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21 November 2023

Principal's Report

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome to Week 7!

How quickly the term is progressing and 2023 is coming to an end! The next few weeks has many of our celebratory events so keep a look out for times and dates in the newsletter, on notes and on FACEBOOK.

A big thank you to our amazing staff at Cambridge Gardens Public School. It was wonderful to return after seven weeks leave and see how well things have been going! A big shout out to Mr Shanan Wood for his excellent work as relieving Principal! Well done to Miss Gemma Barbagallo who relieved as Stage 2 Assistant Principal during this time as well. We are so lucky to have leaders with such skills and confidence that they can step into these roles with confidence and assurance. I would like to also thank those staff who also stepped

up at times during this period, including Mrs Melissa Galdes as our School Administration Manager and also Mrs Wendy Wright who also stepped into an Assistant Principal role earlier in the term.

On staffing news, a huge congratulations to Mr Shanan Wood, whose success and skills have been recognised as he will be heading to Londonderry Public School for 2024 as the relieving Principal. We wish Mr Wood great success at Londonderry Public School but will miss his great work as our Assistant Principal (Curriculum and Instruction). Well done to Mr David Sheaves who will continue to relieve in 2024 as an Assistant Principal at Oxley Park Public School in 2024. Mr Sheaves has been most successful in the role this year and it is a wonderful achievement for him to be asked to continue. Congratulations also to both Miss Alannah Antonelli and Miss Emilia Wynn who have been successful through interview in gaining permanent teaching positions commencing at Northbourne Public School in 2024. We have been so fortunate to have these two staff members as School Learning Support Officers over the years and then as teachers throughout 2024. They have both done a

great job on Year 1 this year and with their work with our dance groups. Thanks to Miss Wynn also for her work with our Kitchen Gardens initiative and also with our New Arrivals students. We will miss both these talent students,

A huge good luck to our dancers and singers this week at School Spectacular! They are practising hard this week and will be ready for the performances on Friday and Saturday. A big thank you to Mrs Deborah Smith, Mrs Rose Antonelli, Miss Alannah Antonelli and Miss Emilia Wynn for all their work and enthusiasm with this opportunity. There is a lot of organisation, early morning and late nights involved in this exciting event! Thanks to our wonderful parents and carers who support this activity especially in the punctuality around meeting at railway stations for drop up and pick up. It makes everything run so smoothly!

A big woo hoo to Allegra Bavarro in winning the Karen McKeown Christmas Card Design Competition! What a wonderful and creative entry and we look forward to seeing it featured on the Christmas Cards!



The staffing shortage continues to be an issue across NSW and continues to have an affect on our school. I would like to particularly thank our school executive and support staff who are stepping out of their roles and responsibilities to maintain the continuity of learning and the stability of the classroom environment during staff absences. A big thank you to our Assistant Principals, Mrs Rose Antonelli and Mrs Casey Hetherington who are covering Pompeii Class whilst Mrs Alison Patrick is on extended leave and also Mr Daniel Attard, Mr Shanan Wood and Miss Jo Austine who will work with Class Neolithic during Mrs Felicity Nelson's extended leave.

It is that time of the year, when I will be working with teachers around class structures and student placement for 2024. This is the time to remind me if there are any issues around your child and their placement including past issues with other students or teachers. Please remind me in an email to the school email account, even if you believe I know from conversations this year or in the past. Whilst we can not guarantee that we can accommodate your concerns or requests, it is essential that we can find solutions where possible. Please drop in for a chat if you think it is necessary or you would prefer.

Have a wonderful two weeks!

Adam Wynn Principal

Current Notes

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

E v e n t Date Closing Date

Reading Eggs 2023 - for all students

Click here to download the Reading Eggs Note

Mathletics 2023-for all students

Click here to download the Mathletics Note

General Voluntary Contributions

Click here to download the Voluntary Contributions flyer

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.

