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## Principal's Report

A big congratulations to our **Under 10s Rugby League team** who played a fantastic final losing a very close match to Hebersham PS. All credit to our boys who were recognised for their talent and skills and have been invited to the State Carnival as a wildcard competing this Wednesday. Good luck to the team and to Mr Sheaves. We look forward to hearing how you go!

Congratulations to Josh Reed for an outstanding performance and personal best when finishing 30th at the **State Cross Country Championships**. We are very proud of Josh's achievement for our school.

Cambridge Gardens PS was very excited to have **a visit from Cathy Brennan, Executive Director, Metropolitan North**. Ms Brennan came to visit to view the exciting and successful programs the school is implementing around Early Action for Success and the Bump It Up Strategy. She enjoyed a great visit to Mobius class observing and participating in a class lesson on making inferences. A big thank you to the students of Mobius and Ms Mulock. Ms Brennan was very impressed with the activity and the concepts our students were discussing.



Our **July P&C meeting** was as always a very productive and enjoyable meeting. A lot of our discussion was around the Colour Run, Father's Day and the air conditioning in the hall.

Following on from this meeting some P&C representatives met and discussed further options and ideas with the Department of Education's Asset Officer. I anticipate that we can report back on this at our next P&C meeting on August 28. There was also some discussion about the ability of our school to send out alerts and around the electronic return of notes. This can all be achieved through Schoolzine. Mr Attard is exploring with Belinda Adams which capabilities we would like to explore.

You will have heard or read lately in the media that the Department of Education has recently updated their **School Uniform Policy**. The department supports the wearing of school uniform as it promotes a sense of belonging for students and creates a positive identity for the school community. School uniforms also contribute to the personal safety of students by allowing easier recognition of students inside the school and in the community. Students are expected to wear school uniform during school hours, while travelling to and from school, and when engaged in school activities out of school hours. Students are encouraged to wear sun-safe hats for outside activities. As you know, our school is now working through Back to Basics at Kingswood who are producing all aspects of our school uniform. Our biggest issue at Cambridge Gardens Public School is around winter weather items particularly around non-school uniform sloppy joes. There should be no issues around the supply of sloppy joes and zipper jackets and following your most positive response to our new jacket, Back to Basics have commenced production. I will let you know when they are in supply. If you ever have any issues around your child being in school uniform please don't hesitate to drop in and see me. If your child is out of uniform on occasion, please send them in with a note so we are aware of the short term problem. Thanks for your support and assistance with school uniform.

We are always proud of the high levels of **professional learning** our staff are engaged in and how it is then put into practice. This term over three Mondays a number of our staff will be working with Rachel Hayward the Assistant Principal LaST for the local area. This term 10 of our staff will be working through the **Autism module** with her that will bring us to the amazing figure of over 80% of our staff having completed this important

training. The other module, which a different 10 staff will be undertaking is on **Speech and Communication**. This will be the first time we are running this course which is essential given the high needs of many children in this area. I thank our staff for broadening and developing their skills.

Our school is very excited to have been successful in being chosen to be part of the **Australia-Pacific BRIDGE program**. This is an Australia wide program for all schools across all sectors. Cambridge Gardens Public School is the only government primary school from across Australia to be selected!!! This is a fantastic achievement for our school and we look forward to our students benefitting from our participation in this program. Our school has been placed in a partnership with Carr Memorial Adventist Primary School in Port Moresby, New Guinea. I will be travelling to Canberra in the coming weeks for some professional learning in partnership with Mr Benjamin Jamurang, a teacher from this school. Following this Mr Jamurang, will spend a week at Cambridge Gardens PS which will then be followed up with online activities. In 2019, I will travel to Port Moresby for a reciprocal visit to Mr Jamurang. This is a fantastic way for us to build our intercultural understandings.

A big thank you to Mrs Patrick, Ms Fry and Ms Bates who met with parents of pre-schoolers last week at Wattle Glen Pre-School. It is a tremendous opportunity for the school to talk about transition and to meet the parents of our new students for 2019. I will be commencing our first round of Welcome Interviews this Friday for our 2019 students and I look forward to meeting the children and their parents. If you are **enrolling your child in our Kindergarten for 2019** can I ask that you finalise your paperwork as soon as possible as we are now finalising student and staffing numbers for 2019. Please let your friends and neighbours know about this.

