Cambridge Park Public School
Exceptional learning opportunities for all

Upcoming Events:

- Fri 5 June —
  PBL Assembly —
  Bilbies
  PSSA Sport
  Stewart Housing
  Clothing Collection
- Fri 11 June —
  PSSA Sport
- Fri 19 June —
  NAIDOC Cup
  PSSA Sport ends
  PBL Assembly —
  Bottlebrushes & Geckos
- Mon 22 June —
  NAIDOC Week
  NAIDOC Performance
- Tue 23 June —
  NAIDOC fete
- Wed 24 June —
  Disco
  Years P-2  4.30-6pm
  Years3-6  6.30 - 8pm
- Fri 26 June —
  Last day Term 2
- Tue 14 July —
  First day Term 3
- Fri 17 July —
  PSSA sport starts
- Mon 20 July —
  Stage 3 camp
- Tue 21 July —
  Stage 3 Camp
- Wed 22 July —
  Stage 3 Camp
- Thurs 23 July —
  Stage 3 Camp

Cambridge Park Public School Preschool Exceeds Expectations

At the beginning of this term our Pre-school went through a rigorous rating and assessment process to determine if we were meeting the National Quality Standards. Today we received news that we have been rated as exceeding the standards. Well done to all our beautiful pre-school staff. What a team!!

Breakfast Club Update

FoodHarvest attended our school today to launch their report on how they are supporting schools to provide a healthy breakfast for students around Australia. They are a major sponsor of our breakfast club and so I wanted to support them by allowing them to launch their report from our school - hence the attendance of the ABC today. I want to make it clear that our breakfast is for any child who wants to attend, whether they have already eaten or not. While we probably do cater to a few students who regularly miss out on breakfast, our main focus is to provide another wonderful opportunity for students to interact socially and to motivate them to get to school on time.

It's really been fabulous to see the children chatting together, talking about the day ahead and reminding each other to tidy up after they have eaten. Their manners are a credit to their parents and as Principal I am finding another beautiful way to strengthen my relationships with students. Students are welcomed with a smile and a "Good morning, how are you today?" and in return they give a huge smile and reply "good thanks". This automatically promotes a great start to the day. As mentioned they are building social skills between one another by sharing a meal and conversations across the table. They are sitting and laughing with students they may not usually associate with and building new friendships and support networks within the school. They are looking after one another and the older students are looking out for the younger students and making sure they have some food. ALL students are extremely well behaved and clean up after themselves (yes parents they clean up after themselves!).

They leave breakfast club with a smile on their face and positive outlook for school on the day.

Breakfast club is so much more than just providing breakfast, we are enhancing a positive school community, one in which students and families want to be a part of.

This couldn't happen without the great support of our school community and the wider community. A huge thank you to the parents and teachers who attend on various days to prepare and serve, breakfast club would not be the huge success it is without your support.

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School Attendance Reminder

Did you know that if your child misses as little as 8 days a term, by the end of Primary school they will have missed a whole year of education?

Education in New South Wales is compulsory for all children between the ages of six years and below the minimum school leaving age. From 2010, all New South Wales students must complete Year 10. After Year 10 - and until they turn 17 - students must be:
1. in school, or registered for home schooling, or
2. in approved education or training (eg TAFE, traineeship, apprenticeship) or
3. in full-time, paid employment (average 25 hours/week) or
4. in a combination of work, education and/or training.

Once enrolled children are required to attend school each day it is open for instruction. Principals are legally responsible for maintaining accurate records of student attendance. When reasons for absences are provided to the school by parents, principals are accountable for their decision to record a student’s absence as justified. Principals may decline to accept as satisfactory an explanation for an absence and will record that absence as unjustified.

Principals may request medical certificates or other documentation when absences explained as being due to illness are frequent or prolonged. It is the responsibility of parents or carers to make sure that their children attend school each day that the school is open for instruction or other activity. It is important to understand that parents (including carers) may be prosecuted if children of compulsory school age have recurring numbers of unjustified absences from school. A small number of absences may be justified if your child:

- has to go to a special religious ceremony
- is required to attend to a serious and/or urgent family situation (e.g. a funeral)
- is too sick to go or has an infectious illness

What should I do if our family is going on holiday in school time?

Families should try to arrange holidays during school vacations.

If your family holiday is during school time, inform the school principal in advance and request leave. Depending on the circumstances and duration of leave, you may ask the school to provide tasks that can be completed while your child is absent.

