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Principal's Report

A very big welcome back to all our students, families and staff! I hope you had an excellent two weeks of holidays refreshing your batteries and enjoying some quality time together. We as a school are looking forward to an excellent Term 4 with all the excitement that Term 4 activities bring as we build to a culmination of another great year at Cambridge Gardens PS.

STAGE THREE EXCURSION

I wanted to start by congratulating our students and staff for their amazing efforts and attitude in making our Stage 3 excursion in the week before the holidays such as amazing success. It is a huge thing to take 101 students away for 4 days to some of the most important sites in Australia. Our students displayed an incredible knowledge and interest at all venues and activities. Our teachers received praise from all staff working with our students. Can I say that the times I spent with our students was very enjoyable and it is great to work with our students in different circumstances. A huge thank you to our dedicated staff who organised, promoted and conducted this incredibly worthwhile experience. A big shout out to Ms Lee, Mr Sheaves, Mr Attard, Mrs Patrick and Ms Sullivan for giving their time away from their families to ensure the success of this activity. A round of applause to the wonderful Miss Mulock for her overall organisation and management of this excursion! A big thank you also to our Mums and Dads who supported this excursion so wholeheartedly. Our students will benefit from this excursion both with the knowledge they gained as well as in their growing independence and confidence.

KINDERGARTEN EXCURSION

Wow! What a special day it is when our Kindergarten students head out on their first excursion. The farm is always such a special day and our students learn and experience so much. A big thank you to Ms Vella for her organisation of this excellent excursion.

KINDERGARTEN 2019

Organisation for Kindergarten 2019 is well advanced. I have been conducting interviews with many of our new students for 2019 and these interviews will continue throughout Term 4. The school will be contacting parents this week if they haven't been allocated a date and time for their interview as of yet.

Make sure you have in your calendars the dates for our two Kindergarten Orientation events, Wednesday October 24 at 10am and Wednesday November 14 at 10am. We hope that all our Kindergarten 2019 students will be able to come along to these exciting events.

Also if you haven't submitted your application for enrolment to the school as yet or you have friends or neighbours that haven't can you please ensure that this paperwork is supplied to the office as soon as possible. This helps us to put in place the classes, staff and classrooms most appropriate for the year and avoiding any last minute changes. Thanks for your help with this.

BOOK COVERING MADNESS

The school is currently purchasing high levels of books for use in the classroom and as home readers. We are so thankful to our parents and friends of the school who are helping Mrs Antonelli and Mrs Thompson cover books allowing us to get them into circulation for our students as soon as possible. Mrs Thompson had a lovely day working with the many parents from Tessellate class covering books last term. Tomorrow we are excited to be hosting book covering for parents and friends from Beta class with Miss Bates. Anyone is welcome to come along have a chat, cover some books and participate as part of our thriving school community. Thanks again to everyone who has given a helping hand.

PRINCIPAL'S ASSEMBLY

A big congratulations to all our students who received their Blue, Maroon or Principal's Award on the last day of term. We were very proud of their achievements and efforts at working toward their achievement. It is great to see how much our

students and our parents value this recognition and celebrate our student's success. Well done!

SPECIAL SWIMMING SCHEME

A big two weeks for our students who will be attending this very valuable program over the next two weeks. It is great to have our students undertake this water safety program. A big thank you to Ms Lee for all her organisation of this activity.

SCHOOL SPECTACULAR

We are very excited to have a dance group and our choir as part of School Spectacular in 2019. Ms Fry and Mrs Antonelli will be working very hard with our students to develop their skills and expertise to the high levels required for this performance. Thanks to our parents who support these groups so well especially around those early morning and late afternoon drop off and pick ups. I am looking forward to seeing our students perform at this incredible show. Our dancers have been off at rehearsals today with their next rehearsal being on Monday October 29. The choir rehearsal will be on Thursday November 1.

P&C MEETING

A reminder that our next P&C meeting will be on Tuesday October 23 at 7pm. Our meetings are always a great opportunity to work as a team and participate and contribute to the decisions being considered by our P&C and our school. I hope you can come along and join us on the night. Look forward to seeing you.

