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25 February 2020

## Principal's Report

A big happy week 5!

I can't believe how quickly this year is off and running and I congratulate our staff and students for such a great start to the year under at times some pretty tricky circumstances!

A big thank you to all our staff for keeping our school and classes running so smoothly during the recent flooding across the area. Our school had 12 staff members unable to get to work for two days and I congratulate all our staff who kept our school, our classes and student learning at the forefront. Well done and thank you!

It has been very exciting to have our My Chinese classes off and running again from Beijing. We have four classes operating now with a Kindergarten class with Mrs Wright, a Stage 1 with Mrs Williams, a Stage 2 and 3 class with Miss Mulock and a staff class. There are still a few limited vacancies for your children if you have yet to sign your child up for this great learning experience. Our Kindergarten class will have their first lesson next week, so grab your spot and don't miss out on this amazing opportunity. Permission and payment notes will be issued again today by our wonderful office staff.

Our recorder activities are starting to take off again with Mrs Wright and Mrs Williams attending the Festival of Music professional learning last week at the Sydney Conservatorium of Music. We are excited in 2020 that the performance will be at the Sydney Town hall a venue that our students have not had the opportunity to perform at previously. Please encourage your child to join our recorder group and start learning the repertoire for this year's concert. Please see Mrs Wright for any details.

A big congratulations to our parents, grandparents and friends of Cambridge Gardens PS who have attended a volunteer induction session for 2020. It is so important that we have the opportunity to explain the requirements and expectations that are in place for when you are working in our classrooms and with our students. If you have not completed the session and

are hoping to work at our school as a volunteer throughout the year it is vital that you complete this activity. Please remember that no person will be permitted to volunteer to help out in our classrooms without their badge showing that you have completed this requirement. Please see Mrs Ptolemy if you would like to book in to our next session.

As you are aware the school has been targeted by thieves in recent weeks with high levels of theft and damage to school property. I congratulate our staff on managing these events so well with minimal disruption to classrooms and learning. Can I ask that you are incredibly observant of our school and that at any time if you see anything unusual or out of the ordinary that you ring School Security on 1300 880 021 or ring the Police on 000.

A friendly reminder to all our parents that it is not appropriate to email our staff directly. To ensure quality of communication and consistent practice, parents should only be emailing the school email account and all messages will be passed on to the classroom teachers. As you can imagine, our teachers do not have the capacity to respond to or even monitor emails from what could be up to 30 parents each day. Staff have been directed not to respond to emails from parents so I ask your cooperation in not sending these emails to our staff. The appropriate communication channels between staff and teachers include ringing the school, booking an appointment, emails to the school account or dropping in to the classroom before or after school. Thanks for your assistance on this matter.

How fantastic was our parent Expo Evening. We hope you enjoyed meeting with your child's teacher and hearing their ideas and expectations for 2020. It was wonderful to see so many parents attending and the staff were very much enjoyed the supper and chat in between the two classroom sessions. A big thank you to Mrs Thompson for outstanding organisation and promotion of this very important opportunity.

Great news for our Jordan Springs families!

As you are aware Jordan Springs PS will be opening in Term 3 this year. Many of our families who live in Jordan Springs have been asking what this means for them in regards to

enrolment at our great school. The great news is that the Department of Education has informed us that as you enrolled at Cambridge Gardens PS as local enrolments you will retain that status meaning that you can choose to continue on with your enrolment at Cambridge Gardens PS and any future siblings will also be able to enrol at Cambridge Gardens PS in the future. You will also be able to enrol at Jordan Springs PS if you choose. We are delighted to be able to let you know this and take away the anxiety and confusion that many of you have been feeling. We look forward to a long and continuing association with our children and families who are a part of our Cambridge Gardens PS community.

How much work is going on around our school. We have a lot of work happening with some new roofing, the installation of two new artificially grassed areas, air conditioning repairs and the installation of new interactive boards in some classrooms. As you can imagine the work and effort to bring projects such as these to fruition is amazing and I would like to thank Mr Attard for all his work in organising and monitoring these projects across our school. His effort and determination to get these tasks completed is outstanding and appreciated!

Tonight is our first P&C meeting for the year and I invite all parents to come along and participate in this fantastic opportunity to learn, discuss and contribute to the ongoing development and activities in our school. Please come along and participate as an active member of our school community.