What a fantastic night I enjoyed as the proud principal of Cambridge Gardens PS at the **Penrith Valley Performing Arts Festival**. It was a fantastic night with our three dance groups stealing the show. How wonderful were our Arabian and our Ensemble dance groups. A huge shout out on this occasion to our skilled and enthusiastic Kindergarten dance group. They certainly did their thing!!! A big good luck to our Ensemble group who will be performing at the Opera House on Thursday night in the PULSE concert.



A big thank you to Mr and Mrs Reed as well as Mrs Nelson for their fantastic efforts in getting our High Jump event completed at Harold Corr Oval. Congratulations to our students who soared to such great heights.



A big thank you to our P&C for organising the purchase of our new house shelters! We are beyond excitement! How good do they look! Thanks to all our community to contributing through our P&C fund raising efforts to raise the funding for shelters.



### Current Notes

Please follow the links to all current notes and please note their closing date. Please ensure you put your child's full name and class on all notes.

Event	Date	Closing Date
40th Birthday Pavers		August 13
Father's Day Breakfast	31 August	31 August
Colour Run	31 August	
School Swimming and Water Safety Program		15 – 26 October 31 August
Calmsley Hill City Farm-Kindergarten	19 September	5 September

### Coming Up

Athletics Carnival	8 August 2018
K-2 Public Speaking	21 August
Canberra Stage 3 Excursion	24 – 27 September
<b>Final camp payment due</b>	<b>31 August</b>

## Mufti day for the farmers

More information will follow but our P&C, responding to community urging will be holding a mufti day on Wednesday 22nd August in order to raise funds to help the farming community during this drought period. We understand that in the coming weeks we have an SRC cupcake day and the colour run so this will be a small activity showing our support and giving our students an understanding of an issue that is currently high profile and in the news.

## Schoolzine Newsletter App!

Just friendly reminder that our school newsletter can be accessed via the Schoolzine app called SZapp. So far we have 74 community members already utilising the app. Visit the link below for instructions about how to download the app using Apple and Android devices. Alternatively, you can find instructions at the end of the newsletter.

<http://www.schoolzine.com/szapp-installation>

Kind regards,

**Daniel Attard**  
**Assistant Principal**

## Fathers Day Breakfast

**Friday 31 August 7am**

Our annual Father's Day Breakfast is fast approaching! As usual there will be a delicious breakfast to enjoy along with a heap of fun activities and stalls. Whilst it is Father's Day themed, ALL family members are welcome and encouraged to attend! Breakfast coupons are \$5 each and entitles you to a glass of juice, a bowl of cereal, a bacon and egg roll, raisin toast or toast with spreads and flavoured milk. Please return your note and money as soon as possible to assist us with catering.

Notes were also sent home last week regarding each grades' donation of food item. Donations are to be given to your child's classroom teacher ASAP (please note - loaves of bread to be brought in Thursday 30 August).

Following the breakfast, everyone is welcome to attend our special Father's Day assembly. Looking forward to celebrating this fun morning with you all!

**Miss Vella**

## Work, Health & Safety

Recently, we have had a number of students who have unfortunately been injured outside of school hours due to sport or other mishaps. We would kindly ask that if you are sending your child to school with an injury, you phone the school office prior to their arrival. This allows us to plan for your child's needs and assess whether changes are needed in their normal school routine. We appreciate your understanding with this.

**Mr Attard**  
**Work, Health & Safety Coordinator**

## Spelling Bee



During week two our school Spelling Bee Competition was held to select two Junior and two Senior Primary students to represent the school at the Regional Spelling Bee finals in September. In the junior competition, there was a very fierce battle

between students for the two representative positions and the senior competition was equally exciting.

Our school representatives for the Premier's Spelling Bee this year in the junior division are Mielle Gadiane and Patrick and in the senior division we have Anita-Jane Saito and Liam Duffy. I was very impressed with all the competitors who will all be receiving an award for their wonderful commitment and effort at our next Principal's Assembly. Regional Finals will be taking place on the 7th of September at Emu Plains Public School.

**Mrs Stoeckl**  
**Spelling Bee Co-ordinator**

## High Jump

Last Friday, we held our High Jump event down at Werrington Athletics field. Ten very well behaved students came down and gave their absolute best to compete in this difficult event. The weather was beautiful and there were a few personal best jumps. Special thanks to Mr and Mrs Reed for setting up and packing up the high jump equipment. Your organisation and assistance is greatly appreciated. Congratulations to Tehya Hiko who equalled the 11 year girl High Jump record with a jump of 1.25m. Looking forward to seeing everyone participating in the Athletics Carnival on Wednesday.

