

**OUR VISION**

*Growth Through Learning*

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# Cambridge Primary School

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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

*Jane Budd*

What an incredible couple of weeks we've had celebrating Science Week and Book Week! It's been thrilling to see our students and staff dressed up and fully engaged in the various activities planned for them. A HUGE thank you to Ms. Danielle and Mrs. Voight for their efforts in organising Science Week. I had the privilege of participating in several events throughout the week, and I must say how fortunate our students were to be part of these experiences. A BIG thank you also goes to Mr. Mondragon and 6A for organising our Book Week assembly. I encourage all our families to join us for the Book Week assembly tomorrow morning at 9 am. I'm looking forward to seeing you there!

Last week, Jarrod, Jess and I, along with the entire Wyndham network of principals and assistant principals, attended a professional learning session with Vivian Robinson. Vivian is a Distinguished Professor Emeritus at the University of Auckland, New Zealand and a Visiting Professor at University College London. She has devoted her academic career to investigating and developing the capabilities leaders need to work productively with their teachers to improve student wellbeing and achievement. Her research and service to the profession have earned her numerous national and international awards from academic and professional associations. During the session, we explored the capabilities that support impactful school improvement to achieve positive results. The day was both rewarding and challenging.

I have been visiting several classrooms over the last couple of weeks and have been thrilled to hear our students share their learning goals and their work with me. Our students were able to explain what they are learning in maths and writing, as well as their learning around social and emotional learning. Our students are working incredibly hard, and I am so proud of them. Our teachers are also doing wonderful things with our students.

It feels like we just began the 2024 school year and now we are already planning for 2025. We are currently in EARLY stages of organising student numbers for next year. If you are leaving the area and your child/ren will not be attending Cambridge Primary School next year, please let the office know so we can plan with accurate student numbers. **If you have a prep child starting next year, these enrolments should have already been finalised but if not please get these in as soon as possible.**

Thanks to Matt and the Rocket Box team who are starting to revamp the front of our school. This work will continue next year also. To fund this project, the school council decided to use the contributions made by parents for our ground's maintenance throughout the year. This initiative will significantly enhance the appearance of our school's entrance.

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**PARENT/ CAREGIVER/GUARDIAN OPINION SURVEY – 6 days left**

The Parent / Caregiver / Guardian Opinion Survey is an annual survey offered by the Department of Education and Training. It is designed to assist our school in gaining an understanding of parents’ perception of school climate, student engagement and relationships with our community. Our school will use the survey results to help inform and direct future school planning and improvement strategies. Currently of our 151 surveys distributed we have had 13 survey responses – 9%. We value all your feedback and strongly encourage every family to complete the 2024 survey.

The Parent / Caregiver / Guardian Opinion Survey opened on **Monday, July 29 and will close on Friday, August 30, 2024**

**PLAYGROUNDS BEFORE & AFTERSCHOOL**

Reminder to all our families, 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.

**TEAM KIDS – TERM 4, 2024**

**Service, Parent Fees & Times**

SESSION	TIMES	COST TO PARENTS	AFTER MAX CCS
<b>Before School Care</b>	6:45am – 8:45am	\$25.00 ^	\$3.36
<b>After School Care</b>	3:15pm – 6:45pm	\$28.00 ^	\$2.80
<b>Curriculum Days</b>	6:45am – 6:45pm	\$85.00 ^	\$8.50
<b>Vacation Care</b>	6:45am – 6:45pm	\$85.00 ^	\$8.50

^These fees will be significantly reduced when the family’s eligibility for Child Care Subsidy (CCS) is applied to the total cost of the day. Families will only be charged the “Gap” after their CCS is applied. Individual family circumstances will affect the CCS rebate. Further information can be found at [www.humanservices.gov.au/individuals/services/centrelink/child-care-subsidy](http://www.humanservices.gov.au/individuals/services/centrelink/child-care-subsidy).

**ABOUT TEAMKIDS**

TeamKids are proud to be independently owned and run by teachers.

Unique to the industry, TeamKids will employ a qualified **full-time co-ordinator, known as a Director of Service**, at our school. They will be supported by a **full-time 2IC**, which will help to assure the highest quality service for our students.

The Director of Service has two overarching responsibilities, and that is to:

1. Implement age-appropriate experiences that are engaging and fun, but also create learning environments that are warm, unique and stimulating, a place where children don’t have to go, they want to go.

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2. Ensure consistency of staff, provide an exemplary level of communication with the children and parents and build a strong, genuine relationship with the school and the broader community.

In addition to this, TeamKids have set a new standard in the OSHC space in their offerings that:

- Build parental and student confidence through the quality of outstanding programs and communication.
- Create child-led programs that enrich and extend the children in meaningful ways as their TeamKids Clubs.
- Establish long-lasting relationships with our school by having complete community engagement, enhancing what already makes our school special.
- Provide industry-leading educator-to-student ratios

Further information will be supplied in the coming weeks with information events to be announced and family handbooks supplied to all members of the community.

