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13 November 2018

## Principal's Report

### 40th BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

What a fantastic evening we shared last Wednesday to celebrate our 40th birthday. It was a joyous night with our school community coming together and sharing their stories and their memories. It was so wonderful to hear the stories of what our students have been up to and the successes they have had. It was also great to hear from them about their favourite memories. A big thank you to our wonderful team who put together such a top night! Well done to everyone involved! A special shout out to Mrs Patrick, Mrs Williams, Mr Sheaves, Ms Vella and Mrs Cheetham for their incredible effort. If you want to be part of the second paver order get your order in this week! So again, Happy Birthday Cambridge Gardens Public School!

### WORLD KINDNESS DAY

Today is World Kindness Day! A day to find a way to do something kind for someone else. I challenge everyone to get out there and be kind and to do a random act of kindness today!

### SCHOOL SPECTACULAR

Good luck to our talented dancers and wonderful choir who will take part in the upcoming School Spectacular. The training and practice has been intense and rigorous and I thank our students for their amazing effort. A big shout out to Ms Fry, Mrs Ptolemy, Mrs Antonelli and Mrs Patrick for all their work especially around rehearsals. Thanks to our wonderful parents for your efforts in drop off and pick ups! I hope many of you are coming along to enjoy the performance!

### PRINCIPAL'S ASSEMBLY

This week is our 7th Principal Assembly for the year. Well done to our students who will be receiving their Blue, Maroon and Principal's Awards. I look forward to celebrating with these students. Our final Principal's Assembly for 2018 will be on Friday in Week 9, December 14. Please ensure any student

booklets needing processing are with our school administration staff by Friday of Week 8. Thanks for your assistance with this.

### STATE PRINCIPAL'S CONFERENCE

Last week I spent three days, representing the Penrith Blue Mountains Primary Principals' at the NSW Primary Principals Association State Conference. It was very inspiring to hear about the future and direction of education. Many of the speakers discussed resilience after facing hardship and the ways in which they have had success following adversity. I look forward to sharing more of this with our staff and community and putting the best parts into practice at Cambridge Gardens PS.

### THANKSGIVING

Our annual thank you to our parent and community members for your support and help with our school activities is coming up. All parents and community members are invited to come along and join in our fun assembly and delicious morning tea on Thursday November 22 at 9:15am.

### STATE ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

A big congratulations to our students who represented our school at the State Athletics Carnival. We were very proud of their achievements and their efforts. Well done, Taylah, Jade and Dylan!

### P&C MEETING

Our P&C AGM and final meeting for 2018 will take place on Tuesday November 27 at 7.30pm in staffroom. I encourage all parents and community members to come along and take part. Hope to see you there!

### ABORIGINAL EDUCATION CONSULTATIVE GROUP MEETING

A big congratulations to two of our teachers who have been voted on to the executive committee of the Yarramundi Aboriginal Education Consultative Group. Our own Ms Melissa Bates has been voted in as the President and Mrs Melissa Sayle has been voted in as the Secretary. I congratulate both on

their election and look forward to seeing the work they do not just for our Aboriginal community but for the wider community supported by the Yarramundi Aboriginal Education Consultative Group.

## SMOKING ON SCHOOL GROUNDS

Just a reminder that smoking is not permitted anywhere on school grounds. This includes the front of the school down to the street and seats in front of the crossing. Thanks for your co-operation with this. It is much appreciated. Please don't put us in a situation in which we need to take action in this regard.

## CPR AND ANAPHYLAXIS PROFESSIONAL LEARNING

A well done to our staff who undertook their annual CPR and Anaphylaxis training update. We are so fortunate to have Mr James Kristof as a trainer, and last week he led our staff through their training. A big thank you to our staff for continuing their learning and training to ensure the best for our students.

## DANCESPORTS FINALS

Congratulations to all our fantastic dancers for their excellent performances and achievements at the DanceSports Finals. A big thank you to Mr Sargeant and Ms Lee for all their work with our teams to get to such a high level of competence.

