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29 August 2023

Principal's Report

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends,

What an exciting two weeks we have had at Cambridge Gardens Public School over the past few weeks!

Today we are very excited to welcome our Assistant Principal, Mr Beau Hunter back from his leave. We know he has enjoyed an exciting and special time welcoming his new addition to his family! We know that Class Holocene are very excited for his return as well. A big shout out to our three amazing Assistant Principals, Mr Daniel Attard, Mrs Casey Hetherington and Mr Shanan Wood, who jumped in and spent two weeks each teaching the class. I congratulate these Assistant Principals on being able to do this, whilst maintaining the service they provide in their everyday roles. They all had an excellent time!



How much fun and excitement did our Book Week parade bring into our school. We were amazed our student's tremendous costumes and our parent's and carer's creative endeavours! Most importantly though, it was great to have so many parents, carers and friends visit our students in their classrooms and read. The whole aim of this event is to re-ignite the excitement and enthusiasm around books and reading. It was so evident on the day!



How about the tremendous effort across our school community with our Year 6 fund raising event, the Bunnings BBQ. A huge thank you to our staff, parents and students who gave up their Saturday to run this BBQ and raise money to support our Year 6 activities. A huge thank you to Mr Kristof for his amazing organisation!



A big, good luck to our two dance groups who will be performing throughout the next week at the Blue Mountains Nepean Dance Festival. We are very excited to see you in action on the stage and doing our school proud!

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.

Event

Date

Closing Date

Reading Eggs 2023 – for all students

[Click here to download the Reading Eggs flyer](#)

Mathletics
students

2023-for

all

[Click here to download the Mathletics flyer](#)

General Voluntary Contributions

[Click here to download the Voluntary Contributions flyer](#)

Kindergarten My Chinese Program 2023

[Click here to download the My Chinese Program Kindergarten flyer](#)

Stage 1 My Chinese Program 2023

[Click here to download the My Chinese Program Stage 1 flyer](#)

Stage 2 and Stage 3 My Chinese Program 2023

[Click here to download the My Chinese Program Stage 2 & 3 flyer](#)

Class Waterloo My Chinese Program 2023

[Click here to download the My Chinese Program Waterloo flyer](#)

Class Willandra My Chinese Program 2023

[Click here to download the My Chinese Program Class Willandra flyer](#)

Stage	1	Sydney	Zoo
Excursion			Wed
6/09/2023	Due 25/08/2023		

[Click here to download the Sydney Zoo Excursion Note](#)

Kindergarten Calmsley Hill City Farm Excursion	
Thur 7/09/2023	Due 31/08/2023

[Click here to download the Kinder Calmsley Hill City Farm Excursion Note](#)

Carnival	Wed
13/09/2023 at 10:45am – 1:120pm	

[Click here to download the K-2 Athletics Carnival flyer](#)

Stage 3 Overnight
Excursion Mon 6-
9/11/23 **Due 15/08/2023**

[Click here to download the Camp Final Payment Plan note](#)

[Click here to download the Camp Behaviour Agreement flyer](#)

[Click Here to download Overnight Excursion Dietary and Medical Note](#)

A deposit of \$100 will be required by Tuesday 14th March, 2023. Deposits are **non-refundable** as student numbers will be confirmed with the bus company on this day. Please be aware, we will confirm the final cost and update the **instalment plan below** once we have finalised accommodation and activities:

Payment ID	Payment Amount	Payment Due
Deposit (Non-refundable)	\$100	Already paid
Payment 2	\$100	Tuesday 9 th May, 2023 (week 3)
Payment 3	\$100	Tuesday 30 th May, 2023 (week 6)
Payment 4	\$100	Tuesday 20 th June, 2023 (week 9)
Payment 5	\$100	Tuesday 25 th July, 2023 (week 2)
FINAL PAYMENT	\$105	Tuesday 15th August, 2023 (week 5)
Total Cost	\$605	Final payment due on or before Tuesday 15th August, 2023

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



Attendance Matters!

Now that the sun is finally getting a bit stronger and the colder days of winter seem to be behind us, we are hoping the coughs and sniffles are gone too and it would be great to see every student back at school every day.

The expected rate for student attendance is above 95%. As you can see, even having a couple of days off makes a significant difference.



Each day here or there adds up very quickly. Missing school means your child is missing opportunities to learn and also to make those important social connections face to face.

Poor attendance can also have long term impacts on a child's engagement in their learning and affect their mental health. More detailed information is det out in the attached flyer.

Let's make a big push to have every child at school every day they are well, joining in and having fun. How many can make the expected attendance rate of 95%?

