

OUR VISION

Growth Through Learning

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

Cambridge Primary School strives to equip and empower lifelong learners that contribute collaboratively to build a positive, inclusive, and successful school and community.



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Respect-Integrity-Self resilience -Excellence.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Jane Budd

With two weeks until the end of Term 3, I cannot believe how quickly it has flown and it will continue to be an extremely busy and exciting last two weeks with a range of activities and learning happening across the school.

Thank you to everyone who joined us for Breakfast Club/Fathers' Day Breakfast. It was wonderful to see our community come together. Congratulations to the McCalman, Romano & Saliji families who won our lucky tickets.

This week, ten of our Year 5 students took part in the Kid's Cancer Project, participating in the "Write a Book in a Day" competition from 8am to 8pm. Chosen for their enthusiasm for writing and illustrating, as well as their leadership and teamwork skills, our students faced the creative challenge with determination. I'm thrilled to announce that they completed their book just in time. A heartfelt thank you to the staff who supported this endeavour, to the students for their dedication, and to the parents for their ongoing support, which made this experience both successful and meaningful.

This Friday we have ten year 6 students visit the Werribee Open Range Zoo, where they will have a focus on exploring sustainability, local endangered species and their habitats. The students will be able to share their ideas on how to make positive changes within our local council area. This excursion is fully funded by Wyndham City Council and Werribee Open Range Zoo. I look forward to hearing all about his at our next school assembly.

If you are planning a holiday during the school term, please visit the office to fill out a **'Notice of Extended Student Absence'** form. While we recognise that scheduling vacations during school breaks may not always be possible, we encourage families to plan trips during the designated school holidays whenever possible.

As we begin planning for staffing and grade structures for 2025, we'll start by assessing our projected numbers early next term. This will allow us to place students into grades and assign teachers in a way that fosters the best possible learning environment. Our approach prioritises both educational outcomes and group dynamics. Here are the criteria we use for placing students:

- Educational needs/outcomes
- Behavioural needs/outcomes
- Overall group dynamics – creating a positive and supportive group
- Friendship needs – if relevant in supporting student learning

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If you have any information about your child's educational needs that you have not already discussed with their class teacher, please let our Assistant Principals know in writing no later than October 7th.

If you know your child/ren are not going to be at Cambridge in 2025, please let the office staff know as soon as possible.

A reminder that the school term end on Friday 20th September @ 1.45pm If you cannot be here at 1.45pm please make arrangements for your child/ren to be collected by another family member or book into Out of School Hours Care. (0475973325)

PARENT/ CAREGIVER/GUARDIAN OPINION SURVEY – EXTENDED

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 **14 survey responses – 9%**. We value all your feedback and strongly encourage every family to complete the 2024 survey. The Parent / Caregiver / Guardian Opinion Survey has been extended **until the end of Term 3, Friday 20 September**.

IMPORTANT DATES – Term Three 2024	
Friday September 6	Love Your Locals
Monday September 9	Year 1 Build a Bear Incursion
Tuesday September 10	District Athletics
Wednesday September 11	Year 5 Melbourne Museum and Imax
Thursday September 12	R U OK Day
Thursday September 12	Toastie Day
Friday September 13	Year 2 First Aid Incursion
Friday September 13	Whole School Assembly Big Gym 2.30pm
Wednesday September 18	Cambridge Disco
Friday September 20	Breakfast Club
Friday September 20	Last Day of Tern 3 2024 (Students finish @ 1:45pm)
IMPORTANT DATES – Term Four 2024	
Monday October 7	First Day Term 4
Monday October 7	Year 3 Swimming Program
Monday October 14	Year 2 Swimming Program

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FAMILY HANDBOOK

ENRICHING CHILDREN'S LIVES

TeamKids is a **premium OSHC provider** enriching children's lives before school, after school and throughout the school holidays.

Our **child-centred approach** provides you with the comfort of knowing your child(ren) are in safe hands and being enriched at every opportunity.



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1300 035 000



INNOVATIVE TEAMKIDS CLUBS

Each day is a new adventure! We extend and enrich each child's passions and interests through our TeamKids Clubs. Children nominate to join clubs at no extra cost.

FUN EXPERIENCES

TeamKids run educational play-based programs that are child-centred, fun and maximise opportunities for enriching and extending each child's learning and development.