Adam Wynn
Principal

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
School Spectacular Rehearsal	16 & 30 October, 9 November	28th September
School Spectacular Costume Note	23Th November	16th November
Years 4-6 –Tell them from Me permission		25th September

Coming Up

Event	Date
Book covering morning tea – Beta	17th October
School Swimming and Water Safety Program	15 – 26 October

Kindergarten Orientation

We are having our first Kindergarten Orientation event happening next Wednesday, 24th October, at 10am. All families with children enrolled for Kindergarten in 2019 are invited to attend on that morning.

Our new students will be having an opportunity to experience a Kindergarten lesson with our wonderful Kindergarten teachers, whilst parents will be remaining in the school hall for lots of information about what to expect next year, as well as opportunities to order school uniforms from our uniform supplier.

If you have not yet enrolled and wish your child to attend our school next year, please drop in and see our office staff who will be happy to process your enrolment application.

Mrs Patrick
Assistant Principal Wellbeing

Your child is invited to Kindergarten Orientation!

Two events will be held at the school to assist you and your child with the transition to school.

Information for Parents and Classroom Visit	Teddy Bear Picnic
Wednesday 24th October 2018, 10am This session will include all the relevant information for you and your child to have an easy transition to school. Your child will have some time to go to the classrooms for some fun activities. Our uniform supplier will be available on the day to showcase our uniform and take orders.	Wednesday, 14th November 2018, 10 am This session will be a great opportunity to get to know the new parents of the school and for your child to have some fun with the Kindergarten teachers. Each child will receive an information pack and holiday activities to get ready for school.

For further information please contact the school
Phone: 47301201

Website: www.cambridgegp.schools.nsw.edu.au/home

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SNAIL TRAIL

FRIDAY 2nd November 2018



It's time to start collecting your silver coins! Year 6 are fundraising for the farewell and would love if every student could participate in the annual school Snail Trail on Friday 2nd November. Students are encouraged to bring in silver coins to assist their class in making the longest snail trail possible. There will be prizes for the K-2 class and the 3-6 class with the longest line. The challenge has been set! Start collecting your silver coins now!

Mrs Felicity Nelson

Colgate Community Garden Challenge

Thank you to everyone who has already contributed to this recycling program. We have already sent in one collection of used oral care products (which weighed well over 2kg!) as part of the Colgate Community Garden Challenge. We have until the end of October to fill another box.

Remember, you can bring along the following;

- Old toothpaste tubes and caps
- Old toothbrushes
- Toothbrush and toothpaste cardboard packaging
- Empty dental floss containers

The collection box will be outside Velocity classroom each Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday for the next two weeks.

Julie Cheetham



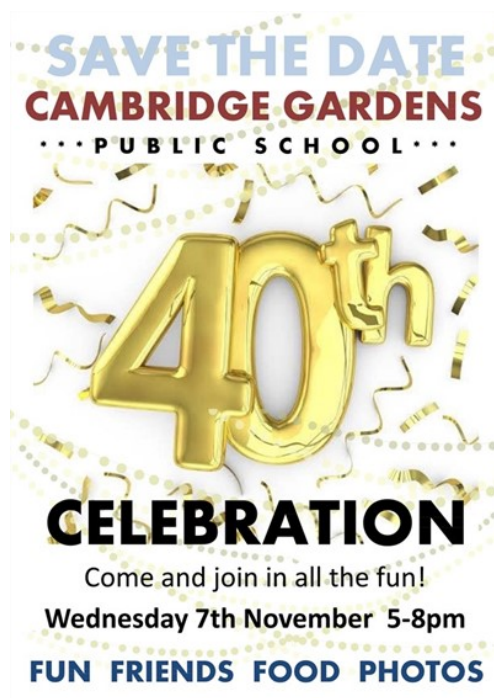
FORTIETH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS

Our Fortieth Anniversary celebration is approaching quickly. We are inviting all current and former students, parents and staff to come along on Wednesday, 7th November, 2018 between 5 and 8pm to share in the festivities.

Lots of our classrooms will be open to look around and check out the changes. We'll have photo booths for selfies, memorabilia to purchase, an art show created by our current students and photographs from 1978 to now. Food trucks will also be available should you wish to buy a snack for supper.

