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*Growth Through Learning*

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# Cambridge Primary School

Respect-Integrity-Self resilience -Excellence.

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

*Jane Budd*

Welcome back to our final term of the year, always an exciting and busy time. It has been lovely to see our students return after the term break, well rested, happy, and smiling. Term 4 leads us into our summer months and our summer uniform. This is also a timely reminder of our sun safety policy and the wearing of hats (Navy only) when playing outside & participating in sporting lessons/events.

I'm excited to share some wonderful news with our community – Cambridge Primary School has been selected to participate in the 2024 Lexus Melbourne Cup Tour! Further details will be provided to families over the next week, but for now, please save the date: Thursday, 31st October at 10am for a special assembly where we can all join in this incredible experience.

We have had our swimming program start with our year 2s & 3s. It was great to see such high participation rates and so much improvement from our students. I'd like to thank Ms O'Mealley & Mr Mutton for coordinating the program, all the staff involved in ensuring the program ran smoothly and to our amazing students for engaging so whole heartedly!

This week, I've had the pleasure of reading through all the applications for the 2025 School Captain positions. I'm incredibly excited and proud of everyone who applied—it's never an easy decision to make. I'm looking forward to the next steps in the process, which include shortlisting candidates and moving on to the interview stage with Miss Green and Mr. B.

Next Friday we will celebrate World Teacher's Day. It's time to celebrate our teachers and thank them for all the work they do to educate, inspire and empower our learners here at Cambridge. I am sure you will show your appreciation and acknowledge the immense dedication that our amazing staff put into their work.

This is the term when we finalise all the big decisions for the structure of the school for next year. We have started work on determining the number of classes we will offer, the staffing needs for 2025, which teachers will be allocated to which classes, and where and how we will house everyone. Whilst these are complex matters, parents should rest assured that we will make all decisions within the context of ensuring the ongoing success of Cambridge Primary School.

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

Finally, just a reminder that Monday 4th & Tuesday 5th November, adjacent to Melbourne Cup holiday, will be pupil-free curriculum day at Cambridge Primary School.

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| <b>IMPORTANT DATES – Term Four 2024</b> |  |
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| <b>23<sup>rd</sup> October</b>          | Year 5 Walk Talk Program   |
| <b>28<sup>th</sup> October</b>          | Subway Lunch   |
| <b>31<sup>st</sup> October</b>          | Whole School Assembly 10.00am                                      |
| <b>1<sup>st</sup> November</b>          | Breakfast Club<br>Prep – 2 Mini Olympics                           |
| <b>4<sup>th</sup> November</b>          | <b>Curriculum Day</b><br><b>No Students are required at school</b> |
| <b>5<sup>th</sup> November</b>          | <b>Cup Day Public Holiday</b>                                      |
| <b>11<sup>th</sup> November</b>         | Year 1 St John’s Incursion<br>Prep 2025 Transition 3.30 – 4.30     |
| <b>13<sup>th</sup> November</b>         | Colour Fun Run   |
| <b>18<sup>th</sup> November</b>         | Year 3 Lady Northcote  |
| <b>21<sup>st</sup> November</b>         | Art Excursion  |
| <b>22<sup>nd</sup> November</b>         | Breakfast Club<br>Whole School Assembly                            |
| <b>25<sup>th</sup> November</b>         | Subway Lunch<br>Prep 2025 Transition 3.30 – 4.30                   |
| <b>26<sup>th</sup> November</b>         | Gelato Day   |
| <b>27<sup>th</sup> November</b>         | Gelato Day   |
| <b>28<sup>th</sup> November</b>         | Year 4 Strike Bowling Excursion                                    |
| <b>2<sup>nd</sup> December</b>          | Year 6 Adventure Park  |
| <b>6<sup>th</sup> December</b>          | Whole School Assembly 9.00am                                       |
| <b>11<sup>th</sup> December</b>         | Prep Movie Excursion   |
| <b>12<sup>th</sup> December</b>         | Year 6 Graduation  |
| <b>13<sup>th</sup> December</b>         | Breakfast Club   |
| <b>20<sup>th</sup> December</b>         | <b>Last day of Term</b><br><b>Students finish 1.45pm</b>           |

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# For parents and carers (primary)

## Support to keep your children safe online

This guide provides tips and resources for parents, carers and families to support children to be safe when using social media.

