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Principal's Report

CONGRATULATIONS!

We are very excited to let you know that following the merit selection process that Mrs Casey Hetherington has been appointed as a permanent Assistant Principal in the position vacated by Mrs Ptolemy. I know you will join me in congratulating her on this achievement and we are very happy to have her as part of the ongoing leadership team at Cambridge Gardens Public School. A big thank you to our panel members who worked through this process. Thanks to Belinda Adams for representing our parent community, thanks to Kelly Winters for representing the AECG and thanks to Mr Attard for representing our staff.

WELCOME BACK!

We are very excited to welcome back to school today the wonderful Mrs Antonelli, our school librarian. No doubt you will remember, Mrs Antonelli for her awesome book readings when we were in our learning at home mode! Unfortunately when we returned to school, Mrs Antonelli sustained a knee injury which resulted in needing surgery and a long recovery. Mrs Antonelli has been looking forward to returning to school and we welcome her back today! Mrs Antonelli will be examining the latest COVID-19 guidelines around the use of the library and will be looking forward to moving toward re-opening our library in some way in term 4. We would like to thank Mrs Rehmann who has been replacing Mrs Antonelli doing a fantastic job completing lessons in classrooms in Mrs Antonelli's absence.

KINDERGARTEN 2021

We are very excited to be receiving enrolments for our 2021 Kindergarten. Can I ask that all parents finalise their paperwork as soon as possible so that our planning for orientation and for 2021 can be as accurate as possible. Always remember that if you live in our local area you always have a placement at our school. Non-local applications will be considered by our non-local enrolment committee.

Next week, all parents who have enrolled will be sent information in regards to our orientation activities for Term 4 which at this stage will be through an online platform. This will include activities for your child but also for you as parents as well. The school will also be in contact with you to organise a personalised online meeting to meet with myself to discuss your child and any questions you have in regards to starting school.

Looking forward to these exciting events!

PAX BEHAVIOUR TRAINING

As a school we pride ourselves in our ongoing professional learning always developing further knowledge and skills in our staff. We currently have 10 staff members training in the PAX Behaviour training. This is extremely interesting professional learning where our teachers are learning strategies that help students learn important self-management skills while collaborating with students to make their classrooms peaceful and productive learning environments. We look forward to seeing how our teachers utilise this in their classrooms.

YEAR 6 FAREWELL

As you will have heard in the media last week, the NSW Government has put in place guidelines and restrictions around the holding and format of year 12 farewells. That makes us all wonder how this will impact on Year 6 farewells later in the year. At this stage the advice we are being given is that schools can consider planning Year 6 farewells. We have also been advised that guidelines will be released as part of our information for Term 4. Therefore at this stage I can confirm that we have our original booking in place at The Chairman's Lounge, Penrith Stadium for Tuesday December 15. Once we receive the guidelines on how or if these events can proceed, our Stage 3 teachers will consider our options and work with our students and parents to decide the best way to proceed. We will update you on this once we have the information needed to make decisions.

ASSEMBLIES AND SCHOOL EVENTS

As a school we have been missing our parents and community participation in school activities and events. This week we have

received information around options for live streaming activities and Miss Mulock and Mr Attard are looking into our options for term 4. We look forward to you being able to take part in activities with us as soon as possible.

COVID-19 UPDATE

It seems we have settled into a business as close to usual model in regards to school operations and we really thank all our parents and community for your help and support of the measures that are in place. We share with you frustrations and annoyances around some of the restrictions and requirements as well as at times the confusion around anomalies within and across these practices and the ongoing changing nature of some of these. We are reviewing our current procedures to make decisions around our operations in term 4 also understanding that new guidelines will be issued prior to our return to school. Today we are also seeking some ideas and feedback so that we can consider your thoughts.

Please enter your response by COB Friday. We will consider all suggestions against the current guidelines and report back on all suggestions at the commencement of Term 4. Always be assured that we are implementing the guidelines provided in our context and in the best interests of the health and safety of our school community.

EMERGENCY CONTACT

Today we will be seeking to ensure that our current contact information with you is up to date so that in the case of an emergency as a school we are confident that we can send you information quickly and efficiently. In the case of an emergency particularly around the requirement of all parents to organise for their children to be collected immediately, the school has access to the following processes. These processes include your email, sending an SMS, a push out notification on SCHOOLZINE as well as a general announcement through the school FACEBOOK page and website. To ensure that we are able to contact you we ask that you today complete the following actions:

1. Always ensure that if you have a new mobile phone number that this is supplied to the school
2. Ensure you have liked our school FACEBOOK page and receive notifications of new postings
3. Ensure you have downloaded the Schoolzine app so that you will receive a push out notification if sent

Also today we will be sending you an email that asks that you reply with your child's name and class. We are seeking to check that our grade distribution lists are accurate. You should receive an email for each child in your family. Please reply to all these emails. Our staff will commence contacting any parents who don't reply to these emails to sort out any issues with incorrect or missing email addresses. Thanks so much for taking five minutes today to ensure that these processes work for you and your family.

