit every reading level and interest
- The best range, hand selected from over sixty publishers world wide
- Every book sold at the Book Fair earns free books for your school library
Kindergarten 2016
During this semester, Cambridge Gardens Public School will be organising a number of events in the lead up to Kindergarten, 2016.

Kindergarten interviews with Mr Wynn will be commencing in the next few weeks. Appointments for students who have applied to enrol in 2016 will be scheduled in the coming weeks. It would assist us greatly if all applications to enrol are submitted as soon as possible so that we can begin organising appointments.

It is essential that parents and caregivers, who wish to enrol their children for Kindergarten in 2016, send in the enrolment forms promptly. Next week, we will be notifying the Department of Education about our expected school numbers for next year. These expected numbers will assist our school administration in planning for staffing and resources.

The Kindergarten Information Evening will be held this Wednesday the 22nd of July at 7pm in the school hall. We encourage all parents who are seeking to enrol their child into Kindergarten to attend. Please be advised that this is an evening for parents and caregivers and not for the students.

We appreciate your assistance in helping us prepare for Kindergarten 2016. There will be further information about Orientation events later this term.

2015 K-6 Athletics Carnival:
New Date and Venue
As you are aware, our athletics carnival was postponed due to the poor state of the grounds. The new date for the carnival will be Wednesday 5th August, 2015 and will now be held at Parker Street Oval, Penrith.

Payments received for the bus and use of the grounds will be rolled over and a canteen will be available on the day. If you have not paid please forward $7.00 with permission note.

Information regarding the school canteen lunch packs will be announced at a later date.

A new permission note needs to be completed and returned to the office.

Woolworths Earn & Learn 2015
This year we will be participating in the Woolworths Earn & Learn program. Through this program we will be able to get new educational resources for our school and all we need you to do is shop for your groceries at Woolworths.

From Wednesday 15th July to Tuesday 8th September we are collecting Woolworths Earn & Learn Stickers. You will get one Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker for every $10 spent (excluding liquor, tobacco and gift cards). Place the Woolworths Earn & Learn onto a Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker Sheet and when it’s complete, the Sticker Sheet can be dropped in the Collection Box here at the school office or at your local Woolworths.

At the end of the promotion, we’ll be able to get some great new equipment. The range is extensive and offers lots of items for our students – including resources for Maths, English, Science and some fantastic fun supplies for Arts & Crafts, Sport and for our library. If you’d like to more visit www.woolworths.com.au/earnandlearn.

Thank you
Wendy Wright
Coordinator

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

Thank you to all the Parent/Carer helpers that have generously given their time to assist in events organised by the P&C this year. Our school and our children benefit greatly from your time and expertise and we look forward to creating an even stronger P&C. This can only occur with YOUR help. If you have something that you wish to discuss or suggest please either attend the next P&C meeting (See below), drop a note into the suggestion box or feel free to email the P&C at cambridgegardenspublicschool@pandcaffiliate.org.au.

Next P&C Meeting

The next general meeting will be held this Tuesday 28th July 2015 at 7pm in the library. Please come along, bring a cuppa and talk, listen...whatever you like. It is only with your ideas and suggestions that we can build a strong school for our children. What you have to say is important so don’t be shy. This meeting the topic to be discussed is Our Schools Anti-Bullying Plan presented by Alison Patrick (Pasteur) and Ros Todd. We will also be deciding if our meetings remain in the evenings or return to 2pm, so please come along to have your say on this matter. If you would like a particular topic discussed or presented by a guest speaker please let us know via the suggestion box or above email.

Kindergarten Information night

Our Kindergarten information night is on Wednesday 22nd July. A wonderful opportunity for current parents who have another little one starting ‘Kindy’ in 2016 or new parents just starting on the ‘big school’ journey to come along and chat to our teachers. The P&C will also be there to give some information about how we (the Parents and Carers) connect with our school to make it the best in our community!!!!

School banking

School banking is on this Friday 24th July. 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 in banking on a Friday morning please see Karlea or let us know via the parents Facebook page or above email.

2015 Parent/Carer helpers

Even if you can’t attend meetings we still need you. If you could fill in the slip below or drop an email to us we will add you to our helping hand data base. There are often tasks either during the week or after hours which you can assist in. It benefits your child and the entire school community by parents and carers showing a strong presence and engagement at school.

Yes, please add me to the helping hands data base.

Name: ________________

Phone: __________________

Email: ________________

Signature: ________________

Many thanks,
Rebecca Mott (Vice President)