**Upcoming Events:**

- Fri 30 October — PSSA Sport, PBL Assembly — Redbacks
- Mon 2 November — Kindergarten Orientation
- Fri 6 November — PSSA Sport, PBL Assembly — Tasmanian Devils
- Wed 11 November — Year 6 Fete
- Fri 13 November — PSSA Sport
- Wed 18 November — Preschool Orientation, Summer PSSA Ends
- Mon 23 November — Christmas Concert Matinee 12pm
- Tue 24 November — Christmas Concert Matinee 12 pm and Night 6pm
- Tue 1 December — Aboriginal Student Recognition Night
- Wed 2 December — Preschool Graduation and Christmas Party
- Thurs 3 December — High School Orientation, Year 6 Farewell
- Fri 4 December — Great Soaking Blast
- Tues 8 December — Extra-Curricular Assembly

**Delay in Delivery of Bronze Stars**

Parents, our shipment of Bronze Stars has been delayed and as a result we don’t have any to give out at Friday’s assembly. We did order these during the second half of last term but because they come from China they can take up to 6 weeks to get to us. In this instance they have been held up in customs. As a result this week’s assembly will be a Silver and Gold Assembly only. If you have made special arrangements to be here this Friday to see your child get their Bronze Award and would still like them to be presented with their Bronze Certificate this week please make contact with the school to let us know so we can include them in the assembly. Otherwise we will hold off on handing out the Bronze Certificates until the Bronze Stars arrive. Thank you for your understanding in this matter.

**Review of Level System**

As discussed in the consultative group meeting last week, I will be holding a review meeting for parents about our current PBL Level System (Bronze, Silver, Gold etc.) I invite any interested parent to join me in the staffroom on 12th November at 9:15 to discuss the system and make recommendations for improvement. Hopefully with your input we can develop a reward system that meets everyone’s needs and expectations.

**Helping Hands - Out of School Hours Care (OOSH)**

Thank you to those people that attended Tuesday’s information session about our new OOSH for 2016. I believe this will be an excellent service for our school and am very pleased to have Helping Hands join us to serve your needs. I know there are many parents who currently use another OOSH service who may be concerned about pulling out of that service and potentially losing their place if our service doesn’t take off. I want to reassure you that when I did the original survey I had around 80 positive responses to that survey and I am very confident that Helping Hands will be with us well into the future. I believe their fees are very competitive and because it will be an onsite service, the children will not have to be transported by bus to the OOSH centre. Furthermore the current service has to make up to 3 runs to pick up all the children from school because the bus they use can’t accommodate all of the students at once. This means that some children are waiting after school for 30 minutes each day. Our teachers supervise them during that time to keep them safe but I’m sure you would rather your child be able to get into their afternoon activities straight after school. I am more than happy to take any inquires about the OOSH service.

Mrs Binns
Principal
**Preschool News**

The Frogs and Joeys have been very excited to visit the school library. We met Mrs Thompson, the Teacher Librarian. She showed us how we can watch a story on the white board, *The Gruffalo’s Child*, which the children listened intently to. Mrs Thompson also taught us to use the book marks when taking a book from the shelf so we know where to return it, and we were able to colour a small picture too.

If your child is attending a school other than Cambridge Park and they have a sibling that attended that school would you be willing to donate a uniform item for the dressup area at preschool. The children are very excited to be able to wear a uniform like they will in kindy. Also if you have a spare pair of small black school shoes to donate it would help complete the experience.

We would also appreciate donations of Christmas craft decorations/items that the children can be creative with.

Don’t forget our Graduation/Christmas party is on Wednesday 2nd Dec at 9:45am in the school hall. Children need to have hair done in low styles to accommodate the graduation hat. We will have tables set up at the sides of the hall for you to put a plate of food to share at the Christmas party. Please be mindful of allergens when bringing food to school to share. As per our school’s policy please ensure a list of ingredients is included.

Thank you for you donations and assistance in these matters,

Preschool Educators

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**Kindy Farm Visit**

Kindergarten had a wonderful day at Calmsley Hill City farm last Thursday. Although the weather did eventually turn into grey skies and rain we did get most of the activities completed before hand. We had a great time learning about all of the animals, their habitats and farm life in general.

The tractor ride was the highlight of the day and all of the children were happy to have their turn. Mrs Sanders was fantastic at whip cracking and we really enjoyed watching the sheep shearing.

