



Cambridge Primary School

'Growth through learning'

Respect-Integrity-Self resilience -Excellence.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Jane Budd

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our families for their wonderful work in displaying our school values, both within our school and throughout the wider community. It's lovely to witness our families take pride in being members of the Cambridge Community.

This week our year 5 students are well underway with their swimming program which has been held at Aqua Pulse in Hoppers Crossing. Throughout the year students in year 2 & 3 will participate in the swimming program. Other year levels will be part of a Water Safety incursion ran by Life Saving Victoria.

Reminder that we have our meet and greet scheduled for Tuesday 5th March. You all would have received a compass notification explaining the process. Please log onto Compass to book a time to meet with your child's classroom teacher and if you like their specialist teachers. Interviews will be held in your child's classroom and specialist teachers' interviews will be held in their room. We look forward to seeing you all at these interviews as they provide an opportunity for you to share important information with your child's teacher and build a strong home-school partnership, benefiting our students.

Next week our foundation (prep) students start full time after completing their individual department assessments over the past 4 weeks. As we walk through the classrooms each morning it is so lovely to see the way the children have settled into school routines, expectations, this has been wonderful to see the amazing learning gains already.

PLAYGROUNDS BEFORE & AFTERSCHOOL

We ask that no students or siblings are on playgrounds before or after school. Students are to walk calmly to their classrooms and wait patiently for the bell to go. This allows all our students to have a smooth transition into their learning environment. We strongly encourage parents to support us with this.

UNIFORM

Wearing our school uniform with pride is essential. Please ensure that you send your child/ren to school in our full school uniform. Moving forward our parents and carers will begin to receive notices of incorrect uniform items. If you are unsure of our uniform policy, please visit our website. A reminder of the schools' uniform expectations – specific jewellery i.e. ear studs and sleepers can be worn, but no necklaces, bracelets or rings are to be worn. Hair ties and bows must be school colours. (navy blue & white) All students are required to wear black school shoes or black sport shoes.

APPROPRIATE BEHAVIOUR

You will see when you enter the office this year that there will be a DET sign reminding parents of their behaviour when they speak to the administration staff and /or teaching and support staff. Just like all other service industries, our staff deserve to be treated with respect. We acknowledge that situations can be frustrating but know that we are all here to do our best.



FRESH FOOD & WATER

Students are encouraged to have fruit and vegetables ONLY on their tables during the day to support energy and focus while learning. Please make sure that food is in a separate container or Ziplock bag. Students are also ONLY to have water in their drink bottles daily.

VOLUNTEERS

We are reaching out to our parent community to see if any parents/ grandparents would like to volunteer a small amount of time in the canteen and or the library. If you would like to become a parent volunteer, please contact the office (9748.9011) leaving your name and number and either Ms Green or Mr Bateup will be in touch with you.

All community volunteers at Cambridge Primary School are required to have a valid Working with Children Check. The link provided will direct you to the website to fill in your application, this is free for volunteers.

<https://www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au/>

COVID UPDATE

There is at present an increase in community transmission of COVID-19 in Victoria. If your child shows symptoms of COVID-19, please ensure they stay home and get tested. The easiest way to test is to use a rapid antigen test (RAT). If your child has symptoms but tests negative, please ensure they stay home until they no longer have symptoms. If the RAT test result is positive, please ensure they stay home for at least 5 days and until there are no more symptoms. Unfortunately, the school does not have anymore RAT tests. You can buy RATs at supermarkets, pharmacies, and other retailers.

Thank you for your support – this approach will help us all stay well.

SCHOOL COUNCIL

A ballot was not necessary this year as the nominations did not exceed the number of vacant positions. We still have one parent vacancies if you are keen to be a member of our school council, please contact the school office. Our new School Council parent representatives are: (In no particular order)

- **Amanda McAllan-Simpson**
- **Louie Stefanovski**
- **Azizur Rahman**
- **Sharon Brincat.**

GROUNDS UPDATE

Students are now enjoying the new ¾ basketball court and the new soft fall under our playgrounds.



New Softfall



Year 3 / 4 Basketball court



New Softfall

Have a wonderful week !

