



INNOVATION, EXCELLENCE, CONNECTIONS, FUN

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## Principal's Report

Welcome to Week 6!

### INNOVATION

### PROFESSIONAL LEARNING

Congratulations to Mr James Kristof who undertook a two day training course to become a CPR trainer. This means that Mr Kristof will now be able to provide the yearly update of training for all our staff. It is fantastic to have staff with such skills that will benefit our staff and our children.

### UNDERSTANDING BEHAVIOUR

We are very excited to have 10 of our staff members working with the regional AP Learning and Support on this facilitated online learning. It is a great opportunity to work together to strengthen our understandings and processes around behaviour.

### EXTERNAL VALIDATION

Last week our school was externally validated through the DoE ongoing validation processes. The school presented evidence supporting our judgements of our school's work and effort against the School Excellence Framework. Our school was able to illustrate that it was excelling in wellbeing and leadership and this was confirmed by the peer validation. I congratulate our school on their work in these two areas but also in all our efforts across the domains of the School Excellence Framework. We will report on this process more fully at tonight's P&C meeting and in the 2017 Annual School Report.

### EXCELLENCE

### STAFFING

Last week a merit selection panel was undertaken for two teachers, one being the replacement for Mr Terry Nicholls with the other being for the 16th class which was formed at the start of the year. The school undertook the process of interested

temporary teachers and I am very pleased to announce that Mrs Casey Hetherington and Mr Beau McMaster were successful in gaining permanent class teacher positions at Cambridge Gardens PS. As you know both of these fantastic teachers have been working in temporary positions but both have now been successful and accepted. Congratulations to both of these fantastic teachers! Our school is so excited and fortunate to have them join us! A huge thank you to Mrs Felicity Nelson, Mrs Suzie Waterhouse and Ms Ella Kunkel who worked on the panel to make these great choices!



As you will be aware Mr Denis Morgan has gained the Principal position at Banks PS commencing on September 4. Mr Morgan has been an integral member of our school leadership team who has worked diligently in transforming our school into the school it is today! We thank him for all his hard work and care for our students, their families and our staff. We will all miss him but wish him all the best in his new school.

In regards to Mr Morgan's departure, I am very pleased to announce that Mr Daniel Attard has been appointed permanently into the Assistant Principal position vacated by Mr Morgan. We say a big congratulations to Mr Attard and excited to have him join the leadership team permanently.

A second merit selection panel was undertaken for a teacher for our 17th class. The school undertook the process of interested targeted graduates and I am very pleased to announce that Mr David Sheaves was successful in gaining the permanent class position at Cambridge Gardens PS and will commence at our

school on Monday August 28. These appointments, will at this stage, not facilitate any changes to our class teachers for 2017. A huge thank you to Mrs Noelle Stoeckl, Mrs Sam Ivimey and Ms Ella Kunkel who worked through the process to select this teacher.

## SPECIAL SWIMMING SCHEME

The Department of Education Special Swimming Scheme which is for students in Years 2-6 currently still has places available. If you have not secured your child's placement as yet I suggest you do so as quickly as possible before all spaces are full! The program will be running in Weeks 1 and 2 in Term 4.

## CHESS

A big congratulations to our chess players who played with skill and great sportsmanship when representing our school at Beaumont Hills PS. Well done team and a big thank you to Mr Morgan for taking the kids on the day and a big thank you to Mr Kristof for all his work with our chess players.

## CONNECTIONS

### PENRITH VALLEY PERFORMING ARTS FESTIVAL

Our two Stage 3 dance groups were fantastic in their performances at the Penrith Valley Performing Arts Festival. How tremendous to be selected to close on one night and open on the other. WOW! A big well done to our Ensemble and Girls Crew. A big thankyou to Miss Fry for her great coaching and leadership of these groups.

### KINDERGARTEN INTERVIEWS

I have commenced meeting with our new students and their families for Kindergarten 2018. It is an exciting time for our new students and we are really excited about meeting with them and talking through their ideas and thoughts for 2018. Our friendly office ladies will be in contact with all of our 2018 Kindergarten families to book these meetings in the coming weeks.



## FUN

### A SPECTACULAR SCHOOL

We are very excited to have become a spectacular school. Miss Fry attended the teacher's briefing on Friday night and has been busy sizing up our dancers for their costumes. We look forward to this exciting event!



### FATHERS' DAY BREAKFAST

September 1 is our Fathers' Day breakfast commencing at 7am. Our staff, students and parents are very excited and working to put together another top breakfast for everyone. Information in regards to student donations and obtaining a breakfast voucher are supplied again in today's newsletter.

### P&C MEETING

We look forward to many of you coming along tonight to our August P&C meeting at 7pm in the staffroom.

### KINDERGARTEN 2018

We have been very pleased with the return of Enrolment Applications throughout Term 2. We would like to finalise our staffing as soon as possible so ask that all applications are returned at your earliest convenience. We really appreciate your help in this area. Please advise any friends or neighbours who are enrolling in 2018 to come in and complete this process.

