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JUNE WRAP-UP

What a great and exciting month we have enjoyed at Cambridge Gardens Public School with our students excelling and exciting activities filling our calendar.

P&C Donations

A big thank you to our P&C and parent community. Earlier in the month as part of our June meeting, the P&C donated funds to both the Gardening Club and the Library. Mr Burke set up a wish list with our students and they were very excited with the new additions to our library.



We will share the purchases from the Gardening Club next month!

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Student Reports Semester 1

Tomorrow, student reports will be issued to our parents. Your children will bring them home in an envelope. If you require an electronic copy emailed to you please contact the front office on 0247301201. A huge shout out to our teachers who have worked very hard to provide parents with clear information pertaining to your child's achievement and progress in Semester 1. We would expect that the information in your child's report is consistent with what was discussed with you at parent-teacher interviews or in other correspondence with your child's teacher. As you know, the Department of Education has this year made changes to reporting policy and requirements and as a school we are working to adapt to these. We will be sending out a survey before the end of the term to see how you as parents find these reports. If you would like to meet with your child's teacher to discuss your child's report please contact the front office who will organise a time for you.

NAPLAN

The school will be receiving student NAPLAN reports in the coming weeks which we will issue to parents of Year 3 and Year 5 students. We will let you know on the Parent Portal when they will be issued once they have arrived into the school.

Student Voice Forum

A huge congratulations to Leeson and Paityn for their amazing participation and leadership in the Cambridge Park Network Student Voice Forum! It is so excellent that they are part of a group who discuss issues and questions from the Metropolitan North Student Voice Forum and feedback their ideas and learnings. The focus of the Term 2 Forum was racism. We are excited that our school will be hosting the forum in Term 3.

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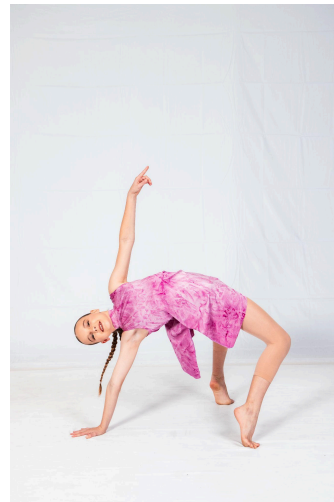


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Synergy Dance Festival

A big congratulations to Charli for her selection and performance as part of the Synergy Dance Festival. I enjoyed a great night watching Charli's performance in representing our school and Sydney West at Panthers.



Wriggling into Sustainability!

Relaxation class is excited to introduce their newest classroom pets - a busy little worm farm! The children have been learning how to care for the worms using leftover fruit and veggie scraps from Crunch & Sip. It's a fun and hands-on way to explore sustainability, reduce food waste, and see how these tiny creatures help turn our scraps into nutrient-rich soil. The kids are loving their wiggly friends and discovering just how helpful worms can be!

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School Learning Support Officer

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Play + French Knitting Fun!

A very popular Play + activity this term has been French Knitting! This calming and creative activity has captured the interest of many students, offering a wonderful way to unwind during recess and lunch. French knitting helps children develop important fine motor skills, while also building patience, focus, and concentration. It's a rewarding challenge that teaches persistence and creativity as students learn a new skill. The kids have been proudly producing long, rat-tail-like pieces of knitting, many of which are being worn as fun, skinny scarves!

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Debating

Our Year 5 and Year 6 debating teams each had two debates this month, the first of which was against St Mary's North Public School. The Year 5 team, consisting of Parnika Aanugu, Kyra Sutton, Isla Reece-Brown and Maya Christie had the topic that every class in primary school should adopt a dog or a cat as a class pet and were the affirmative team for this debate. Their arguments included that it would teach students responsibility and that it would give them creative inspiration for writing tasks. They debated brilliantly for their first ever debate and won. The Year 6 team, consisting of Rhema Agianaku, Matilda Hudson, Shanmukh Govada, Camille Ding and Hannah Garrard. Their topic against St Mary's North Public School was that we should ban all homework in primary school and they were the negative team. Their arguments included that students need to do homework in order to prepare themselves for high school and that it would teach students responsibility. They did a great job but unfortunately, they lost the debate.