Alison Patrick
Assistant Principal - Attendance

K-2 Athletics Carnival

A friendly reminder that the K-2 Athletics Carnival will be held on Wednesday the 13th of September. The event will be held on our Top Grass area. We will commence at 10:45 am with all visitors welcome to enter through the back gate or Gate A from 10:30 am. We look forward to seeing to seeing you there to cheer on our K-2 students.

Emilia Wynn
Event Organiser

Book Parade

We would like to thank our school community for their support for our Book Parade on Friday 25th August. Our *students had fun parading their fantastic costumes and reading their favourite books with their families.*

It was a wonderful afternoon and a big turnout of families; we already can't wait for our next one!

Click on photo to enlarge:



William Tate
Event Organiser

Bunnings Barbeque Year 6 Fundraiser

On Saturday 26th August we held our Bunnings Barbeque Fundraiser for our Year 6 end of year celebrations. The weather was perfect the whole day and there was a constant stream of customers buying sausage sandwiches and drinks to help support our students. It was fantastic to see so many members of our school community there on the day, buying food and drinks and having a chat to all of the dedicated volunteers who helped run the day.

A massive thank you to all of the many staff members who volunteered their time to prepare and cook the food and serve customers. Another massive thank you to the Year 6 parents and Year 6 students who also came down to volunteer. There was such a positive and happy vibe throughout the entire day, reflecting the strong school spirit and values that we have at Cambridge Gardens Public School.

We raised a total of almost \$1300 on the day which will go towards the costs of the Year 6 Farewell, year book and Year 6 gift to the school at the end of the year.



James Kristof
Event Coordinator

Premier's Debating Challenge – Year 6 Team

Round 4

On Thursday Week 6, our Year 6 debating team competed in their last ever primary school debate as they came up against Orange Grove Public School in Round 4 of the Premier's Debating Challenge. The theme of this debate was 'Health and Fitness' and the topic was 'That all primary schools should have compulsory sport every lunch time for every student'.

Our Year 6 team, Hayley Mackie, Trinity Hunt, Kirrily Cohen and Allegra Bavaro were the negative team for this debate. Their arguments included that there is a teacher shortage and students would not be able to be supervised, that students with disabilities may not be able to participate and that some student might not like sport so it should be a choice.

Unfortunately we lost this debate, which marked the end of the Premier's Debating Challenge for Cambridge Gardens Public School for 2023. We would like to thank all of our Year 6 debaters for their hard work and dedication this year, it has been fantastic to see them learn so much and improve each round and we hope that they continue to participate in debating once they are in high school.



James Kristof and Jeremy Dearie
Debating Coordinators

Carnival. Our students represented the school with pride and showed impeccable manners as they waited for their events.

We worked together to cheer and encourage everyone to push that little bit further and simply beat their results from the school carnival. Can you believe that 85% of the students that attended performed better than they had at the school carnival? It was an outstanding effort. We had some students come very close to making it to Regional Carnival and some students who won their events, but more importantly, every student tried their best and as a school we should be proud of how they performed.

Congratulations to all the students who have successfully qualified for Regional Carnival:

Urijah Leach, Blake Miller, Justin Agianaku, Kristin Toe, Matilda Lett, Steve Cochoco and Henry McDowell. We wish you all well on your next challenge!

Special mention to Steve Cochoco who beat the 1500m PSSA record and is now the zone record holder in this event. Further congratulations to Steve for being awarded Zone Age Champion – what an amazing feat!

Finally – the combined contributions of our zone athletics team was awesome and as a school, Cambridge Gardens came 2nd out of the Penrith Zone schools! How exciting!!

Our school carnival ribbons/medals will be handed out at the Principal's assembly in week 10 – I will include any awards received from the PSSA at this time.

Thanks to Mr Sargeant and Mr Wood for their assistance on the day!

I am very, very proud.

Felicity Nelson
Event Oganiser

Sports News

Penrith Zone Athletics Carnival 2023

On Wednesday 16th August – 27 students from Cambridge Gardens came to the Penrith Zone Athletics

NSWPSSA Boys Football (soccer) Knockout Competition 2023

On Thursday August 23rd, Cambridge Gardens played in the regional semi-final in the soccer knockout against Samuel Gilbert Public School. After a few early chances for our boys, Samuel Gilbert took the lead through an unlucky deflection.

This was the first time in the competition that our boys have been behind in a match. Samuel Gilbert piled on the pressure throughout the first half and lead 3-nil at half-time.

The second half was a much tighter affair, however Samuel Gilbert scored a fourth goal. Cambridge Gardens never gave up resulting in a goal to Jackson, bringing even more desire to score again. Unfortunately, it wasn't to be though as the opposition scored another goal to finish the game at 5-1.