### Primary school aged children and social media

Parents and carers play a key role in guiding their children as they navigate the online world and begin to learn through exploration, play and social interaction.

Parents and carers can prepare their primary school aged child to be safe on social media even if they don't use it yet. You can do this by building good online habits and staying informed about online safety.

You can learn more how to help your child begin their online journey on the [eSafety Commissioner's website](#).

You can also learn about the range of social media, games, apps and sites in the [eSafety Guide](#), including what all the apps are, their minimum age requirements, how to protect personal information and how to report content within the apps themselves.



### Supporting positive and safe online experiences for your child

There are a range of resources available to support you to support your child to have a safe experience online.

- The [eSafety Commissioner's website](#) provides:
  - o [eSafety parents page](#) including: information [on how to have hard conversations about tricky topics](#) like cyberbullying or seeing pornography.
  - o [webinars](#) to give parents/carers the knowledge, skills and tools to support safe online experiences including supporting primary schools children to understand consent and online boundaries and how to support your child with online gaming.
  - o [family friendly videos and advice sheets in multiple languages](#) to support your family stay safe online, getting started with social media, safer online gaming and getting help when your child is bullied online.
  - o [eSafetykids](#) page with child friendly information you can share with your child including what to do when someone is being mean online, being safe online, sharing photos and personal information online.
- [Bully Stoppers](#) provides dedicated resources on [cybersafety and cyberbullying](#) for primary aged students and a dedicated resource page for [parents](#). You can also access [cyberbullying advice sheets](#) for concerned adults through Bully Stoppers.
- [Alannah and Madeline Foundation](#) provides [DigiTalk](#), an online safety hub for parents. It includes resources on topics such as becoming a screen smart family, navigating online bullying, and choosing, protecting and engaging with games for children.
- [Raising Children Network](#) provides resources for parents of primary school children on topics like healthy screen time, digital family life, digital play and learning and online safety.

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## **CURRICULUM NEWS**

At Cambridge Primary School, we pride ourselves on delivering a rich and comprehensive educational experience, aligned with the Victorian Curriculum. Our curriculum not only supports students in gaining essential skills but also encourages critical thinking, creativity, and personal growth. This term, we're focusing on revising several key areas that lay the foundation for lifelong learning.

### **Literacy: Building Strong Readers and Writers**

In our classrooms, literacy is a cornerstone of development. From exploring CVC words and initial sounds in the early years to enhancing decoding, comprehension, and fluency in Year 1, we provide students with the tools they need to become confident readers and writers. This term, students are engaging in revising and bringing together the skills they have learnt throughout the year in their writing and reading.

### **Numeracy: Strengthening Number Sense and Place Value**

Numeracy skills are equally prioritised, with a focus on number sense and place value from Foundation to the higher levels. At the Foundation level, we've designed engaging lessons around addition, subtraction, and place value to give students a solid understanding of how numbers work together. Through activities like bundling and regrouping, students gain a concrete understanding of the base-10 system.

For our younger students, we're concentrating on building fluency with two-digit numbers, emphasizing bundling and regrouping without relying heavily on technology. By using tactile materials such as counters and blocks, we ensure that students grasp these concepts deeply and in a way that they can apply to real-world situations.

### **Supporting Every Learner**

We understand that each student is unique, and our curriculum supports all learning styles. Whether your child excels in mathematics, enjoys literacy, or has a special interest in the arts, our teachers are committed to tailoring lessons to meet their individual needs.

This term is an exciting time for both students and teachers at Cambridge Primary School and we look forward to seeing our students thrive as they continue their learning journey.

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**2025 Preps**

We are currently working on creating our Prep transition groups and are looking forward to meeting our future Cambridge students. This term I will be visiting the Kinder's regularly and hosting our future students for a library session. If you have not already done so, please make sure you have enrolled your child with us if they are starting Prep in 2025.

**Jess Green – Assistant Principal**



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**WELLBEING AND INCLUSION**

**Extracurricular activities**

Term 4 is another exciting term for our students with lots of extracurricular activities including Swimming Programs, Museum excursions, Gelato Days and Mini-Olympics (P-2). Please continue to refer to compass to keep up to date with information on these events.

