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27 October 2020

Principal's Report

Dear Parents

Happy Week 3!

FUN!

How much fun did we all have celebrating catching our students being good in Term 3 resulting in our Pyjama Day! It was great to see so many of our students and staff taking on a very chilled and relaxed attitude and coming into school in their favourite PJs. A big thank you to Miss Vella and Ms Harding for their monitoring and implementation of this program which recognises our students' work in demonstrating and developing fantastic behaviour across our school.

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More fun was had last Friday with our Student Representative Council conducting Jersey Day. It is so important that we support student voice by listening to and responding to the ideas and thoughts of our student body. It was amazing to have our students initiate and choose both the event but also the social cause that they wanted to support. I congratulate our SRC members in providing this activity that resulted in our students developing their understanding of global issues whilst also developing their sense of civic responsibility. Well done to our SRC and also to Miss Vella for her leadership and facilitation of our SRC activities.

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INNOVATION

There is no escaping the Zoom meeting at this time and this week we will be holding two very important zoom meetings so make sure you have your account activated and you are able to access these events.

Tonight, Tuesday October 27, we will be resuming our P&C meetings. We hope many of you can join us from the comfort of your own homes at 7pm tonight where we will discuss the way forward for our P&C at this time as well as provide the opportunity to discuss current and future school operations in light of the current situation. It is also just a great way to re-connect with our school. We have really missed having the opportunity for those informal discussions and catch-ups with our school community over the past 8 months. Mr Wood is responsible for setting up the meeting for tonight so if you have any questions prior to the meeting give the school a ring or private message the school on our Facebook page and Mr Wood will follow up with you.

The P&C Meeting link is as follows:

https://nsweducation.zoom.us/j/68899633618?pwd=d0ZQck E5NXR3M2I4TTBzQWt6VVo5UT09

Meeting ID: 688 9963 3618

Passcode: 282338

I would suggest you join the meeting from 6.45pm so that it gives us the opportunity to sort any issues with the zoom platform or your connectivity before the meeting starts. Looking forward to chatting with you all tonight.

Tomorrow night, Wednesday October 28 from 5pm, we will be holding our Kindergarten Information Night for those parents who have enrolled their students. Mr Attard is responsible for setting up this meeting so if you have any questions prior to the meeting please give Mr Attard a call to ensure your connectivity for this meeting. Again we suggest that you connect to the meeting from 4.45pm so that any issues can be sorted prior to the meeting. If you are having any issues please phone the school or private message the school Facebook page. Please have a test run before the meeting maybe at tonight's P&C meeting to ensure you are not disappointed or frustrated in attempting to connect.

The Kindergarten 2021 Information Night link is as follows:

https://nsweducation.zoom.us/j/64618838027?pwd=MmhTM 0ZrREIMR2xaYWU2a1hkODc1Zz09

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 are much appreciated.

There have been some questions around the Department of Education's revised Non-Local Enrolment Policy. Please remember that any families currently enrolled at Cambridge Gardens PS who live in the Jordan Springs PS enrolment area are welcome to stay at Cambridge Gardens PS and any other siblings in these families are permitted to enrol at the school in future years. Other out of area families (those not living in the Cambridge Gardens PS or Jordan Springs PS catchment areas) with younger siblings will need to complete an out of area request. The Department of Education is permitting a phased and sensible approach to these requests with the last sibling in a family being permitted and with any further children the circumstances being taken into account. If you have any concerns or questions please give me a call to discuss.

TELEPHONES

Just to let you know the school has been having ongoing issues with both internal and external phone lines over the past two weeks. It has been incredibly frustrating with the faults being intermittent and inconsistent including phones ringing with seemingly no person on the incoming call, situations where one end of the call is fully operational whilst the other end is not, phone lines just ringing out and loud buzzing and interference during calls. We have further repairs occurring today and we hope that this will finally resolve these issues. We appreciate your understanding throughout this time and apologise for the inconvenience.

INCURSIONS

We are very excited to be able to host the upcoming incursions across our school. Please don't miss out as the final day for payment for the Stage 1 Wicked Weather and the Stage 2 and 3 Space incursion is the Friday October 30. Please also be aware that the following Friday November 6 is the final day

for payment for the KindiFarm incursion. Please make your payment as soon as possible to ensure all processes can be completed to enable your child's participation in these most valuable experiences as well as a bit of fun following our inability to provide excursions in 2020.

COVID-19 UPDATE

At this stage there have been no changes in the past two weeks that would alter our current operations.