Do not keep your child away from school for the following:

- Birthdays
- Shopping
- Minding other children
- For routine check ups or care such as hair cuts
- Minor family events.

Medical and other health appointments for your child with specialists such as dentists or doctors should be made either before or after school or during the school holidays.

Mrs Binns
Principal
Stage 2 Musings

Departures and Arrivals

Greetings, Last week we farewelled Mrs Bell to relax before her baby is due we wish her luck in this next chapter of her life. We now welcome Miss Kate O’Sullivan, who will be taking on the role of teacher for the Tasmanian Devils.

Resources

We are running low on whiteboard markers, so if you are able to replenish your child’s supply that would be fantastic! And any donations of tissues would be great as we are heading into the cold and flu season.

Mrs Scott
Relieving Stage 2 Supervisor

Bush Dancing Fun

This term’s teaching has seen some exciting lessons around Australian History, including our Creative and Performing Arts unit on bush dancing. So far we have learnt The Heel Toe Polka and the Galopede and we are now striving to create our own bush dance, this should be fun!

Stage 1 News

Stage 1 students have been very busy completing assessment tasks and working hard this past fortnight. Winter is nearly here and children are starting to rug up. Please be mindful of our uniform policy and ensure children are coming to school with appropriate school coloured jumpers and jackets. Please check that all things are labelled. There have been many new jumpers without labels go missing.

All Stage 1 will soon be getting a note regarding our major school excursion for 2015. We are currently checking dates for a special excursion to Darling Harbour to visit the Sydney Wildlife Park and Aquarium next term. We cannot wait and will have this note to you as soon as dates and buses are confirmed to give parents/carers plenty of time to make payments.

The Wallabies performed a terrific item for last week’s PBL assembly and it was thoroughly enjoyed by all the audience. Well done Mrs MacKinnon, Mrs Senkbeil and the Wallabies.

Mrs MacKinnon has taken leave for the remainder of Term 2 and the Wallabies are now working hard with their Year 1 program with Mrs Hooley. If any Year 1 parents have any concerns during this time Mrs Wallace will be supervising Year 1 and is available by appointment if you have any questions or concerns.

Thank you for your ongoing support,

Mrs Wallace
Relieving Year 1 Supervisor

Mrs Copeland
Year 2 Supervisor
**Stage 3 News**

During this past fortnight, stage 3 have been involved in several extra activities. Cambridge Park High School have began the transition program 'Learning to Lead' by visiting and teaching skill based games to our students. All students enjoyed the challenge of the sports. We are also involved in 'Adopt a Panther' and students fired lots of questions to our two visiting players, Isaac John and Reagan Campbell Gillard.

Ms Foord took a group of students to participate in the Greg Alexander Trophy competition. The students played well and had a great day. All these activities will contribute to individual student's 'Premier's Sporting Challenge' log. Students are encouraged to be active in 20 minute blocks of time. They can include sports training and games, playground games and PSSA game time. Students can also include bike riding, skate boarding, dancing and other active activities.

Students are involved in developing a personal portfolio as part of a transition activity with Cambridge Park High School. Students will work on this project throughout the year, they will require a display folder to store and display their documents.

Camp places have filled very quickly. If your child would like to attend, please complete the permission note and begin to pay as soon as possible.

Medical information sheets for students attending camp will be sent home soon. Please complete and return to the office or Mrs Hines a list of camp requirements will also be sent home.

Mrs Hines
Stage 3 Supervisor

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**Library News**

Well done to everyone who participated in the 2015 National Simultaneous Storytime on Wednesday!

This year’s story was the Brothers Quibble by Aaron Blabey and it was a smash hit right across the school.

As part of our NAIDOC Week celebrations in Week 10 the library will be hosting 'The Great Book Swap'.

If you have any pre-loved books from home that you would like to donate to this worthwhile cause, the library would love to make use of them.

At our NAIDOC fete, books will be on sale for a gold coin donation and all money raised will be sent to the “Indigenous Literacy Foundation”. This is a wonderful opportunity for our students to help Indigenous children living in remote communities.

Mrs Thompson
Teacher/Librarian

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Get involved in the School Banking program.

You can get involved in the School Banking program by opening a Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account at any Commonwealth Bank branch, over the phone on 13 2221, or via NetBank if you are an existing customer with NetBank access.

Remember to take in identification for you and your child (driver’s license and birth certificate). You will receive a Dollarmites wallet and deposit book that your child will use to participate in the program.