This week is our first Principal's Assembly for the year and we anticipate many parents coming along to celebrate in the successes and achievements of our school. It has come to my attention that seats are being reserved for friends prior to the start of the assembly. Can I ask that you respect the needs of all our community and not reserve seats and just take up a seat on your arrival in the hall. As you are aware for some assemblies we are overwhelmed and have difficulty accommodating the high numbers of parents and friends and this is especially true for our K-6 Principal's Assemblies. Please remember our assemblies are for our students and staff. We are very fortunate to be able to accommodate parent participation as best we can. I have also been asked if it is possible for the school to let parents know if a child is achieving an award. Please note if your child is receiving a major award, we will endeavour to let you know. It is not possible to inform parents when students are receiving class merit cards as you can imagine with the quick weekly turnaround, the short notice, the high numbers of recipients and our ability to get onto each parent. It is important to build in our children their independence and resilience and for our students to have an understanding that Mum and Dad cannot be with them every time something fun or special happens. This is all part of what school is about and about growing up. As a working parent it is impossible to be at everything and our children need to know this and be confident around this. Also as parents we should not feel guilty if we miss a milestone or event in our children's lives. Thanks for your understanding with this.

Hoping that everyone has a fantastic and exciting 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.

<i>Event</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Closing Date</i>
<b>Movie Under the Stars</b>	Saturday 20/3/ 20	5:30-9pm

### K-6 Mathletics

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.

## Annual Volunteer Induction Workshops 2020

Thank you to our community for the outstanding response to our Volunteer Induction Training 2020. It has been so wonderful to see so many committed parents and carers who want to strengthen the partnership we have between home and school. Our teachers and staff are very appreciative of your support and we look forward to seeing you assist in our classrooms.

If you have not attended an induction session and you wish to volunteer please come and see Mrs Ptolemy and she will organise more training to parents as we get more interest. Please note that you will be unable to volunteer in the classroom unless you have been inducted for 2020.

If you have completed the training please remember that you must wear your 2020 yellow badge at all times. Please also ensure that you sign in and out at the front office when you are on school site. If you have not received your yellow badge, Mrs Ptolemy has left it for you to pick up in the front office from our fabulous office staff.

**May Ptolemy**  
**Instructional Leader**

## Crazy Hair Day – Friday 6th March 2020

On the 6th of March we will be having a Crazy Hair Day fundraiser! All students are encouraged to come along to school with



the CRAZIEST hairdo and a \$2 coin donation. Funds raised will go towards our Year 6 Fairwell.

## Movie under the Stars – Saturday 28th March 2020

We are excited to announce Cambridge Gardens Public School will be hosting its very first movie under the stars! The movie that will be screened is the Secret Life of Pets 2! Packed with humour and creativity, this new chapter explores the emotional lives of our pets, the deep bond between them and the families that love them, and answers the question that intrigues every pet owner: What do our pets really do when we are not at home?

Tickets are \$8 for adults and \$5 for children with children 3 and under free. The preferred method of payment is online through our school website ("Make a Payment" also known as "POP") or cash at the office. All tickets will be handed out prior to the event. All proceeds from the night will go towards our amazing school!

Bring your family and enjoy an evening of fun! Face painting, a Year 6 Candy Store and a variety of food trucks will keep you and your family busy pre-movie. Bring your own picnic blanket or beanbag but please no chairs due to the likelihood of blocking the view of the movie for others.

Please Note: This event is an alcohol-free event and smoking is not permitted on school grounds due to the health and safety of others. All children must be accompanied by an adult and remain under adult supervision throughout the event.

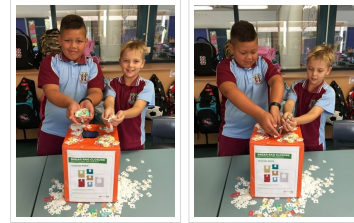
Tickets are on sale now!!!!

Daniel Attard Assistant Principal

this program is continuing in 2020. These plastic bread tags will be sent in to Terracycle to be cleaned, melted and then remoulded into new recycled products.