## SNAIL TRAIL

As always an amazing response from our students and their families to this fund raising event. It is always a load of fun! Thanks for your generosity!

## KINDERGARTEN 2019

We are so excited about welcoming our Kindergarten 2019 students to our school. Each week we still have enrolments coming in! I am still conducting Kindergarten Interviews each week and look forward to meeting our new students who I have not met as yet. This week is our Teddy Bears Picnic on Wednesday at 10am. We are very excited to get together with those new to our community as well as our families who are already part of our school. So please get your special morning tea and your teddy bear and join us on Wednesday!

## PENRITH VALLEY PUBLIC SPEAKING FINALS

Congratulations to our super speakers who went along with Ms Lee to the Public Speaking Finals last week. A big thank you to Ms Lee for her work in organising, encouraging and preparing these students for this competition.

## 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
Design a Brick – Final order		16th November

## Coming Up

Event	Date
Teddy Bear's Picnic	14th November
Week 5 Principal's Assembly	16th November



## 40TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION



Wow! What a night! It was the culmination of lots and lots of hard work by so many people and it was worth it! The rain went away and we had a fabulous night.

It was terrific to see so many families and friends returning to our school to say hello to people they knew from years gone by. The comments in our guest book reflect the school's special place in our community ('awesome', 'great memories', 'fabulous staff', 'had heaps of fun'). Our first school librarian, Katherine Stubbs enjoyed meeting many new faces. It was also lovely to see Mrs Mulock attending on the evening as her husband, the Honourable Ron Mulock, M.P., opened the school in 1978.

We loved seeing so many of our current families enjoying the evening. We had music provided by our former school captain, Blake Williams (as seen on Channel 7 on "All Together Now") and the Jestas from Cranebrook High School, led by Katelyn Kitchin. The food trucks were a very popular addition, especially the ice cream van.

Families had fun checking out the different classrooms and the school photos, seeing the changes in staff and students over the years. The jelly pads and magic mud activities were also very popular. The art show showcased the beautiful work by all of our students and the yearbook contained a sample of writing from every student in the school. The selfie stations were also very popular, especially the P&C's beautiful balloon arch.

Thank you to everyone who participated in the event, staff, students and families. Thanks for helping us throw a fantastic party! Happy 40th, Cambridge Gardens!

**Alison Patrick**  
**Assistant Principal Wellbeing**



### Memorabilia

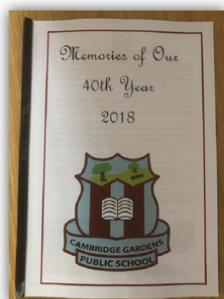
There are some remaining 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary keyrings and pens available for purchase from the school office along with the Memories of our 40<sup>th</sup> Year book. Feel free to drop in and see our lovely office staff to purchase some if you missed out on the night!



**40<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY  
KEYRINGS  
\$5.00**



**40<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY  
PENS  
\$2.00**



**BOOK  
MEMORIES OF OUR  
40<sup>TH</sup> YEAR  
\$5.00**

## Thanksgiving Morning Tea

Please join us for our Thanksgiving celebration, details are below....

We hope to see you all there.

**Wendy Wright**  
**Thanksgiving Celebrations Coordinator**

## To All Parents and Carers



### INVITATION TO OUR PARENT THANKSGIVING

Thursday 22nd November 2018  
at 8.30 a.m. in the library, followed by  
an Assembly at 9.15 a.m.



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## Presentation Day 2018 - Date for your Diaries

On Monday the 17th December 2018, our school will be hosting its annual presentation day assembly. It will be held on the top cola and all parents and community members are invited to share this special day with us. There will be special guests and some performances on the day from the PMI bucket drumming group, the Stage 2 dance group and the Kindergarten dance group. Our recorder band and choir will also be performing.