Kindergarten 2024 Enrolments





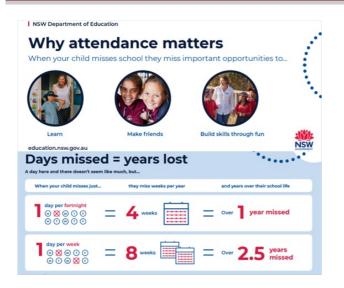
CGPS Christmas Picnic



Presentation Day Assembly

On Wednesday 13th December we will be acknowledging the achievements of our students at our Presentation Day Assembly. Family and friends are invited to

Attendance Matters



join us for the special occasion. The assembly will be held under the COLA on top grass at 9.45am. We look forward to seeing you there.

Laura Williams

Presentation Day Coordinator

Kindergarten News

Kindergarten had a wonderful time during their Open Classroom on Thursday. Parents and family members helped assist Kindergarten students to make and create some fantastic Christmas decorations for their class Christmas tree. Their decorated Christmas trees will be on display in the library during our Christmas picnic. Hope to see you all there.

Click on photo to enlarge:





Rose Antonelli Kindergarten Assistant Principal

Stage 3 Overnight Excursion

During Week 5, most of Stage 3 were off enjoying themselves at camp. We went on a tour of a power station, visited a museum, went for a lap around Mt Panarama, went panning for gold, made damper, sang and danced around a campfire, pitched tents, made mud bricks, explored underground mines and of course we visited Dubbo Zoo! It was a busy but fun time and there were lots of smiling faces everyday.

I would like to thank all the students for their outstanding behaviour and attitude while we were away at camp. I would also like to thank the staff who attended camp, it is a massive commitment and is greatly appreciated.

Click on photo to enlarge:



Felicity Nelson Stage 3 Overnight Excursion Coordinator

Kindergarten 2024 Orientation Day

The new Kindergarten students for 2024 came to visit Cambridge Gardens Public School on Friday 17th November. They explored various areas of our school and participated in several fun games and activities. What a delightful group of students they were. We look forward to seeing you all next year and can't wait for you to be part of the Cambridge Gardens Public School community.

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Rose Antonelli Kindergarten Assistant Principal

Talent Show

Library News

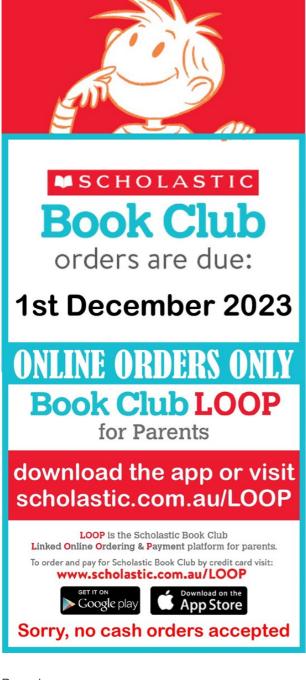
WOW! The talent at Cambridge Gardens is amazing! Last week I had the pleasure of auditioning some singers, dancers, actors, comedians, pianists and magicians. Auditions are now complete and students should continue to practise their acts in preparations for performance day.

The Talent Show will be held in the school hall on Thursday 14th December, 2023. Estimated start time is 9.30am but may change depending on the number of acts.

Felicity Nelson Organiser I can not believe the school year is already drawing to a close. Due to stocktaking procedures there will be no more borrowing books from the library this year. If your child still has a library book at home could you please ensure they return it as soon as possible. If you have received an overdue notice and believe your child returned the book, please do not hesitate to call or email the school in regards to this matter. There are occasional errors with the system and we are always happy to sort any issue out.

The Premier's Reading Challenge certificates will be handed out at the last Principal's assembly to students who participated in the Challenge at home. Well done to the students who have put so much effort into making reading a priority during their spare time.

Book Club



DON'T FORGET!

