

# Cambridge Gardens Public School

*Innovation, Excellence, Connections & Fun*

## Welcome to Class Wallis

My name is Braiden Whiteside and I will be your child's classroom teacher for Year 4 in 2024. I have been at Cambridge Gardens for 2 years and I am excited for our learning and fun ahead. At home, I am the proud owner of a cheeky sausage dog named Marvel and an even cheekier cat named Loki, who bring so much joy and laughter to my life. In addition to my love for animals, I am a passionate supporter of the Wests Tigers in the NRL and love all things Marvel and Star Wars related. Sports hold a special place in my heart and I enjoy playing and following various sports. My favourite sport is Oz-tag, which I'm fully qualified to coach and referee. While I enjoy teaching all subjects, my favourites are Mathematics and PDHPE.

Our class name will be called 'Wallis', named after the English Mathematician John Wallis. John Wallis contributed substantially to the origins of calculus and was the most influential English mathematician before Isaac Newton. He was also responsible for the invention and introduced the infinity symbol. This symbol found use in treating a series of squares of indivisibles.

My aim is to support your child in their educational journey by fostering an environment that values respect, encourages taking learning risks and welcomes the exchange of critical thinking and creative ideas. In our classroom, our goal is to consistently embody safe, respectful, proud learning. Throughout 2024 in Class Wallis, numerous chances will arise to embody and showcase these principles. Collectively, we will endeavour to achieve our individual learning goals in various subjects, bringing pride to ourselves, our families and our school. To help us achieve our goals, I will be using a variety of positive reward systems in the classroom such as class awards, Caught You Being Good tickets and the class Dojo reward system.

Classrooms are dynamic environments and it's crucial for students to be well-prepared for daily learning. Kindly ensure that your child arrives ready to engage in learning. During our Class Wallis morning session, we'll have our Crunch and Sip time. I highly recommend that students bring fruits, vegetables, or water daily to enjoy during this period.

As you know our school develops and maintains dynamic, purposeful partnerships that foster our children's learning. With this in mind, please feel free to contact me about any concerns regarding your child. I am available for discussion face-to-face or via telephone either after school or by appointment before school.

Warm regards,  
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