The students have since written some wonderful recounts of their day.

Mrs VanCuylenberg
Kindergarten Supervisor
XO KIDSMEET

Congratulations to Taine, Ella, Samantha, Clayden and Cody who have been selected to as new XO mechanics. These students are being trained to service and maintain the XO fleet at our school, with 550 machines, this is a big job!

On Monday 19th October, 3 of these new XO mechanics visited Madang Avenue Primary School to collaborate and share with students from across Western Sydney. Students participated in round table discussions on how XO’s are being used in schools, were challenged in changing an XO keyboard and connecting to the internet as well as meeting others who were discovering the different uses of XO Laptops and working together to create a mind map on their XO’s to share with the group. Mrs Spyr learnt about new programs available on the XO’s to support our students learning.

The students proved to be outstanding XO mechanics, often supporting students from other schools to achieve group tasks. I am extremely proud of all our XO mechanics and their tireless work in supporting their peers in using their XO Laptops.

Mrs Spyr

Computer Co-ordinator

Stage 1 News

This term is turning out to be a very busy one. All classes at Cambridge Park Public School are busy rehearsing for the school concert and finishing off assessment tasks while the teachers are beginning to write the end of year school reports.

The children are getting very excited about the ‘Great Soaking Blast’ planned for the end of the year for all students Bronze or above. If you believe your child has missed out on a PBL award please send your child’s tokens and awards back to your class teacher for checking.

All class teachers are struggling with lost property. Please check your child’s clothes and other school items are labelled clearly so that they can be returned to their rightful owner quickly. There are many jumpers, hats and even toys in lost property. Please check if you are missing some items. All unclaimed property will be sent to Stewart House at the end of the year.

Also, please remember to return library books regularly as the class teachers and Mrs Thompson are looking for the best borrowers in 2015. Thank you for your ongoing support this year.

Mrs Copeland
Year 2 Supervisor

Mrs MacKinnon
Year 1 Supervisor

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Stage 3 Newsletter

Dates:
2nd November – return Expression of Interest in School Leadership positions to class teachers
9th November – speeches for House Captains
11th November – Year 6 Fete
19th November – speeches for leadership positions
3rd December – High School Orientation and Year 6 Farewell
4th December – Great Soaking Blast
9th December – Leaders/Graduation Assembly
11th December – Big Day Out

Please note: The year 6 farewell is a formal occasion to recognise and celebrate our students completing primary school. It is NOT an occasion to spend huge amounts of money on fancy cars and clothes. Students should come dressed in clean and neat attire, appropriate to their age. No excessive high heels, suits or elaborate make-up/hair styles are required.

We thank you for your cooperation.

PBL Assembly: Stage 3 have been making Christmas items during craft this term and will be selling them as a Year 6 fundraiser before the PBL assemblies. These items will cost from $2.

Year 6 Fete: Students should be organised for their stall/activity for the fete. If you have any questions, please see the year 6 teacher.

Mrs Hines
Stage 3 Supervisor

Public Speaking Competition

Congratulations to Brock and Cody for attending the local cluster final of the Penrith Public Speaking Competition at Werrington County Public Speaking Competition on 19th October. Both boys should be very proud of themselves on an extraordinary effort against some extremely tough competition. Well done boys!!!

Mrs Foord
Organising Teacher

Anaphylaxis and Us

As mentioned in previous newsletters we have several children and staff members at our school who are anaphylactic. If you are sending food to school to be shared with other children eg: birthday cakes or cakes for sale, please be very careful to read the ingredients and ensure that they do not contain peanuts, tree nuts and nut products. Some of our children are also allergic to eggs and milk.

Please also send in the packet ingredients so that we can check them for ourselves.

Other ways to support us to keep everyone safe are:
1. Talk to your children about allergies and how serious they can be for some people so they must not ever share their food with other children. Its not mean to not share food its keeping people safe.
2. Discuss how important it is to wash hands before and after eating so that food allergens don’t get transferred onto other people or their food.

Thank you for working with us to keep our children safe.

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For your convenience when your child is absent from school please complete the note below and return to your child’s teacher.

**ABSENCE EXPLANATION NOTE**

STUDENT’S NAME .......................................................... CLASS ......................

DATES OF ABSENCE ....................................................

REASON ..................................................................................

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PARENT/CAREGIVER’S NAME ..................................................

SIGNED .................................................................. DATE ..........................