Our school receives $5 when a student makes their first ever School Banking deposit and 5% on every deposit made through the school (to a maximum of $10 per individual deposit).

Thank you for supporting our school and helping to teach your child the benefits of saving regularly.

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.

Stewart House and The Smith Family Clothing Appeal bags have been given to students today. If you have any unwanted clothing, shoes, manchester or blankets in good, clean, wearable condition, please consider filling the bags and returning to school by Friday 5th June, 2015.

The bags can be left at the office each morning.

Your donation helps both Stewart House and The Smith Family to raise much needed funds to continue to support disadvantaged families.
It's been a fantastic term with lots of exciting times for the children. The children had a great time buying gifts from the Mother's Day stall, and creating a special keepsake for their mums. We hope all the mums enjoyed their special day!

Events like these ensure that children have a strong sense of belonging to a wider community which is very important.

Please ensure that your child is safely dressed for the colder months and has a spare pair of warm clothes to accommodate playing with the mud kitchen and using water from our water tank during their play. It's a good idea to encourage them to wear their gumboots to keep their feet nice and dry.

On Wednesdays we will be offering a simultaneous indoor and outdoor program. The children will have the choice of playing in one of our classroom or the outdoor environment. This provides a great opportunity for the children to interact with their peers from both the Joey's and Frog's class.

Don't forget to check your child's Information files which are located on top of the lockers in a plastic tub for any artwork or notes.

Thank you to all the families who have donated seeds for our vegetable garden and boxes. The children have had a great time gardening and creating masterpieces with the donated items. It's a great way to reinforce sustainable practices with the children... Reduce, Reuse, Recycle!
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<td>Working alongside the teachers who taught me. Now I can get my revenge.</td>
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<td>What was your first job?</td>
<td>Cambridge Park Paper Boy. My job was to blow the whistle, wake everybody in the neighbourhood up and hopefully sell a paper or two for $12 a week.</td>
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<td>Tell us about yourself:</td>
<td>I grew up in the area and attended both the Cambridge Park Primary and High School. I love my Soccer and League and doing anything creative. I've got a background in writing, filming and acting, which I have found makes the classroom a much crazier place to live.</td>
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*Special Event lunch order day*

As you may be aware, the canteen are supporting Cambridge Park PS community, in fundraising day planned for little (Spiderman) Jake and his family on **Wednesday 10th June**.

From Jake’s mum, “Jake is a 4 and a half year old boy and his family are part of our Cambridge Park school family. Jake was diagnosed at birth with a heart disease called Hypoplastic Left Heart Syndrome. Jake has since endured many operations.

Last year in November he was meant to have his final stage of surgery, which would bring his stats up from the 70’s to 100, which finally meant he could run around without turning blue and getting breathless. However, we were given the devastating news that Jake had a rare lung disease in which the family were told he will pretty much be in and out of hospital for the rest of his life and told children usually only live with this disease for approximately 5 years. The surgeon has been in contact with the children’s hospital in Philadelphia. This is the only hospital in the entire world that knows more about this rare disease and has been studying it for years”.

We don’t know what the near future holds for Jake but we are wanting to help raise funds together with the school community for him and his family to either assist Jake in getting the operation he needs or making him comfortable. As you can imagine the cost alone associated with a lengthy hospital stay is enormous.

The canteen will be offering a special lunch order meal deal for students. A percentage of the cost will be given to Jake and his family.

**Sausage Sizzle Meal Deal**

$5.00 includes
Sausage on a roll
Can of diet lemonade
Bag of lollies

**Please order at the canteen by Thursday 4th June 2015, and help us raise money for little Jake and his family.**

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**Special Event – Sausage Sizzle Meal Deal $5.00**

I give my permission for my child..........................................................of class .................to purchase a sausage sizzle meal day on Wednesday 10th June 2015. I am aware that this is part of a special fundraising day for a Cambridge Park PS family in conjunction with the school.

Signed................................................................. Date.............................
Holiday Program Dates: Autumn: 7th April – 17th April 2015, Winter 29th June – 10th July, Spring: 21st September – 2nd October. ($100 per child per week & $50 per additional child each week)

Costing includes: Outings, Meals & Activities.

To register your children please contact Natalie Emery: 0421 233 742

Venue: Cambridge Park Hall & Werrington Hall to be notified at a later date.

Sponsored by: Penrith City Council, Werrington Community Projects Incorporation, Kohanga Reo NSW, World of Discounts & Local Businesses.
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 ..............................

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