Dear Parents and Carers,

Lately, as I look back over the year, and think about all of our wonderful achievements I have also been reflecting about what makes a good learner. Last week I attended a fantastic series of professional learning run by Berry Street and Andrew Fuller. It was such a great opportunity for me, and others from the school, to learn more about the importance of forming strong relationships with our students (and their families) and helping our students to develop their emotional intelligence, stamina and engagement. **One of the things we looked at during this professional learning was the ‘Growth Mindset’,** which is based on the research work of Carol Dweck. A growth mindset is the belief that intelligence and strengths can be changed and developed. A person’s skills and qualities can be improved through dedication and hard work. A person with a grow mindset believes that most people who accomplish great things do so because they put in a lot of effort, practice their craft and keep learning. And failure is a BIG part of the learning and growing process. Pushing the boundaries of our comfort zone is where the learning occurs.

So when you see your children after school instead of asking them “what did you do today?” or “were you a good boy/girl?” try asking ‘what did you put effort into today?’

Try encouraging your children to say/ask

“I’m getting better at it’

“I wonder who could help me?’

‘It doesn’t come naturally to me but I’m going to work on it’

“I’m willing to do what it takes’

‘A mind that is stretched by new experiences can never go back to its old dimensions’

If you’d like to find out more about Growth Mindset you can look at the Ted Talk by Eduardo Briceno [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pN34FNbOKXc](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pN34FNbOKXc)
News from Nadia cont.

As part of this professional learning we are inviting all parents to a very special night with Andrew Fuller, who will work with parents to unlock their child’s genius, and help them develop resilience. This is a great opportunity and is free of charge. The night will be held at Suzanne Cory High School (in the PD Centre) at 6:00 pm on 15 December. More information is provided in the newsletter.

We are so fortunate here at Cambridge to have the best kids and the best families! I’d like to again thank all those who filled in the parent opinion survey earlier in the year. We are keen to involve families more in our school community so each member of the executive leadership team will be phoning two (randomly selected) parents from each grade to see how we might be able to do this. We greatly value your ideas and opinions and your support! One way of showing our appreciation is through our Thank You Morning Tea – for our parent (and friend) helpers. Please come along and let us thank you for the work you do, on Wednesday, 14 December at 11:00 am in the Truman Gym (little gym).

I am looking forward to our Grade Six Graduation in two weeks’ time, where we get to celebrate as a community the wonderful achievements of our grade six students. This is always a happy night and one with a bit of sadness too, as our students move onto their secondary education. It’s nice to know that each adult here at Cambridge has played a little (or big) part in growing and developing such amazing and talented individuals!

I have been noticing a lot of students arriving very early each morning. Please do not send your children to school before 8:30 am as the yard is unsupervised. Of course children may come earlier on Thursdays and Fridays if they are attending breakfast club (from 8:15 am).

Have a great week.

Nadía
Social and Emotional learning for students....
How you can guide children’s conflict resolution

Set the scene for cooperation – Show how to cooperate and respect others through your own approach. Ask children to help solve the conflict and express confidence that they can work it out cooperatively. It is very important that children approach the conflict in a positive way, and believe that they can work together to solve it.

Help children handle emotions - Children may need encouragement and help to stay cool in conflict – especially if they feel they are being accused or blamed. They may feel anxious and need support to stay calm if they feel intimidated. In conflicts that are particularly heated, children may need to have time away from each other to cool down before going on to work out ways of resolving the conflict. Taking time to calm down can help children overcome the tendency to react aggressively or withdraw from the situation.

Encourage empathy and respect for others – Teach children to listen to and understand the needs and concerns of the other person. Help them to ask why the other person wants something and consider what it might be like to be ‘in their shoes’. Learning to understand the other person’s perspective is a critical foundation for conflict resolution and for building positive relationships.

Practise communication skills - Effective conflict resolution relies on clear communication of feelings and wants. This can be especially difficult when under pressure in a conflict. You can help children practise what to say to initiate conflict resolution, for example: ‘If we talk about this, I’m sure we can sort it out’. Practising assertive ways for children to express their wants and concerns is also particularly helpful, for example, ‘I want you to ask before using my things’.

Encourage creative solutions – In conflicts people often get stuck in their own positions and can’t see other options. This is why it is so important to get creativity going when thinking of possible solutions. The brainstorming rule, that no-one is allowed to say that something won’t work, is intended to help with getting creative. Steer children back to the point if necessary, but leave evaluation of the ideas they come up with for later. It’s okay for adults to help children think of alternative solutions if it helps them to get creative.

