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24 November 2020

Principal's Report

Dear Parents,

At Cambridge Gardens Public School, we work hard to have meaningful yet engaging learning experiences in every direction we look, both inside and outside of the classrooms. The last few weeks have been very busy with students participating in a variety of stage-based incursions, NAIDOC celebrations and Remembrance Day.

REMEMBRANCE DAY

Last week classes explored and learnt about Remembrance Day. Teachers led students through the importance of the day by observing a minute silence and acknowledging its significance through classroom activities, discussions and conversations. Our Kindergarten and Stage 1 students created poppies and wore them proudly. Our wonderful SRC students read 'The Ode' over the loud speaker and defined Remembrance Day for the school.

NAIDOC WEEK

Last week also saw students learning and celebrating NAIDOC week by exploring our 'first' Nations People through a variety of perspectives. NAIDOC Week is a time to celebrate Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander history, culture and achievements and is an opportunity to recognise the contributions that ATSI Australians make to our country and our society. This year the theme for NAIDOC Week was 'Always Was, Always Will Be. All students were able to deepen and share their understanding of Aboriginal history and culture as they explored a story book called 'Cooee Mittigar'. Written by Jasmine Seymour and illustrated by Leanne Watson, the text explores the totems, landscapes and animals relevant to the Darug people.

INCURSIONS

Our students were lucky enough to participate in a number of incursions. Our Kindergarten students had an exciting visit from KindiFarm, our Stage 1 students participated in the weather

incursion, while our Stage 2 and 3 students had a visit from the Skyworks Planetarium. All students appeared to enjoy the opportunity and the 'hands on' part of the incursions were the most exciting parts. Some of our Stage 1 students even created snow!

2021 KINDERGARTEN INTERVIEWS

Over the last 3 weeks, I have had the pleasure of meeting a number of new students and parents during the 2021 Kindergarten Interviews. The interviews allow us as a school to get to know our future enrolments and how we can cater for their learning needs. Parents had an opportunity to ask questions about our school and what the transition to Kindergarten looks like given the current situation with COVID restrictions. I would like to encourage all future or current parents to ring the office or send us an E-mail if you have any questions regarding the transition to Kindergarten in 2021.

EARLY ARRIVALS

We are still experiencing high numbers of students arriving at school early. The School's supervision roster starts from 8:40am. There are no staff available to supervise your child in the playground prior to this time. We understand that many parents may have commitments at work which require them to start early. Camp Australia is a Before and After School Care service which operates within the school from 7:00 am every school morning.

As an alternative, you may be able to make arrangements with friends or neighbours for the supervision of your children before school. Some families in our school who have working parents take turns to take each other's children to school.

NO PARKING ZONE (Pick up point)

I would like to encourage all parents and community members to be courteous to each other when utilising the pick up point out the front of the school. The pick-up point is technically a no parking zone and according to the RMS each vehicle only has 2 minutes in the zone. Drivers must also remain within 3 meters of your vehicle. I appreciate your understanding and cooperation with this.

OTHER NEWS

Our Principal Mr Wynn has been on leave last week and unfortunately has been away sick this week. On his return, more information will become available regarding important end of year events such as Presentation Day etc. Please stay tuned to our school Facebook page and check your E-mail regularly.

Have a great two weeks!

Daniel Attard
Rel. 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
Year 6 Farewell	15/12/2020	27/11/2020

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.

Why Attendance Matters

NSW Department of Education

Why attendance matters

When your child misses school they miss important opportunities to:



Learn



Make friends



Build skills through fun

Days missed = years lost

A day here and there doesn't seem like much, but...

When your child misses just...

they miss weeks per year

and years over their school life

1 day per fortnight = 4 weeks = Over 1 year missed

1 day per week = 8 weeks = Over 2.5 years missed

education.nsw.gov.au



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

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.