We are currently planning our events for later in the year that will be significantly impacted by the current restrictions as well as any changes that may occur in the coming months. Whilst we are hopeful that some restrictions will be lessened it is also likely that they may become more restrictive so as a school we are taking a most cautious approach to the planning and conduct of our activities.

The events that we expect will be impacted will be our Kindergarten orientation processes, our school Presentation Assembly and our Year 6 Farewell. In our planning we are focussing on what is the most important aspects for our students firstly and how we can maintain the specialness and excitement around these events.

We are thinking at this stage we will conduct all our Kindergarten Orientation activities online. Whilst we are permitted to have the pre-schoolers onsite, parents are not permitted to stay. Whilst we value giving the children the opportunity to visit, we are concerned of having children we don't know, being upset and scared where we can't have their parents support and intervention. We believe that at the commencement of 2021 whilst conducting our Best Start interviews we can build some orientation activities into those days. We feel this will ensure a successful and smoother orientation. It will though require parents to be very open and transparent around any special needs their child may have when we conduct our zoom interviews over the next few weeks.

Our Presentation Assembly will be impacted around restrictions related to length of assembly time and not mixing cohorts. We are currently looking at running a Presentation Assembly for each stage with some form of broadcast available for parents to view. Our issues around filming and broadcasting are the students who do not provide permission to publish and the difficulties that this causes in the logistics of events. At Cambridge Gardens PS we believe that we shouldn't be excluding these students from the activities as these events are primarily for our children. Therefore there are at times issues around the filming and broadcasting of activities and whilst we do our best to provide the parent community with this connection it is not always possible or feasible.

Our Year 6 Farewell is probably the most trickiest one for us to negotiate around. Mr Hunter, Mr Kristof and myself are working very closely with the Year 6 students to provide a special event that our students will enjoy. Three factors heavily impact our planning for this event. One is that this year the students have been unable to fund raise throughout the year so activities that we would usually have funding for are now price prohibitive. Secondly, if we utilise a venue outside of the school, the students are subject to the restrictions that are in

place in the community and in place for venues. Things such as 10 to a table and no mingling and grouping together. These restrictions do not apply in the school setting. Finally, it also falls on school staff to police and manage community behaviour around grouping together at the commencement and end of the night which places our staff in a very difficult situation. Whilst we are always supported by our fantastic parents, as many of you would be aware at times at Year 6 farewells when extended families and friends and other community members attend it is often very difficult for our staff to deal with some of the behaviours and attitudes that we encounter from people we have little knowledge of, or a relationship with. Therefore we are intending to hold our Year 6 Farewell on the school site during the school day. We have a committee of Year 6 students working toward making this event what our students choose to make this a memorable day for them.

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 9-11/11/ This Friday 30/10/

2020 2020 Incursion

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 16-17/11/ This Friday 30/ Incursion 2020

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

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 McCov **School Administrative Manager**

2021 Kindergarten Welcome Packs

Preparation of our 2021 Kindergarten welcome packs are underway! Some of the information within the packs will include:

A canteen menu, Outside of School Hours care information, Best Start Assessment information, uniform price list, school banking, NSW Syllabus guide and award booklet.

We hope to have the packs ready by Week 5 for parents to collect from the office.

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Daniel Attard Assistant Principal - Early Stage 1

Kindergarten 2021 Welcome Night via Zoom

We would like to remind all 2021 Kindergarten parents that our Kindergarten Welcome Night is **tomorrow evening**, **Wednesday 28th October**.

The Zoom meeting will begin at 5pm and conclude at 5:45pm.

The zoom meeting can be accessed via this link:

https://nsweducation.zoom.us/j/64618838027?pwd=MmhTM 0ZrREIMR2xaYWU2a1hkODc1Zz09&fbclid=lwAR0uHz40RLz4 NWhtllD7FWrlz2YYpwqRZOJq1vUxHtkGCs PwEsvYsREbQs

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

https://zoom.us/



Daniel Attard Assistant Principal – Early Stage 1

2021 Kindergarten Interviews Via Zoom

All 2021 Kindergarten parents and their children are required to attend an interview with Mr Wynn or Mr Attard. This gives us an opportunity to get to know your child and how we can support them in the new year. Due to restrictions surrounding COVID-19, all interviews will be conducted online using the online video conferencing software, Zoom.

All interviews can now be booked online at a time that suits your family. Visit the link below to make a booking:

https://cambridgegps.schoolzineplus.com/Kindergarten2021

Only parents who have enrolled their child in the 2021 Kindergarten cohort will have access to the link. If you believe you should have access please contact the school.

