PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Friends

What a wonderful 2 weeks we have had!

Our Father’s Day Breakfast was again a resounding success! So many members of our community got together to share the occasion across our community and have fun with our students and staff. The school raised over $2200 toward further technology to be purchased for our classrooms. This day would not be possible without the support and dedication of our staff and P&C in organising this event. Most of all a big thankyou to our community for participating so enthusiastically!

A big thankyou to our P&C and Mr McMaster for their organisation of such a successful Walkathon. It was a great activity and one which the students had a great deal of fun. Thanks to our school community for supporting our students and the P&C in their endeavours!

I wish everyone a very happy and safe holiday!

Adam Wynn
Principal

PLAN Reports for Parents

We would like to invite you to our Cambridge Gardens Public School Parent PLAN (Plotting Literacy and Numeracy) Report information afternoons during Week 1 of Term 4. PLAN Reports will be given to parents at each afternoon meeting. If you are unable to attend the afternoon session your child’s PLAN Report will be sent home on Friday 9th October. These reports highlight students’ progress on the Literacy and Numeracy Continuums.

This is a wonderful opportunity to meet with your child’s teacher and find out what PLAN Reports are and the practical ideas they give you for helping your child at home. Each teacher will run one session in their classroom from 3.30 – 4.00pm on the days below:

- Stage 3: Tuesday 6th October
- Stage 1: Wednesday 7th October
- Early Stage 1: Thursday 8th October
- Stage 2: Friday 9th October

We look forward to seeing all parents and caregivers.

Camp Stage 3 Parent Information Afternoon

Parents are invited to attend an information session about our Stage 3 Camp to Dubbo and Bathurst in Term 4. This meeting will outline the itinerary of the four days, items required and behaviour expectations for our students. The meeting will take place in the Library on Tuesday 6th October at 4.00 pm. We encourage all Stage 3 parents whose children are attending the camp to attend the information session and look forward to seeing you there.

Jacqui Thompson, Terry Nicholls and James Kristof
Year 6 Farewell Fundraising Mufti Day

A Mufti Day will be held on Friday 9th October to raise money for the Year 6 Farewell. We invite students to wear their favourite football team jerseys or colours on the day and ask that students bring in a gold coin donation to support our Year 6 students.

Regional Athletics

Last Wednesday, Tia, Elissa and Phillip represented both the District and our school at the Regional Athletics Carnival. I would like to thank the students for their efforts on the day and they should be very proud of their achievements. Tia finished 6th in both the 100m finals and the 200m finals. Phillip finished 9th in the Senior Boys Shot-Put whilst Elissa finished 5th in High Jump and 6th in Long Jump. Regional certificates will be handed out at this week’s assembly.

What an outstanding effort!

Mr Attard
Athletics Coordinator

Stage 2 Royce Simmons Finals

Last Tuesday, our Stage 2 Rugby League team attended the Royce Simmons Finals at The Kingsway, St Mary’s. Our students gave it their all and faced some quality opposition. After a first game loss against Londonderry PS, they won the following game against Springwood PS with a 4 tries to 1 win. Our last game against Tyndale PS proved to be equally challenging and unfortunately we lost 3 tries to 2. A wonderful effort. I would like to congratulate the boys on their hard work this year.

Mr Attard
Rugby League Coordinator

Spelling Bee

Congratulations to our very clever spellers who represented CGPS at the Premier’s Spelling Challenge last Thursday the 10th September at Werrington County Public School. Rylie Van der Wal and Isabel Espino comprised our junior team and Phillip Saito and Lee Espino were in our senior team. Each student had to front up to the microphone individually and spell complicated words, many of which were not common to the students’ vocabulary. Our students did an admirable job practising the words at home for weeks and confidently spelling them to the large audience who attended the Spelling Bee. They each received a certificate in appreciation of their terrific efforts. As the supervising teacher for this event, I was very proud of our students’ excellent behaviour and quite in awe of their spelling skills.

Peggy Cummings
Kindergarten 2016

Kindergarten interviews with Mr Wynn have commenced. 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 application to enrol 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.

We appreciate your assistance in helping us prepare for Kindergarten 2016. Orientation days are as follows:

**Your child is invited to Kindergarten Orientation!**

Two events will be held at the school to assist you and your child with the transition to school.

- **Information for Parents and Classroom Visit**
  - Wednesday 19th November 2015, 9:15am
  - This session will include all the relevant information for you and your child to have an easy transition to school. Your child will have some time to go to the classrooms for some fun activities and meet their buddy. Prestige embroidery will be available on the day to choose our uniforms and your options.

- **Teddy Bear Picnic**
  - Wednesday, 18th November 2015, 12:30pm
  - This session will be a great opportunity to get to know the new parents of our school and for your child to have some fun with all our kindergarten children. Each child will receive an information pack and holiday activities to get ready for school.

**First day of Kindergarten Wednesday 3rd February 2016**

For further information please contact the school

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**NEWSLETTER**

What a fantastic day we had at the Fathers Day Breakfast and Walkathon.

Thank you to all the BBQ helpers, some regulars and some new faces which was great to see.

The Walkathon has been a great success, so far we have raised $11,318.20. Mr McMaster did a fabulous job mapping out the course, thank you. This Wednesday is the last day to hand in your money and prize selection. Prizes will be back at the start of term 4, highest fundraiser and highest fundraising class will be presented at assembly.

**Next P&C Meeting**

The next general meeting will be held 27th October 2015 at 7pm in the library. Please come along, as this is an opportunity to bring together Parents/ Carer’s and Teaching Staff to promote the best interest of the school and all the children attending. Decisions we are making at the P&C meetings affect your child’s schooling.

We are open to suggestions of discussion topics and teachers you would like to hear from, either in regards to your child’s classroom or extra curricula activities in the school. Please drop a note into the suggestion box or feel free to email the P&C at cambridgegardenspublicschool@pandcaffiliate.org.au

**School banking**

School banking is this Friday 18th September. 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 see Karlea or let us know via the parents Facebook page or above email.**

Enjoy your holidays 😊

Many thanks,

Leanne Reed (President)