We're looking forward to seeing as many people as possible, so lock that date into your calendars.

Mrs Patrick



Chess Tournament

On Thursday 20th September, twelve of our Chess Club students travelled to Emu Plains Public School to compete in the One Day Chess Challenge. Our students were split up into teams of 3 and played in a series of round robin matches against teams from 8 different schools. There were 34 teams in total competing in the tournament, with our Cambridge Gardens A team of Liam Duffy, Noah Logan and Stuart Brown being our best placed finishers in 8th. All of the students who participated had a fantastic experience, enjoying their matches and learning a lot of new strategies. Special mention goes to Liam Duffy who won 4 out of his 6 matches and Stuart Brown who went through the entire tournament undefeated with 1 win and 5 stalemates.

Mr James Kristof



Regional Athletics

What a memorable experience Regional Athletics carnival was for our school. On Wednesday 19th September, 7 students attended the Regional Athletics Carnival at Blacktown Sports Arena. It was a warm and very windy day but this did not deter from our students doing their very best!

Congratulations to these students for their achievements.

Chloe Schofield: 7th in Shot Put and 9th in Discus

Flynn Xuereb: 14th in 800m

Josh Reed: 4th in 800m

Tehya Hiko: 4th in 100m

Jade Robinson: 3rd 100m and 3rd in 200m

Taylah Burrows: 1st in High Jump
Dylan Taylor-Rogers: 1st in 100m

Jade, Taylah and Dylan were successful in qualifying for State Athletics Carnival!! We wish them well when they go and compete at Homebush on 31st October- 1st November.

I really enjoyed watching all the students and sharing in their massive achievements.

Mrs Nelson

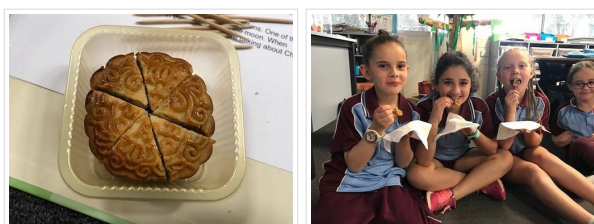
Certificates from Penrith Zone Carnival will be awarded at the 3-6 Assembly on 19th October, 2018

Stage 2 MY Chinese lessons

The stage 2 students who participate in the MY Chinese program have been learning how to talk about their family members in Chinese, along with learning about special traditions and festivals that are important in the Chinese culture. On the 24th September it was the mid-autumn festival which is an inherited custom of moon sacrificial ceremonies. The ancient Chinese observed that the movement of the moon had a close relationship with changes of the seasons and agricultural production. Hence, to express their thanks to the moon and celebrate the harvest, they offered a sacrifice to the moon on autumn days. This festival is often referred to as the moon festival and traditionally, the Chinese mooncake is made and eaten at this time. Most mooncakes consist of a thin, tender pastry skin enveloping a sweet, dense filling. The stage 2 students were lucky enough to have a taste of a traditional mooncake and we must say a big thank you to Ms Tricia Yi-Chuen and her daughter Ariel for sharing them with us.

Mrs Kirsty Dyball

MY Chinese Coordinator stage 2



Passtab

A new process is underway in the way parent helpers and contractors sign in and out of our school. Passtab is a digital application that allows visitors to sign in via an iPad. We hope this new process will make signing into our school a more efficient and easy task. Once signed in, a stickable label will print. Prior to signing in parents and contractors will also need to abide by our terms and conditions of entry which includes having a Healthy & Safety Induction briefing.

If you have any questions regarding this new process please talk to one of our administration staff.

Mr Attard

Assistant Principal



Talent Show 2018

The annual Talent Show is fast approaching! It is going to be a fantastic display of various talented students within our school. Entry forms are available outside Numerator classroom and must be returned by November 9th, 2018. Can't wait to see all the wonderful talent!