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

**Julie Cheetham**  
Organiser



### BREAD BAG CLOSURE RECYCLING PROGRAM

**ACCEPTED WASTE**

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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CAMBRIDGE GARDENS PUBLIC SCHOOL

## FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT

**BYO Picnic**  
**NO CHAIRS**

LUMINATION PRESENTS  
**THE SECRET LIFE OF PETS 2**

Saturday March 28, 5:30pm

**FACE PAINTING : DINOS PIZZA  
GOODIES ICECREAM : POPCORN  
GOLDEN GOZLEME : HOTDOG HOUSE  
THE COFFEE GRINDER : CANDY BAR**

**TICKETS - ADULT: \$8 CHILD: \$5 U3: FREE**  
TICKETS SOLD AT SCHOOL PRIOR TO EVENT VIA CASH OR ON OUR WEBSITE

## School Canteen – Healthy Canteens Australia

2020 CANTEN MENU

### healthy canteens menu

HEALTHY CANTEENS FOOD CODES | GREAT CHOICE LOGO EVERYDAY FOOD | RED BOX OCCASIONAL FOOD

#### SNACK DEAL \$2.50

Choose One  
Popper - Water - Plain Milk  
Fruit Piece Or Popcorn  
Add 50c Oak Flavoured Milk

#### EVERYDAY CHOICES

SANDWICHES & WRAPS	SANDWICHES - WRAPS	SALADS - FRUITS - CUSTARD
MINI SANDWICH (100g) \$2.00	MINI SANDWICH (100g) \$2.00	GARDEN SALAD \$3.50
SMALL SANDWICH \$2.50	SMALL SANDWICH \$2.50	TARTAR CRAB SALAD \$3.50
MILK \$2.50	MILK \$2.50	TARTAR CRAB SALAD \$3.50
BAKED CHICKEN \$3.50	BAKED CHICKEN \$3.50	TARTAR CRAB SALAD \$3.50
TOASTED CHICKEN \$4.00	TOASTED CHICKEN \$4.00	CHICKEN TERIYAKI \$4.00
CHICKEN & CHEESE \$4.00	CHICKEN & CHEESE \$4.00	TERRARIYAKI (TERRARIYAKI, CABBAGE, CARROT) \$4.00
SWISS CREAM CHICKEN \$5.00	SWISS CREAM CHICKEN \$5.00	TARTAR CRAB SALAD \$3.50
SMALL CHICKEN & TOMATO \$4.00	SMALL CHICKEN & TOMATO \$4.00	TARTAR CRAB SALAD \$3.50
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#### EVERYDAY CHOICES DRINKS JUICE - WATER - MILK

POPPER \$2.00	CHICKEN \$2.00
MINI SANDWICH \$2.00	SMALL SANDWICH \$2.50
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#### EVERYDAY CHOICES PASTA - RICE - BURGERS - PIZZA - HOT BITES

PASTA - RICE	PASTA - RICE	BURGERS - PIZZA - HOT BITES
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#### GLUTEN FREE FOODS \$1.00

ANY OF THESE FOODS ARE AVAILABLE FROM THE CANTEN AT THE CANTEN EVERY MORNING INCLUDING:

TOASTED WHEAT - MILK - POPCORN - CABBAGE - MILK

#### EVERYDAY CHOICES BREAKFAST

ANY OF THESE FOODS ARE AVAILABLE FROM THE CANTEN AT THE CANTEN EVERY MORNING INCLUDING:

TOASTED WHEAT - MILK - POPCORN - CABBAGE - MILK

### Crunch & Sip \$2.50

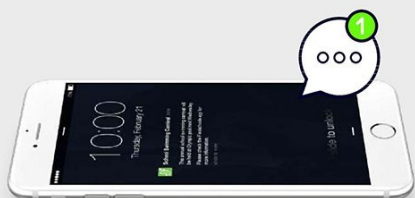
Bottle Water 600ml  
Choose Any Piece Or Seasonal Fruit

## Recycling Program – Bread Tags!

At Cambridge Gardens Public School we started collecting plastic bread tags last year. We are happy to let you know that

## Your Canteen is now using Flexischools to communicate important updates with you.

To get alerted on canteen updates, simply download the **Flexischools App** and log in or register to create an account.



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**PMI** PRIMARY MUSIC INSTITUTE  
Instrumental Music Lessons On School Campus!