REMARKABLE EDUCATORS

When attending TeamKids, your children are cared for by our passionate, highly experienced & trained educators.

INVOLVED IN THE COMMUNITY

TeamKids builds and maintains respectful, collaborative relationships with families and schools.

HEALTHY & NUTRITIOUS

We provide healthy, nutritious and delicious food each morning and afternoon.

GENUINE RELATIONSHIPS

From the moment you walk through the door, TeamKids provides an atmosphere that is welcoming, safe, relaxed and inclusive.

REMARKABLE PROGRAM MANAGEMENT

We work closely with our services to ensure they have all the support and resources to deliver a remarkable program.



See you soon!



Find out more about your TeamKids service.
teamkids.com.au | 1300 035 000

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i ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

HOW TO ENROL

It's easy to set up your TeamKids account! To do so head to our website: teamkids.com.au. You'll be required to set up an account by clicking the register button. We can only accept children that are fully registered with TeamKids and have provided any required additional documents.

CHILD CARE SUBSIDY

All our programs are Child Care Subsidy (CCS) approved and may apply to your TeamKids bookings. Centrelink uses your family's annual adjusted taxable income and working hours to determine the percentage of subsidy you are eligible for. For further information about CCS, please visit our website or speak with our Customer Service Team on 1300 035 000.

DELICIOUS MORNING & AFTERNOON TEA

We provide healthy, nutritious and delicious food each morning and afternoon. Our healthy menus cater for food allergies, intolerances, cultural diversity and promote healthy eating. Seasonal fruit and vegetables are served throughout the session with daily specials. During the school holidays - Bring your own lunch!

FAMILY FINANCIAL SUPPORT

We appreciate the relationships which we create with families and local communities. Hence, we encourage parents always to let us know if they are going through any financial troubles. Where possible, we will work with families to find a reasonable solution. For a confidential conversation call our Customer Service on 1300 035 000.

✓ HOURS OF OPERATION - CAMBRIDGE PRIMARY

SERVICE	TIMES	COST TO PARENTS	AFTER MAX CCS*
Before School Care	6:45 AM - 8:45 AM	\$25.00	\$3.37
After School Care	3:15 PM - 6:45 PM	\$28.00	\$2.80
Curriculum Days	6:45 AM - 6:45 PM	\$85.00	\$8.50
Vacation Care	6:45 AM - 6:45 PM	\$85.00†	\$8.50†

*Child Care Subsidy can provide up to 85% off your fees. **Fees & Hours of operation may be subject to change. †Experience/Activity fees will apply.

🔔 BEFORE & AFTER CARE

NO ENROLMENT FEE

We encourage all families to register with TeamKids, so we do not charge an enrolment fee for our Before & After Care service.

BOOKINGS & CANCELLATIONS

You can make bookings and cancellations online up until 12 midday the day of the session, pending availability. For any bookings or cancellations after this time, please contact the service directly on their designated mobile phone which can be found on our website.

Cancellations made within 48 hours of the session commencing will incur the normal fee as an allowable absence and will be charged accordingly.

In the event of a medical illness, please email a medical certificate to info@teamkids.com.au WITHIN 48 HOURS of the absence to receive a credit for the booking.

There are no charges for cancellations made before the deadline.

LATE BOOKING FEE

For any bookings made within 48 hours of the session commencing an additional \$5 late booking fee will be charged. This will be included in the attendance sessions total fee. To avoid late surges in bookings, we encourage families to book earlier so that we can staff, plan experiences and resource accordingly.

STATEMENTS & PAYMENTS

For Before & After Care, you will be charged every 2 weeks in arrears via EziDebit. A statement will be emailed to your nominated email address on Monday and payment will be processed the Wednesday following.

☀️ VACATION CARE

ADMINISTRATION FEE

For Holiday Programs there is a \$5 administration fee per family for each holiday period.

BOOKINGS & CANCELLATIONS

You can make bookings and cancellations online up until 7 am the day before the session pending availability. For any 'on the day' bookings or cancellations, please contact Head Office directly on 1300 035 000. Cancellations made within 48 hours of the session commencing will incur the normal fee as an allowable absence and will be charged accordingly. Cancellations made with more than 48 hours' notice will not be charged. In the event of a medical illness, please email a medical certificate to info@teamkids.com.au WITHIN 48 HOURS of the absence to avoid being charged for the booking.