Mrs Felicity Nelson

Book Covering Thanks



Tessellate parents had a wonderful morning covering new readers for Kindergarten. It was so lovely spending time with a wonderful group of mums and grandmothers. A big thank you to Rebecca Sulsters, Carrine Falke, Sarah Lannan, April Williams, Belinda Lett and Cheryl Lloyd for the time and energy they gave to our students and school. I would also like to thank Lorraine and Brian McGuiggan who covered a large box of readers over the holidays. We look forward to a lovely morning tea with Beta parents on Wednesday for more book covering.

Jacqui Thompson

Kindergarten's Calmsley Hill City Farm Excursion



What a wonderful day our Kindergarten students had at the farm! Our students were beyond excited all day through as they enjoyed patting the horses, goats, sheep and chicks, milking Custard the famous farm cow, watching a sheep shearing show, participating in some whip cracking fun and of course enjoying the epic tractor ride! It was a fun and memorable day that we are sure Kindergarten will remember for many years to come.

Miss Vella



Entry to the school office

Just a friendly reminder that all parents and caregivers are expected to access the office using the front door. Only staff are to utilise the door near the staff room and both students and staff can utilise door near Mrs McCoy's office.

We thank you for your understanding with this.

Mr Attard
Assistant Principal

Tell Them From Me survey

The Tell Them from Me survey gives us lots of valuable information about our school. Teachers, students and parents are asked to complete the survey to give us a well-rounded perspective on how to improve our practices and procedures.

Lots of parents have already completed the parent survey (and class awards have been given to each of their children as a thank you!). If you have not yet completed the survey, I encourage you to do so as soon as possible. The survey closes on Friday 26th October.

Please go to the following link to access the parent survey:

<https://nsw.tellthemfromme.com/847j2>

If you don't have ready access to the internet, you are welcome to come to the computer room in B block before school on Monday between 8:40 and 10am, when computers will be available and Mrs Patrick will help out. Tea and coffee will also be provided.

Mrs Patrick
Assistant Principal Wellbeing

Intention to Apply for Selective High School in 2020.

Selective high schools cater for high achieving academically gifted students who may otherwise be without sufficient classmates at their own academic and social level. These schools help gifted and talented students to learn by grouping them with other gifted and talented students, using specialised teaching methods and materials at the appropriate level.

If you would like to have your child considered for Year 7 selective high school entry in 2020 you will need to apply online at the following link:

https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-7?fbclid=IwAR2kZ4B33dbLnJzwgQsr_VyfCP01PQ7lf9sQS-ZSwR9sDDxIMFEpDzFo9Eo

Applications are available between the 9th October and close on the 12th November 2018 at 10pm.

Please see Mr Attard if you have any questions regarding selective high school placement in 2020.

Kind regards,

Daniel Attard
Assistant Principal

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.

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

Kind regards,

Daniel Attard
Assistant Principal

P & C News

Hello Term 4!!

Where did the year go??

We are looking forward to working with everyone again this term and putting our well earned funds towards our kids and our school.

Thank you to Leanne Reed and Kelly Koerts for coordinating the Colour Explosion prizes in my absence. I hope all the kiddies enjoyed playing with their prizes over the holidays.

Did everyone see our write up in the Penrith Press, Thursday 6th September newspaper!

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Cambridge Gardens Public School pupils Emily Stephens, Dourya Ghanem, Grace Sayle, Aaliyah Tanner.

A CASH AND COLOUR EXPLOSION

PUPILS from Cambridge Gardens Public School took part in the School Run 4 Fun Colour Explosion last Friday, which will provide vital funding for the school.

Organised by Australian Fundraising, pupils were sprayed with colour powder while making their way through a giant balloon archway on the school oval.

This was followed by the school's Father's Day breakfast, with many parents staying to watch the action.

Pupils raised almost \$10,000 and have raised more than \$20,000 in the past two years. Parents and Citizens Committee member Sam Ivimey said the Colour

Explosion was held for the second time due to the success of the event last year, as well as the amount of money raised.

"Last year we raised over \$12,000 with the Colour Explosion, which is just a huge amount and we never would have been able to do that on our own," Ms Ivimey said.

"The Parents and Citizens Committee has organised fundraisers independently in the past but they were much smaller in scale because it takes a lot of time and people to organise."

Funds will go towards the school library and air conditioning in the group hall.