**Mrs Nelson**



## NAIDOC Assembly 2018

We had our NAIDOC assembly on the first week of this term and it was a wonderful celebration. NAIDOC stands for National Aborigines and Islanders Day Observance Committee. Its origins can be traced to the emergence of Aboriginal groups in the 1920's which sought to increase awareness in the wider community of the status and treatment of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians. This year's theme is 'Because of her we can' which celebrates the importance of woman in the Aboriginal community. The Aboriginal Education Committee arranged for Lester Ives from our local area to present to the school the importance of the traditional culture to our environment and he entertained us with his wealth of information and he showed us how to play the didgeridoo. We would like to say thank you to Mrs. Kelly Koerts for her powerful poem and to everyone who came to the assembly and joined us at morning tea with Mr. Wynn.



**Kirsty Dyball**  
**Aboriginal Education Committee member**

## Quicksmart



### Overview of QuickSmart Numeracy Program

The program is called QuickSmart because it encourages students to become *quick* in their response speed and *smart* in their strategy use when learning academic skills. Ultimately, QuickSmart aims to free up working memory so students can engage meaningfully in demanding school activities like problem solving and multiple computations. The QuickSmart Numeracy program focuses on mathematics content by providing instruction that meets individual students' learning needs. The program provides students with opportunities to self-monitor and to receive and generate immediate, informative feedback.

Structured lessons are sequence based around a "focus set" of number facts. Teaching and learning strategies used include explicit strategy instruction, modelling, discussion, questioning, and guided independent practice. The program incorporates the Cognitive Aptitude Assessment System (OZCAAS) computer software that provides information about each student's accuracy and speed of recall of academic skills. Students aim to increase their accuracy and decrease response times as a means of demonstrating increasing automaticity. The program is intensive and requires students to work in pairs with an instructor for three thirty-minute lessons each week.

The activities in the lesson include flash cards, speed sheets, computer and classroom related worksheets covering problem solving and independent work.

In summary, QuickSmart is a theory-based instructional intervention designed to improve students' information retrieval times to levels that free up working memory capacity from an excessive focus on routine tasks. Becoming faster and more confident in recalling mathematics facts!

**Graduates** of the 2018 program to date are: **Summer Williams** from Spencer class, **Gabriel Fisher** from Klein class and **Baylan Laing** from Mobius class.

**Kim Latter**  
**School Learning Support Officer**

## From the Office

We would like to remind parents and carers that when returning notes and money to the school office that you please ensure they are clearly labelled and that both the note and cash is securely sealed in an envelope. We have had numerous envelopes with loose cash handed in and no name or note attached making it difficult to match student payments. Your assistance in the matter would be appreciated.

## Fundraising BBQ North Penrith Bunnings

We would like to say thank you to our wonderful school community for all your support last Sunday at the Bunnings BBQ Fundraiser. We greatly appreciate the parents, teachers and other volunteers who took the time to cook and serve at the BBQ. We would also like to say a special thank you to Mr & Mrs Blatch and Mrs Saito for all your hard work prior to the fundraiser. We raised just over \$2000, with all proceeds going towards Year 6 end of year celebrations.



## SRC Report

The SRC representatives in each class are holding meetings every few weeks. At the meetings the SRC representatives will ask the class two things that they really like about the school or two activities they enjoy at our school, and one wish that they want to see at our school or something improved at our school, such as play equipment and special days that the school could hold. After that, the SRC representatives have an SRC meeting with Miss Vella, the teacher in charge of the SRC, and the SRC students will then vote on what they would most like to have happen. The activity with the most votes gets sent to the principal to decide if we can do it.

**Miss Vella**

## RSPCA Cupcake Day

On Monday 20th August, all of the SRC representatives have been asked to bake cupcakes to raise money for the RSCPA. The cupcakes will be sold for \$2. The stall will be out the front of the office and the cupcakes will be sold at recess time. Can you please help us support the RSCPA by purchasing a cupcake on the day. Thank you!

**Charlotte Willett and Stuart Brown (SRC representatives, Class Klein)**

## School Canteen

Our school canteen has played an integral role in our school community, providing students and staff with a range of nourishing and affordable meals on the school premises. As you may be aware, our school canteen license was recently advertised, and we are excited to announce that Healthy Canteens Australia PTY LTD was the successful tender. They will continue their operations for at least the next 3 years. I would like to thank the members of our Canteen Licence Review Committee, Mrs Kirsty Dyball who was our staff representative and Mrs Samantha Ivimey the P&C representative, for all their valuable contributions in making this important decision.

