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8 December 2020

Principal's Report

Dear Parents

Wow, here we are at the end of another year! It has been a new and different year with many twists and turns. We are so proud as always of the achievement of our students and the work of our staff. As always we also appreciate the support and encouragement from our parents and community members and this year that has been amazing! Your support throughout 2020 has enabled our school to maintain its focus, work within provided guidelines as well as provided the incentive and motivation for our staff to continue enthusiastically with their most important job-teaching your children! All we can say is well done to all and thank you to everyone!

Yesterday, you would have heard the very sad news regarding the death of a 9 year old student on Richmond Road. This student was not a student from our school. We are aware that a number of our staff, students and parents witnessed the accident. It is important at these times that we assure our children, our work mates and each other that it is normal to feel sad or be worried following an event such as this. We had extra support in place today for any students and staff who were distressed. We have encouraged our children to talk with their Mums and Dads if they are worried or concerned. If you require support or have concerns around your child over the next few days please give us a call. We will continue to monitor our students. Our most sincere thoughts go out to any person affected by this very sad event.

In some wonderful staffing news, we are very pleased to report that our amazing school administrative officer, Mrs Trudy Gray has been permanently appointed to our school. After providing such excellent service to our school over the past few years, it is fantastic to have Mrs Gray confirmed into the position on a permanent basis.

In other staffing news we have to pass on congratulations to two of our wonderful temporary staff members who have been successful in gaining permanent positions. Congratulations to

the wonderful, Miss Laura Ryle, who has had a tremendous year on Richie class. Miss Ryle has been appointed to Comleroy Road Public School. We will really miss Miss Ryle and I thank her for her amazing work with Class Ritchie this year. Miss Ryle was appointed to commence at Jordan Springs PS in July and turned the position down due to her desire to remain with Richie class till the end of the year. This is a true indication of her commitment to our students! Good luck in your new position!

We also need to congratulate Ms Susan Harding who has been successful in gaining an Assistant Principal position through merit selection at Kingswood Park PS. Ms Harding has been working with us over the past three years, acting in the Assistant Principal Student Support role throughout the last two years. We thank her for her tremendous efforts for our students with learning and wellbeing needs. We will miss Ms Harding and we know she will do a fantastic job in her new position.

Over the next few days we will send out information in emails concerning the end of year events as well as information in regards to the first few weeks in 2021.

Have a wonderful and safe Christmas and New Year. We are all hoping that 2021 will be a fantastic year for us all.

Adam Wynn
Principal

Current Notes

Please follow the links to all current notes and please note their closing date. Please ensure you put your child's full name and class on all notes.

Event	Date	Closing Date
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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

Christmas Fun Day!



YOUR P&C PRESENTS

Christmas Fun Day!

Dress Up, Movies, Snacks & Prizes

FRIDAY 11TH DECEMBER

Dress up - all things Christmas (Prizes for most creative)
Christmas Movie, Popcorn, Lollies, Iceblocks

This Friday the 11th December we will be having a Christmas Fun Day! Our wonderful P & C are providing each class with a Christmas pack which will include commercially wrapped lollies, popcorn, ice block and a drink.

All students will be invited to dress-up and wear something Christmas themed. There will also be prizes for best-dressed!

Daniel Attard
Assistant Principal – Early Stage 1

Chess Tournament

The 2020 Cambridge Gardens Public School Chess Tournament was held on Wednesday Week 7 in the hall. This year we had 40 participants from Year 5 and Year 6, playing each other in a round robin format for 10 rounds before the semi-final round and the grand final. The semi-finalists were Brayden Collinson, Nicholas Denis, Lucas Co and Seth Akmeemana with Brayden and Lucas making it through to the grand final. A massive congratulations goes to Brayden who was the winner of the tournament and won all 12 matches that he played on the day. Well done to Lucas who was the runner-up and also to all of the other students who played with a great spirit and ensured that lots of fun was had throughout the competition.



James Kristof
Organiser

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 this Friday at the Principal's Assembly.



Tickets are \$2 per entry and can be purchased by **cash ONLY this week**, as online payments may not come through on time.

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 Thursday 10th 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

Presentation Day



We are very excited to share that our Presentation Day will be held in Week 10, Monday the 14th of December. Each Stage will have an internal live Zoom Presentation Day experience so they can celebrate their successes together, while ensuring we are following current COVID guidelines.

While the day will not be like previous years, we have worked hard to ensure that our students can all experience the day together and award recipient families can enjoy the recorded event as a family at home. We will have a special 'Presentation Night In' package for these families also.

Further details and award recipient letters will be arriving home this week.

Casey Hetherington
Co-ordinator

SRC's Christmas Food & Gift Drive

The SRC are planning a Christmas Mama Lana's Food and Gift Drive. Bring in some donations like gifts for the adults like perfume or candles. Also, bring kids toys like books or toy cars. Please bring it in by this Wednesday Week 9 2020. Thank you for the gifts for the homeless people. These people will be so happy when they open the gifts on Christmas morning.

