### Strategic Directions 2015-2017

Our 3 strategic directions are Quality Relationships, Engaging Learning Environments and Life Long Learners. We have been doing a lot of work in each of these areas and some of that work entails teachers attending professional development courses during school hours. Recently we had team of people attend a conference focussed on developing innovative teacher professional development. This will allow our school to better tailor the professional development we provide more closely to individual teacher needs. Last week Mrs Hines and Mrs Hansen attended a course on Robotics in Primary School. This will help them to plan some really engaging problem solving lessons for Stage 3. This Thursday and Friday our Kindergarten and Pre-school teachers are attending a conference focussed on strengthening our transition to school program so that our Kindergarten students ease into “Big School” feeling supported and confident.

Every week different teams of teachers have a couple of hours out of the classroom to work together on solving teaching problems and designing innovative approaches to teaching and learning. This is called Lesson Study. At the moment the lesson study focus is on how to effectively tailor lessons for students with a whole range of learning abilities. So you can see there is a lot of learning happening for teachers as well as students. I understand some parents have concerns about teachers being out of classrooms during this time. However if we want our school to be continuously improving its service delivery then we must provide our teachers with high quality professional development. Your children will be the beneficiaries of this process in the long term. I will try to publish in the newsletter each fortnight which teachers will be out of class and why so that you have a clearer picture of what we are doing and why.

### Education Open Day

Please join us on Wednesday 12th August for our “Bring Your Family to School Day”. We have a full day of activities planned for you to showcase some of the wonderful educational experiences we provide here a Cambridge Park PS. There will be a range of demonstration lessons in various classrooms, performing arts, picnic lunch and an opportunity for you to visit classrooms. See the attached program for more details.

### Morning Arrival Time

Please note that there is no active supervision of students at school until 8:30 am. Legally students should not be on school grounds until 8:30am. If your children are choosing to arrive before that time please reinforce with them that school is not open until 8:30am. Hopefully very soon our Out of School Hours centre will begin operation and anyone needing care for their children before school opens can take advantage of that service.

Mrs Binns
Principal
Preschool News

In the Frogs room we have been learning about the lifecycle of a butterfly and frog in group 1 and in group 2 we have been learning about everyday food and sometimes food. Ask your child about this.

In the Joeys room we have been learning about polar bears and creating our winter wonderland and learning about shapes.

As the days are becoming warmer and the sun is shining it’s time to remember our hats. At preschool we encourage the children to have water only as their drink. Almost all of the Frogs and Joeys have a piece of fruit for crunch’n’sip everyday, well done. We encourage families to limit prepackaged processed foods as these are known to be high in sugar. Please provide your children with wholefoods where possible. We have photo examples of these types of food in the foyer.

Thank you
Preschool Educators

K-2 News

Wow! What a wonderful excursion Stage 1 had this week. We went to Darling Harbour and visited the Sydney Wildlife Park and Aquarium. We were all amazed at how many new experiences we had. Mrs Copeland was so disappointed that she couldn’t bring a cute dugong home. The teachers were very proud of the students and the way they represented their families and the school.

More exciting news! Open Day is next week, Wednesday 12th August. Please ensure you read the attached information regarding the program.

Our P-2 Sports Carnival will be held on Friday 29th August and a note with further information will be coming home shortly.

Over the last few weeks, the teachers have noticed that some children have not been returning their home readers. Please ensure that you read regularly with your child and pack them into their school bag to return. They can be exchanged on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

Also, teachers have noticed that not all students are coming to school on sports day dressed appropriately. Students need to wear sports shoes rather than hard leather shoes and their uniform.

REMINDER: It is important that your child brings a hat to school every day in line with our Sun Safe policy. If your child does not wear a hat they are instructed to play under the awning or in a shaded area.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs Hooley for her hard work on the Wallabies class for the last 9 weeks. Mrs MacKinnon will return with many fascinating stories of her travels through Europe in week 5.

Thank you for your support

Mrs VanCuylenberg Kindergarten Supervisor
Mrs Copeland Year 2 supervisor
Mrs Wallace Year 1 Supervisor

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Stage 2 musings

Camp

Our activity list has just been organised!!!!

Archery - We learn the basic skills and techniques for shooting on the range.