As we move closer to the event we will keep you posted on any news and important messages.

**Kind regards,**  
**May Ptolemy**  
**Instructional Leader**

## Dance Sport 2018

On Thursday 1st November, 2018 Cambridge Gardens Public School competed in the 2018 Dance Sport Competition.

The competition involved over 30 schools and each dance consisted of approximately 60 groups (two from each school) dancing the Australian Barn Dance, The Slow Rhythm, The Samba, The Cha Cha, The Waltz and The Gypsy Tap.

A successful day was had by all competitors with all soloists and progressive teams making the finals. We also had eight teams reach the Grand Final (top 10 teams). A special congratulations to the Stage Two progressive team who placed fifth in the overall competition.

All the students represented the school with great pride and enthusiasm and reflected kindly upon this exciting opportunity.

We are all very proud of these students for their dedication and commitment this year. Again well done to you all.



On Thursday, the 1st of November, the Stage Two and Stage Three Dance Sport team went to the Cambridge Park

basketball stadium. All of the Stage Two soloists in the Samba, Barn Dance and Slow Rhythm went to the finals. Stage Three had soloists in the Gypsy Tap, Cha-Cha and Waltz. The Stage Two progressive team placed in 5th but unfortunately Stage Three didn't place in anything. When some of the dancers got yellow tickets, the whole stadium went wild! I had such a good time and I'm definitely going to do it again next year!!!

**By Sancia Goll**

The first thing the dancers did was get their numbers printed out, though only the boys got numbers. While we waited, the Stage 2 kids did their dance first. Then the soloists and the whole of Stage 2 team made it to the finals. After that, the Stage 3 dancers took their turn. I danced with Keisha for the fun dance and Anita, Jesse, Rhys and I made it to the grand finals in Gypsy Tap. There was also a Spectator dance. It was really fun and interesting, overall it was a very good experience. Everyone had a great time!

**By Isabel Espino**

On Thursday, the 1st of November, Stage Two and Three went to Cambridge Park basketball stadium. We had so much fun on the day! We danced and most of the teams made it to the grand finals. The Stage Two dancers were Slow Rhythm, Barn Dance and the Samba. The Stage 3 dancers were the Gypsy Tap, Cha-Cha and Waltz. Unfortunately, only the Stage Two progressive team made 5th place but did well. We had a blast at Dance Sport and enjoyed every minute!

**By Jesse Geyer**

On Thursday, the 1st of November, we went to Cambridge Park basketball. At first we sat down in the very small chairs and then we did the National Anthem. We were also told the rules and where everything was. Then after that we then started to do our dances. I did the Barn Dance with Taylah Hinmarsh. Everyone from our school made it to the finals! I was screaming so hard from excitement that I went light headed. We had so much fun but afterwards we were so sore and so HOT!

**By Grace Sayle**

## SNAIL TRAIL

Year 6 would like to thank all the students and parents who donated their silver coins so generously to the Snail Trail fundraiser. We have been overwhelmed by the amount of coins and our Year 6 leaders are working tirelessly to count them all. It is hoped that we will be able to announce the winners of the Snail Trail and the amount raised at the Principal's Assembly on 16th November, 2018.



Thanking the community for your kindness,

**Mrs Felicity Nelson.**



## Schools Spectacular 2018

We are very privileged to be part of a large showcase which presents excellence in the creative and performing arts in NSW Public Education. Schools Spectacular is an outstanding showcase of the talent in NSW public schools. In terms of sheer size, scale and scope, Schools Spectacular is unequalled in the world with a 2700-strong choir, 2300 diverse dancers, an 80-piece symphony orchestra, a world-class stage band and a huge number of outstanding solo performers.