END OF TERM

It has been an absolutely full on term for our staff and students. Working under the current conditions is difficult and frustrating and all students and staff deserve a well-earned holiday to

freshen up for Term 4. Thanks for your support and enthusiasm throughout this term. Remember that we all return on the same day in term 4, staff and students return on Monday October 14.

Enjoy the holidays!

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</i>
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.

Online Enrolment now available at our School

We are excited to announce we are rolling out the new Online Enrolment System from Monday, 14 September 2020

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

Fruit & Veg Month 2020

Our students have thoroughly enjoyed being involved in Fruit & Veg Month over the last couple of weeks! From the 31 August to 25 September, we are encouraging all members of our school community to consume a variety of fruit and vegetables every single day. Our students have particularly loved eating their colourful fruit salads and scrumptious veggie sticks during Crunch & Sip and learning about different fruits and vegetables they hadn't heard of before. We all know how important these foods are for our health so as a community let's make a conscious effort to help our children continue packing these foods into their lunchboxes to create a lifestyle of positive food choices. In the next couple of weeks, take the opportunity to expose your children to different fruits and vegetables and try presenting these foods in exciting ways to help encourage an increased consumption of fruit and vegetables amongst all children. Happy Fruit & Veg Month!



Alanna Vella
Classroom Teacher

Creative Writing Competition



Celebrating Learning at Cambridge Gardens with Class Venga

This week we would like to showcase and celebrate the learning that is occurring in class Venga. Venga have been utilising co-constructed learning walls to support their learning. These walls give students a reminder of their learning and help them to remember key components of the lesson. In the pictures attached you see Venga's hard work in constructing walls on persuasive writing. Miss Vella has also been demonstrating her expertise in providing feedback and having students deconstruct work by utilising technology. Miss Vella shares student work on the board using an iPad, which shares the work from the desk onto our interactive whiteboards. This

allows students to deconstruct their work and use the success criteria to show and highlight success in the classroom. This expertise in feedback supports students learning and ensures students begin to take ownership of their learning. Well done to both the students of Venga and Miss Vella for their hard work.

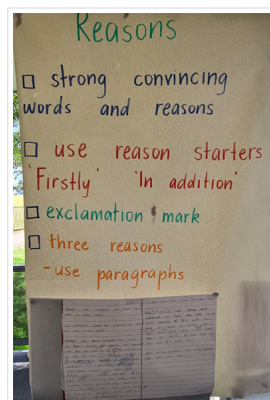
Walls That Teach – Persuasive Writing Starters



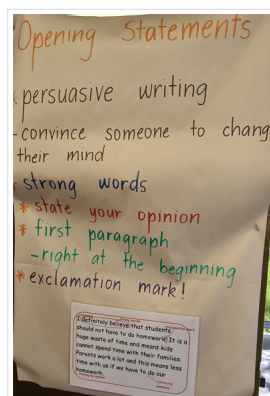
Walls That Teach – Persuasive Writing Structure



Walls That Teach – Persuasive Writing Forming Reasons

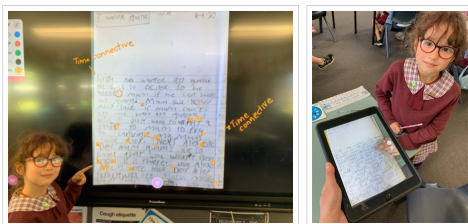


Walls That Teach – Persuasive Writing Opening Statements



Celebrating Success Against The Success Criteria

Click on photo to enlarge



Shanan Wood
Instructional Leader/Assistant Principal - Year 1

An Update From The SRC

This year has presented some challenges for the SRC, particularly due to the inability for our students to gather together for regular meetings. However, with the persistence of our wonderful SRC members and through the use of some fantastic technology, we were able to hold our very first virtual SRC meeting via Zoom a couple of weeks ago. Our students gathered in stages and discussed ideas about fundraising opportunities, Caught You Being Good term rewards as well as fun days for all of our students to just simply enjoy!

I know our SRC have some brilliant ideas and have begun speaking to Mr Wynn to plan for these events so stay tuned for the fun to come!