LATE BOOKING FEE

For any bookings made within 7 days of the session commencing an additional \$5 late booking fee will be charged per session. This will be included in the attendance sessions total fee. To avoid late surges in bookings, we encourage families to book earlier so that we can staff, plan experiences and resource accordingly.

STATEMENTS & PAYMENTS

Please note that TeamKids will process payment weekly in arrears on a Wednesday via EziDebit. A statement will be emailed to your nominated email address on Monday and payments will be processed the Thursday following.

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CURRICULUM NEWS

Last week we undertook our termly planning week. During this week our students have all of their specialists on the same day, this allows classroom teachers of the same cohort (Foundation, Year 1, etc.) to spend the day planning for the upcoming term. The week was incredibly successful and we are looking forward to going into term 4 prepared and enthusiastic.

Victorian Curriculum 2.0

In the previous newsletter, we discussed some of the changes that we will see in Mathematics with the new curriculum being released next year. In this edition, we will explore some of the changes to the Literacy domain.

Literacy covers the domains of Reading, Writing, and Speaking and Listening. The main change to the English curriculum is the clear progression of learning within the content descriptors (this is the section of the curriculum we use to guide what will be delivered). The content descriptors are broken into three sections, Literacy, Literature, and Language. By breaking the content descriptors into these subheadings rather than the three domains, there is a higher emphasis on ensuring clear links between Reading and Writing.

The Achievement Standard (this section of the curriculum is used to assess against) is still broken into the three domains of Reading, Writing, and Speaking and Listening.

Jess Green – Assistant Principal

WELLBEING AND INCLUSION

Allied Health Supports for Students

If your child is engaged with any of the following services, we would love for you to contact the school and speak to a member of the wellbeing team to let us know.

- Speech pathologist
- Paediatrician
- Psychologist / Psychiatrist
- Social Worker
- Occupational Therapist
- Physiotherapist
- Counsellor
- Audiologist / Eye Therapist

We are keen to work alongside these services to achieve the best possible results for your child.

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Cheers Cheese Toastie / R U OK? Day

We have had a great response to our Cheers Cheese Toastie Day. There are only a few days left to submit your request and order a cheese toastie for the day.

As part of our celebration, all students will be participating in a range of social emotional learning sessions aimed at raising awareness of the importance of sharing our feelings and confiding in someone when we have a problem.

CritterCoin Store

Today and tomorrow all students across the school will have the opportunity to spend their CritterCoins on a wide variety of items from fidget toys to stationary, games, Lego or canteen vouchers. We encourage our families to have a discussion with their children about what they have purchased and celebrate how they were able to earn the coins in the first place.

Footy Colours Day

A reminder that on Wednesday 18th September students are encouraged to dress in their preferred footy team colours. So, bring your beanies, scarves, jumpers and footy shorts to celebrate.

Breakfast Club

Last week our breakfast club was arranged as part of our Fathering Project activity. In week 10 on Friday 20th September, we will be having a regular breakfast club on the last day of term. This will be held in the large Gym and we encourage all our students and families to attend.

Jarrold Bateup – Assistant Principal

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Wellbeing

NEWSLETTER

Promoting health and wellbeing

At Cambridge Primary, student wellbeing is central to everything we do. When students feel safe, valued, and supported, they are more likely to thrive. We focus on building strong relationships, promoting emotional literacy, fostering inclusivity and encouraging healthy habits to create a positive and inclusive environment where all students can succeed. Parents and guardians play a crucial role in this effort. By staying connected with your child, encouraging balance and modeling positive behaviours, you help reinforce the wellbeing practices we promote at school. Together, we can ensure every student feels empowered to achieve their best, both academically and personally



Parent resources

- Parentline is a phone service for parents and carers of children up to 18 years old. It offers confidential and anonymous counselling and support on parenting issues. Call 13 22 89.
- National Carers Counselling Program supports carers of children with a disability through 600 centres around Australia.
- Family Relationship Support for Carers (VIC) offer free counselling, mediation and future planning support for families caring for someone with a disability.

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Inclusive sports

Come and Try Wheelchair Basketball for anyone aged 8 years and over. Get excited about Wheelchair Basketball at the Paralympics and have a go with Wyndham Basketball, Werribee All Abilities Basketball Club and Basketball Victoria. Sports wheelchairs will be available to use.