Regards

Rose Antonelli School Teacher Librarian

Staff Profile

Mrs Sam Ivimey – Student Learning Support Officer

- How long have you been at this school? 4 Years-Full time and Volunteer- about 9 years
- Who or what inspired you to teach? Helping out during speaking and listening groups
- 3. What's your favourite year to teach and why? *Kindergarten*
- What is your favourite English subject to teach? *Phonics*
- 5. What would you change for the better? *Stop animal cruelty*
- 6. What sport house are you in? Newcombe (Green)
- 7. What made you teach at this school? Local and children went/go here
- What did you want to be growing up? Vet
- How many playtime activities have you ran in the past years? Around 10
- 10. Would you substitute a c I a s s ? "for sureeee!!!!!!!!!!"





Mrs lvimey was interviewed by Brianna-Rose C and Summer Hommel

Live Life Well



FESTIVE FUN

Get the kids in the kitchen decorating their own healthy and tasty Christmas pizza.



Perfect for the lunch box, after school snack, party pleaser or dinner!

Our <u>Christmas tree pizza</u> recipe is a healthy and tasty lunch box item that the kids will love!

For this recipe and more visit: healthylunchbox.com.au





keep food in the lunch box cold and safe to eat.



TOP TIP: Use a cooler bag and ice brick or a frozen water bottle to keep the lunch box cold.

For more info and tips read our <u>food safety</u> <u>blog</u>.

healthylunchbox.com.au

Cancer Council Healthy Lunch Box

Alanna Vella

Live Life Well at School Coordinator

P&C News



time, well you are in luck. The P&C are launching their Christmas Raffle today, with some great prizes up for grabs. Hampers, tickets to Taronga Zoo, Luna Park and more. Raffle drawn Friday 8th December! Tickets are: 1 for \$2 3 for \$5 7 for \$10 15 for \$20 Purchase vour tickets here:

https://myschoolconnect.com.au/c ambridge-gardens-ps-raffle



00 Uniform Pop Up will be held on: Friday 15th December at 8.40am

eftpos available. NO cash.



As a school community and all the fundraising we have done this year we have some wonderful NEW additions coming to our school VERY soon. The P&C discussed with teachers and students for some things they would like to see at school.

Our younger children have asked for another set of footy goals for the younger grades and our teachers have asked for new gazebos for our sporting events. Both these purchases have been made and we are just waiting for them to arrive.

Contact Us

P&C are more than happy to discuss matters pertaining to the P&C. Please get in touch via Facebook or email cambridgegardenspublicschoolpandcaffiliate.org.au and we will get back to you as soon as possible. For all matters pertaining to school business, please discuss with the school via telephone or direct message on Facebook.

Katy

On behalf of the P&C

Canteen – Kids Pantry Canteens



SIPS oured Milk \$3.00 • Flay · Juice \$2.00 Juice Bomb \$3.00 • Milo \$2.50 • Up & Go \$3.00 Smoothie \$2.50 • Water \$2.00

NIBBLIES

 Cheese Snack \$2.50
 Chocolate Mousse \$1.50
 Custard Cup \$1.50 Chips \$2.50 Fruit Salad \$2.00 Fruit Statut \$2,00
 Fruit Snacks \$1.00
 Grazing Platter \$5.00
 Hash Brown \$1.50
 Ham & Cheese Pocket \$2.00 Jelly Cup \$0.50 Muffin \$0.50

 Pikelets \$0.50
 Popcorn \$2.00
 Vegetable Sticks \$1.50
 Whole Fruit \$2.00 · Yoghurt Pouch \$1.50

HOT BITES ef Pie \$4.00 Cheeseburger \$5.00
Chicken Breast Nuggets (6) \$4.50
Chicken Burger \$5.00
 Chicken Wings & Rice \$5.00 Chicken Quesadilla \$5.00 Garlic Bread \$1.50 (V) Hamburger \$5.00 Hot Dog \$5.00 Lasagne \$5.00 Nachos \$5.00 Noodles \$4.00 (V)

 Mac 'n' Cheese \$5.00
 Penne Bolognese \$5.00
 Potato Gems \$2.50 (V) Sausage Roll \$4.00 Spring Rolls (3) \$3.50 Sauce \$0.50 Cutlery \$0.50