The excitement is certainly building towards the performance of the 2018 Schools Spectacular: The Greatest Show. Our choir and dancers have been busy rehearsing and practicing with their teachers in the lead up and are very much looking forward to the big performances on Friday the 23rd November and Saturday the 24th November. We would like to thank our amazing parents and community at Cambridge Gardens Public School for the ongoing support and effort in getting our students prepared for such a prestigious event. The early morning starts, the late evening pick ups, hair, makeup and the supply of plenty of food and drinks are among the many tasks involved in getting our students ready and not to mention the running around at home for everyone to ensure it all falls into place and is successful. Well done and thank you to our fabulous teachers Mrs Rose Antonelli and Ms Talia Fry who have been working tirelessly behind the scenes to ensure students know the songs and choreography for such a spectacular event. Collectively, the hard work will bring our students a lifetime of great memories and the opportunity to showcase their talents on a large televised scale.

Finally we hope our students will have a lot of fun! The connections to our broader NSW Public School community will be felt and already our students have made some wonderful friendships with other students. It is so special to be able to perform on a stage where other famous and well known artists have performed before! The show will be at Qudos Bank Arena at Olympic Park. There are still tickets available on Ticketek for anyone who wishes to watch and support our students. The show will be televised later in December and we will provide the dates of the Channel 7 broadcast in the coming weeks.

**Warm regards,  
Mrs Ptolemy  
Instructional Leader**

## ANTI-BULLYING STRATEGY CONFERENCE

Recently, Ms Harding and I were lucky enough to attend the Anti-Bullying Strategy conference held in Sydney. The conference featured experts from around the world who explained the current research behind bullying behaviours. They also had many ideas on how to use that research to implement effective school practices to promote positive social behaviours and prevent bullying behaviours. The conference also looked at how to support at-risk students and Cyber Safety.

Another focus was the difference between normal peer relationships and bullying. Bullying is defined by three key features:

- it involves a misuse of power in a relationship
- it is ongoing and repeated
- it involves behaviours that can cause harm.

Having a disagreement with a friend, or a single incident or argument is not defined as bullying. These behaviours may be upsetting, and should be resolved, but they are not bullying. We will be having a whole school training day for staff at the end of the year on a specific program designed to focus on friendships and conflict management for all students.

As a result of the insights we have gained, Ms Harding and I will be working to revise our anti-bullying programs for implementation at the beginning of next year. We will also be holding parent information sessions in 2019 to discuss this very important issue.

**Alison Patrick**  
**Assistant Principal Wellbeing**



Share your Cambridge Gardens Christmas Spirit with those in need!

MONDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER to FRIDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER

What to donate:

### Non-Perishable Food items

- Pasta spirals
- Pasta penne
- Tinned tomato
- Pasta sauces (any flavours)
- Minced garlic granules
- Drinks
- Cling wrap or sandwich bags
- Nutella
- Honey
- Jam
- Vegemite

### Gifts

- New books
- Sports balls or sports equipment
- Family board/card games
- Perfume/Cologne
- Toys (water toys, cuddly toys, toy tools)

Drop off items: Your classroom teacher or front office

Food collected will be donated to **Mama Lana's Community Foundation**. Mama Lana's Community Foundation provides meals to the homeless or at risk of homelessness in our local community. They also provide a lunch program to some less fortunate children in the community. Mama Lana's will be hosting a Christmas Day lunch.

Thank you for giving

Mrs Wendy Wright

Christmas Food Drive Coordinator

## State Athletics Carnival

On the 31st October and the 1st November, Dylan Taylor-Rogers, Taylah Burrows and Jade Robinson went to the State Athletics Carnival in Homebush. Please join us as a school in congratulating their fine achievements.

I ran in the 9 years boys 100m. I ran 14.25 in the heat and came 2nd. I ran 13.91 in the semi-final and came 2nd. In the grand final, I ran 14.50 and came 6th overall. That means I'm the 6th fastest 9 year old boy in the State! Written by Dylan Taylor-Rogers

I competed in the 11 years girls High Jump. I jumped 1.35m and came 15th overall out of 48 girls. I did extremely well in this event. Written by Taylah Burrows

I ran in the 100m and 200m. In the 200m, I came 29th overall and ran 30.01 seconds. In the 100m, I ran 14.49 and came 29th overall, again! Written by Jade Robinson.

