

OUR VISION

Growth Through Learning

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Respect-Integrity-Self resilience -Excellence.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Our final newsletter for Term 1. It has been such a busy term, filled with growth, achievements and memorable experiences for our students. First and foremost, I must express my admiration for the incredible efforts of our students. Their dedication to learning and their enthusiastic participation in various activities has truly made this term a success. Through their hard work and positive attitudes, they have demonstrated a commitment to excellence that is truly outstanding.

Last week, six enthusiastic Year 5/6 students had an incredible opportunity to attend the inaugural STEM Academy launch at The Grange P-12 College. As a neighbouring primary school, we were thrilled to be invited to this special event, which featured former NASA astronaut Mike Bloomfield, a veteran of three Space Shuttle missions. The program included an engaging presentation on the importance of STEM education, a Q&A session with the astronauts hosted by STEM Academy students, and an exciting opportunity for a group photo with these space pioneers. It was an unforgettable experience for our students and a fantastic opportunity for our school community!

I am looking forward to our Prep Easter Bonnet Parade tomorrow! Our students are sure to showcase an incredible array of crafty and creative hats and headpieces. It will be a wonderful celebration of their creativity and enthusiasm! A heartfelt thank you to all the school community who will be joining us to watch the performances. Enjoy the picnic, as it promises to be a special day for our Prep students, teachers and families.

New blinds have been installed in the portables, providing improved light control and a more comfortable learning environment for our students. These upgrades will help create a better space for teaching and learning throughout the year.



Before



After

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We have had a wonderful turn out to our Breakfast Club program this term with a steady flow of students and parent helpers. If you would like to volunteer, please come along next term.

On Monday evening, we held our final DadFit session. A huge thank you to all the dads who participated. It is fantastic to see our families' strengthening connections and building strong relationships within the local community!

Looking ahead to Term 2, we are excited to welcome new staff members, Ms. Shalini Srivastava Ms. Jill Connor. Additionally, we are delighted to welcome back Ms. Lauren McDonald, part time from family leave. We look forward to a fantastic term ahead.

As we conclude Term 1, we extend our heartfelt thanks to Mr. Mondragon and Ms. Scott for their dedication and contributions during their time at Cambridge Primary School. We wish them all the best as they embark on new adventures at their new schools.

Overall, we have had a fantastic start to 2025. I have certainly enjoyed watching all students grow and love coming to school. I have particularly enjoyed students coming and sharing their work with me. They are so proud of their achievements.

Reminder that Friday 4th April is our last day of term 1, Students will conclude the day @ 1.45pm.

I wish you all a very safe and relaxing holiday period and I look forward to seeing you all in term two.

Media Consent – Important Reminder

At the start of the year, Cambridge Primary School introduced a new "Photographing, Filming, and Recording of Students" policy. This policy requires parent/guardian permission for the school to publish student participation and achievements through media platforms such as newsletters, Facebook, and the school's website.

Consent is collected once and will remain on file for the duration of your child's time at Cambridge unless you choose to update it. Families who have not yet provided consent will have recently received a form. If you have multiple children, you will have received separate forms for each child, as individual consent is required for each student. Please review all information carefully and submit your response as soon as possible so we can finalise consent records. Please find attached the consent form. For any questions or clarifications, please contact your child's classroom teacher.

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IMPORTANT DATES – Term 1 2025	
4th April	End of Term 1 Students finish 1.45pm
IMPORTANT DATES Term 2 2025	
22nd April	Students return for Term 2 Year 4 Camp
24th April	Year 5 Sovereign Hill Excursion
25th April	ANZAC Day Public Holiday

CCTV at our school

Cambridge Primary School has decided to use a closed-circuit television (CCTV) system at our school.

Our school has an obligation to ensure the school environment is safe and secure, and fulfil our duty of care to students, staff and visitors. The CCTV system will assist our school to fulfil these obligations and to prevent and manage other inappropriate behaviour on school grounds. CCTV will also provide enhanced capability to protect our school's assets against vandalism and theft.

Cambridge PS will follow Department of Education and Training policy requirements for the design, installation, management and use of the CCTV systems. This policy is available at <https://www2.education.vic.gov.au/pal/cctv-in-schools/policy>

A CCTV Privacy Notice is available on our school website, and includes more information about our school's use of CCTV: <https://cambridgeps.vic.edu.au/cctv>

CCTV will begin being rolled out in stages, starting from the coming April school holiday period.

If you have any questions or concerns at this stage, please contact the school via email: cambridge.ps@education.vic.gov.au

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Curriculum News

End of Term Wrap-Up: Celebrating Our Students' Achievements!