PIZZA То Garlic and Cheese \$3.50 Hawaiian \$4.50
 Margarita \$3.50 (V)
 Meat Lovers \$5.00 Pepperoni \$5.00 Supreme \$5.00

SANDWICHES & WRAPS Toasted add 50c • Assorted Spreads \$2.50 (V) • Cheese \$3.00 (V) Chicken, Lettuce and Mayo \$5.00 • Egg, Lettuce and Mayo \$4.00 (V)

• Ham, Cheese & Tomato \$4.00 • Salad \$4.00 (V)

Sweet Chilli Chicken \$5.00 Add Chicken \$2.50 SALADS arden Salad \$4.00 • Garder

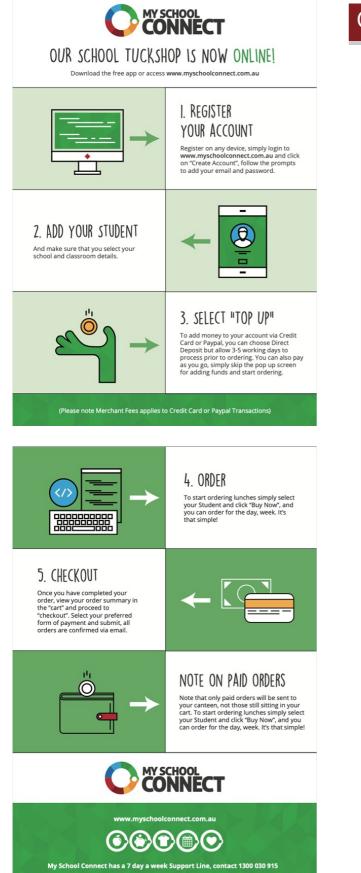
Caesar Salad \$5.00
 Greek Salad \$5.00
 Add Chicken \$2.00
 Dressing \$0.50

FROZEN

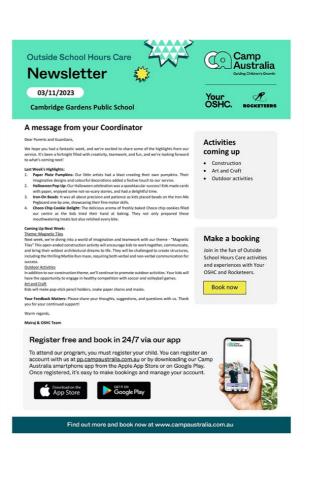
BITES • Fro Frozen Juice Cup \$2.00 (V)
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 Snap Stix \$2.00 (V)
 Wisted Frozen Yoghurt \$2.50
 Vanilla Ice Cream Cup
 \$2.00 (V)

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Uniforms - Back to Basics



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9AM - 3PM	6 TH	13 ^{тн}	20 TH	27 TH
Sundays	sun	sun	SUN	SUN
10AM - 1PM	7™	14 th	21 ST	28 [™]

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NSW Department of Education – School Infrastructure

Cambridge Gardens Public School upgrade Project update | October 2023

Investing in our schools

As part of the NSW Government's plan to rebuild essential services, the 2023-24 Budget is delive record \$3.5 billion for new and upgraded schools in Western Sydney. This targeted investment in growing communities will ensure working families get access to a world class public education. The 2023-24 Budget committed funding to progress with an upgrade to Cambridge Gardens Public

Cambridge Gardens Public School upgrade

These funds will help Cambridge Gardens Public School by delivering new and upgraded facilities, including upgraded playground surfacing, a basketball court and student restroom facilities.

The selection of surfacing will depend on the individual site and its needs. All new playground surfacing will comply with current Australian Standards.

Early planning has begun.

How can I get involved?

We are committed to working together with our school communities and stakeholders to deliver the best learning facilities for students. As the project progresses from the planning phase, we will share details with the community for feedback.

A dedicated project page has been published on the School Infrastructure NSW website, which is updated as the project progresses. You can also contact us via our community information line and email using the details helow.

Want to know more about how we build and upgrade schools?

