Upcoming Events:

- Tue 5 May — The Protectors Performance K-6
- Wed 6 May — Mothers Day Stall Life Education Centre -Kindergarten
- Thurs 7 May — NAPLAN Information Session
- Fri 8 May — PBL Assembly—Koalas 2pm Penrith District Cross Country Carnival
- Mon 11 May — Life Education - Support Stage 2 Excursion
- Tue 12 May — Life Education Year 1 NAPLAN Years 3 & 5
- Wed 13 May — Life Education Year 2 NAPLAN Years 3 & 5 Stage 2 Excursion
- Thurs 14 May — NAPLAN Years 3 & 5
- Fri 15 May — Winter PSSA Sport starts
- Fri 21 May — PBL Assembly—Wallabies

Term 1 Progress Reports for students in Years 1 to 6

On Friday this week you will receive a brief report on your child’s progress in literacy and numeracy in Term 1. It will give you an overview of what your child is able to do and what you might do at home to help your child move on to the next level of achievement. You will receive another progress report at the end of Term 3. We have introduced this change to provide you with more regular updates about how your children are moving and improving in their learning. In addition to the progress reports the regular Half-yearly and Yearly Reports will continue to be sent home as normal. Parent teacher interviews will also be conducted early in Term 3.

NAPLAN 12th to 14th May

Students in Years 3 & 5 will sit the National Assessment Program for Literacy and Numeracy in week four of this term as follows:

- Language Conventions and Writing Tuesday 12th May
- Reading Wednesday 13th May
- Numeracy Thursday 14th May

Catch up day for students who missed the assessments as listed on Friday 15th May.

We try to keep this process low key at our school because we don’t want students to become too anxious or overwhelmed. If your child appears to be distressed or worried about NAPLAN just reassure them that they will be okay and that in the big scheme of things the assessment results are more for the teachers than they are for the students. The results tell us what we need to work on as a school – they are not about the success or failure of individual children.

School Breakfast Club to Launch in Week 4

As you know a good breakfast is the foundation of good learning. We want our children to have the very best start to each and every day at school. We now have most things in place to launch our school breakfast club and we are hoping it will be ready to go in week 4 in time to coincide with NAPLAN. It will run in the hall each morning before school. I am looking for people to support the running of the club. You need not be involved every day but perhaps you could spare 30 minutes 1 day a week. If you are able to help out please complete the tear-off clip in this newsletter and return it to Mrs Sirmais as soon as possible.
**Kindy News**

Welcome back to term 2. We are looking forward to another term of learning and building relationships within our community. Remember that all Kindergarten teachers are willing to discuss any matters of concern with you and really appreciate any information that may have an effect on your child’s development. We do ask though that you see us at any time other than the morning assemblies as our focus at this time is to get our students ready to be active learners in the classroom.

Next week we have Life Education Centre visits for students in K-2 and Support. Kindergarten will be attending on Wednesday the 6th May, so please ensure you have your payment back before Tuesday 5 May. The Life Education program is a valuable part of our PDHPE program and we would like to have as many students attend as possible.

As the days get colder students are wearing more jumpers etc to school. Please ensure that they are clearly labelled so they can be returned to your child if they are misplaced. Hats are also a compulsory part of the school uniform and need to be brought to school every day.

Home readers and sight words are now coming home and can be returned each week to be changed. You can make games with the sight words such as snap or play the memory game. Try not to overwhelm your child with too many words at once and maybe focus on the first 5 and then the next 5. If you have any questions or require further information please don’t hesitate to see your child’s teacher.

Mrs L VanCuylenberg  
Kindergarten Supervisor

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**Anaphylaxis and Us**

As mentioned in the previous newsletter 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.

Mrs C Binns  
Principal
Stage 1 News

Here we are back and busy already in Term 2 of the school year. We hope you all had a relaxing and enjoyable school break and are ready for a busy and productive term. This term will be a busy one with rich learning and assessment tasks in preparation for our Semester 1 reports and interviews early Term 3.

We would also like to take this opportunity to welcome the new families that have joined us at Cambridge Park. We hope you settle in quickly and please know we are available if any questions arise.

In English, Year 1 students will be continuing with L3. The program supports the students reading and writing skills.

In Mathematics, all Year 1 and 2 students will be continuing with TEN. A program designed to develop their skills in Mathematics.

In Science the students will be studying the ‘Physical World’.

In (HSIE) Human Society and Its Environment the students will be studying ‘Transport’.

Autumn is now upon us and very soon the days will be cold. Please ensure your child has a labelled jumper or jacket as well as their hat in their bag so that they are prepared for the colder weather.

We look forward to seeing the Koalas perform their class assembly item Friday 8 May and parents of Wallabies please add Friday 22 May to your diaries for your child’s assembly item. This term the assembly has changed back to the afternoon sessions.