As we reach the end of another fantastic term, we take a moment to reflect on the incredible hard work, growth, and achievements of all our students. This term has been filled with learning, perseverance, and plenty of memorable moments, and we couldn't be prouder of what each student has accomplished. From mastering new skills in the classroom to showing kindness and resilience in the playground, our students have continued to shine in so many ways. A special thank you to our dedicated teachers, staff, and families who support and encourage our students every step of the way. Your partnership is invaluable in fostering a positive and nurturing learning environment.

As we look ahead, we are excited to announce that Prep enrolments for Term 2, 2026 will officially open at the start of next term. Families interested in enrolling their child are encouraged to visit our school website for more information on the process and key dates.

We wish all our students and families a restful and enjoyable break. We look forward to another term of learning, laughter, and growth when we return!

Enjoy the holidays and see you next term!

Jess Green

Assistant Principal

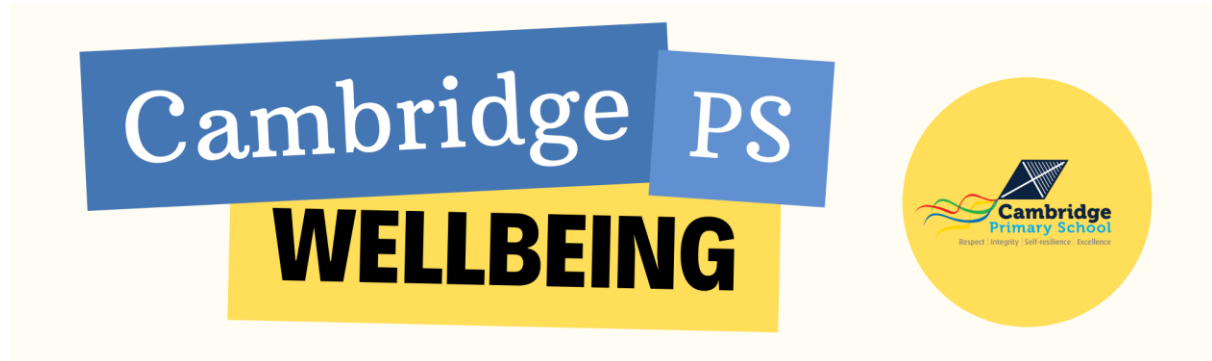
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Welling Being News



Dear Cambridge Community,

Hello, Cambridge Community!

We hope you're having a fantastic term. In this edition of our **Wellbeing Newsletter**, we're focusing on the importance of **attendance** and how every school day counts towards your child's learning, friendships, and overall wellbeing.

Our school is committed to creating a **safe, supportive, and engaging environment** where every student feels valued and motivated to be here each day. Together, we can build positive habits that set students up for success—both now and in the future!

Read on for helpful tips, insights, and a **conversation starter** to encourage discussions at home. Let's work together to make every day a great school day!

The Importance of Attendance

Why Attendance Matters

Did you know that missing just one day of school per fortnight equates to four weeks of lost learning each year? Regular attendance is one of the most important factors in student success—academically, socially, and emotionally.

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How Attendance Impacts Students

“What’s something special about our family’s culture, background, or traditions that you’d like to share with your class or friends?”

Academic Growth: Every day at school is a new opportunity to learn, participate, and grow.

Social Connection: Consistent attendance helps students build friendships and feel a sense of belonging.

Emotional Wellbeing: Routine and structure support emotional regulation and confidence.

Future Success: Good habits start early—attendance patterns in primary school can impact future learning and career success.

Rise and Shine Passes

From next term, we will be introducing the Rise and Shine pass, Instead of giving out late passes for those who arrive after the bell rings, we’re encouraging you to try again tomorrow and arrive on time with a Rise and Shine Pass they will be able to take them home as a reminder for families to prepare for the next day. The school gates open at 8:45am and class begins at 8:50am.

Being on time helps you:

- Join in all the exciting activities right from the beginning.
- **Keep up with lessons and fun projects without missing anything.**
- Start your day feeling calm, ready, and confident.



How Families Can Support Regular Attendance

✓ **Establish a Morning Routine** – Set a consistent bedtime and morning schedule.

✓ **Prepare the Night Before** – Pack bags, lay out uniforms, and plan lunches in advance.

✓ **Prioritize School Days** – Where possible, schedule appointments outside of school hours.

✓ **Talk About the Importance of Attendance** – Help children understand that every school day matters.

✓ **Seek Support if Needed** – If your child is struggling with attendance, reach out to the school—we’re here to help!



Conversation Starter for Home

“Why do you think going to school every day is important? What’s something you enjoy about being at school?”

By working together, we can help every student thrive. Let’s make every school day count!

