PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Friends,

Two fantastic weeks have flown by at Cambridge Gardens PS! Our students are working brilliantly and making great progress in their classrooms! Well done to all for their wonderful work.

Swimming Carnival

What a tremendous night of fun and excitement was shared by all who came along to compete in our school swimming carnival. I congratulate our swimmers on their skills and their enthusiasm with many swimmers backing up in numerous races. It was wonderful to have students who competed hard whilst taking joy in the achievement of their peers. AQ big thank you to Mr Nicholls and Mrs Smith for all their organisation as well as the committed staff who came along with clipboards and stopwatches. Everyone’s effort was much appreciated!!!

School Photos

Our school photos day was successfully undertaken last week. MSP are busily working away on producing our student packages. We will let you know when the photos arrive back to school for distribution.

Student Safety

We had the Police Youth Liaison Officer Constable Carolyn Jack and one of her colleagues out to talk to our Stage 3 students about safety when independently travelling to and from school. Please ensure you are very clear with your children about your expectations and let the school know of any changes to your normal procedures. We have had a couple of incidences of late of students arriving at school before 8.40am as well as students not travelling directly home in the afternoon. If you are a witness to any poor behaviour by our students on the way to or from home please let me know. We expect all our students to be responsible when coming and going from school.

P&C Meeting

What a great P&C meeting we enjoyed last week. Our AP Mr Tucker shared his Canadian experience with us whilst Mr McMaster shared with parents information around what is happening in our Kindergarten classrooms. It was wonderful to discuss our upcoming Easter and Mothers Day activities. I also congratulate Mrs Cheryl Vine for taking on the most important role of secretary for our P&C. Our P&C is doing an amazing job and I thank everyone for their contribution to our P&C efforts. Looking forward to seeing parents at our next P&C meeting on Tuesday March 22.

Principal’s Assembly

I was most disappointed to miss our first Principal’s Assembly of the year. A huge shout out of congratulations to our House captains, SRC members and our Library Monitors who were badged at this assembly. Also a big congratulations to our Blue, Maroon and Principal’s Award recipient. A big thank you to Mr Morgan for hosting our afternoon tea in my absence.

Payments

As a school we are very aware of the juggling that can go on at the commencement of the year when trying to cover the various expenses associated with school. I ask that families finalise their payments as soon as possible so that these valuable additions to our learning programs can continue.

Voluntary Contribution

I ask that all families make this yearly contribution which is utilised in providing resources for our students. In 2016 the rate of contribution has been set at $40 per student. The school would really appreciate if all families could make this payment as soon possible.
Mathletics- We are very excited that over half our students have paid their $12 for Mathletics. This is such a great resource for home and school. Remember also that this year your school and our P&C are covering the cost of your Reading Eggs subscription so $12 for access to both these amazing resources is a huge bargain.

Kindergarten Dance Program- Our Kindergarten dance program for all students is going fantastically. Our kids are really enjoying the youth and enthusiasm of Miss Fry. Please ensure you have made your $10 payment to the school asap.

School Magazine- Our year 3-6 students love to receive their monthly edition of the School Magazine. At only $1.20 an issue, it is an absolute bargain for quality literature and reading. We are ready to roll out the March edition so please send in your $12 for the year!

Have a wonderful two weeks!

Adam Wynn

Easter Fun Day – 24th March

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, 24th March, 2016 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.

Year 6 will be holding a ‘Easter Cupcake’ stall for fundraising. Tea, coffee and cupcakes will be for sale outside the library from 9.15 – 10.00 for parents. Cupcakes 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, 23rd March. 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, Mr McMaster and Mr Kristof.

Tell Them From Me student feedback survey

I am delighted that this term, our school, like many others in the state, will participate in a Department of Education initiative: the Tell Them From Me student feedback survey. The survey aims to help improve student learning outcomes and measures factors that are known to affect academic achievement and other student outcomes. The focus of the NSW-wide survey is
on student wellbeing, engagement and effective teaching practices.


The survey is a great opportunity for our students to provide our school with valuable and quick feedback on what they think about school life, how engaged they are with school and the different ways that teachers interact with them. Schools in Australia and around the world have used the Tell Them From Me survey to help improve how they do things at school.

I want to assure you that the survey is confidential and school staff will not be able to identify individual students from their responses. The survey is conducted online and will typically take less than 30 minutes to complete. It will be administered during school hours between 14 March and 8 April. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary.

A consent form and a list of frequently asked questions (FAQs) for parents/carers about the survey is being sent home with students. If you do not want your child or children to participate, please return the consent form to school by Thursday 10th March. The FAQs and copies of the consent form, including translated consent forms, are available from the website above.

Rosalind Todd
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Gardening Club 2016

Would your child like to join the Gardening Club? Our aim is to improve and help maintain our school environment. Members of the Gardening Club participate in activities such as planting, watering, weeding and mulching.

This term the Gardening Club will operate between 8.40 and 9.05 on Tuesday mornings. Children will be supervised and assisted in their gardening activities by a teacher. It would be wonderful if the children could bring along their own pair of gardening gloves.

Over the years we have had several parents join in and enjoy gardening alongside their children. Any parents who would like to join in the fun are most welcome.

If your child is interested in joining our Gardening Club, please fill in the details below and return to the office.

Julie Cheetham
Gardening Club Coordinator

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Gardening Club 2016 – Permission Note

Name ________________________________

Class ______________________________

Signed (Parent/Caregiver) ________________

Date: _________________________________

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, contact phone numbers or email address.

Student/s Name: ________________________________

Class: ______________________________

New address: ___________________________________________________________

Email: _________________________________________________________________

Phone Numbers: _________________________________________________________

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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.
We would like to thank Sheryl Vine for filling the vacancy of Secretary.

NOTICE OF MEETING

A General Meeting of the Cambridge Gardens Public School P&C Association will be held on TUESDAY 22nd March at 7.00pm in the Library. All parents, guardians, grandparents and carers are welcome.

SCHOOL BANKING PROGRAM – NOW EVERY FRIDAY

Our school participates in the Commonwealth Bank School Banking Program to help develop important savings skills. School banking will now be EVERY 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 Dommmites token. So start collecting your tokens as it will now be a lot easier and faster to get your 10 tokens to redeem your Dollarmites rewards. This year’s rewards are based on the Australian Outback theme.

We will be having Belinda from the Commonwealth Bank come to the school with one of the Dollarmites mascots on Friday March 4th during the assembly to inform all the students on the importance of banking and all the wonderful rewards that are available to the students when they do school banking.

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.

Happy Banking 😊

Melissa Mackenzie & Nicky Hibbs

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@pandcaffilliate.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 throughout the year.

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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__________________________________________

Many Thanks,
Leanne Reed (President).

Book Club orders due in by 14th March, please.

[Image of Book Club flyer]