An invitation for all K-2 students and Support students to attend Life Education has been sent home earlier this week. Kindergarten students will be attending on Wednesday, 6th May, Support students Monday 11th May, Year 1 students Tuesday 12th May and Year 2 students Wednesday 13th May.

All students are able to purchase merchandise to help support Life Education. Students who wish to purchase merchandise need to have the correct money in a clearly marked envelope with the child’s name, class and items to be purchased written on the front. A display of the merchandise available is in the school foyer.

Please remember that we are always available if you have any questions. If you need to speak with your child’s teacher about any concerns please contact the office to make an appointment.

Mrs L MacKinnon
Year 1 Supervisor

Mrs M Copeland
Year 2 Supervisor
Stage 2 News

Welcome back to Term 2 everyone! We have a very busy term this term. In class, students will be studying the units Heating Up in Science and Technology and British Colonisation of Australia in HSIE. In English, students are continuing to learn about exposition writing and The Power of the Pen.

In Week 4, Year 3 students will be sitting a series of NAPLAN tests. As a result, all Year 3 students that have paid for the Elizabeth Farm/Old Government House excursion will be attending on Monday 11th May. All Year 4 students that paid for the excursion will attend on Wednesday 13th May.

PSSA is starting in Week 4. The PSSA winter sports are netball, soccer and rugby league.

Mrs E Bell
Stage 2 Supervisor

Stage 3 News

Year 5 OC Placements
The application process for Year 5 Opportunity Class placement in 2016 is about to begin. Important dates are as follows:
Monday 27 April 2015: Online applications open
Friday 15 May 2015: Online applications close
Tuesday 19 May 2015: Principals’ processing site opens
Friday 5 June 2015: Principals’ processing site closes
Wednesday 22 July 2015: Opportunity Class Placement Test

Parents will be able to access the online application at www.schools.nsw.edu.au/ocplacement>.

Stage 3 Camp Permission Notes
The Great Aussie Camp notes have been distributed this week. Please complete the permission to attend and pay a deposit by Thursday 7 May to reserve your child’s placement.

Total cost is $355 and needs to be paid by Wednesday 24 June.

Mrs J Hines
Stage 3 supervisor

Term 2 Homework
Stage 3 homework will be in contract form this term. Activities will include Reading, Writing and Maths, and other tasks to consolidate classroom learning. We have included some creative tasks as well. Teachers are hoping all students attempt sections of the homework contract.

Public Speaking Competition
Students have been invited to join a Public Speaking competition. Ms Foord will be working with students during lunchtime on Mondays to build content and presentation skills. Please encourage your child to attend.

Stomp Hip Hop Dance Group
Stage 3 boys have been invited to participate in a Hip Hop dance group as part of the high school transition program. Please see Mrs Hines if you are interested.

Opportunities for all students to nurture their talents and develop their interests
Preschool News
Welcome back! Term 2 brings a new routine to the day. We play inside first now while we wait for the sun to warm up and dry out our playground then we play outside after lunch. We still need to wear our hats, legionnaire hats are best, and sunscreen every day (we put this on after lunch before we go outside) and have water in our water bottles. Don’t forget a change of clothes in case we get wet or dirty too. Don’t forget to look on the yellow benches and the noticeboard for parent information. We welcome your suggestions and any donations.

Assessment and Rating
Currently our preschool is undertaking the Quality Improvement Process which is a self-assessment and evaluation of our preschools current practices, strengths and areas to improve upon. If you have any ideas or suggestions on improving our preschool please place them in our suggestion box in the foyer of the preschool.

ANZAC Day at Preschool
We talked about ANZAC Day being a day to remember all the soldiers who protect our country so that we can feel safe and remembering the ones that have passed, seeing Poppy Park and the ANZAC Day Parade. We ate ANZAC biscuits together. The Joeys made poppies and put them in a pot like the poppies in Poppy Park that some of the children have visited with their families. The Frogs made a poster of poppies in a field.

We will remember them. Lest we forget.
Thank you
Preschool Educators
Family Consultative Group
As you are aware our school seeks to gain feedback from our families on the programs we run at the school and on how we can improve various areas of the school. Our Family Consultative Group is an opportunity where parents can chat in a group with Mrs Binns and Mrs Sirmais about these topics in an informal environment where everyone’s opinions are welcomed.

The meetings run alternate mornings and afternoon to enable all who are interested to attend. Our next consultation group will be held on Wednesday 20th May (please note the change of date from the school calendar) at 9am in the staffroom. All are welcomed and encouraged to attend.

We value your thoughts and suggestions.

Reminder: NAPLAN Information session for parents
On Thursday 7th May 2015 we will be conducting our NAPLAN information session for families at 2pm. This is a great opportunity to get a better understanding of NAPLAN and its purpose. There will also be an opportunity to see what a report looks like and how to interpret the results.

