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Principal's Report

Dear Parents

A big welcome back to term 4.

We are so excited to have school procedures and operations stabilise at the moment, and I guess the best way to describe our current practice in that we are continuing with the processes and expectations that have been in place towards the end of term 3 with some slight changes following the relaxation of some guidelines.

STAFFING

Miss Kara Sullivan will be on leave for the first six weeks of this term. Miss Sullivan provides release from face to face teaching for our staff as well as provides the relief for Mrs Thompson when she completes her Instructional leader work. We welcome Miss Sara Kozman to our school to undertake these duties in her absence.

2021

We are currently planning our staffing and class structures for 2021. It is important for the school to be as accurate as possible to ensure the structures we have in place to commence the year can be maintained and not need to be revised. It is important that parents keep us up to date with their intentions for 2021. To help with this, we ask that any Kindergarten enrolments for 2021 be submitted and finalised with the front office if you have not already completed the process as well as any families who may be moving on to other locations or schools please provide written confirmation to Mr Wynn as soon as your plans are definite. Your help and support on this matter is much appreciated.

COVID-19 UPDATE

Information from the NSW Ministry of Health September 24

The following is information taken from the guidelines provided by the N.S.W. Department of Health:

- Schools should continue to exclude students and staff with even the mild symptoms of COVID-19 and encourage them to seek testing immediately. Parents of symptomatic children will need to provide evidence of a negative test result on their child's return to school.
- In the case of seasonal allergic rhinitis or other conditions that present similarly to COVID-19 and in the presence of continuing symptoms, the child will need a negative COVID-19 test result and a letter from a GP confirming that the child should be permitted to return to school.
- Non-essential adults should continue to be excluded from school.

Information from the Department of Education Advice for Families September 24

School Attendance

Students should be at school unless:

- They have a medical certificate which states they are unable to return to school
- They are currently unwell
- Parents and carers are reminded not to send children to school if they are unwell, even if they have the mildest flu-like symptoms
- NSW Health have requested that schools encourage anyone who is unwell or has even mild flu-like symptoms, to arrange to be tested.
- Staff and students with flu-like symptoms need to be tested and provide a copy of a negative COVID-19 test result and be symptom free before being permitted to return to school.
- Students who do not undertake a COVID-19 test will not be permitted to return to school for a 10 day period. Additionally they must also be symptom free for at least three days before returning to school.

- Students who have seasonal allergic rhinitis or another condition that present similarly to flu-like symptoms are still required to get tested for COVID-19 and return a negative test result. Where their symptoms continue beyond 10 days, parents should provide documentation from their GP confirming their symptoms are typical for their condition. If the student develops new or changed symptoms they should get tested for COVID-19
- Schools will promote the regular washing of hands
- Students are not permitted to share food.
- All students should have their own water bottle at school
- Parents and carers are not allowed on the school site.
- Incursions can provide activities that support the delivery of the curriculum
- P&C meetings must be online only
- Parent and teacher meetings will be online unless involving a serious matter requiring face to face discussion

Thanks for your understanding and support of the school as we continue to implement these guidelines to protect the health and safety of our children, our staff, our families and our school community.

This week we will be considering solutions and possibilities concerning Kindergarten Orientation, our Year 6 Farewell and our School Presentation activities. As our ideas and plans come together, we will share with the appropriate audiences and seek feedback on those ideas as we plan forward.

We just like our students and parents, can feel frustrated and disappointed that things can not be as we would expect, but this can also be seen as an opportunity to try something different within the guidelines and procedures prescribed. As a school we will also be seeking to give as much clarity and forewarning of our actions with an understanding that things can change at any time.

The other frustration we also understand is the confusion that exists when we hear reports in the media that are not always accurate and we have knowledge of other schools' plans that may not be fully compliant with the expectations of the NSW Government and the Department of Education.

Please keep a look out for further updates.

Have a wonderful two weeks!

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
K-6 Mathletics

Space Incursion 9-11/11/2020 30/10/2020 Stage 2 & 3 Students – please refer to note for what day your child's class will be attending.