The Year 5 team's second debate was at Oxley Park Public School where the topic was that we should never allow any primary school-aged person to have or use money. They were the negative team for the debate and their arguments included that they will waste their parents' money instead and that learning how to use money will prepare them for their future. Unfortunately, due to the adjudicator not turning up, we are still awaiting the result after we filmed the debate and sent it to the adjudicator to make their judgment.

The Year 6 team's second debate was at Llandilo Public School and the topic was that all schools should do jobs in the canteen supervised by teachers. They were the negative team and their arguments included that the kindergarten students would be too young and not be able to do it properly and kids should be able to enjoy their recess and lunch times. They made great improvements from the first debate but unfortunately did not come away with the win.

Mr James Kristof

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Sydney Zoo Excursion – A Wildly Wonderful Day!

On Monday 23rd June, students from Class Workout, Wellness, Hydration and Active had an unforgettable day at **Sydney Zoo**!

The zoo was full of excitement, especially in the morning when many animals were being fed. Students loved seeing the animals up close and were full of questions and conversation about what they saw, from playful meerkats to towering giraffes. There was so much to explore and enjoy.

A highlight of the day was attending the **Bungarabee Dreaming Workshop**, a First Nations cultural experience. Students listened respectfully and enthusiastically as they learnt about Aboriginal culture, Dreaming stories, and the importance of Australian animals in traditional life.

It was a fantastic day of learning, laughter, and unforgettable moments with friends and teachers.



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8-12 years Athletics Carnival

We held our athletics carnival for 8-12 year olds on Thursday 12th June at Harold Corr Oval. It was a beautiful day with the sun shining brightly. We commenced with Discus just after 8 am and then students participated in Long Jump, Shot Put and varied running race distances. We even managed to squeeze in some relays!!

A big thank you to the helpers from Cranebrook High, their hard work was appreciated. Thank you also to Mr Dearie, Mr Kristof, Mr Sargeant and Mr Attard for coming down to the field early and helping to set up.

Results are being tallied and nominations being finalised for the Zone carnival which is on August 20th. Successful nominees will be notified closer to the date. Ribbons and medallions resulting from the carnival will be handed out next term.

Thanks to all the students for giving their all and making the day a memorable one for us all!

Mrs Nelson

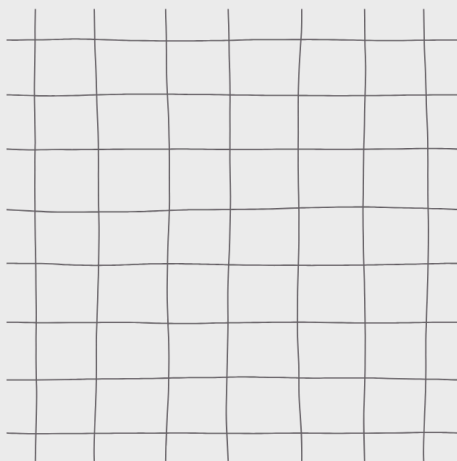
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Graduates



Christian Faull



Louis Bernacki-Brown



Mrs Latter

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Multicultural Public Speaking

This term, our Stage 2 and 3 students participated in a state-wide Multicultural Perspectives Public Speaking Competition. The topics were based on themes of multiculturalism and Australia. Stage 2 and 3 students worked hard in class to plan and write a speech about a topic they selected. All Stage 2 and 3 students presented a speech to their class in Week 4 of this term, and two students from each class were then selected to present their speech at our school level final in the hall on Wednesday 28th May.