**Student Support Group Meetings**

This term our Student Support Group (SSG) meetings will be taking place in week 6 from Monday 11<sup>th</sup> to Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November. From next week you will be able to book online to have your SSG meeting with your child's classroom teacher and celebrate the progress they have made and understand the goals they are working towards for the rest of the year in their Education Plan (IEP).

**Critter Coin Store**

This week our Critter Coin store was opened up to all staff. All of our students appreciated the opportunity to put their Critter Coins to use either with physical objects from the store or to care for their online Meta Pets.

Have a conversation with your children and celebrate their achievements and what they were able to enjoy.

**Student Leadership Day**

Last week our Junior School Council leaders ran a special event for all of the students and teachers in grade 4 and 5. They were the teachers for the day and explained, taught and then ran a range of hands on and engaging activities for more than 200 students!

The grade 4 and 5 students enjoyed the opportunity to work in groups and design ways to make Cambridge Primary an even better school for everyone.

Congratulations to our Junior School Councillors who did a tremendous job and to all of the grade 4 and students for their energy and engagement.

**Jarrold Bateup – Assistant Principal**

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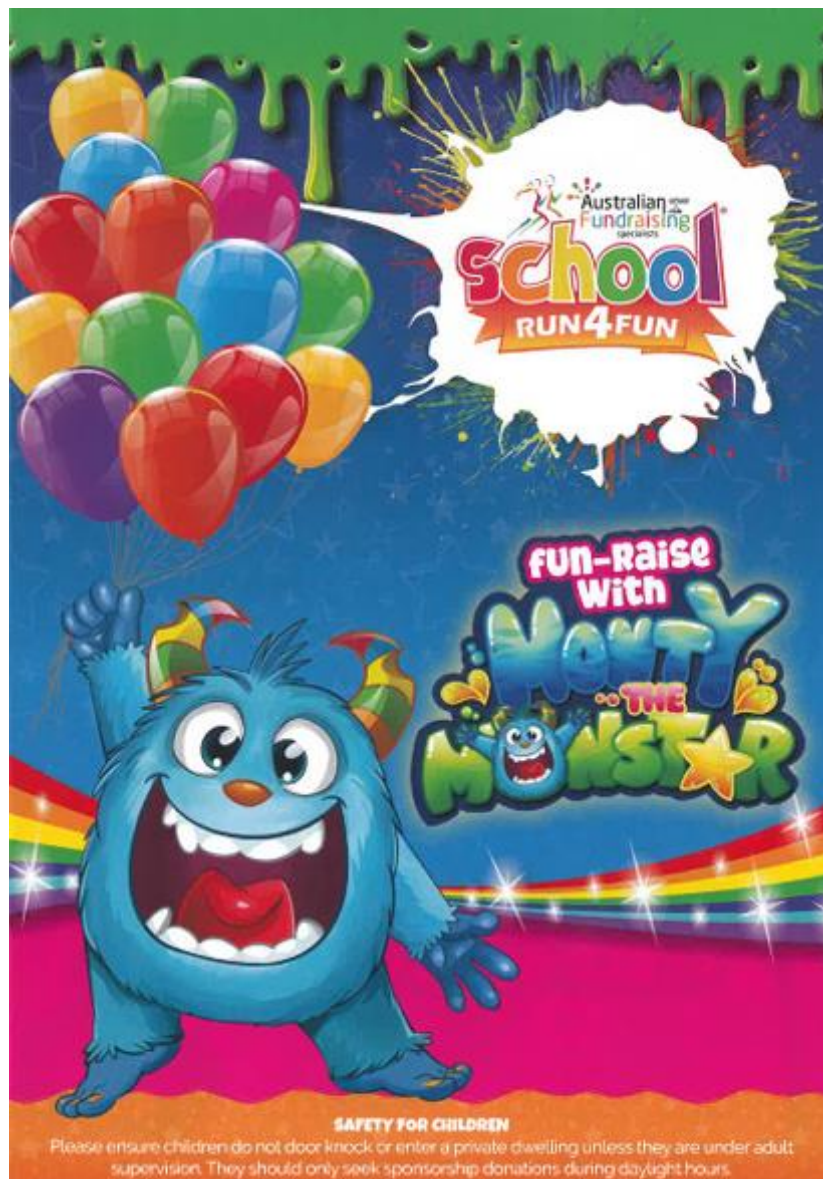
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**COLOUR FUN RUN**

Colour Fun Run will be held on 13<sup>th</sup> November 2024.