IMPORTANT DATES – Term one 2024	
Monday February 19 - Friday February 23	Year 5 swimming
Friday February 23	Grade 6 Interschool Sport
Monday February 26	District Swimming Carnival
Friday March 1	Grade 6 Interschool Sport
Friday March 1	Assembly Big Gym 2:30pm
Tuesday March 5	Meet & Greet (student finish @12.25pm)
Wednesday March 6	SSVWD Swimming Carnival
Friday March 8	Grade 6 Interschool Sport
Friday March 8	Breakfast Club Gym Foyer from 8:15am
Monday March 11	Labour Day – Public Holiday
Wednesday March 13-25	National Assessment Program Literacy & Numeracy (NAPLAN)
Thursday March 14	Whole School Photos
Friday March 15	Grade 6 Interschool Sport - BYE
Wednesday March 20	Cambridge Cross country
Friday March 22	Assembly Big Gym 2:30pm
Thursday March 28	Last Day Term 1, 2024 (1.45pm)
Thursday March 28	Breakfast Club Gym Foyer from 8:15am
Friday March 29	Good Friday – Public Holiday
IMPORTANT DATES – Term two 2024	
Monday, April 15	First day Term 2

CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)

The Camps, Sports & Excursions Fund (CSEF) is again available to families with a current health care/concession card and will provide \$150 per child per annum. The CSEF will automatically be directed to the school and can be used for student activities such as camps, sport & excursions.

If you hold a current health care/concession card, you have access to the CSEF from the first day of this term. Please ensure that we have a copy of your card as soon as possible as applications will be processed from our office. Information from the Department of Education regarding the CSEF is available at <https://www2.education.vic.gov.au/pal/camps-sports-and-excursionsfund/guidance/submitting-application>

SAFETY AROUND OUR SCHOOL

We have been asked by the Wyndham City Council to make our families aware that council are taking a proactive approach to safety around school zones. They have put several strategies in place to ensure that drivers doing the wrong thing are held to account. Parking officers are already out on patrol and will be looking for parking offences such as stopping:

- within 20 metres before or 10 metres after children's crossing
- contrary to a no-stopping sign
- on nature-strip
- double parked
- within 10 metres of intersection
- on footpath
- on or across driveways.

Parking patrols are conducted all-year-round every day of the week, and it is important to park legally to protect children and families around schools.

CURRICULUM NEWS

STEM Extension:

In week 4 we are excited to be starting our STEM extension groups. The groups have been split into junior Grades 1-3, with preps being invited in the second half of the year and Seniors, Grades 4-6. These groups will be run by Ms. Daniele, our whole school STEM teacher who has an extensive background in the field of science before joining the teaching profession. Students have been selected based on their science and maths results, as well as their behaviour in the yard and classroom. We will be running these groups throughout the year with a second group being selected in semester 2. During the STEM extension group, students will be learning about the scientific process, writing science reports, and then conducting experiments to solve problems.

Writing/Reading Extension:

Our Learning Specialists are currently forming writing extension groups (Prep reading & 1-6 writing). These groups will focus on extending our proficient writers/readers and will challenge them to create multiple high-quality pieces to be published around the school. Students will be selected using a range of data sources.

Naplan :

Our Grade 3s and 5s are undertaking NAPLAN preparation with a focus on showing resilience and giving things a go. Each year level looks at the different ways questions can be asked (multiple choice, drag and drop, typed response, checkboxes) and how to find the key information in a question.

We will be holding an information session for our Year 3 and 5 families on the 28th of February at 4:00 pm. This session will go over the way NAPLAN works, the preparation students take, and ways families and the school can support our students. Please use the link on Compass to register your attendance, either in person or via Webex.

Around the School:

Friday the 16th of February saw our first 2024 year level Newsletter go out to families via Compass. These newsletters will outline the learning each cohort will be focusing on and can support you in instigating purposeful and productive conversations with your child.

This year diaries have been sent home with all students from Prep-6, with the expectation of nightly reading being recorded each night. Dairies are a great way to send a quick communication through to your child's classroom teacher. We unfortunately do not have spare diaries. Our Year 5 and 6 students are encouraged to record their homework and daily reflections to help them get into healthy study habits.

Jess Green – Assistant Principal

STUDENT LEADERS

This week the student leaders began a range of projects including:

1. Drafting a new D.E.A.R (Drop Everything And Read) announcement
2. Writing and practicing to deliver speeches at school assembly
3. Making plans to spend some of the money raised through the subway lunches.

If you have any great ideas about how you feel the school can be improved, make sure you share it with one of our Junior School Councillors.



WELLBEING AND INCLUSION

In week 6 we are running a parent information session around SWPBS our (School Wide Positive Behaviour Support) framework and our SEL (Social Emotional Learning) curriculum that we are teaching in all year levels.

If you would like some more information around:

1. What we are doing to support student mental health and wellbeing
2. Supporting students to build positive relationships with adults and peers
3. Building student capacity to be resilient and deal with everyday pressures and stress

Feel free to attend the Webex online session:
Wednesday 6th March 5:30-6:30.

Details are on the attached flyer. We look forward to seeing you online.



Jarrod Bateup – Assistant Principal

COHORT RISE AWARDS FOR EXCELLENCE

Senya 4D, Aylin 4C, Nia 4A, Gurnoor 4B

At the end of the term all students who have won a RISE award will go into a raffle to win a RISE badge.



