2nd February, 2016

PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

Dear Parents,

Welcome back!

We are so happy to be settling in for a tremendous 2016!

Welcome
Tomorrow we welcome our new Kindergarten students. We are most excited to have our three classes, Mandela, Archibald and Polo. Mr McMaster, Mrs Patrick and Miss Anderson have done an amazing job completing all the students’ Best Start Assessments and are excited about Day 1. A reminder that our P&C will be here welcoming all our Mums and Dads and their families with a cup of tea or coffee once the children are in class.

Kindergarten First Day Procedures
A reminder to our new Kindergartens to assemble in the hall at your assigned time. Mandela class at 9.30am, Polo class at 10am and Archibald class at 10.30am. Teachers will meet students in the hall. Students and parents are not to go to classrooms before this time. On walking up to the classroom, parents are asked to take a quick photo, give a quick kiss and exit. The longer the delay the harder it becomes for your child. Please be assured that your child will settle quickly once they know you have departed. If your child is upset please seek the aid of a staff member who will help you out. We will contact you once your child is settled.

In the afternoon we ask that you wait away from the classrooms out of sight of the students until your child’s teacher invites parents over to the classroom to dismiss the students. Please do not peer in through the windows. Our teachers will commence releasing students one by one from 3.05pm to allow an ordered and relaxed dismissal.

Staffing News
Mrs Gail Harrison retired at the end of 2015 and we are currently in the process of appointing a new teacher for Menzies class. The school has endeavoured to have this process completed before the commencement of the school year but unfortunately this was not able to happen due to the backlog of positions statewide. We were also most unfortunate that Miss Meredith, who was committed to the class, was successful in gaining a position at Glossodia Public School. Today I can confirm that Mrs Alexis Smith has committed to be the class teacher for this class until the staffing is finalised.

Mr David Foster, our General Assistant, injured his back a couple of weeks ago and we were unable to secure a casual replacement. This accounts for the long grass and some other maintenance jobs being incomplete at the commencement of the year. We have now secured replacement staff and look forward to our school becoming its normal neat and tidy environment that we are so proud of over the next couple of days. We also wish Mr Foster a speedy recovery!

CONGRATULATIONS
We are very excited to share Mr Attard’s exciting news. His wife gave birth to their son Luca Joseph Attard last night. We wish Mr Attard and his family a joyous good time at this special time!

Congratulations also go to our school vice captain, Ben Roughley who has been selected in the Q street cast of Boy from Oz. Well done to Ben!

PRIMARY MUSIC INSTITUTE
We are most excited that lessons for the Primary Music Institute commence on Monday. Please ensure that you have enrolled your child as soon as possible in one of these great opportunities. We were so excited to meet our concert band instructor as well as our keyboard, drum and guitar tutor.
CHANGE OF DETAILS

To ensure that our records contain the correct information for students please complete the form below if you have changed your address or contact phone numbers.

Student/s Name: ________________________________
Class: ________________________________
New address: ____________________________________________
_____________________________________________________
Phone Numbers: ________________________________
_____________________________________________________

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 2016.

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.

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Absence note

Name ________________________________
Class ________________________________
My Child was away from ________ to ________.
Reason for this absence was: ____________________________________________
Signed ________________________________
Parent/Guardian ______/____/____

I would like to welcome back all our Students, Parents, teachers and our new teachers for 2016.

I would like to introduce the P&C Executive Committee for 2016.
President – Leanne Reed
Vice President – Rebecca Mott
Secretary – VACANT
Treasurer – Melissa Mackenzie

We would be grateful if someone would like to nominate him/herself to fill the vacancy of Secretary.

NOTICE OF MEETING

A General Meeting of the Cambridge Gardens Public School P&C Association will be held on TUESDAY 23rd FEBRUARY at 7.00pm in the Library. All parents, grandparents and carers are welcome.
MEMBERSHIP NOW DUE
Membership remains at $1.00 and is now due. By becoming a member you are able to vote at meetings and therefore help make decisions about your child/children’s schooling. Please come along to our next meeting and pay your membership or send your $1 in an envelope marked P&C Membership with YOUR name and child’s class on it.

You can still attend P&C meetings if you are not a member, you will just not be able to vote.

SCHOOL BANKING PROGRAM
Every child must eventually learn that Mum and Dad are not the bank! The good news is Cambridge Gardens PS participates in the Commonwealth Bank School Banking program to help develop these important savings skills. It includes an exciting Rewards Program designed to encourage children to get into the habit of regular saving. Every time your child makes a deposit at school they receive a Dollarmites token. Once your child has saved 10 tokens they can redeem them for exclusive Dollarmites rewards. School Banking is also a great fundraiser for our school. The school receives $5 from CBA when children make their first deposit at school and a commission on every deposit made through the School Banking program.

Taking part in School Banking is easy
- If your child has an existing Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account they can start banking straight away. They just need to bring their deposit in on school banking days using their Dollarmites deposit wallet.

- If your child does not have a Youthsaver account, you can open one at any Commonwealth Bank branch, no forms to fill in! Alternatively, if you are an existing Commonwealth Bank customer with access to NetBank you can apply online.

Banking day is this Friday 5th February, then every second Friday. Make sure you bring your bank-book STRAIGHT TO THE OFFICE and place it in the money slot in the office. For every deposit made at school, no matter how big or small, students will receive a cool Dollarmites token.

2016 HELPERS
Can’t make regular meetings but still willing to lend a hand? Please fill in the slip provided and return it to the office or send us an email cambridgegardenspublicschool@pandcaffiliate.org.au.

We will add you to our Database and contact you when we have something on. We can always do with extra helpers at the school disco, Election Day BBQ, Christmas picnic and other events that the P&C run through the year.

Helping Hand Database
I, ____________________, may be available to help with P & C Association events throughout 2016. Please contact me on ph) _____________ or via email at____________________________

Signed________________________________
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Many thanks,
Leanne Reed (President)