Upon making your booking you will receive a confirmation E-mail which will contain the link to the Zoom meeting.

For parents that do not have internet access, please contact Mrs McCoy or Mrs Galdes in the office on 47 301 201 to make a booking or to discuss the options for your interview.

Daniel Attard
Assistant Principal – Early Stage 1

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/e nrolment.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 evidenceare 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

Pyjama Day

Last Friday on the 16th of October it was Pyjama Day and everyone was wearing their pyjamas that they loved. When some students saw Mr Wood they said, "Why are you not wearing your pyjamas?" Everyone got to enjoy that day because lots of students got 'Caught You Being Goods' and the jar got filled so that's how we got Pyjama Day. Lots of students were so excited that they accidentally got too crazy! Well done Cambridge Gardens Public School. Keep that good work up and be a safe, respectful, proud, learner.

Written by Tarja Alcalde-Sangalli & Mandrake Auvaa Venga Class SRC Representatives

Alanna Vella SRC Teacher Adviser

Sinatra's Science Adventures

Class Sinatra have spent the past term exploring different types of packaging in science. They have learnt about natural and produced materials, along with effective and ineffective packages. Sinatra enjoyed a variety of experiments, from foil breaking to biscuit cracking, but all their hard work and learning went towards their final challenge – protecting their egg during a 2.5 metre fall.

Students used what they had learnt over the past term to design a package that would effectively protect their precious

egg from a straight drop at 2.5metres high. They all had unique, thoughtful and creative ideas during the design process. When it came to the drop, majority of our eggs survived and for the few that didn't the students could identify what needed to change in order to be more effective next time.

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Casey Hetherington
Assistant Principal – Stage 2

Raffle – signed 2019 Panthers Jersey

Panther Fan? NRL Fan? or Do you just want to support our school?

We are giving one lucky person a chance to win a signed 2019 Panthers Jersey. We will be holding a raffle that will be drawn at the Week 10 Principal's Assembly, which will be held in Week 9.



Tickets are \$2 per entry and can be purchased online only by visiting our school website ("Make a Payment") Please put "Panthers Jersey" in the payment description. You may purchase as many tickets as you like. Each purchase will have your child's name written on a ticket which will be thrown into the draw.

All proceeds from the raffle will go towards new line marking for our wonderful school playground!! See photos attached of some of their work in surrounding schools. The raffle will close on Friday 11th December at 4pm.

Remember you have to be in it to win it! Press the like button if you are buying a ticket!

Daniel Attard Assistant Principal – Early Stage 1

Jersey Day

On Friday 23rd of October we had Jersey Day where kids could wear a jersey of their own choice. For the people who wore a jersey they had to bring a gold coin donation or more for the girls and boys who were in the tragic incident in Beirut Lebanon who lost their homes due to the massive explosion.



These people will get this money which we have donated to the Save The Children Lebanon Crisis Relief Fund and help their country and family members. Thank you for all of your support. We have calculated about \$600 that was raised for this fund.

Written by Justin Van Doorn & Ryan Whitwell Year 6 SRC

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Alanna Vella SRC Teacher Adviser

Reading Eggs Award Winners

Congratulations to the reading eggs award winners. Class Presley in week 2 and Class Tchaikovsky in week 3. Keep up the good work K-2. If you are having trouble logging into your child's account please contact us so we can help.

Class Presley - Week 2



Class Tchaikovsky - Week 3



Ruth Rau Reading Eggs Co-ordinator

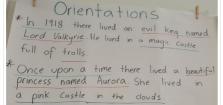
Celebrating Learning At Cambridge Gardens with Class Wham

This week we would like to showcase and celebrate the learning that is occurring in class Wham. Wham have been utilising co-constructed walls that teach to show their understanding of narratives. Students have worked with Mr Tate to co-construct these examples to support them with their writing. This work enables students to gain a deeper understanding of what is required to write a successful narrative. Mr Tate has also got the students of Wham to create a number of different three-dimensional objects so these can be used as learning examples on their walls. Well done to both the students of Wham and Mr Tate for their hard work.

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Walls That Teach - Narrative Writing





Walls That Teach - Three-Dimensional Objects



Shanan Wood Instructional Leader/Assistant Principal - Year 1

Meet the Class

Class Name:

Barnes



Class Teacher:

Miss Gemma Barbagallo

Number of Students:

28

Why did you choose your musician's name?