The boys can hold their heads high for their strong performances throughout the tournament and for advancing so far. As their coach, I am very proud of their achievements and great sportsmanship in all matches.



Jeremy Dearie
Soccer Coach

Gardening Club News

Over the last two weeks, our wonderful young gardeners have been having fun. They have cleared all the weeds from an overgrown garden bed, and then planted it out with two different types of bean seeds. We chose dwarf green beans and also some yellow butter beans. We are all looking forward to seeing them grow!



Julie Cheetham
Gardening Club Organiser

The impacts of COVID-19 on primary school aged children from Different Cultural Backgrounds

THE IMPACTS OF COVID-19 ON PRIMARY SCHOOL AGED CHILDREN FROM DIFFERENT CULTURAL BACKGROUNDS

Are you a parent of a child between 6 to 12 years born overseas and/or speak a language other than English at home? This is a chance to participate in a study that will explore the psychosocial impact of COVID-19 on your child.

This study is being conducted by doctors and researchers from Nepean Blue Mountains local health district, University of Sydney, University of Notre Dame Australia and Federation University, Victoria. This study has been approved by NBMLHD Human Research Ethics Committee (2022/ETH02522).

The survey will take 10-15 minutes and can be accessed through <https://qars.ccc.health.nsw.gov.au/Survey?pr=CDE16381>

You will have a chance to enter into a lucky draw for a \$100 Coles gift card at the end of the survey.

For further information, please contact:
covidpsychosocialstudy@gmail.com

Dr. Moe Thant Nwe
A/Prof Habib Bhurawala
Professor Aziz Rahman

NSW Health
Nepean Blue Mountains
Local Health District

Live Life Well

Nutrition Snippet

WHAT A WASTE

Did you know that the average household throws out 1 in 5 bags of groceries they buy?



Save money and help the planet by reducing your food waste.

For ideas on how to reduce waste check out our blog at healthylunchbox.com.au.

healthylunchbox.com.au  **Cancer Council**
Healthy Lunch Box

Sunsmart Snippet

Choose a sun smart hat.

A broad-brimmed, bucket or legionnaire style hat is a simple, effective way to protect your face, head, neck and ears.



Wearing a sun smart hat everyday protects your face, head, neck and ears, and reduces the amount of UV radiation reaching your eyes by 50%.

Baseball caps and sun visors DO NOT protect the cheeks, ears and back of the neck and are not recommended.

sunsmartnsw.com.au



Cancer Council
Healthy Lunch Box

Alanna Vella

Live Life Well at School Coordinator

P&C News

SCHOOL FUN RUN

P&C NEWSLETTER



Father's Day Pop Up Stall

This Friday 1st Sept from 8.40am, like our Mother's Day stall its limited gifts ranging from \$2-\$8. If you would like to be part of the committee for next year please send us an email Planning for this event must start mid-term 4 2023

Uniform Pop Up Stall

Friday 8th September will be our next uniform pop up stall. Held at 8.40am. If you need uniforms before this please contact the P&C email address.

The Big Show - Friday 22nd September

Think colour, think slime, think inflatables, think FUN!! Be sure to create your profile page and start fundraising, plenty of prizes up for grabs over the next few weeks. For every \$5k we fundraise we will be sliming a teacher (look out for the pictures this Friday), if we can reach our goal of \$25k don't miss us slime Mr Wynn on the 22nd

P&C will be meeting again on Tuesday 5th September at 7pm in the school office. Everyone is welcome to attend. We are looking for volunteers to help with organising next years events. Please join us and have your say. If you have school uniforms to donate to the uniform Pop up stall, they can be left at the school office. All donations are appreciated.

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



Kids Pantry Canteens

SIPS

- Flavoured Milk \$3.00
- Juice \$2.00
- Juice Bomb \$5.00
- 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 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

- Beef 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 (5) \$5.50
- Sauce \$0.50
- Cutlery \$0.50

PIZZA

Tomato OR BBQ base

- Garlic and Cheese \$5.50
- Hawaiian \$4.50
- Margarita \$5.50 (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

- Garden Salad \$4.00
- Caesar Salad \$5.00
- Greek Salad \$5.00
- Add Chicken \$2.00
- Dressing \$0.50


FROZEN BITES

- Frozen Juice Cup \$2.00 (V)
- Ice Many \$2.00 (V)
- Moosie \$2.00
- Quelch Stick \$1.20 (V)
- Smoothie Bite \$0.50 (V)
- Snap Stix \$2.00 (V)
- Twisted Frozen Yoghurt \$2.50
- Vanilla Ice Cream Cup \$2.00 (V)




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- Vegetarian
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4. ORDER

To start ordering lunches simply select your Student and click "Buy Now", and you can order for the day, week. It's that simple!