THE FATHERING PROJECT

We are very proud to announce that we will be partnering with The Fathering Project, which is a program about giving students the best fathers and father figures they can so they can thrive not only academically, but also socially, physically, and emotionally.

The launch of The Fathering Project at Cambridge Primary School will be on Monday the 18th of March, from 3:15pm to 5:00pm and we will be running one event per term.

The afternoon will kick off with a sausage sizzle and activities that all can take part in with their families, followed by a presentation by Rodney Eade, who is one of The Fathering Project leaders.

More information about the afternoon will be released in the build up to our launch. If you would like to be a leader of the program, assist on the afternoon or if you have any other questions, please reach out to me by contacting our front office.

Please explore the link below to The Fathering Project website, where you will learn more about this outstanding program that we are very excited to be a part of.

All adult male role models are welcome on the afternoon!

Daniel Mutton

<https://thefatheringproject.org/>



CAMBRIDGE FATHERS & FATHER FIGURES BRING YOUR KIDS AND JOIN IN FOR

BANGERS & BINGO

COME ALONG TO SHARE A SAUSAGE SIZZLE, PLAY BINGO AND WIN PRIZES!

As a father or father-figure, you are really important to your kids, and they need you to be present and actively engaged in their lives.

Kids need to:

- Feel safe and secure
- Be loved unconditionally
- Spend time with you



WHO:
Cambridge Dads, Father-figures & Carers

WHEN:
Monday 18th of March - 3:15pm - 5:00pm

WHAT:
Sausage sizzle, bingo and a talk from our special guest Rodney Eade

RSVP:
Use the QR code to register to our portal by Friday the 15th of March



CANTEEN

If you would like to order lunch for your child , you can do this through Flexi Schools via the link www.flexischools.com.au or you can write your child’s name, grade and what they would like to order on a brown paper bag with **NAME, CLASS & correct MONEY ENCLOSED**. A reminder for If you are ordering through Flexi schools to please make sure you have updated your child’s year level for this year.

Icy poles and slushy’s are only available at lunch time. The icy poles prices start at \$1.00 through to \$3.00.

Price list are available on the Cambridge website

OUR SCHOOL PARTNER



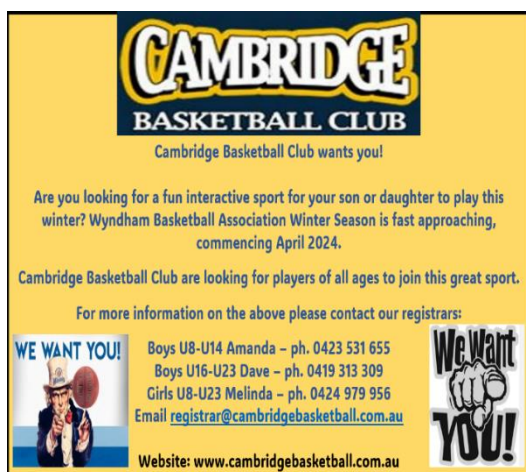
RayWhite

Looking to buy or sell your home?

Contact your local area specialist today.
Jeff Gaul
0406 270 790
jeff.gaul@raywhite.com

For every home sold through mention of the school, Cambridge Primary School will receive a generous donation.
raywhiteverribee.com

COMMUNITY NEWS



CAMBRIDGE BASKETBALL CLUB

Cambridge Basketball Club wants you!

Are you looking for a fun interactive sport for your son or daughter to play this winter? Wyndham Basketball Association Winter Season is fast approaching, commencing April 2024.

Cambridge Basketball Club are looking for players of all ages to join this great sport.

For more information on the above please contact our registrars:

WE WANT YOU! Boys U8-U14 Amanda – ph. 0423 531 655
Boys U16-U23 Dave – ph. 0419 313 309
Girls U8-U23 Melinda – ph. 0424 979 956
Email registrar@cambridgebasketball.com.au

We Want YOU!

Website: www.cambridgebasketball.com.au



Hoppers Crossing Cricket Club Presents

POP-UP CRICKET BLASTER

HOGANS ROAD RESERVE, TURF OVAL 1

Children Cricket Program

MIXED GROUP	GIRLS GROUP
✓ Saturday Mornings	✓ Thursday Evenings
✓ 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM	✓ 4:30 PM - 5:30 PM
✓ 10 Feb - 2 March	✓ 15 Feb - 7 March

SCAN & REGISTER



Participants will receive shoulder bag, drink bottle & mascot ball.

PRICE	AGE
\$49	5-10

MORE INFORMATION: secretaryhccc@gmail.com Powered by MELWEST