**Small Group & Private Lessons**

- Primary Music Institute offer instrumental music lessons right here on school campus!
- To find out all about the music lessons please visit PMI's website. You can check which instruments are available, get up to date program details and apply for lessons online.
- Please **ENROL TODAY** via PMI's website.
- Lessons are held once per week on school campus – with lessons typically during & outside school hours.
- Only \$18.00 per child per small group lesson (2-5 students for 30 minutes).
- Our small group lessons provide a fun and affordable opportunity to learn instrumental music.
- Private lessons (1-on-1) and pair lessons (max 2 students) are also available.
- Instrumental music can improve your child's school results – including for reading, maths, coordination, IQ, abstract reasoning, performance confidence... and is great fun!

P: 1300 382 824 E: [admin@primarymusicinstitute.com.au](mailto:admin@primarymusicinstitute.com.au) [www.primarymusicinstitute.com.au](http://www.primarymusicinstitute.com.au)

## P & C News

*You Are Invited!*

Cambridge Gardens P&C invites you to join us on the 25<sup>th</sup> of February for our first, general monthly meeting for 2020!

Location: School Staffroom  
Time: 7:00pm to 8:30pm

Membership is \$2.00, this entitles you to have your say in regards to matters that are discussed at meetings and to make a difference in our school community.

Looking forward to seeing you all.

## 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](mailto:Cambridgegardenspublicschool@pandcaffiliate.org.au)

**Natalie Kitchin**  
**P&C President**

**Cancer Council**  
Healthy Lunch Box

Nutrition Snippet

## The simplest way

... to pack a healthy lunch box .

Does packing lunch boxes feel like a chore? We are here to help you kick start the year easily, packing healthy lunch boxes your kids will enjoy.

**Healthy lunch boxes don't have to be boring.**



We are very excited to bring you our new look [healthy lunch box website](#) that has been improved with new features and functions based on feedback provided by you! You can now search for gluten free and vegetarian recipes, as well as **easy to freeze** and **quick and easy** recipes because as parents, we know how important it is to pack lunches quickly.

You can sign up to the [Healthy Lunch Box e-newsletter](#) for ideas, updates and recipes delivered to your inbox throughout the year.

[Check out the new website now!](#)

[healthylunchbox.com.au](http://healthylunchbox.com.au)

## Camp Australia – OSHC

### Bus Flashing Lights campaign

Mon, 27 Jan to Fri, 31 Jan.

Motorists warned to slow down to **40km/h** when bus lights flash.

Encourage the school community to be **'Bus Aware'**:



Attention to the school Principal / School Administration / School Marketing and Communications personnel

My name is Scott Johnston, I'm the Marketing Assistant at Busways, your local bus operator.

We're currently running a campaign in conjunction with Transport for NSW to encourage motorists to be more vigilant around school buses when their lights are flashing.

By law, drivers are required to slow down to 40km/h when bus lights flash. Through this campaign, we're hoping motorists will be mindful of the dangers of exceeding the speed limit around buses and we're asking for your help to spread the message.

I have composed the following content for inclusion in your school newsletter. Simply click the link to open the file and download for use.

- [Toolkit for schools](#)
- [Flashing Light Image](#)
- [Flashing Lights Video \(7 Sec\)](#)

We'd really appreciate your help as we continue to ensure children are safe at all times in and around school buses.

Don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Regards,

Scott Johnston  
Marketing Assistant

## Calendar Events

2020

27.02.2020	Penrith Zone Swimming Carnival
28.02.2020	Principal's Assembly – SRC & House Captain Badges, Swimming Carnival Ribbons & Medals Presentations. Class Items Wham & Swift
28.02.2020	Clean Up Australia Day
6.03.2020	Crazy Hair Day – Yr 6 Fundraiser, \$2 coin donation

<b>6.03.2020</b>	K-2 Assembly – Class Item Venga
<b>13.03.2020</b>	3-6 Assembly – Class Item Harris
<b>20.03.2020</b>	K-2 Assembly – Class Item Noll
<b>27.03.2020</b>	3-6 Assembly - Class Item Barnes
<b>27.03.2020</b>	School Cross Country
<b>28.03.2020</b>	Movie Under the Stars: Secret Life of Pets 2 – 5:30 – 9pm Adults \$8ea and children \$5ea (under 3 Free)
<b>3.04.2020</b>	Principal's Assembly – Class Item Sinatra
<b>9.04.2020</b>	Last day of Term 1