**Adam Wynn**  
**Principal**

## Gardening Update

Last Tuesday, we started by checking out the beautiful white-faced herons which seem to have started nesting in Area 4. We talked about how well camouflaged they are, hidden in the foliage.

We walked up past the rose garden and chatted about how some plants need to be pruned regularly. We discussed the new growth on the rose bushes.

After that, we walked up to the vegetable garden and found few peas to pick and eat. Next the students picked some cherry tomatoes. They all took a few. Some were rinsed and eaten immediately – some were taken home. Any that were split were thrown back into the garden to self-seed. Some of tomatoes were shared with children from Paroo, Noosa and Perisher at lunch time. It's lots of fun to eat things which we have grown and picked ourselves!

**Julie Cheetham**



## NSW PSSA TOUCH FOOTBALL TEAM

On Monday 7th August, the girls NSWPSA Touch Football team played against Werrington County. We got down to the field on a blusteringly windy day to find the other team already training. The CGPS girls were not deterred by this, they got off the bus and began warming up themselves.

Before long, the game began and within 2 minutes- a TRY! The game continued on like this with fantastic passing, tagging, running and general sportsmanship from our girls. CGPS won the match easily with a score of 5-1. The team has advanced to the next round and will soon receive details of the next game.

Special mention to Tayla Borg and her family who made the trip down from Newcastle so Tayla could play. I would like to thank the girls for showing such great determination and sportsmanship. I also would like to thank Rob from the Gael's club who drove us all down there. A big thank you to Mrs Saito for helping me mark out the field and to Jackson Schofield for helping me pack up. One final thank you to Mr Attard who gave up his time to come down and referee the game. We appreciate your hard work and couldn't have played without you!

**A super proud- Mrs Nelson**



## GREAT WORK FROM AMELIA AND NICHOLAS

How to Have a Great day at School! **Amelia Lyons**

When the teacher says something for you to do, do it when the teacher says.

Keep your hands, feet and mouth to yourself.

Walk on the concrete. Don't run!

Follow the school expectations.

Don't only be respectful to students. Do it to the teachers as well.

Walk, sit and write silently.

Play, safely and have fun.

How To Have a Great Day at School! **Nicolas Dennis**

In order to have a great day at school you need to be respectful and follow instructions given by teachers at all times. You need to be safe so you don't get hurt. Don't touch others because you might hurt their feelings.

You want to do things that don't hurt the feelings so that no-one's feelings are hurt and no-one misses out on playing or having fun. So you can have fun with yourself and everyone. If you are being kind to people they will be kind to you and be your friend for ever. If you are sensible you will have more people like you. If you are crazy less people want to play with you. When you are sensible everybody wants to play with you. If you are playing with people and you have fair rules everyone will want to play cause they will all get want they want from the game and have as much fun as everyone else.

If you are proud, you can get special privileges more often and will have a lot more fun at school.

## From the Office

We'd like to thank everyone for their prompt response to the children's updated emergency contact forms that were sent out this week. It is vital that our records are accurate at all times so if you have any changes at any time, please ensure you notify us.

We'd like to remind everyone that absent notes are to be given to their child's class teacher and any permission notes and payment are to be brought directly to the School office on arrival at School. They can be placed in the slot at the small window in the hall of the office. When paying cash, please ensure you have the correct money as we are unable to give change on the spot. Change may be available upon receipting.

Our supply of clothing in our sick bay is running low. We would appreciate any donation if your child has outgrown their uniforms and they are still in good condition. If your child comes home with a change of clothes could you please wash and return to the School as soon as possible.

**Karen McCoy**

# Library News.

The Premier's Reading Challenge draws to a close this Friday 25th August. If your child is participating in the Challenge they need to have their Online Reading Log completed by this date for me to validate their reading list.

It is a simple process to log in and enter their books on the website.

1. In Google type PRC
2. Select the Premier's Challenge log on.
3. Your child's logon is their normal school log in, they all know their passwords.
4. Once logged on, select the Student Reading Record from the left hand side list.
5. Type the title of the book in the title column and once the information appears, select add.
6. Keep doing this until all books are logged.

If you have any issues please contact me.

Congratulations to the following students who have completed the PRC in the last two weeks.

- Ethan Clogher:** Tokyo
- Tilila Fusitua :** Airlie
- Keira Clogher:** Noosa
- Armaan Singh:** Paroo
- Gabriel Fisher:** Shanghai
- Domenic Denis:** Summer
- Tevita Fusitua:** Kyoto
- Rachel Sherriff:** Summer
- Liam Duffy:** Kyoto
- Lachlan Richards:** Mumbai
- Nathan Sherrif:** Mumbai

**Regards and Happy Reading**  
**Rose Antonelli**

# Cambridge Gardens Public School Fathers Day Breakfast



## Father's Day Breakfast – 1st September, 2017

Our exciting Father's Day Breakfast is coming up on Friday, 1st September at 7.00 a.m. We are hoping that everyone in our school community comes along to support this celebration for our Dads, Grandads and significant males in our lives. This is a family event and we hope everyone will come along. We are also asking that you support this event as it is the school's major fund raising event for the year.