If you would like to attend the NAPLAN Information session for families please fill out the slip below and return to the school by Wednesday 6th May 2015.

Breakfast Club
Our school has partnered with some local community groups to implement a Breakfast Club program at our school. The Breakfast club will run Monday-Friday from 8:30am – 9am and will commence in week 4.

We are organising a roster for volunteers to help in the breakfast from 8:15am -9:15am, if you would like to assist our school in the running of the breakfast club please fill out the slip below and return to the front office by Monday 4th May 2015.

Mother’s Day Stall
The school’s Mothers Day stall will be held on Wednesday 6th May. Gifts will range from $1.00 - $10.00 and on this day children will be limited to buy one gift only and additional gifts can be purchased the following day Thursday 7th May depending on availability of remaining gifts.

Donations of gifts to contribute towards our Mother’s Day stall are greatly appreciated these could include; craft, soaps, candles or anything that you would like to donate would be wonderful. These can be placed in a box in our schools’ front office.

If you would like to assist on the day please fill out the form below and return to the front office at the school by Friday 1st May, 2015.

We would like to thank all our volunteers who have assisted in organising the stall and wrapping gifts on behalf of the school.

Mrs D Sirmais
Community Partnerships Officer
Cambridge Park Public School

We are currently receiving donations from Bakers Delight St Marys, Foodbank NSW and OZ Harvest. We are sincerely grateful to these organisations for their support of our school.
Anzac Story

You know not only soldiers went to war. Animals went as well. Animals carried messages, supplies and they carried people.

Brave animals received a special reward – it was called the Dickin Medal. This Dickin medal was issued to
32 Pigeons
18 Dogs
4 Horses and
a Cat.

One of those who was awarded the Dicken medal for bravery was No. 879: D'D: 43: Q.

Q was a male carrier pigeon, part of 1 Australian Pigeon Section. In 1944, he was sent to assist the United States forces trying to recapture Manus Island north of New Guinea.

A small group of soldiers was sent to investigate reports that enemy troops were preparing for a counter attack near the village of Drabito. The soldiers headed off through the dense jungle with a radio and a basket of pigeons, one of whom was Q. Just outside the village they confirmed that the reports were correct; many enemy soldiers were camped nearby, preparing for a major attack. As the soldiers were heading back to base with their news, they were spotted by the enemy soldiers. A fight broke out and the soldiers needed help, but their radio no longer worked.

Time for Pigeon Power.

One after another the pigeons were released, with messages calling for help rolled up in tiny canisters on their legs, but each pigeon was spotted by the enemy soldiers and shot down.

Our soldiers were in great danger. They were surrounded by the enemy. It was all up to Q; could he get the vital message through? Brave little Q was sent skywards. The soldiers knew he was their last chance for rescue. Up, up, up he flew, but suddenly, as he broke through into the clear sky, the sounds of gunshots rang out. "Come on. Come on. Little buddy", the soldiers were thinking.

Higher and higher he spiralled, changing course quickly and avoiding the enemy's gunfire. Within minutes he was out of range and away safely on his very important rescue mission. He flew the 48 kilometres back to base in 47 minutes and as a result, help was sent and the patrol was saved.
20th April 2015

CAMBRIDGE PARK PUBLIC SCHOOL
35 Oxford St,
Cambridge Park NSW 2747

The School Photographer Re-Order Photos

Please find below, a list of all the sports/special photographs. If you wish to order you may collect an order envelope as well as view the display samples at the school.

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Payment options –
: Enclose cash in the envelope provided.
: Credit Card payments can be made Online through our website (www.theschoolphotographer.com.au), please record your ORDER NUMBER on the envelope provided.

Return to your school by **25th May 2015**

*Please note if payments are not received before photos are sent to the school, a late fee of $5 will be incurred.*
Opportunities for all students to nurture their talents and develop their interests
Breakfast Club Support
Yes I can help with CPPS Breakfast Club on the following mornings for 30 minutes from 8:25 am.
Please circle your availability.
Monday    Tuesday    Wednesday    Thursday    Friday

Name:_________________________________ Telephone Number_______________________________

Child’s Name and Class___________________________________________
____________________________________
Signature

NAPLAN Information Session for families
Return to the school office by Wednesday 6th May, 2015.

I ________________________would like to attend the NAPLAN Information Session for families on Thursday 7th May 2015 at 2pm

Contact number _________________________________ (optional)

MOTHER'S DAY STALL VOLUNTEER AVAILABILITY
Return to the school office by Friday 1st May, 2015.

I ________________________am able to assist at the Mother's Day stall on Wednesday 6th May 2015

Please tell us when you're available.
☐ All day __________________________ or ☐ Time _____________ to _______________

Contact number _________________________________(optional)
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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 .......................................................................................

PARENT/CAREGIVER’S NAME ....................................................
SIGNED ........................................ DATE .................................

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