**Mr Daniel Attard  
Panel Convener**

## NSW Premier's Sporting Challenge

This year our school has registered to participate in the NSW Premier's Sporting Challenge. The purpose of the Challenge is to encourage students to participate in sport and physical activity to lead a healthy lifestyle. In term 3, our school will be monitoring physical activity levels during class time, at recess and lunch as well as during sport lessons. Physical activity outside school hours will also count towards the Challenge award. The aim is to work towards an average at least 60 minutes of activity a day for ten weeks.

We would like to invite families to support us in encouraging students' healthy use of leisure time and to experience the joy of being active together. Each student in years 3-6 will be issued with a logbook to record their daily physical activity, whilst K-2 students will work towards a Gold class award level.

Physical activity is valued for its physical, social and emotional benefits. It also helps young people to develop communication skills, confidence and resilience.

**Mr David Sheaves**



Come and join in all  
the fun on  
Wednesday, 7<sup>th</sup>  
November between  
5 and 8pm.

## 40th Birthday Commemorative Pavers

As part of our 40th birthday celebrations, we are inviting students and their families to purchase a personalised engraved paver to be displayed on the garden wall behind the hall. It is an opportunity for families to be remembered as part of the school community for years to come.

There are a number of different options to choose from.

Please see the front office for more information and order forms.

## P & C News

They made it!! The marquees are here and we are looking forward to seeing them set up at the Athletics Carnival on Wednesday!!

The Colour Run sponsorship form and note was sent home last week. It is exciting to see that 28 students have already set up online profile pages with 18 of those actively fundraising. There are close to 460 students at our school so I am expecting many more registrations this week. Please jump online and take a minute to register your little participants. There is just over 4 weeks to the big event. By registering online, parents, you are able to share your child's profile page on Facebook, Twitter and via email, we all know the power of social media, so please start sharing those pages and collecting those donations.

I can report that Tessellate class has so far raised the most money!! There is nothing like a bit of friendly competition. Come on guys which class can raise the most?

There will be a Father's Day Pop-Up Stall at the Father's Day Breakfast on the 31st August. Please start saving your pennies. Presents will range from \$1 - \$5.

A huge thanks to those that have registered their interest to help at both the Father's Day Breakfast or Colour Run. I will be emailing everyone this week with details and to check your availability.

Your P&C met on Tuesday 24th July. It was such a positive time to catch up with everyone and have a chance to talk to some of our teachers and principal about our kiddies and our school. Please find the minutes posted on the school noticeboard and via the link below.

## NOTICE OF MEETING

**Tuesday 28th August at 7.00pm in the Staff Room.**

All parents, grandparents and carers are welcome.

Items on the agenda to date include

- P&C accounts and banking research / update

### \*\*\*REMEMBER\*\*\*

If you have an enquiry or topic of concern you'd like to discuss with your P&C please feel free to contact us through the 'Cambridge Gardens Public School' official Facebook page, leave a message with the school office and we will contact you, drop a note into the P&C box (on the counter inside in the door to the school office), send us an email to [cambridgegardenspublicschool@pandcaffiliate.org.au](mailto:cambridgegardenspublicschool@pandcaffiliate.org.au) OR come along to a P&C meeting and HAVE YOUR SAY.

**Sam Ivimey**  
**President**

## School Banking

School banking is this Friday. Please be sure to deposit your bankbook into 'Pat' the banking dog before the 9.10am bell to line up for class. He will be sitting waiting out the front of the school library. Books will be accepted no later than 9.30am.



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## Calendar Events

2018

8.8.2018	Athletics Carnival
9.8.2018	Pulse concert – Opera House
10.8.2018	3-6 Assembly – Algebra/Denominator
14.8.2018	Choir Rehearsal - Kingswood
17.8.2018	K-2 Assembly – West/Fibonacci
20.8.2018	Book Week
20.8.2018	SRC Cupcake Day
21.8.2018	K-2 Public Speaking
22.8.2018	Mufti day to help farmers
24.8.2018	Principal's Assembly
27.8.2018	CLCPAF rehearsal
31.8.2018	Father's Day Breakfast
31.8.2018	3-6 Assembly - Numerator
31.8.2018	Colour Run
3.9.2018	CLCPAF rehearsal
4.9.2018	CLCPAF
4.9.2018	Choir rehearsal
4.9.2018	Royce Simmons Cup
5.9.2018	CLCPAF