Mandrake Auva
SRC – Year 1

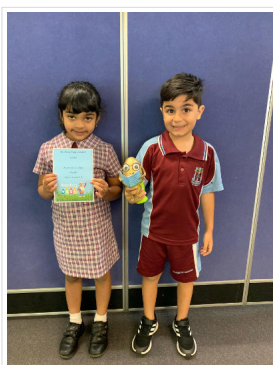
Reading Eggs Awards

Congratulations to the Reading Eggs award winners Class Presley in week 8 and Class Wiggles in week 9. Keep up the good work K-2.

Week 8 – Class Presley



Week 9 – Class Wiggles



Ruth Rau
Reading Eggs Coordinator

Recycling Program – Bread tags

Thank you to all our wonderful families and staff who have collected bread tags for recycling throughout the year. It is now time to send our collection box in to Terracycle, so the bread tags can be melted down and made into something useful.

Charlie in Presley class helped to weigh the heavy box, and it was nearly 5kg! That is an excellent weight when we remember how small each bread tag is!

We have now set up a new collection box so we can keep collecting our bread tags for recycling for the next few weeks and again in 2021.

Thank you again for all your recycling efforts!!

Click on Photo to enlarge:



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...



The more you recycle, the more money we raise!

Learn more at www.terracecycle.com.au.

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BREAD BAG CLOSURE RECYCLING PROGRAM

ACCEPTED WASTE



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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2021 Harmony Day – Poster and Song Writing Competitions



Enter Now!
2021 Harmony Day
Poster and Song Writing Competitions
Theme:
'Harmony - Everyone Belongs'

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

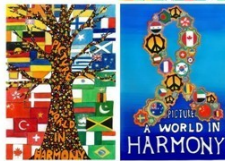
Will be held at the NSW Parliament House
(Date to be advised pending Covid-19)

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

School Uniforms

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.

We have partnered with Flexischools, to make school lunches even easier.

- Order online at anytime
- Easily monitor special dietary requirements
- Pay with Visa, Mastercard, Paypal or direct deposit



GET IT ON Google Play

Download on the App Store

flexischools

Nutrition Snippet

SILLY SEASON SNACKS.

Healthy party food doesn't have to be boring!



Try these healthy ideas:

- [Christmas tree pizzas](#)
- [Banana pikelet](#) reindeer
- [Tzatziki snowman](#) vegetable platter

Find more healthy party snack ideas at healthylunchbox.com.au

healthylunchbox.com.au



Sunsmart Snippet

Seek shade at home



Shade alone can reduce UV exposure by up to 75%

Priority areas for shade at home:

- Outdoor eating areas, decks and patios
- Sandpits and play equipment
- Pool areas

www.sunsmartnsw.com.au



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.



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.



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.campastralia.com.au/virtual-info-sessions to register.

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.campastralia.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.



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

Terms and Conditions: Due to learning 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 available. 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.

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@campastralia.com.au and one of our friendly Customer Care representatives can answer your questions.



Visit www.campastralia.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

Wow, we have just about survived the 2020 school year. Whilst this year has been very difficult for all we would like to take this opportunity to thank our teachers for keeping our kids safe and assisting them to continue with their schooling.

A special thank you to the 2020 P&C executive team Natalie Kitchin, Jo Auld, Kelly Wilkinson & Jacqui Pickett.

Following the AGM, we currently have 3 vacant positions, President & two Vice Presidents. If you are interested in any of these positions please join us at our first 2021 meeting on Tuesday 2nd February at 7pm.

If you have any suggestions on ways we could fundraise next year or ideas on what you would like the P&C to fund for our school please let us know by either attending the February meeting or send us an email cambridgegardenspublicschool@pandcaffiliate.org.au

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 your 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

Jacqui Pickett **Belinda Adams**
P&C Treasurer **P&C Secretary**

Calendar Events

2020

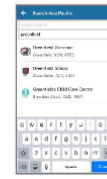
7.12.2020	Schools will continue implementing staggered finishing times. This is an essential way for us as a school to reduce congestion so that physical distancing can be maintained by our whole school community.
7.12.2020	8:40am – 9:10am Morning Drop off for ALL students entering via Main Gate Please continue this process until instructed otherwise.
7.12.2020	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.
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
2.02.2021	P&C General Meeting – 7pm School Library

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.

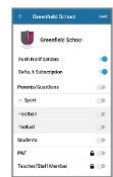
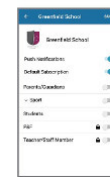
2. REGISTER A USER
 Before you can add your school, you will need to register.



3. REGISTER A USER
 Enter your email and name and then create a password.

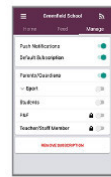
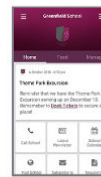
4. CONFIRMING YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS
 Once registered you will be sent an email to confirm your email address. Open your mail program and click/tap the URL to confirm. Upon completion, you will then be shown a confirmation screen.

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



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.



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