More information to come



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**YEAR 2**

On Friday the 11<sup>th</sup> of October the Year 2s went on an excursion to explore and learn about the history of our local area. Here are some of our students' reflections on a really interesting day.

Vicky 2B

On Friday we explored Werribee. The first place that we went was to the War Memorial. I had some time to remember the soldiers from our area. Next, we went to the Werribee Museum where we saw a lot of old machines and toys that were used in Werribee. Then we had some fun on the slide at Wyndham Park. Finally, we went to the RSL where some ex-soldiers told us their stories and we got to hold guns. Werribee was a really fun place to go.

Mahalia 2B

We went to an excursion on a bus. My favourite part was the Werribee RSL. The soldiers told us they had to go in the jungle with a really heavy backpack. I also liked Wyndham Park.

Sathu 2B

I went to Werribee on Friday. I went to the RSL, the park, the war memorial, museum and saw some graffiti in the laneway. At the park I went on the mini excavator. At the RSL I held a really big gun. There was an old washing thing at the museum. I had a great day.





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**YEAR 3**

What a way to start Term 4! The Year 3s had swimming at Aqua Pulse all of Week 1. We were so impressed with the way our students demonstrated the RISE values during their lessons. They set a great example of how Cambridge students act outside of school. On Friday, we gave out Super Swimmer awards to students who showed Excellence, Self-Resilience and Improvement throughout the week. Congratulations to all!



**YEAR 5**

**MONDAY 21ST OCTOBER TO NOVEMBER 16TH**  
**COLLECT CANS FOR A CAUSE**

*Lets Support Les Reach 1000km To Help The Salvation Army*  
**Collect As Many Cans As You Can For Those In Need**



**Bring In 1 Can To Get A Mistry CC**



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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.

We will be having a Halloween Themed Week and will have some special items available:

|                        |        |
|------------------------|--------|
| Creepy Biscuits        | 60c    |
| Freaky Marshmallow     | \$1.00 |
| Eyeball brownie        | \$1.00 |
| Spooky Jelly           | \$1.50 |
| Witches' potion muffin | \$1.50 |

**New Products**

|  |        |
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| Satay Chicken and it is <b>Nut Free</b> and <b>Gluten free</b> | \$5.60 |
| Icy Pole TWISTER   | \$3.00 |

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# Let's Celebrate Italian!

**Ciao a Tutti!**

It's that time again where we would like you to help us celebrate the Italian program here at Cambridge Ps.

This Term as part of the celebrations, we will be having a Gelato Day/s. Students will be able to order and experience the full flavours of Italian icecream.

There will be 8 flavours for students to choose from— 4 of which are dairy based and 4 fruit/sorbet based. All flavours are either GF/DF/VF. (Please see promotional posters placed up around the school for more details)

**When: Tuesday 26th & Wednesday 27th November**

**Cost: \$6.50 per child**

There will be afterschool sales, so when picking up your child/ren, please come, purchase and indulge in a gelato yourself.

There will be a note coming home soon regarding this great event.

*Grazie*

*Signore Sowter & Signora Tregilgas*



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Allow **10-15 min** to set up your account.

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## HOW TO BOOK?

1. Sign in to your TeamKids account.
2. Select the following: » Add/Change bookings » Care Type » Child's Name » Date (it will turn green).
3. Click "Next".
4. Double check your bookings and click "Confirm Changes".

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“ My daughter could not wait to go back to TeamKids the next day! ” **Danielle**

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- EPIC CLUBS + EVENTS
- SAFE + FUN ENVIRONMENT
- FUN + ENGAGING EDUCATORS
- YUMMY FOOD

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👉 <https://vimeo.com/1017326834?share=copy>

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**COMMUNITY NEWS**