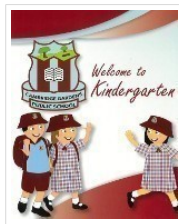
<https://cambridgeg-p.schools.nsw.gov.au/about-our-school/enrolment.html>

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



The children also listened to a story called Cooee Mittigar – a story on Darug Songlines and learnt some more Darug language and history about our area. *Cooee Mittigar*, meaning *Come Here Friend*, is an invitation to *yana* (walk), on Darug Country. In this stunning picture book, Darug creators Jasmine Seymour and Leanne Mulgo Watson tell a story on Darug Songlines, introducing children and adults-alike to Darug *Nura* (Country) and language.



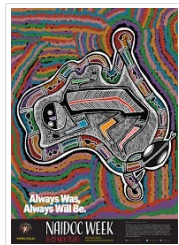
Cooee mittigar. Tread softly on our lands. Know that this dreaming was here. Is still here. Will be forever.

Susan Harding
Assistant Principal – Student Support

NAIDOC CELEBRATIONS

NAIDOC Week celebrations are held across Australia each July to celebrate the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. This year we celebrated in November due to COVID.

The theme this year was **“Always Was, Always Will be”**. The students were involved in playing traditional games, creating artworks and a colouring in competition based around the fantastic NAIDOC design, Shape of Land by Tyrown Waigana, a proud 23 year old Noongar and Sabai Islander, who has previously been named one of WA’s best new and emerging Indigenous artists. His winning entry displays the Rainbow Serpent coming out of the dreamtime to create this country and how Aboriginal people are strongly connected to it.



We had 20 wonderful winners, some of whose interpretations can be seen here.

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

Reading Eggs Award Winners

Congratulations to the Reading Eggs award winners. Class Presley in week 6 and Class Swift in Week 7. 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.

Week 6 – Class Presley



Week 7 – Class Swift



Ruth Rau
Reading Eggs Coordinator

Creative Drawing Competition

All artworks must be completed and handed to Miss Mulock **this Friday 27th of November (Week 7)**. There will be one winner from each Stage, which will be announced at the Principal's Assembly in Week 9. The winners of the competition will receive a prize.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Miss Mulock on 4730 1201.

Peta Mulock
Classroom Teacher - McCartney

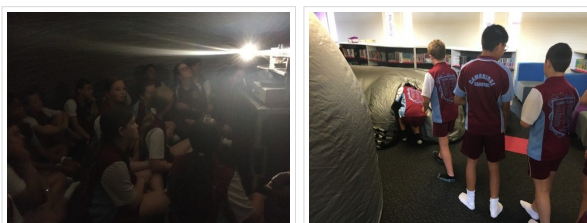
Space Incursion

On Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday in Week 5, all classes in Stage 2 and Stage 3 participated in the Space Incursion held in the school library. An inflatable dome was set up in the library and students entered it to find a mobile planetarium.

During the incursion students learnt about and were shown the planets, phases of the moon, stars, constellations and galaxies. Images of each of these celestial objects were projected up into the dome and various features of each were demonstrated and explained to the students.

All students had a great time and it was a thoroughly interesting event that provided a great visual experience of space!

Click on Photo to enlarge:



James Kristof
Classroom Teacher - Keane

Book Club

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SCHOLASTIC

Book Club

ORDERS ARE DUE

30 November 2020

REMINDER

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SRC's Christmas Food & Gift Drive

Our very own Cambridge Gardens SRC are kicking off this years' Christmas spirit with their 2020 Mama Lana's Christmas Food & Gift Drive! Give the gift of community giving and brighten the spirit of Christmas in the lives of so many within the Penrith area. Donations may include (but are not limited to):

- Christmas gifts suitable for adults such as female toiletries packs & perfume and/or male cologne
- Canned foods (e.g. tinned tomatoes)
- Long Life Pasta
- Taco Kits
- Drinks

- Long Life Custard

These donations will be gathered together into hampers and offered to those in need. Students are to bring their donations in a bag and give to Miss Vella or the front office by Wednesday 9 December 2020.

Thank you in advance as always for your generous support.