To facilitate this we are asking every child in our school to donate food items that will be used as part of our big breakfast on the day. Please send in the food item to your child's class teacher. We really appreciate your support of this event.

CLASS	FOOD ITEM	WHEN
Machu Picchu	Box of cereal	as soon as you can
Tokyo	Box of cereal	as soon as you can
Washington	Box of cereal	as soon as you can
Wilson	Boys- Disposable plastic cups for juice Girls – disposable cups for coffee and tea	as soon as you can
Airlie	Disposable plastic bowls for cereal	as soon as you can
Perisher	Plastic spoons for cereal	as soon as you can
Noosa	Bottle of juice	as soon as you can
Burleigh	boys – Margarine or butter girls – Plastic spoons for cereal	as soon as you can
Paroo	Toast spreads – no peanut butter or nut spreads	as soon as you can
Shanghai	Bottle of juice	as soon as you can
Sichuan	Goulburn Valley or similar fruit snack packs	as soon as you can
Summer	Goulburn Valley or similar fruit snack packs	as soon as you can
Mongolia	Goulburn Valley or similar fruit snack packs	as soon as you can
Kyoto	Loaf of bread	Thursday , 31 <sup>st</sup> August
Mumbai	Loaf of bread	Thursday , 31 <sup>st</sup> August
Ganges	Raisin Toast	Thursday , 31 <sup>st</sup> August
Annapurna	Loaf of bread	Thursday , 31 <sup>st</sup> August

Thanks for your help with this. Further information will be sent home before the event.



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## Cambridge Gardens PS Father's Day Breakfast

### MSP Photography Photo Booth

Friday 1st September | 7am-9am

Open to all parents and students

\$2 for a photo

All proceeds going to the P&C

Image will be emailed to your nominated email address



**MSP Photography Sydney West**  
02 9831 5505 | sydneywest@mssp.com.au

## Colour Run



## Sporting Schools



Sporting Schools has kicked off for another term. This term, years 3-6 students are taking part in a gymnastics program provided by Penrith YMCA. Gymnastics is widely renowned as a sport that can improve overall fitness, strength, balance and body control. Our K-2 students began Sporting Schools on Thursday and displayed great enjoyment during their Athletics lesson.

We are excited to continue the Sporting Schools program next term and beyond into 2018.

**Mr Attard**  
**Sporting Schools Coordinator**

## Debating

The Year 5 debating team had a debate against Warragamba Public School in Week 5. Our topic was 'That all parents should provide pets for their kids' and we were the negative. Our points included that pets cost a lot of money to buy, feed and take care of, kids don't know the full responsibility of owning a pet, some kids are allergic to animals and some pets can attack and be dangerous to kids. We won the debate and we learnt a lot and had heaps of fun!

**By Chloe Schofield and Tayla Price (Year 5 Debating Team)**

## Calendar Events

28.8.17	Cranbrook Learning Community Creative Arts Dance Dress Rehearsal
29.8.17	Cambridge Gardens Learning Community Performing Arts Festival – Combined Choir Rehearsal
29.8.17	Cambridge Gardens Learning Community Performing Arts Festival -Performance
30.8.17	Cambridge Gardens Learning Community Performing Arts Festival - Performance
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1.9.17	Father's Day Breakfast
5.9.17	Blue Mountains Nepean Dance Festival – Matinee 7 Evening
7.9.17	Blue Mountains Nepean Dance Festival - Evening
13.9.17	Farm Excursion – Kindergarten
21.9.17	Colour Run
22.9.17	Last Day of Term 3
<b>Term 4</b>	
9.10.17	Students Return to School
9.10.17 – 20.10.17	Swimming Scheme (2 Weeks)
11.10.17	Pulse – Mass Choir Rehearsal 10am-2pm
19.10	Edinglassie Visit 12.30
2.11.17	School Spectacular
6.11.17	St 3. Excursion - Bathurst
7.11.17	St 3. Excursion - Bathurst
8.11.17	St 3. Excursion - Bathurst
9.11.17	St 3. Excursion - Bathurst
11.11.17	Trivia Night
16.11.17	Pulse Choir Opera House Performance
22.11.17	School Spectacular

<b>23.11.17</b>	School Spectacular
<b>24.11.17</b>	School Spectacular
<b>25.11.17</b>	(Saturday) School Spectacular
<b>7.12.17</b>	Picnic 5pm
<b>11.12.17</b>	Presentation Day
<b>13.12.17</b>	Year 6 Farewell
<b>15.12.17</b>	Last Day of Term