Everyone was extremely tired but we are all very proud.

**Mrs Nelson, Jade, Taylah and Dylan.**

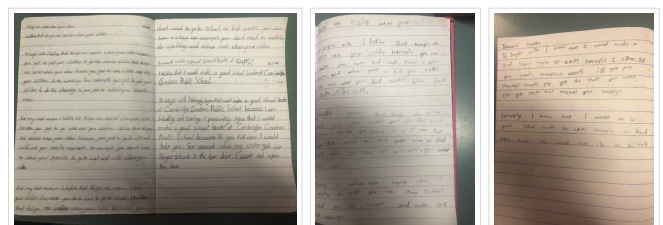
## Early Action for Success: Year 2 Writing Space Class with Mr Sargeant

I would like to congratulate our students in Space class for their phenomenal work in persuasive writing. The students are really reflecting on their learning goals and referring to the success criteria when putting together their ideas in writing. A huge shout out to Mr Sargeant who has been working enthusiastically and passionately this year in getting our students to grow their love for writing!

Below are some examples of draft work from Space class this week. The students wrote about why they would make a good school leader and why things are easier when you are a grown up.

Congratulations to Madilyn, Juliet, Rithik and Levi for their wonderful work!

## Instructional Leader



## Colgate Community Garden Challenge

For the last few months our students, families and teachers have been collecting their old toothbrushes, toothpaste tubes and dental floss containers to send away for recycling as part of the Colgate Community Garden Challenge. We have just learned that Cambridge Gardens Public School has won a recycled



community garden set! Well done to everyone who brought in items to be recycled.

Thanks to the incredible recycling efforts of many schools, over 200,000 pieces of oral care waste have been diverted from landfills during the competition alone!

**Congratulations Cambridge Gardens!**  
**Julie Cheetham**

## Schoolzine Newsletter App!

Just a 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. The SZapp also allows you to receive updates and alerts from school.

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

Kind regards,

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

## P & C News

Happy 40th Anniversary Cambridge Gardens Public School!!

I think I can speak on behalf of the P&C and parents when I say that it was a night to be remembered. Thank you to all the teachers and students for all your efforts. All the little details made it a truly wonderful evening. It was so much fun!

## UNIFORM POOL

Just a reminder that the P&C will open shop every Thursday starting NEXT WEEK (Week 6) from 2.30pm. The P&C Store Room is in C Block. All uniforms are priced from \$1 apiece and payment can be made directly to the front office. If this time does not suit you, you may speak to the lovely office ladies and they will arrange an alternative time for you to purchase.

## P&C SPECIAL MEETING

There was a special meeting on November 2nd to discuss the Christmas BBQ. Since this meeting we have been approached by teachers and parents, and we are now looking at taking this in a different direction. This is mainly due to the lack of volunteers, but also considering the great response the school received from the food trucks at the 40th celebrations. We have called another Special Meeting this Thursday 15th November at 2.45pm in the Staff Room to discuss. All are welcome to attend.

## CHRISTMAS GUESSING COMPETITION

Thank you to our local businesses for your generosity we now have a very impressive competition prize pool. Our fundraising coordinator Estelle Fisher has been working behind the scenes to make this the biggest and best prize list ever. I am moved to have had so much input from other parents also. Your dedication to making this great is very much valued, Estelle will be compiling the prizes and a list and tickets will be sent home in the coming weeks. Be sure to buy lots of tickets for this one guys, you will want to be in it to win it!

## IMPORTANT DATE

November 27th is our AGM. All Executive positions will be vacated, and we will be calling for new nominations to fill these roles.

## NOTICE OF MEETING

\*\*\* SPECIAL MEETING \*\*\*

Thursday 15th November at 2.45pm in the Staff Room.