I chose Jimmy Barnes because I like his music and I thought 'Working Class Man' would make an amazing class item. Mr Wynn also said "no!" to class Beyonce.

How many children in your class play an instrument?

9

What was one of your musician's biggest hits?

Working Class Man!

What is your favourite game to play together?

The Shopping Game. It is an alliteration game about fast thinking.

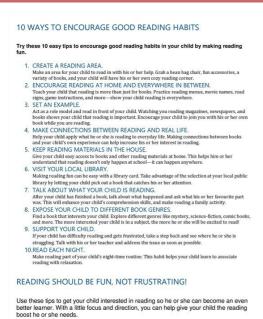
What are you all looking forward to in Term 4?

Space Incursion, doing fun Christmas activities, the NRL Grand Final and using a growth mindset

Interviewed by

Jack & Callum Year 6 Students

Good Reading Habits



Recycling Program - Bread tags

We continue to collect used bread tags for recycling. These plastic bread tags will be sent in to Terracycle to be cleaned, melted and then remoulded into new recycled products.

The collection box is now approximately half full and getting quite heavy.

Bread tags can be placed in the labelled box outside Swift classroom each Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday. Thank you!

Julie Cheetham Organiser





School Uniforms



Canteen

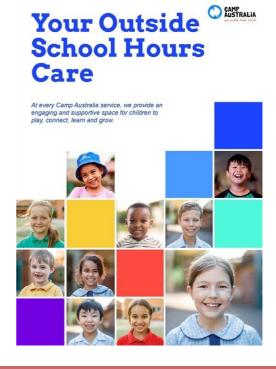
Healthy Canteens have asked that Parents are to contact their **Head Office on 9678 9242** for any Canteen issues. We are no longer able to put phone calls through to Renee.







Camp Australia - OSHC



P & C News

Meeting via Zoom – Tuesday 27th October 2020

We would like to invite you to attend our next P & C Meeting held on Tuesday, 27th October 2020 at 7:00pm. Usually our P & C meetings are held on site in the staff room, but this cannot occur with the current restrictions in place as advised by the Department of Education and NSW Government.

As a result, we have decided to host the P & C meeting online through Zoom.

The meeting link is as follows:

https://nsweducation.zoom.us/j/68899633618?pwd=d0ZQck E5NXR3M2I4TTBzQWt6VVo5UT09 Meeting ID: 688 9963 3618

Passcode: 282338

Instructions

You will need to go onto the Zoom website prior to the meeting to create an account, as you will need this to log in (It is free to create a Zoom account). The website is zoom.us and you will find the 'Sign up, it's free' button in the top right-hand corner. Please follow the prompts once clicking on this.

To enter into the meeting, you must click on the link provided above, or copy and paste it into your internet browser. If you have not used Zoom before, it may prompt you to download Zoom. Please follow the instructions. Log in to the meeting using your Zoom account that you have created.

Procedure

To assist the meeting in running as smoothly as possible, your microphone will be muted upon entry. Please ensure that your microphone remains muted for the whole meeting, unless there is something that you wish to add. There is also a chat box function at the bottom of the screen that you are able to use.

We look forward to seeing you there.

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

26.10.2020	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.
26.10.2020	8:40am – 9:10am Morning Drop off for ALL students entering via Main Gate Please continue this process until instructed otherwise.
26.10.2020	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.
28.10.2020	Kindergarten 2021 Welcome Night - via zoom
6.11.2020	Last Day to hand in Award Booklets for Week 5 Principal's Assembly
9.11.2020	Space Incursion - Classes attending Keane, McCartney, NSYNC
10.11.2020	Space Incursion – Classes attending Harris, Sinatra, Hanson
11.11.2020	Space Incursion – Classes attending Sheppard, Barnes, Sheeran
13.11.2020	Week 5 Principal's Assembly
13.11.2020	KindiFarm Incursion – Kindergarten Students
16.11.2020	Wicked Weather Incursion – Stage 1 Students Classes attending Swift, Richie, Venga, Franklin
17.11.2020	Wicked Weather Incursion – Classes attending Webber, Wham, Brown
4.12.2020	Last Day to hand in Award Booklets for Week 10 Principal's Assembly
11.12.2020	Week 10 Principal's Assembly will be held Friday Week 9
16.12.2020	Last Day of Term 4 - Students
17.12.2020	Staff Development Day
18.12.2020	Staff Development Day
27.01.2021	Staff Development Day
28.01.2021	Staff Development Day
29.01.2021	First Day of Term 1 2021 - Year 1-6 students