5. CHECKOUT

Once you have completed your order, view your order summary in the "cart" and proceed to "checkout". Select your preferred form of payment and submit, all orders are confirmed via email.








NOTE ON PAID ORDERS

Note that only paid orders will be sent to your canteen, not those still sitting in your cart. To start ordering lunches simply select your Student and click "Buy Now", and you can order for the day, week. It's that simple!



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Register on any device, simply login to www.myschoolconnect.com.au and click on "Create Account", follow the prompts to add your email and password.



2. ADD YOUR STUDENT

And make sure that you select your school and classroom details.



3. SELECT "TOP UP"

To add money to your account via Credit Card or Paypal, you can choose Direct Deposit but allow 3-5 working days to process prior to ordering. You can also pay as you go, simply skip the pop up screen for adding funds and start ordering.

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Uniforms – Back to Basics

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Our Website

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Saturday - 9:00AM to 12:00PM

Our stores will be closed from December 21st 2022 and will reopen on January 4th 2023

JANUARY TRADING HOURS 2023

Monday to Friday - 8:00AM to 5:00PM
(Closed Australia Day - Thursday 26th of January)

Saturdays 9AM - 3PM	SAT 7 TH	SAT 14 TH	SAT 21 ST	SAT 28 TH
Sundays 10AM - 1PM	SUN 8 TH	SUN 15 TH	SUN 22 ND	SUN 29 TH

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2023

30.08.2023	Stage 3 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Boys – Clontarf Visit at school
31.08.2023	Blue Mountains Nepean Dance Festival - Rehearsal
01.09.2023	Pop Up Father's Day Stall – P & C
01.09.2023	Years K-2 Assembly – Hosted by Class Apollo in the hall at 9:30am
04.09.2023	Blue Mountains Nepean Dance Festival - Evening Performance
06.09.2023	Stage 1 Excursion – Sydney Zoo
06.09.2023	Interschool Chess Challenge Semifinals
06.09.2023	Maths Olympiad & Maths Game Challenge
07.09.2023	Kindergarten Excursion – Calmsley Hill City Farm
08.09.2023	Years 3-6 Assembly - Hosted by Class Byzantine in the hall at 9:30am
08/09/2023	Blue Mountains Nepean Dance Festival - Matinee Performance
13.09.2023	K-2 Athletics Carnival – 10:45am – 1:20pm
15.09.2023	Award Booklets Due for the Term 3 Week 10 Principal's Assembly
20.09.2023	K-2 Public Speaking Presentation Assembly - in the Hall
22.09.2023	Principal's Assembly Term 3 Week 10
22.09.2023	School Fun Run – P & C Fundraiser
22.09.2023	Last Day of Term 3
09.10.2023	Term 4 Commences – All Staff & Students return to school
16.10.2023	Open Classrooms Stage 2 - 9:30am to 11am
20.10.2023	Years 3-6 Assembly – Hosted by Class Babylon in the hall at 9:30am
27.10.2023	Years K-2 Assembly – Hosted by Class Triassic in the hall at 9:30am
31.10.2023	Open Classrooms Stage 1 - 9:30am to 11am

03.11.2023	Award Booklets Due for the Term 4 Week 5 Principal's Assembly
03.11.2023	Years 3-6 Assembly – Hosted by Class Willandra in the hall at 9:30am
06.11.2023	Stage 3 Overnight Excursion – Leaving 06.11.2023
09.11.2023	Stage 3 Overnight Excursion – students return
10.11.2023	Principal's Assembly Term 4 Week 5
15.11.2023	Year 6 Fun Day
16.11.2023	Open Classrooms Kindergarten – 9:30am to 11am
17.11.2023	Years 3-6 Assembly – Hosted by Class Neolithic in the hall at 9:30am
27.11.2023	Open Classrooms Stage 3 – 9:30am to 11am
28.11.2023	Cambridge Gardens In-School Chess Tournament
01.12.2023	Award Booklets Due for the final Principal's Assembly
01.12.2023	Years K-2 Assembly – Hosted by Class Waterloo in the hall at 9:30am
06.12.2023	Christmas Picnic
08.12.2023	Final Principal's Assembly for 2023
11.12.2023	Year 6 Farewell – Penrith Panthers Leagues Club
12.12.2023	Christmas Coin Day Count Off-Dress Up – P & C
13.12.2023	Presentation Day
15.12.2023	Last Day of Term 4 – Students only
18.12.2023	Staff Development Day – Staff only
19.12.2023	Staff Development Day – Staff only

2024

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