KindiFarm Incursion 13/11/2020 **6/11/2020** Kindergarten Students

Wicked Weather Incursion 17/11/2020 30/10/2020 Stage 1 Students – please refer to note for what day your child's class will be attending.

Intention to apply for Year 7 placement in a selective High School in 2022

6/10/2020 **9/11/2020**

Year 5 2020 Students – this note is just to inform our school of your intentions it is not an application. Parents are to apply online via the link provided in the attached note.

Please note:

For any above Excursion/Incursion Notes attached, ALL Notes must be returned by the return date of the note for the purpose of Risk Management, confirming numbers with Venues/Performers and payments received.

Online Payments cannot be made after the return date of the note. Only Cash will be accepted after the return date, as long as the note has been returned on time.

REFUNDS are not possible after the return/closing date as all above Excursions/Incursions are priced and planned to include all students.

Online Enrolment now available at our School

We are excited to announce the new Online Enrolment System is now available at our school.

The Online Enrolment System is designed to provide flexibility for our parents to submit an enrolment application online and at the time that best suits you. The application can be accessed on all browsers and mobile devices including iOS and Android.

The online application process is currently restricted to:

- Enrolments into local schools only
- Children who are Australian citizens, New Zealand citizens or permanent residents
- Children who live in NSW.

We offer our support and encourage you to complete your application to enrol online. If, however, you do not feel comfortable completing an application online, a paper copy will be available for collection from the front office or can be downloaded from the Department's going to a public school site.

Further information about online enrolment can be found on our website here.

Karen McCoy School Administrative Manager

Debating in Class McCartney

This term, Stage 3 have been learning all about debating skills in class. In Class McCartney, we have been be practising our persuasive arguments using PEEL structure, improving our public speaking skills by playing games such as Ruler of the World and learning how to make quick rebuttals by versing each other in Rebuttal Tennis. Once we got the hang of all the important skills to have a debate, we still needed to practise the method to learn more about how a real debate is structured.

In Week 9 of Term 3, Class McCartney versed each other to have their very own debates! Students were randomly assigned their teams and their topics. After a week of writing their arguments and practising with their teams, it was time to debate! As the classroom teacher (and adjudicator), I was overwhelmed with how entertaining and engaging each debate was! Well done Class McCartney!

Since our debates, we have been preparing to go up against class Harris in Week 1, Term 4. Good luck Class Harris and Mr Hunter, (you'll need it!!!!)

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Peta Mulock Classroom Teacher

An Update From The SRC

In Term 4, Week 1, on Friday 16th October it will be Pyjama Day! With everybody working really hard in class and being safe, respectful, proud, learners, students have managed to fill up the 'Caught You Being Good' jar. For their prize they will be rewarded a Pyjama Day! The Pyjama Day will be free so dress up in your favourite pair of pyjamas for the day! Make sure to keep up the fantastic work to help fill up the jar again.



In Term 4, Week 2, on Friday 23rd October it will be Jersey Day! The SRC have decided to have a fundraiser where everybody wearing a jersey will bring a gold coin donation. The money will be going towards the Save The Children Lebanon Crisis Relief Fund helping the people in Beirut where the explosion was. Thank you for your support!







Written by Mielle Gadiane SRC Member - McCartney

Alanna Vella SRC Teacher Adviser

KindiFarm Incursion – Kindergarten



The KindiFarm Incursion is fast approaching. In fact it is one month away from today! The cost of the incursion is \$14 and permission notes and payment are due no later then Friday 6th November.

All Kindergarten students are invited to wear farm clothes to celebrate the day!

We are looking forward to this exciting event!

Daniel Attard Assistant Principal - Early Stage 1

Creative Writing Competition

For the last three weeks of term, students from Cambridge Gardens had been very busy working on their creative writing pieces for our K-6 Creative Writing Competition. The competition ran as part of our Literacy Day festivities to celebrate and promote awareness of the importance of reading and writing.