Alanna Vella
SRC Teacher Adviser

2021 Harmony Day – Poster and Song Writing Competitions



Poster and Song Writing Competitions

Prizes will be awarded in two categories:
- Secondary (Year 7 – Year 12); and
- Primary (K - Year 6)

Poster Competition Prizes

In each category the following prizes are awarded:

- State Winner \$500
- Regional Winner \$150
- State Winner's School \$500

Song Writing Competition Prizes

In each category the following prizes are awarded:

- First Prize \$300
- Second Prize \$150

Closing Date

2 April 2021

Entry Forms and Competition Rules

Are available at:
www.movingforwardtogether.org.au

Prize Giving Function

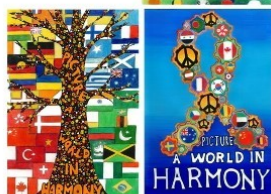
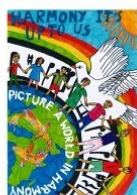
Will be held at the NSW Parliament House
(Date to be advised pending Covid-19)

Certificate of Participation

Every entrant will receive a Certificate of Participation

More information from:

Web: www.movingforwardtogether.org.au
Email: poster@movingforwardtogether.org.au
song@movingforwardtogether.org.au



Winning posters from 2020

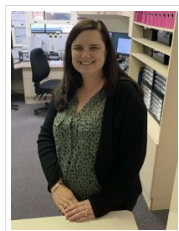
Meet the Office Ladies

Name

Mrs Melissa Galdes

What is your role in the office?

School administrator officer. I help in the front office, attending the phone, front counter and the sick bay. Some of the roles I have been working on this year are new enrolments for years 1-6, student health conditions and putting the school newsletter together.



How long have you worked in the office?

Nearly 4 years

Have you ever learnt how to play a musical instrument?

The recorder at school when I was younger.

Who is your favourite musician?

My favourite musicians are Pink, Foo Fighters and Bon Jovi.

What are you looking forward to during Term 4?

All of the end of year celebrations – Presentation Day, Year 6 Farewell and Christmas.

Interviewed by

Ezra and Jack
Year 6 Students

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

RECYCLE YOUR BREAD BAG CLOSURES!

Every year, many thousands of used bread bag closures end up in landfills across Australia.

The Bread Bag Closure Recycling Program allows us to collect and recycle these closures, preventing them from ending up in landfill.

For every kilogram of used bread bag closures collected through the program, \$1 will be donated to Keep Australia Beautiful, a not-for-profit organisation dedicated to a litter-free and sustainable Australia.



Drop off your waste at....



Your collection leader is....

_____ (Name)

_____ (School/Institution)



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BREAD BAG CLOSURE RECYCLING PROGRAM

ACCEPTED WASTE



1 Any brand of bread bag closures

Bread Bag Tag recycling program accepted waste:

1. Any brand of plastic bread bag closures as shown above

Recycling best practices. This program does not accept bread bags, or other forms of bag closures such as twist ties. Please do not include these in your collections.



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Dear Parents,

Due to the COVID 19 pandemic and ensuring we are adherent to the mandatory social distancing restrictions of 1 person per 4 square meters. Our store located at 52 Cox Avenue, Kingswood, NSW 2774 will be accessible by appointment **ONLY** from the 13th October through to the 22nd December Monday to Friday 8am – 4:30pm and Saturday 9am – 12noon.

Cowan & Lewis are very mindful of the inconvenience this may cause with restricted accessibility whilst avoiding unnecessary queuing and delays and ensure the safety of our Staff, Parents and students.

Appointments can be made on the Cowan & Lewis website www.cowanlewis.com.au. Locate your schools crest, click on the booking link, select Kingswood and the appropriate day and time.

- Each appointment will have a 20 minute duration.
- 1 Adult and 1 Child per booking
- For each additional sibling a booking will be required
- We ask that you arrive 10 minutes prior to your appointment
- If you arrive more than 5 minutes late to your appointment we will unfortunately ask that another time be made to ensure the next appointment is not delayed

Alternatively online orders can be made and delivered to school twice a week on Tuesdays and Thursday during the school term. Exchanges can be arranged back through the school office by contacting Cowan & Lewis or leaving an exchange form in the bag to be collected, the exchange form can be located on the Cowan & Lewis website on your school's page.