Click on photo to enlarge



Alanna Vella
SRC Teacher Adviser

Dress Up for Literacy Day



Tell them From Me parent survey

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

<http://nsw.tellthemfromme.com/cgps2020>

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

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

Alison Patrick
Classroom Teacher

Clarity – Starting the Conversation

As the school community is aware teachers continually engage in evidence based professional learning. This ensures that we are able to support student learning and wellbeing using best practice. Valuing education and building collective responsibility at home and school is proven to enable students to be successful in their learning. We would like to encourage parents to have learning conversations with their children about their schooling. Below are some questions that parents can utilise to start the conversation with their child about their learning. As a parent I know the answers we usually receive after asking how was your day? 'good' or what did you do today at school? 'I don't know', 'I can't remember' or 'nothing'. These questions below create opportunities for parents to have informative conversations with their children.

- What did you learn today?
- How did you do?
- What did you do if you didn't understand?
- How can you improve in your learning?
- What are you most proud of?

As a school we are asking our students similar questions. We don't expect that our students will be able to answer these questions confidently at first, but with practice and persistence we can all work together to ensure that our conversations focus on what is most important to you and to us.....your child's learning

Shanan Wood
Instructional Leader/Assistant Principal - Year 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 can click on the link below.

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

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

are as attached.

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

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

Karen McCoy
School Administrative Manager

School Uniforms – Back to Basics Covid-19 update

The purchasing of your child's school uniform will be a little different this year 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 retail store located at 52 Cox A venue, Kingswood, 2747 will be accessible by appointment ONLY from the 13th October through to the 22nd December.

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.

We would encourage all new students entering Kindergarten to be outfitted prior to the end of the year to ensure they are catered for before the new school year

Appointments can be made on the Cowan & Lewis website via the link below. Locate your schools crest, click on the booking link and select the appropriate day and time.

<http://www.cowanlewis.com.au/>

- 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 cambridgegardensps@cowanlewis.com.au or phone 47217422 should you require any further information.

Staff and Management
Cowan & Lewis Pty Ltd

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.

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



Nutrition Snippet

SNACK ATTACK.

Kids on average eat 4 snacks a day.
Don't let biscuits and chips be 'go to snacks'.



Try these healthy snacks instead:

- [Apple & date bliss balls](#)
- [Poppletana](#)
- [Tomato & cheese damper](#)

For more healthy snack swaps visit:
healthylunchbox.com.au

 **Cancer Council**
Healthy Lunch Box

Nutrition Snippet

SPRING INTO ACTION!

Buying fruit and veg in season is cheaper on the wallet and the quality and taste is better!



Try these recipes:

- [Fresh fruit and yoghurt](#)
- [Hidden veggie tomato sauce](#)
- [Mushroom risotto bake](#)

healthylunchbox.com.au

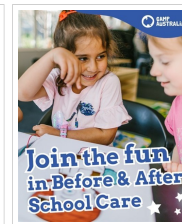
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Camp Australia – OSHC



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.



P & C News

Contacting the P&C:

Via Phone- Contact the school office and leave a message with one of our office staff on 4730 1201

Or Via Email
Cambridgegardenspublicschool@pandcaffiliate.org.au

Natalie Kitchin
P&C President

PLAY CRICKET



Junior Batting 10-12
Use a soft ball (Softball)
#10000000



Junior Bowling 10-12
Use a soft ball (Softball)
#10000000



Junior Fielding 10-12
Use a soft ball (Softball)
#10000000



Junior Batting 13-15
Use a hard ball (Cricket Ball)
#10000000



Junior Bowling 13-15
Use a hard ball (Cricket Ball)
#10000000

CRANEBROOK CRICKET CLUB



playcricket.com





SYDNEY REGION ABORIGINAL CORPORATION

CARE SERVICES

Come down to our SRAC Hub to meet the team and find out how we can assist you, your family or someone you know.

- Art Class
- BBQ Yarn Up
- Bingo
- Craft – Traditional and Modern
- Domestic Cleaning
- Life Skills
- Mens Group
- Music Class/Band
- School Holiday Program
- Shopping Assistance
- Womens Group

Please do not hesitate to call for more information

Contact Our SRAC Office
(02) 4721 1536




SYDNEY REGION ABORIGINAL CORPORATION

ART CLASS

Come along to our SRAC group and begin your artistic journey by creating amazing pieces every Tuesday with Uncle Bryan Boney

10:00am - 3:00pm

51-57 Henry Street, Penrith




Please contact our SRAC office if you wish to join
(02) 4721 1536

51 - 57 Henry Street, Penrith NSW 2750



Calendar Events

2020

14.09.2020	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.
14.09.2020	8:40am – 9:10am Morning Drop off for ALL students entering via Main Gate Please continue this process until instructed otherwise.
14.09.2020	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.
25.09.2020	Dress Up for Literacy Day as one of your favourite book characters
25.09.2020	Last Day of Term 3
12.10.2020	First Day of Term 4 – Staff and students
23.10.2020	Jersey Day – SRC Fundraiser details to come
16.12.2020	Last Day of Term 4 – Students
17.12.2020	Staff Development Day
18.12.2020	Staff Development Day