This meeting will be to discuss the Christmas Picnic and Reimbursements.

AGM followed by the General Meeting

Tuesday 27th November at 7.00pm in the Staff Room.

All parents, grandparents and carers are welcome.

## HOW TO CONTACT US

- Send us an email to [cambridgegardenspublicschool@pandcaffiliate.org.au](mailto:cambridgegardenspublicschool@pandcaffiliate.org.au)
- 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)
- OR come along to a P&C meeting and HAVE YOUR SAY.

**Sam Ivimey**  
**President**

## SCHOOL BANKING

School banking will resume 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.

## Calender Events

### 2018

14.11.2018	Teddy Bear's Picnic-2019 Kindergarten students
16.11.2018	Principal's Assembly
21.11.2018	School Spectacular Choir Rehearsal
22.11.2018	Thanksgiving – Parent thankyou morning tea
22.11.2018	School Spectacular Rehearsal
22.11.2018	Nursing Home Visit
23.11.2018	School Spectacular
10.12.2018	2019 Leadership speeches – 9:20am
13.12.2018	Christmas Picnic
14.12.2018	Principal's Assembly

14.12.2018	Talent Show
17.12.2018	Presentation Day
18.12.2018	Year 6 Farewell
19.12.2018	Last day of School for students
19.12.2018	Year 6 Farewell assembly

## Installing SZapp

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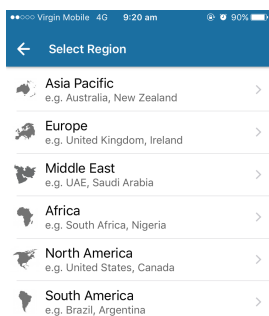
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3. Download and install SZapp.

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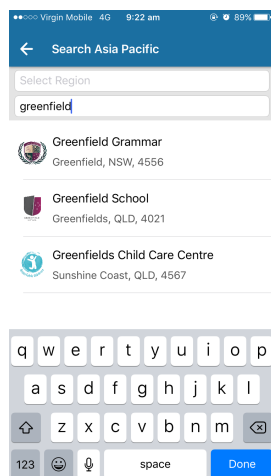
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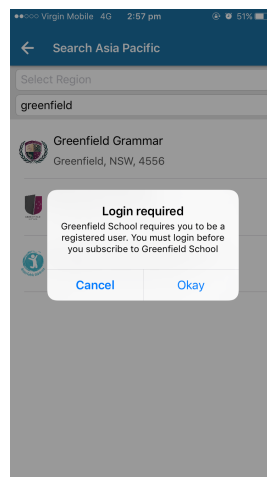
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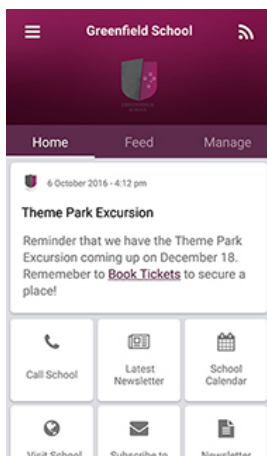
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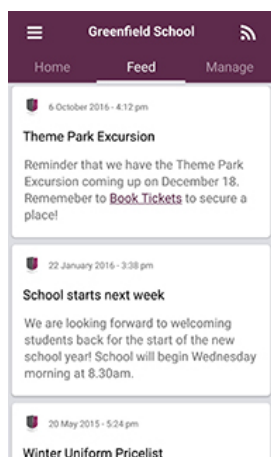
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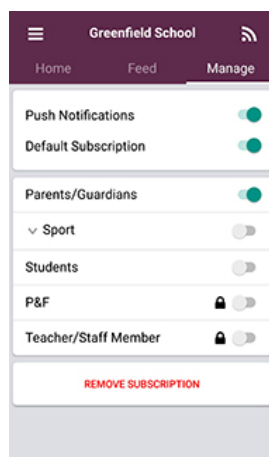
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