Hello and welcome to another edition of the Cambridge Gardens P&C News. We have been busy planning this year’s P&C events and are thrilled by what our fundraising committee has in store for 2012. There will be some great opportunities for students and their families to participate and be inspired. Watch this space for information of some exciting new events as well as some of the tried and true P&C annual fixtures.

We were very fortunate a couple of Fridays ago to have Belinda, our Commonwealth School Banking Representative, come and speak about the program to some of our new Kindergarten Parents. It was very informative and in true P&C style complete with yummy morning tea. Thanks to our dedicated team of goodie makers. For those of you unable to make it to the information session we missed you but never fear, what you need to know is below and any questions can be directed to Racquel Espie or Karley Fearnley.

**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.

**SCHOOL BANKING**

Banking day is this **Friday 24th February**. Make sure you bring your bank-book and deposit **STRAIGHT TO THE OFFICE** and place it in the banking box. For every deposit made at school, no matter how big or small, students will receive a cool Dollarmites token.

**NOTICE OF MEETING**

A General Meeting of the Cambridge Gardens Public School P&C Association will be held on **TUESDAY 28th FEBRUARY** at 2.00pm in the Staff Room. All parents and carers are welcome. Items to be discussed at next meeting include;

- Non-essential events, fundraising commitments. Keep/Forgo?
- School Notice Boards.
- Night-time DISCO

**MUFTI DAY**

The P&C have organised a Mufti Day for Wednesday 7th March. Students will be encouraged to come out of uniform and bring along a present for our mothers-day stall on that day. Look out for more information coming home soon.

**2012 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. We will add you to our Database and contact you when we have something on.

**Helping Hand Database**

I, _____________________, may be available to help with P & C Association events throughout 2012. Please contact me on ph) _______________ or via email at______________________________

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