WARM UP THIS WINTER WITH A GOOD DEED.

Only a few weeks left of term 2 and that means the P&C will again be collecting for the Penrith Community Kitchen. With Winter now upon us the need for hot meals for the most vulnerable in our community will grow and we can help the Kitchen with the amazing and generous work they do simply by donating non-perishable food items. Donation Boxes are available in each stage block so please support this worthy cause by sending a food donation to school with your child.

PUTTING STUDENTS FIRST

We were fortunate to have Mrs May Ptolemy come and speak at our last P&C meeting about the Every School, Every Student policy changes that led to the Stop-Work Meeting held by the teachers at our school and many public schools around the state on May 18. She was invited by the P&C to speak as the NSW Teachers Union representative within our school and because it follows on from the Local Schools, Local Decisions focus groups attended by P&C in 2011.

Her talk focused on changes causing concern for our school and the lack of confidence in this policy to support or guarantee the conditions and provisions that ensure a fair and equitable focus on the individual learning needs of all our students.

P&C Federation’s State Council recently resolved their position on the proposed government policy.

“Government schooling should be organised to ensure a maximisation of outcomes for all students. The New South Wales Government has an overriding responsibility to fund the government school system at a level that provides adequate buildings, equipment, staff and other resources to allow all children to receive an education suitable for their individual needs.

As parents and community members we believe the environment that a student experiences at school is the culmination of a number of characteristics present in that school. The development of each individual student should be the basic concern in determining school organisation, welfare, learning experiences and evaluation methods. This can only be done through proper consultation with the whole school community and cannot be decided by a single manager in the school.”

As a member of our school community it is time to, at the very least, be engaged, have your say and be involved in these very significant discussions that will impact education, public education and the educational experiences of our children. Look out for more information on these changes as it comes to hand.

SCHOOL BANKING

Banking day is this Friday 15th June. Make sure you bring your bank-book and deposit STRAIGHT TO THE OFFICE and place it in the banking box.

NOTICE OF MEETING

A General Meeting of the Cambridge Gardens Public School P&C Association will be held on TUESDAY 26th June at 2:00pm in the Staff Room. All parents and carers are welcome.

Do you have something you would like discussed at the meeting? If you do, please advise Racquel Espie by Friday 22nd June 2012 to have you item placed on the agenda.