Kindergarten, Stage 1, Stage 2 and Stage 3 were all given a different stimulus to write a short story about. Kindergarten focused on the farm, Stage 1 wrote about treasure, Stage 2 created stories about giraffes on a plane and Stage 3 composed a short story titled, 'I Should Have Been More Careful'.

In Week 10, the panel of teachers came together to begin voting on the winning piece of writing from each stage. This was a very tough job as there was SO many fantastic, quality pieces of work. Well done to everyone that participated!

The winners from each stage are:







Creative Writing Competition Stage 3 Winner Name: Melody Stafford Class: Keane I Should Have Been More Careful Once upon a time... Wow, so you thought I was just going to head on straight into this story? Well you would be wrong because here are fevr rules we have to put in place first! The first rule is, you are not allowed to share this to anyone, it must stay between us. Bule number 2, you must NOT LAUGH, I am embarrassed enough as it is. Lastly, this is not a joke, so take these words in wisely. Now that we have got that under control, I shall start. It all started when I woke up, I just had a bad feeling about today, I got straight out of bed, did my usual and then hoped onto the bus. Once I arrived, I read my timetable and that's when I started to panic! You may be pondering why and well, It is because I had math, the one subject I completely fail each year only because my math teacher absolutely hates me a little more for absolutely no reason what so ever. Before I knew it was math. Once I entered the classroom my knees started shaking like a massage chair you would sit on at the shops. I took as sate further back than the middle row. I studied what she had assigned the class, once I heard the bell ring I botted out of that door faster than Usain, oh wait that's not fast enough, I was as fast as the camere man who be at Usom but nothing whom but nothing whom but nothing work to top in time before I become the road block I used walls, everything you could think if to try and slow myself down but nothing what to believe, as when I woke up my body was in one huge cast and I was about to have surger, I should have been more careful. Moral of the story, there are places to run and in a high school hallway is definitely not one!

Peta Mulock Organiser

New playground update

How good does this look? Last week, new artificial grass was installed and what a difference it makes! This new area will be utilized during learning time and at recess and lunch. See before and after pictures for a comparison. The new area will also have a table installed at the end of Week 3. Look out for more exciting projects to come!

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Daniel Attard
Assistant Principal - Early Stage 1

Tell them From Me parent survey

Each year we ask that parents complete the Tell Them From Me survey to clarify and strengthen the important relationship between our school and our community. In this challenging year, your input is even more valuable. The survey is completely anonymous and can be completed on your home computer or phone by going to the following link:

http://nsw.tellthemfromme.com/cgps2020

The survey window is now open until Term 4, Week 2 (Friday 23 October 2020). Surveys take approximately 20 minutes to complete and you can complete the survey at any time during the window. All surveys will be automatically closed on Friday 23 October at 4:30pm.

As an added incentive, when a family completes the 2020 survey, each child in that family will receive a class award. Please reply below to let us know that you have completed the survey and we will arrange for the class awards to be

distributed. If you are one of those wonderful people who has already completed the survey please also reply below.

If you have any questions regarding this survey, please feel free to contact Mrs Patrick on 02 4730 1201

Alison Patrick
Classroom Teacher

Kindergarten 2021 Welcome Night via Zoom

We would like to offer you a warm welcome and begin by asking you to join us in a Zoom. Zoom is an online platform that allows you to join and host video communications, audio conferencing, chat, and webinars. We will tailor the Zoom session by answering any questions or comments you have messaged to our school Facebook page.

The Zoom meeting will be held on Wednesday 28th October 5pm-5:45pm.

The zoom meeting can be accessed via this link:

https://nsweducation.zoom.us/j/64618838027?pwd=MmhTM 0ZrREIMR2xaYWU2a1hkODc1Zz09&fbclid=IwAR0uHz40RLz4 NWhtIID7FWrlz2YYpwqRZOJq1vUxHtkGCs_PwEsvYsREbQs

You will need to have a registered zoom account and the required software installed. Visit the link below for more details.

https://zoom.us/



We would like to invite you to our Kindergarten Welcome Night via Zoom for **Kindergarten students** interested in enrolling at **Cambridge Gardens Public School** for **2021**.