This activity is for people with and without disability. If you like it you can join in every Tuesday at Eagle stadium from 4 to 4.40pm (school terms only).

Suitable for beginners upwards, activities will be set up to help develop skills and build confidence.

Please bring:

- a drink bottle with water
 - wear comfortable clothing you can be active in
- This session is part of The Games 2024 campaign to celebrate the Olympics and Paralympics in Paris 2024.

Here is the link to register:

<https://www.wyndham.vic.gov.au/whats-on/wheelchair-basketball-come-and-try-8-years-adult>



Events this month

12th Sept R U OK? Day

DISABILITY INCLUSION

Disability Inclusion is part of the Government's approach to inclusive education. It provides extra support for students with disabilities in Victorian Government schools.

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YEAR 4

Congratulations to the following Year 4 Students

Year 4 RISE Awards:

**Ricky, Thenara, Likhita, Harjaap, Faria,
Melissa, Jassica, Zainab**

Pen Licenses:

Samson, Esti, Sashane, Aisha, Jessica



Whole School Science Week

National Science Week 2024 was held from the 10th to 18th of August, however, at Cambridge Primary School, we celebrated it from the 19th to 22nd of August by students from Prep to Year 6 attending incursions during the week.

Each year level attended a different incursion:

- Foundation and Year 1 Science Dome - Introduction to Seasons
- Year 2 Greater Western Water - The Water Cycle
- Year 3 Science Dome – Seasons
- Year 4 Wildlife Xposure - Native Animals and Erosion
- Year 5 Science Dome - Natural Disasters
- Year 6 Science Dome - Structure of the Solar System all linked to what they have been learning about in STEM this term.

The students thoroughly enjoyed attending the different incursions and their classroom teachers said that they could not stop talking about what they experienced.

On behalf of the students and staff we would like to thank the following organisations for making this year's National Science Week so engaging and exciting:

- Science Dome – Nick
- Wildlife Xposure – Earl
- Greater Western Water - Kristen

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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 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.

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

Footy Day Lunch

Footy day lunch will be held on the **18th of September**.

You can order on www.flexischools.com.au or place an order on the footy day note with your child's name, grade, correct money and tick what meal they would like to have and send it to the canteen.

Please finalise by Friday the 13th of September

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

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

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R U OK? R U OK DAY
OSHC
BREAKFAST
12 th september 2024
6:45 AM - 8:00 AM
BEFORE SCHOOL CARE
PARENTS WELCOME
[Order Now](#)



Invitation to join us for breakfast at Before school care in recognition of R U OK Day.

Join us for breakfast and a meaningful conversation.

Thursday 12th September 6.45am-8am

OUR SCHOOL PARTNER



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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.
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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
- are more able to calm down when upset or angry

Dad's Tuning into Kids teaches you how to help your child manage feelings such as worry, frustration and anger? Come and join a FREE 6-week interactive group program for Dads with children 3-10 years old!

DATE: 03/24-10/24 Thursdays
TIME: 7pm-9pm
VENUE: Online via teams, register via QR link below.
COST: FREE
Contact Grace Perrett grace.perrett@anglicarevic.org.au or 03 9721 2000



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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. Things can get heated if all families feel sometimes things can feel like they have gone from the safe place in a supportive and safe home environment where everyone's voice is heard and respected.

Service Availability:
Our services are available across the northeastern 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 4352 or email 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 their families where there have been experiences of harm and family violence within the home, including where young people live to years of age from residential care.

Our Multicultural & Multifaith workers support young people from 16 years of age who also speak Hindi, Urdu, Punjabi, Bengali, Tamil, Sinhala, Malayalam, Telugu, Kannada, Malay, Vietnamese, Thai, and other languages. We offer support in these languages and provide translation services in the Melbourne. This program is funded by the State Government of Victoria.

PHOTO: ADARSHAN MISHRA/STYX MEDIA




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 'superread' 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.



Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge - Early Childhood & Prep - Year 2

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/tids/tids-de-books-and-e-reading/victorian-premiers-reading-challenge-primary-kid>





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www.softballvic.org.au/get-involved/playing




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JUNIOR PLAYERS 2024/25 SEASON

OCTOBER



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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)

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