We thank you for your understanding and cooperation as we work through this challenging time and look forward to welcoming you to our store. Please feel free to contact our staff via email basics@backtobasicschoolwear.com.au or phone 4721 7422 should you require any further information.

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Nutrition Snippet

SAVVY SNACK SWAPS.



Swap cake for these healthy snacks:

- [Banana Bread](#)
- [Pumpkin and sweet potato scones](#)
- [Fruit loaf](#)

Check out our [interactive healthy swap guide](#) for more inspiration!

healthylunchbox.com.au



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.

Nutrition Snippet

SPRINGTACULAR FRUIT AND VEG.



Try these seasonal recipes:

- [Beef and broccoli stir fry](#)
- [Zucchini slice](#)
- [Healthy apple crumble](#)
- For these recipes and more visit healthylunchbox.com.au

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Healthy Lunch Box



Special Offer

Welcome your child into school life with confidence!

Is your child starting school next year? Starting school is a really exciting time in every child's life (and parents too!) – but it can be quite daunting. Camp Australia's Holiday Club program is here to help build your child's confidence as they transition into their first day of school, turning what can be a stressful experience into the best experience.

Camp Australia offers before school care, after school care and holiday care – depending on your location. Our amazing educators tailor fantastic experiences to your child, to engage them and help them grow. Plus, our hours are designed to fit around your schedule.



To make your child's transition to school as easy as possible, here is how they can receive their first 2021 Holiday Club session in January - free of charge.

- ✓ Register free. You must be registered to attend any of our care. Registering your child means we have all the correct information we need to best care for them. Visit pp.campaustalia.com.au to register your child now.

- ✓ Book your child into Before or After School Care in 2021.
- ✓ Then simply book your child into Holiday Club in January 2021 before Monday, 7th December 2020, and their first session will be free of charge!

Don't worry if the discounted price does not appear on your Parent Portal at the time you are making your bookings. Your billing statement will show the correct reduced price.



If your journey with us starts with your free session at this Summer Holiday Club booking, we are sure your child will have heaps of fun! With carefully designed programs that cater for primary school children of all ages, your children will be asking to come back for more! Some of the activities we have planned include games, arts & crafts, sport, excursions, cooking, coding and more.

Virtual Information Sessions

Our first ever virtual information session is coming to you! An online session you can join where we will give you everything you need to know about Outside School Hours Care (before school, after school and on the holidays) – including our great programs that your child will experience, the healthy snacks we serve, how to register, booking, billing and more.

Visit www.campaustalia.com.au/virtual-info-sessions to register.

Visit pp.campaustalia.com.au to register free, and claim your special offer now.

Terms and Conditions: Due to licensing capacities, there are limited spaces available each day so we recommend our customers to always book in advance. To avoid exceeding capacity, some days may not be selectable. Discounts will be credited to your account before your bill is issued. This offer is only eligible for new Camp Australia families that have a child starting school in 2021. To activate this offer, eligible accounts must first make at least one (1) booking into Before or After School Care with Camp Australia in 2021. To receive your free Holiday Club session, the valid customer must book both their Before or After School Care session and their Holiday Club session between Thursday 12th November 2020 and 11:59pm on Monday, 7th December 2020. Free Holiday Club sessions are only valid for January 2021 Holiday Club sessions.

Camp Australia – OSHC

Your Outside School Hours Care



At every Camp Australia service, we provide an engaging and supportive space for children to play, connect, learn and grow.



Virtual Information Sessions

Find out everything you need to know about OSHC



Camp Australia is bringing to all new families our virtual information sessions - with all the great details about how Outside School Hours Care can help your family.

We've organised information sessions that are based locally in New South Wales to ensure you get the most relevant information for your family. These sessions will be run by local leaders in the OSHC community.