6.9.2018	Kindergarten Information Evening – 2019
7.9.2018	K-2 Assembly Width/Symmetry
14.9.2018	3-6 Assembly Klein/Mobius
19.9.2018	Calmsley Hill City Farm-Kindergarten excursion
24-27.9.2018	Canberra stage 3 excursion

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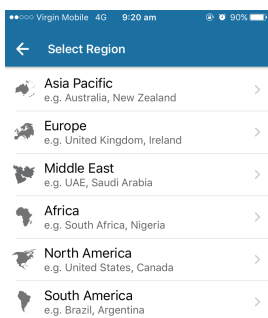
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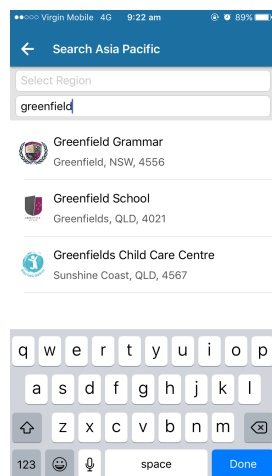
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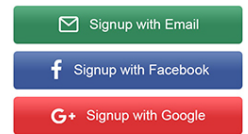
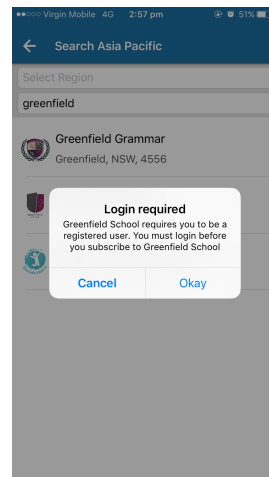
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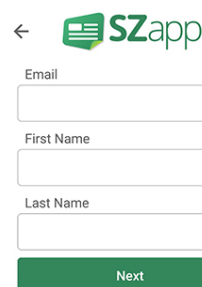
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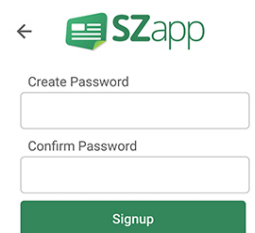


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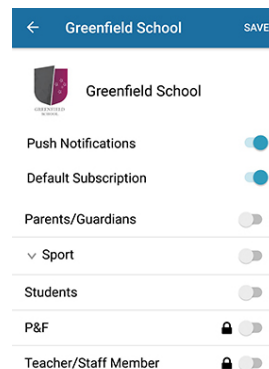


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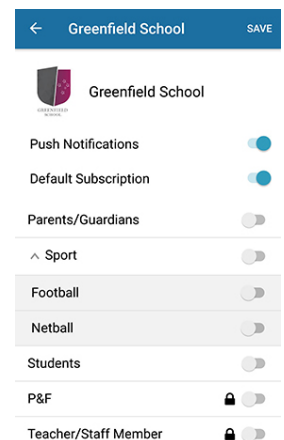
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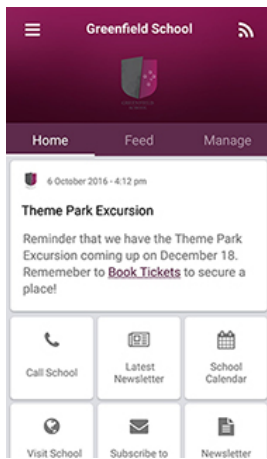


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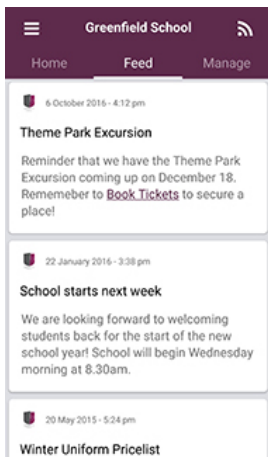
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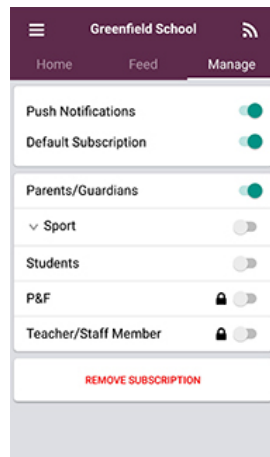
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