All families will need to register **for free** with TeamKids.

If you have **not** used TeamKids before then you will need to register your child and add your bookings.

Please go to the website [www.teamkids.com.au](http://www.teamkids.com.au) and select the program and follow the enrolment instructions.

If you have used TeamKids before, please contact their Customer Service Team and they will link your account. You will then just need to add your desired bookings.

TeamKids' local Customer Service team is always there to help. Please contact their Customer Service team via email [info@teamkids.com.au](mailto:info@teamkids.com.au) or phone 1300 035 000, press #1 if you have any questions.

#### TEAM KIDS TRANSITION

Team Kids is actively engaging with our current OSHC staff to ensure a seamless transition into the Team Kids team if they choose too. This will facilitate the transfer of knowledge and expertise, enabling our staff to continue delivering excellent care and support under the Team Kids banner.

Team kids will commence **Monday 7<sup>th</sup> October 2024**

As Team Kids will require a transition week, we will only be offering vacation care for one week at the end of Term 3 (**23rd September – 27th September ONLY**). **Fees will be required to be paid upfront for this week.**

This will allow Team Kids the necessary time to ensure a smooth transition into term 4. If you require vacation care for the second week, Team Kids are offering our families to use any of their other facilities within the area. Please contact their Customer Service team via email [info@teamkids.com.au](mailto:info@teamkids.com.au) or phone 1300 035 000, press #1 if you have any questions.

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<b>IMPORTANT DATES – Term Three 2024</b>	
<b>Monday 19 August – Friday 23 August</b>	Book Week
<b>Monday 19 August – Thursday August 22</b>	Science Week Incursion
<b>Friday August 23</b>	Grade 6 Interschool Sport
<b>Friday August 23</b>	Book Week Parade
<b>Friday August 23</b>	Whole School Assembly Big Gym 9.00AM
<b>Tuesday August 27</b>	Grade 3 First Aid Incursion
<b>Friday August 30</b>	Breakfast Club
<b>Friday August 30</b>	Grade 5 Critter Coin Reward Excursion
<b>Wednesday September 4</b>	Write a Book in a Day Project
<b>Friday September 6</b>	Love Your Locals
<b>Monday September 9</b>	Grade 1 Build a Bear Incursion
<b>Thursday September 12</b>	R U OK DAY
<b>Thursday September 12</b>	Toastie Day
<b>Friday September 13</b>	Grade 2 First Aid Incursion
<b>Friday September 13</b>	Whole School Assembly Big Gym 2:30pm
<b>Friday September 20</b>	Breakfast Club
<b>Friday September 20</b>	Last Day Term 3 2024 (Students finish @1:45pm)
<b>IMPORTANT DATES – Term Four 2024</b>	
<b>Monday October 7</b>	First Day Term 4

**CURRICULUM NEWS**

**NAPLAN:**

At the start of this month, the Victorian Department of Education released a snapshot of Victoria's NAPLAN outcomes. The snapshot has been included in this edition of the newsletter, but some facts that we wanted to highlight were:

- For three years in a row, Year 3 Victorian students have produced the highest results in Literacy and Numeracy compared to the rest of the nation.
- In 7 out of 8 of the jurisdictions, Victoria has achieved the first or second highest mean score, with years 5, 7, and 9
- 5,000 more students have reached the 'exceeding/proficiency level for reading across all year levels.

As a school, we continue to explore our data looking for ways to extend our students' learning.

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**Data snapshot**  
Victorian education outcomes - NAPLAN 2024

**Victoria's NAPLAN participation rate this year was the highest it has been since the first year of testing in 2008.**

- Victorian Year 3 Students**  
Victorian Year 3 students **continue to lead the nation** in reading and numeracy – the third year in a row in which this has been achieved.
- Reading Performance**  
Victorian students in Years 3, 7 and 9 **improved on their 2023 reading results**, reversing the national trend, which saw the average score for reading decline in Years 3, 5 and 7 and improve only at Year 9.  
Victoria's reading performance **improved overall in 2024**, with 5,000 more students reaching the 'exceeding' proficiency level for reading across all year levels compared to 2023.
- Victorian Primary School Students**  
Victorian primary school students continue to produce the **best results in the country, ranking first or second** in 8 out of 10 domains – more than any other state or territory.
- Reading and Writing**  
Victoria achieved the **first or second highest mean scores** of all jurisdictions in 7 out of 8 measures in reading and writing and achieved the top results in the country for writing in Years 5, 7 and 9.
- Areas for improvement**  
There is **work to be done** to improve outcomes for **disadvantaged students, Aboriginal students, and students outside metropolitan areas**. Victorian students in these cohorts achieved stronger learning outcomes than in other states and territories, but there are **still significant gaps** to close. We also need to lift outcomes for our **secondary students**.