Wednesday, 28th October, 2020 5:00pm-5:45pm

This night will provide inf

Our School's Vision

Innovative programs

Kindergarten Orient

Opportunity program

- Innovative programs in Literacy and Numeracy

 Kindergarten Orientation Events in 2020/2021

 Opportunity programs the school offers
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 Questions and answers sent to our school Facebook page

Please Note: You will need to have a registered zoom account and the required software installed. Visit ttps://zoom.us/ for more details. A meeting link will be posted to our school Facebook prior to the event. For further information or technical support:

For further information of section 2301201
please contact Mr Attard on 47301201
Website: www.cambifageg-pschools.nsw.edu.a
https://www.facebook.com/CambiridgeGardensPu

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Kindergarten 2021 Enrolments



We are excited to announce that online enrolment is now available at our school so if you have a child who will be starting kindergarten next year and you live local to our school, we invite you to make an application for enrolment through our school website under the "Enrolment" tab or you click on the link below.

https://cambridgeg-p.schools.nsw.gov.au/about-our-school/enrolment.html

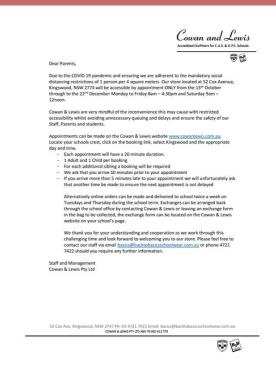
Once you have submitted your child's application, we will require to sight your child's birth certificate, their immunisation record (a copy of which can be downloaded from the mygov website) and proof of your residential address. Please note that due to a change in Department policy in 2019, we are now required to sight 100 points of evidence to verify your address. Details of the required evidence are as attached.

If you already have a child attending our school and are no longer considered to live within our local school area, you will be required to fill out an application for non-local enrolment.

Please feel free to contact the school office at any time during school hours if you have any questions regarding enrolment procedures.

Karen McCoy School Administrative Manager

School Uniforms



Canteen

Healthy Canteens have asked that Parents are to contact their **Head Office on 9678 9242** for any Canteen issues. We are no longer able to put phone calls through to Renee.







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Your Outside School Hours Care



P & C News

Contacting the P&C:

Via Phone- Contact the school office and leave a message with one of our office staff on 4730 1201 Or Via Email Cambridgegardenspublicschool@pandcaffiliate.org.au

Natalie Kitchin P&C President

Calendar Events

2020

12.10.2020	Schools will continue implementing staggered finishing times. This is an essential way for us as a school to reduce congestion so that physical distancing can be maintained by our whole school community.
12.10.2020	8:40am – 9:10am Morning Drop off for ALL students entering via Main Gate Please continue this process until instructed otherwise.
12.10.2020	Afternoon Pick up designated gates older siblings pick up younger siblings from their classrooms 3:00pm Harris – Carpark Gate, Keane – Main Gate, McCartney – Staffroom Gate, NSYNC – Back Gate 3:10pm Noll, Venga, Wham & Hanson – Staffroom Gate, Presley, Franklin, Richie, Shepperd & Sinatra – Main Gate, Tchaikovsky, Webber, Swift & Sheeran – Carpark Gate, Wiggles, Brown & Barnes – Back Gate

	Any students going to after school care will remain with their class teacher until 3.10pm. Please continue this process until instructed otherwise.
12.10.2020	First Day of Term 4 – Staff and students
16.10.2020	Pyjama Day – SRC reward for students
23.10.2020	Jersey Day – SRC Fundraiser gold coin donation
28.10.2020	Kindergarten 2021 Welcome Night – via zoom
6.11.2020	Last Day to hand in Award Booklets for Week 5 Principal's
9.11.2020	Space Incursion – Classes attending Keane, McCartney, NSYNC
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