Your sessions are:

- Session 1: 25/11/2020 • 7:30pm (AEDT)
- Session 2: 2/12/2020 • 12:30pm (AEDT)

If you would like more information regarding Camp Australia's services but cannot attend any of the above sessions, please feel free to visit your service and speak with your friendly Coordinator. Alternatively, you can send us an email at oshc@campaustalia.com.au and one of our friendly Customer Care representatives can answer your questions.



Visit www.campaustalia.com.au/virtual-info-sessions to register free for a Virtual Info Session

Register for OSHC

Once registered, you'll be able to easily make and manage your bookings online via our Parent Portal.

Register now free

Visit our blog

New articles are added each week for parents and cover various topics to help families.

Visit our blog

P & C News

Hoping Everyone is well!

INVITATION

We welcome everyone to come to the P&C Annual and General Meetings tonight the 24th November at 7pm in the School

Staffroom. These meetings are a good place if you have any ideas or concerns that you want addressed. See you tonight!

School Banking

We are looking for some more School Banking Volunteers for 2021. This role only take between 2-3 hours on the designated day. Training will be organised by a Commonwealth Bank Member. If you are interested could you please email cambridgegardenspublicschool@pandcaffiliate.org.au and leave your full name, contact number and what mornings you're available.

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

I would like to thank my P&C Executive Team for 2020. You have all been a wonderful team to work with.

Natalie Kitchen

2020 P&C President

Calendar Events

2020

23.11.2020	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.
23.11.2020	8:40am – 9:10am Morning Drop off for ALL students entering via Main Gate Please continue this process until instructed otherwise.
23.11.2020	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.
24.11.2020	P&C AGM – Everyone Welcome – 7pm School Staffroom
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
14.12.2020	Presentation Day

15.12.2020	Year 6 Farewell
16.12.2020	Last Day of Term 4 – Students
17.12.2020	Staff Development Day
18.12.2020	Staff Development Day – School Office will be closed
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

INSTALLING SZapp



Apple devices:

1. On your device, open the App Store.
2. Search the App Store for SZapp.
3. Download and install SZapp.

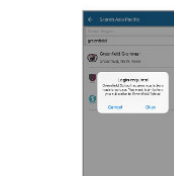
Android devices:

1. On your device, open the Play Store.
2. Search the Play Store for SZapp.
3. Download and install SZapp.



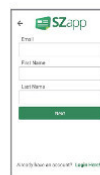
1. FIND YOUR ORGANISATION

Select your organisation's region.
Search for and select your organisation.



2. REGISTER A USER

Before you can add your school, you will need to register.



3. REGISTER A USER

Enter your email and name and then create a password.

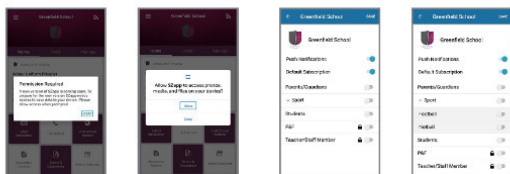


4. CONFIRMING YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS

Once registered you will be sent an email to confirm your email address. Open your mail program and click/tap the URL to confirm. Upon completion, you will then be shown a confirmation screen.

For any further information see:
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5. ALLOWING PERMISSIONS

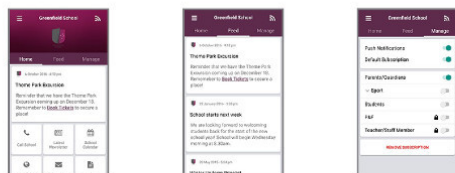
Upon installation of the update, you will be asked to allow access to storage on your device. This is required to ensure that SZapp can access the necessary files to store crucial data on your device.

Please click the affirmative options on each pop-up.

Note: The pop-up message you see may differ depending on your device.

6. MANAGING NOTIFICATIONS

Choose which group/s you would like to receive notifications from. Groups with arrows indicate that there are sub-groups which you can join.



HOME

The Home tab displays the most recent news item and links to important school information and tools.

FEED

The Feed tab shows a summary view of all news items which you have subscribed to.

MANAGE

The Manage tab allows you to customise what information shows in your news feed and what push notifications you will receive.

For any further information see:
<http://www.schoolzineplus.com/szapp>