Source: NAPLAN 2024

**Curriculum day:**

This term our curriculum day was focused on the release of Victorian Curriculum 2.0. The changes in the curriculum have been made as part of a revision conducted by VCAA (Victorian Curriculum and Assessment Authority) which is an independent entity, separate from the Department of Education (DET). VCAA oversees the development of Curriculum and Assessment, whereas the DET oversees the implementation of teaching and assessment for all Government Schools.

Our staff spent the day comparing the two curriculums and looking for key areas of teaching and learning. Predominately our staff spent time looking at ways in which we would be assessing our students and resources that are currently available at a state or school level.

In each newsletter we will be putting out information regarding the new curriculum, culminating in a parent information session in term 1 of 2025. Below you will find information about the changes in mathematics.

In mathematics, the major change is the presentation of the strands. Previously Mathematics was broken into 3 strands (Number and Algebra, Measurement and Geometry and Statistics and Probability). As of 2025, Mathematics will be broken into 6 separate strands (Numbers, Algebra, Measurement, Space, Statistics and Probability). This change was made to ensure that the sequence of learning in each strand shows a clear progression of learning.

**Jess Green – Assistant Principal**

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**WELLBEING AND INCLUSION**

**Student Support Group (SSG) Week**

A massive thank you to all of our teachers and families for coming together last week and taking the time to celebrate the successes and achievements of our students. It was terrific to see so many of our families prioritise the time to discuss the goals and individual education plans developed to support students.

A reminder to parents that when you book a time it is important to keep that appointment or to at least notify us if you cannot keep the appointment. We pay for extra teachers to come to the school on these days and release the classroom teachers to meet with families. If families do not show up, we are taking teachers out of class for no reason. Your support with keeping these appointments is greatly appreciated.

**Free Eye Care Test**

We have had hundreds of families sign up for this free eye test so far - Amazing!!

A final reminder that we have optometrists coming to our school later this term. The free eye exams they are offering to our students are covered 100% by Medicare Australia and every parent will receive a comprehensive report from the optometrists.

**Father's Day Stall**

A reminder for our families that the Father's Day stall will be open for all our students next week to purchase something for their father, grandfather or any significant male in their life that they would like to acknowledge.

**Cheers Cheese Toastie**

Order forms are now out, and students can purchase their \$4 Cheese Toastie for Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> September as part of our celebration of R U OK? Day. This is a one-off event, and we would love for all students to be involved.

**Jarrod Bateup – Assistant Principal**



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# 100 days of school



The Preps had so much fun celebrating 100 days of school!





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**YEAR 1**

On Wednesday 14th August, the Year One students attended an incursion called, “Sink or Swim”.

Our instructor, Sophia helped us learn about how to be safe at the beach. We learnt how to swim between the flags, how to always swim with an adult and how to raise our hand and call for help if we need help when swimming in the water. We also helped Sophia to dress a bear with the right gear to have a fun and safe time at the beach.



**YEAR 3**

The Year 3 Students had a cohort assembly, and students received RISE awards. We are so proud of our wonderful Year 3s and how they strive for excellence every day!



**YEAR 4**

**Congratulations to the following Year 4 students:**

**RISE Award Winners:**

Afiya, Maia, Sashane, Razin, Jackson

**Pen Licences:**

Summer, Reece, Isaac, Ajay, James



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**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](http://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**. Icy poles and slushies are only available at lunch time. The icy pole prices start at \$1.00 through to \$3.00. Canteen price list is available on the Cambridge website.

**Footy Day notes** were distributed last week.

Please complete the footy note and return with correct money by the **13<sup>th</sup> of September**. All orders must be finalised by this date.

Make sure you put your child's **Name, Grade** and tick the box on which food item that they would like.

If you place it online, please write on the note that you have paid via flexi schools.

If halal lunch is required, please tick the halal box up the top.

**Baked Potatoes** are back this term, you can choose from cheese, sour cream and chicken as your filling.

**New Item** - Canteen has a new icy pole on the menu, the TWISTER valued at \$3.00

**OUR SCHOOL PARTNER**



The advertisement features a photograph of Jeff Gaul, a man in a grey suit and tie, standing outdoors. To the right of the photo is a yellow box with the text "Looking to buy or sell your home?". Below this is contact information for Jeff Gaul, including his phone number (0406 270 790) and email (jeff.gaul@raywhite.com). At the bottom, it states that for every home sold through mention of the school, Cambridge Primary School will receive a generous donation, and provides the website raywhitewerribee.com. The RayWhite logo is also present in the top right corner.