To learn more about School infrastructure NSW, and how we deliver new and upgraded schools, simply scan the OR Code, or visit edu.nsw.link/SchoolShowcase.







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Go4Fun Programs

Go4Fun is coming to Penrith Term 4, 2023

Starts 12 October 2023 | Thursdays | 4:30pm to 6:30pm Nepean Aquatic Centre



Healthy active happy kids

Go4Fun is a free 10 week healthy lifestyle program for 7-13 year old children and their families to become fitter, healthier and happier!

To check your eligibility and register: visit, go4fun.com.au or call 1800 780 900











Kooly Aboriginal Go4Fun | Term 1, 2024

Thursdays 8 February to 11 April 4:30 pm to 6:30 pm Transport available Pool program Nepean Aquatic Centre, Penrith

Enquiries and to register call Kooly on (02) 4706 0280

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eating and staying active on the program. We also bring families together!" Aboriginal Go4Fun Leader

"We look at healthy



Spend time with friends and family to get healthy, active and happy with Aboriginal Go4Fun. Aboriginal Go4Fun is a ten week healthy lifestyle program for kids aged 7-13 and their families. A parent or carer is required to attend each session.

For more information visit go4fun.com.au





Gateway Family Services – Term 4 2023

Program	Date & Time	Location	Registration
Cool Little Kids Cool Little Kids is a 6 week program that gives parents skills to help their child manage and overcome anxiety.	Every Friday 27th Oct—1st Dec 10:00am—11:30am	Tanderra OOSH 14 Raymond Road SPRINGWOOD	Ph: 4720 6500 OR Email groups@gatewayfamil services.org.au
Circle of Security Learn how to be a strong, wiser & kinder parent with your kids. Suitable for parents of 0 -12 year old.	Every Monday 23rd Oct—4th Dec 10:00am—12:00pm * Childcare available - must register *	Nepean Multicultural Access Building 1, 29 Swanston Street ST MARYS	Ph: 4720 6500 OR Email groups@gatewayfamil services.org.au
Tuning in to Teens—ONLINE Tuning in To Teens is a 6 week program that supports you to help your adolescent develop emotional intelligence.	Every Monday 23rd Oct—27th Nov 6:30pm—8:30pm	Online via ZOOM	Ph: 4720 6500 OR Email groups@gatewayfamil services.org.au

St Marys to Blackheath. Gateway encourages, supports & respects diversity in families & communities. Our Groups are open to everyone.

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Schools Spectacular Dance Rehearsal – Departing at 7am at Penrith Station & returning approximately at 4:31pm Penrith Station
Schools Spectacular Choir Rehearsal – Departing at 7am at Penrith Station & returning approximately at 4:30pm Penrith Station
Schools Spectacular Choir & Dance Dress Rehearsal – TBC
Open Classrooms Stage 3 – 9:30am to 11am
Cambridge Gardens In-School Chess Tournament
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander PLP Presentation Afternoon – 3:30pm to 4:30pm
2024 Student Leadership Speeches Assembly – 9:30am to 11am
Award Booklets Due for the final Principal's Assembly for 2023. Booklets are to be given to class teachers to add to the recipient list.
Years K-2 Assembly – Hosted by Class Waterloo in the hall at 9:30am
School Swimming and Water Safety Program - Commences
Christmas Picnic
Final Principal's Assembly for 2023 - 9:30am enter via Gate A, held in Area 4 on the Artificial Grassed Area. All are welcome to attend.
School Swimming and Water Safety Program - Finishes
Year 6 Farewell – Penrith Panthers Leagues Club 5pm to 8:30pm
Christmas Coin Day Count Off-Dress Up – P & C
Presentation Day – 9:45am to 11:45am
Talent Show
Last Day of Term 4 – Students only

18.12.2023	Staff Development Day – Staff only
19.12.2023	Staff Development Day – Staff only

30.01.2024	Staff Development Day – Staff only
31.01.2024	Staff Development Day – Staff only
01.02.2024	School commences Term 1 – Yrs 1-6 Students & Staff