All students read with pride and were clear, confident and expressive. Two students from Stage 2 (Violet Gibbons & Lily Noonan) and 2 students from Stage 3 (Assil El-Ali & Olivia Wilkinson) were selected to represent our school in the local final. Those 4 students then went and presented in the local finals where Lily Noonan won and now moves on to the next round. Lily will now be presenting her speech and an impromptu speech in the regional finals on Thursday 28th August, 2025 at The Arts Unit at Lewisham. We wish her the best of luck and we know she will do our school proud.

A big thank you to Mr Whiteside and Mr Attard in the organisation of the Multicultural Public Speaking Competition. Well done to all the students who presented at our school final and local final, and a big congratulations to Lily!

Mr Hunter

NAIDOC Cup

All Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students attended NAIDOC Cup on Friday 27th June. NAIDOC Cup celebrations and sport activities were shared with many other schools in the Penrith network. The day began with a smoking ceremony and some fantastic sharing of Aboriginal dance. Older students were then divided into Netball and Oz tag teams, where friendly and challenging skills were displayed. A large number of sport games were participated in with all students displaying good sportsmanship and enjoyment. The junior students were engaged in cultural activities where they learnt some Aboriginal dance moves, painting techniques and story lines as well as discovering some of the tools and uses of Aboriginal and Torres Strait artefacts.

All participants were treated to a wonderful array of culinary delights which included fresh fruits, sausage and steak sandwiches and sweet juicy corn on the cob. A fun and engaging day was shared by all students and every child was presented with a cultural bucket hat as a memory of this great event.

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Mrs Antonelli



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Panther Trophy

On Wednesday 25th June, we had 3 teams of students take part in the Panther Trophy. We had a Junior team coached by Mr Sargeant and Mr Hunter, a Senior Boys team coached by Mr Whiteside and our very first Senior Girls team coached by Mr Attard. All students participated brilliantly and each team came away with wins on the day. The junior team were undefeated all day, only conceding one try. The senior boys and senior girls teams had a mixed bag of results with both wins and losses. A huge thank you to the teachers who organised the day and the training sessions in the lead up to the Panther Trophy. We are very proud of our students, on both their football skills and their behaviour on the day. Well done everyone!



Rugby League Knockouts PSSA

On Thursday 26th June, we had our Senior Rugby League team participate in the PSSA Rugby League Knockouts. They were playing against Schofield Public School who have over 1000 students! Our boys all played a fantastic game, and it went into extra time. Unfortunately we did not come away with the win but Mr Whiteside, Mr Attard and all the players should be very proud of their efforts. Well done guys!

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Mr Whiteside

Netball Gala Day

On Tuesday 24th June, we had 80 students attend the netball Try Day. This is a non competitive event looking at providing students with the opportunity to play a sport that they may not have had the chance to play before. The students went down to Jamison Park Netball courts with Mrs Nelson, Miss Szmytka, Mr Dearie, Mr Kristof, Mrs Latter, Mr Attard, Miss Robertson and Mrs Antonelli. A big thank you to the teachers and to Mr Dearie for organising a fantastic event, and well done to all the students who had a go at netball. The next Try Day is on Tuesday 12th August and it's soccer. We can't wait!

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Mr Dearie

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Stop Cyberbullying Day

Friday 20th June was International Stop Cyberbullying Day. We celebrated at school by encouraging students to wear purple. Throughout the week Mr Burke completed lessons in the library about cyber safety and keeping yourself and others safe while learning and playing online. On Friday, all classes participated in activities and had conversations about what cyberbullying is and what we can do to stop it.



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Snail Trail

What a fantastic day!

We had so much fun hosting our Snail Trail on Thursday 26th of June. Thanks to our wonderful students and community for supporting Year 6 once again! Each class did a great job working together building their trails. A big shout out to the Year 5 and 6 students who helped our younger classes build their trails. Congratulations to class Relaxation and class Kalium for making the longest trails!

Mr Tate will be in touch with the winning classes to organise the parties with your special lunches!

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Mr Tate