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**COMMUNITY NEWS**



**Dad's Tuning into Kids**

**Dad's Tuning into Kids** teaches you how to help your child understand and manage feelings (emotional intelligence). Children with good emotional intelligence:

- have better concentration at school
- have greater success with making and keeping friends
- are more able to manage conflict with peers
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**DATE:** 03/24- 09/24 Thursdays  
**TIME:** 7pm- 9pm  
**VENUE:** Online via teams, register via QR link below.  
**COST:** FREE  
**Contact Grace Perrett** [grace.perrett@anglicarevic.org.au](mailto:grace.perrett@anglicarevic.org.au) or 03 9721 2000

[anglicarevic.org.au](https://www.anglicarevic.org.au)



**Supporting Multicultural and Multifaith Young People and Families (AVITHI)**

As Empowered Street Services, we understand the complexities of family dynamics and the challenges faced by early young people and parents, experiencing family adversities and challenges. They can get frustrated if all families had everything they can feel like they have done for the child, it is respectful and to have professional support everyone's voice to be heard and respected.

**Service Availability:**  
Our services are available across the northern suburbs of Melbourne.

**Get Support:**  
We're here to provide support to a parent, you can reach out to us through our helpline on 03 9448 4332 or email [avithi@anglicarevic.org.au](mailto:avithi@anglicarevic.org.au) or connect with a caring practitioner who understands your unique needs.

**Our Services:**  
We offer a specialist assessment for young people and/or their families when there have been experiences of harm and family violence within the home, including where young people live to years of age residential care.

**Our Multicultural and Multifaith workers** support young people from 16 years of age who are experiencing homelessness, with a particular focus on the Victorian and public housing system in inner city Melbourne. This program is funded by the State Government of Victoria.

**AVITHI: Address: Melbourne VIC, Australia**



**The Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge is now open and Cambridge Primary School is excited to be participating.**

The Challenge is open to all Victorian children from birth to Year 10 in recognition of the importance of reading for literacy development. It is not a competition; but a personal challenge for children to read a set number of books by 5 September 2024.

Children from Prep to Year 2 are encouraged to read or 'superhero' 30 books with their parents and teachers. Children from Year 3 to Year 10 are challenged to read 15 books.

Each student will be given a log in to access their online dashboard to search for books on the list to read. Once read, books are logged online or dropped off into that mailbox at the front office. The school coordinator will verify all books for students to be eligible.

All children who meet the Challenge will receive a certificate of achievement signed by the Victorian Premier and former Premiers.

To read the Premier's letter to parents, view the booklet and for more information about the Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge, visit: <https://www.vic.gov.au/premiers-reading-challenge>

For students:  
scan the QR code below to log in, search for books and confirm books after reading.

Our Local Myndem Library offers loans of the books on the list. Check out what they have to offer by visiting <https://www.myndem.vic.gov.au/services/libraries/lets-read-books-and-reading/victorian-premiers-reading-challenge-primary-kid>



**SOFTBALL**

**FIND A PLACE TO PLAY T-BALL OR SOFTBALL NEAR YOU**

**ALL AGES 4YRS-ADULT** **ALL ABILITIES WELCOME**

**FUN, FRIENDSHIP & FITNESS SOCIAL OR COMPETITIVE**

**SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE!**

FIND PLACES TO PLAY ACROSS METRO MELBOURNE, ALBURY WODONGA / HUME, GEELONG, & EAST GIPPSLAND

[www.softballvic.org.au/get-involved/playing](https://www.softballvic.org.au/get-involved/playing)

Discover how you, your child, or school can get involved in Softball today!



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**JUNIOR PLAYERS 2024/25 SEASON**

**OCTOBER**

Contact Us: 0417906742 [padressoftball2020@hotmail.com](mailto:padressoftball2020@hotmail.com)




**CALLING ALL BASKETBALL PLAYERS**

**SUMMER SEASON 2024-2025**

**SEASON STARTS 7TH OCTOBER, 2024**

**CONTACT OUR REGISTRARS:**  
U8-U23 GIRLS - MEL (0424 979 956)  
U8-U14 BOYS - AMANDA (0423 531 655)  
U16-U23 BOYS - DAVE (0419 313 309)

**CAMBRIDGE BASKETBALL CLUB**



**2024 Cambridge Primary School Book Week Parade!**

**Date:** Friday 23rd August 2024  
**Time:** 9:00AM  
**Location:** Big Gym  
**Theme:** 'Reading is Magic'

**Special Guest:** This year we are delighted to welcome **RICHARD VEGAS** who will be performing a magic show for our school community!

**Parade:** Be sure to dress up and be part of our annual book week parade, where students get to show off their FAVOURITE book character costumes.

If you would like to know a little bit more about Richard Vegas' magic show, visit: <https://www.richardvegasmagic.com.au/>