Rock Climbing - Onsite there is a 10 metre artificial wall with climbs to suit all ages and levels. Goal setting, team work and trust are the focus with the teams of belayers protecting and encouraging the climber.

Alpine Rescue - A ground level obstacle course with a series of challenges and scenarios promoting teamwork, trust, leadership and communication. Requires full group cooperation, no room for individuals here!

Giant Swing - There are two giant swings now on camp, one boasting a height of 20 metres and one boasting rivers views from 35 meters above during your swing. This activity is challenge by choice where each participant can face their fears with each member of the team playing a role in this achievement

Cave Maze - An amazing teamwork and bonding activity for all ages - including primary schools. Campers move through a series of obstacles in an artificial caving system and the degree of difficulty can be varied according to age.

Night Activities - Games night.

I am super excited about these activities. If you are still interested in going there are a couple of spots left or if you’re not sure speak to your class teacher and find out more information.

A word from Ms Hunt

On the 22nd of July two chess teams from Cambridge Park Public School, with Ms Hunt, attended the Penrith RSL 8th Inter-School Chess Competition. Fifty-three teams from Western Sydney competed. Our Senior Team - Cody, Storm and Joel - achieved equal 16th place and our Junior Team - Nicolle, Jacob and Khaileb - achieved equal 43rd place on their first attempt at this competition. It was a very successful and fun day!

Mrs Scott
Stage 2 Supervisor

Stage 3 News

Our teachers accompanied 77 students to Tea Gardens for the Great Aussie Bush Camp. All students enjoyed themselves and shared many laughs and varied experiences with their peers and teachers. Our adventures included the dual flying fox, giant swing, high ropes, archery and many team based activities. The food was great and the camp leaders were amazing.

We are planning to have a session for parents to view the photos taken at camp and listen to stories from the students. This event will be advertised when details are confirmed.

The Stage 3 boys' 'Stomp' group performed at the Cambridge Learning Community Performing Arts Festival. All boys looked and performed well. It was a pleasure to watch.

Mrs Hines
Stage 3 Supervisor

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A Message from the library...

Week 7 is ‘Book Week’

**Book Sales**

- The Book Fair will be operating:

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*Students who come to the book fair after school must be accompanied by an adult*

- Classes will be given an opportunity to preview all of the fantastic books that are on sale and write a “Wish List” on Friday the 21st and Monday the 24th of August. The wish list is designed to give parents an idea of what their child is interested in. It is not an order and there is no obligation to buy the books that have been listed.
- Students should be able to find a book between $5 and $20. While there are less expensive books these do tend to sell quickly. Stationary and posters are also available.
- Orders can be taken for most books and these arrive usually within 10 days. Prepayment is taken for all orders.
- Payments can be made in person with cash or eftpos.
- If you are unable to attend you may send either of the following in a well-sealed envelope with your child’s name on the front and book details inside:
  - the correct money
  - a completed online payment (back of wish list) with receipt number clearly marked

**Book Parade - Wednesday 26th August**

- Students are encouraged to dress up as a favourite book character. Costumes do not need to be elaborate or expensive. There are many simple ideas to be found on the internet under ‘book parade costume ideas’
- All community members are welcome to attend the parade which will take place in the main quadrangle at approximately 12pm.

**Colouring-In Competition - Closes Friday 21st August**

- Students may also enter the library’s ‘Colouring-In Competition’.
- All entries cost $1 and all money raised will go towards improving the library.
- Students may enter as many times as they like.
- Winners and prizes will be announced at the Book Parade.

**With your support Book Week is sure to be a great success!**
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Please note:

BBQ: is available to our visitors from 11am and continues throughout the day, however to combat high volume at one time we will be serving students at eating times.
- Preschool – Year 2 will be served 11am – 11:45am
- Preschool & Years 3-6 will be served 1:30pm – 2:00pm

Demonstration lessons
This is a chance to "quietly observe" our exceptional teachers in action. Feel free to wander into the above mention classrooms to see how lessons work in our 21st century classrooms. If asked to join in with the kids please free to take part.

Open Classrooms
Feel free to visit your child’s classroom and see some of the great work they’ve been doing class. For safety reasons, students are required to stay in their rooms with their class teachers until the finish of the day.
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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

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