◆ Need support? Reach out to the wellbeing team—we’re here to help!

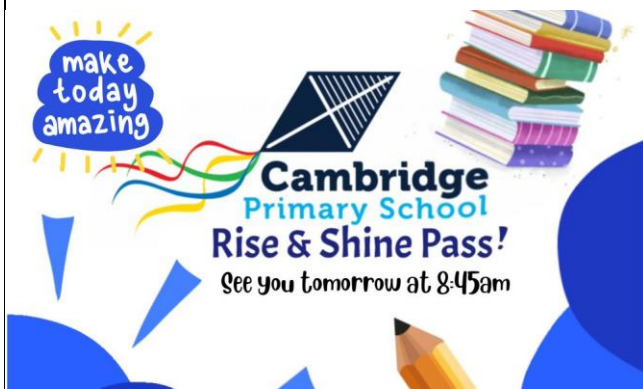
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So, let's all do our best to arrive before the bell rings. Set those alarms, pack your bags the night before, and let's make every morning count! Together, we can all Rise and Shine!



How do I log an absence?

If your child is sick or absent, you are required to notify their school as soon as possible **on the day of absence** using one of the following methods:

1. **Online:** log on to compass
2. **Telephone:** the school office and let the staff know your child's name, class, date of absences and reason.
3. **Email:** the school and provide the staff with your child's name, class, date of absences and reason.

Notifying the school of your child's absence either prior to, or on the day that they will be away, helps ensure the safety and wellbeing of children and will fulfil your **legal responsibility**.

Pauline DaSilva – Assistant Principal

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Year 3



“Our cohort took part in the annual Grade 3 Chess Fest! It was an exciting day and all students tried their best to compete for the trophy. Well done to all participants and all winners’



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Year 6

Dear Students, families, and staff

I would like to say a heartfelt thank you to the entire Cambridge Primary School community for welcoming me with open arms and making this first term a fantastic one for me. I am extremely grateful that I have been given the opportunity to join your community and get to know many of you. A special shout out to my fabulous 6D class who have made coming in to teach them every day, an extremely enjoyable experience. As we end our first term, I look forward to continuing our journey as we make your final year of Primary School a memorable experience. Thank you to the wonderful grade 6 team for giving me so much support and encouragement throughout the term, especially when I needed to take time off. I feel very lucky to be working with you all!

I feel extremely fortunate to be teaching at such a fantastic school. I look forward to seeing all those smiling faces in term 2.

Enjoy your holidays,

Melanie Blackburn

CANTEEN

If you would like to place a lunch order, you can go to www.flexischools.com.au and set up an account or you can write your child's name, grade and order on a brown paper bag with correct money inside the bag.

If you order an icy pole the bag will have a stamp on the bag that says CANTEEN, your child has to bring the bag back to the canteen and I will give the item to them.

You can find an updated Canteen menu is on the website community section under canteen.

Next term some of the prices will be going up there will be a new price list on the web site.

Just a reminder that if your child orders a frozen item or jelly that they need to bring the bag back to the canteen to receive their item.

If you pick up your child early from school and they have a lunch order please make sure that you get the lunch order before you leave the school grounds.

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Looking to buy or
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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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Music Bus

Music Bus lessons at **Cambridge Primary School** - The Music Bus has opened their Term 2 enrolments and are inviting new students to apply. Classes offered are: · Keyboard (Prep-y6) · Ukulele (Prep-y6) · Drums (y1-y6) · Guitar (Y2-y6) Lessons are: * be 30 minute duration - once per week * held in the hi tech music classroom on wheels on our site * cost \$22 per week (\$24 drums) payable by the term on commencement If you wish to take part please complete this expression of interest form. <https://app.smartsheet.com/b/form/ee4627a5204c46158e1ab17e7c8069c6> Many thanks for your continued support.



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Werribee Secondary College

VIRTUAL INFORMATION NIGHT

MOVING FROM GRADE 6 INTO YEAR 7 FOR 2026

Learn more about the college, meet our team and explore the primary to secondary school transition process.

6:30PM | TUESDAY 22 APRIL 2025
WEBEX (ONLINE)
WEBEX MEETING#: 2654 128 9117 | PASSWORD: 7

Scan the QR code or visit werribeesc.vic.edu.au for more details.

werribeesc.vic.edu.au
werribee.sc@education.vic.gov.au

We are a zoned school. Check your school zone at findmyschool.vic.gov.au

Wyndham Central College Term 2 Tour Dates

We are excited to welcome prospective students and their families to our campus and believe these tours will provide a valuable insight into our community and facilities.

- Wednesday 23rd April at 4pm
- Wednesday 23rd April at 5 pm
- Wednesday 30th April at 4pm