When enough is enough - Some conflicts are too big for children to work out. Sometimes children are not ready to sort them out and the conflict continues to escalate. If children’s conflicts become very intense or lead to physical aggression, then it is important for an adult to step in. When a mutual solution is not possible you can still help your child to think through the alternatives that are available to him or her and choose the best one.
**School Values:**
- Caring
- Positivity
- Respect
- Honesty
- Resilience
- Love of Learning

**This week’s value is:**

**Positivity**

**PLT 1**

We are fast approaching the end of the year, and are looking forward to an exciting last few weeks. Now that all Grade ones have finished their assessments, we will be working on fine tuning different areas in Reading, Writing and Numeracy in preparation for Grade two. We will also be continuing to look into our Inquiry topic of ‘My Personal History’, particularly focusing on the history of the school and our local area. This will be supported nicely with an excursion to the Sun Theatre on Thursday, 1 December. Just a reminder that all excursion notes need to be returned no later than Thursday, 24 November. Other exciting events in the School Community include the Cambridge Carols on Tuesday, 13 December during the evening. Please keep your eye out for more information about this event. Have a fantastic week!

**PLT 2**

The Grade twos have been working really hard in their classrooms this term. We have been learning all about making inferences and how we can use lots of different clues to help us make an inference. We are also learning about the Earth and its resources. This has been a great topic to research with the students as we are finding out what these resources are used for and how they can affect the environment.

Assessment is now over and it is time to begin finishing up the year. During the next few weeks the grade two students will continue with their Literacy and Numeracy learning and start getting ready for the transition into Grade three. Dylan (2A) had lots of fun completing his assessment and Yu Ning (2A) thinks the assessment proves just how smart the grade twos are!

A reminder that on 8 December we will be walking to the Werribee Cinemas and watching the movie ‘Sing’.

A conversation starter at home:

Literacy: What is the book called you are reading at school? What do you think will happen next in the story?

Mikhail (2A) would like to say a big CONGRATULATIONS to Mr Firman on getting married last weekend.

**PLT 3**

Students have finished their assessment and from all accounts should be very proud of the way they conducted themselves during the three-week period. Students worked very hard throughout the year to achieve their fantastic results, which will be shown in their reports.

This week we are participating in the Commonwealth Bank Start Smart incursion. The incursion is free of charge and will take place at school. Students will learn about saving money, budgeting and spending money wisely. Students will follow up their learning in the class with a mini money project.

Next week, we will be holding our Celebration Expo on Wednesday, 30 November. Parents are invited along to celebrate in their children’s learning. We are all looking forward to celebrating a wonderful term of learning and sharing our knowledge about different cultural celebrations. We are also organising a ‘Potluck Lunch’ and asking parents to help organise some delicious foods from their cultural background for the students to bring to school and share with their peers. Please arrive from 12:45 pm onwards to view the artefact boxes that will be on display.
PLT 4
The Grade four students have been working very hard in the past few weeks to show all the fantastic learning that has taken place this semester. We have had a very busy but exciting term 4 and are looking forward to enjoying our last few weeks together.

A few reminders for this time of year...

Please ensure your child is demonstrating appropriate use of their iPad at all times when using it at home. It is their responsibility to use it respectfully and responsibly, especially when interacting with other students. We would recommend certain hours are put aside for iPad use but that students engage in other activities outside of these hours. It is also not a good idea for students to be using their iPad at night time when they need to have a break from technology and wind down in preparation for sleep. We thank you for your assistance and support with this issue.

Students are also reminded to bring a drink bottle to school every day now that the weather is heating up. It is disruptive to the students' learning and routine when they get thirsty and request visits to the drink taps during class time.

We have our last excursion for the year coming up on Friday, 9 December. Students will have the opportunity to watch the movie 'Trolls' at Werribee Cinemas to celebrate all their hard work and achievements this year. Please return permission notes as soon as possible to secure a place for your child.

Congratulations to Allana McDonald who won third place in our Cambridge Talent Quest for her solo performance of 'Spirit of the Anzacs'. Great job Allana! Well done to all the other students who also entered. We have some amazing, talented students in our school!

PLT 5
The students from PLT 5 have been very busy with their Inquiry Topic: Australia and it’s People – How we can have a voice? They participated in an incursion, “Teams, Trials and Trivia” where they worked in teams to cooperatively complete various tasks. The teachers were very impressed with the teamwork and leadership skills shown by so many of our students. This week we will be listening to guest speakers from the Victorian Police Force and the Wyndham Council. We are also planning an end of year excursion to the movies on 8 December.

The students have also been participating in the bike education program and this will culminate in the Tour De Cambridge, a ride to the Glen Orden oval on 9 December. Parents are welcome to join us on this bike ride if they wish. Just tick the appropriate section on the permission slip. The students have also been practicing for the summer sports program that they will participate in in Grade six.

The students have also been preparing their speeches for the roles of school and house captains. There will be a student vote to short-list applicants, and the successful ones will be interviewed by a panel headed by Ms Bettio for these important roles. The announcement of school and house captains will be made during the last week of school.

PLT 6
Graduation Tickets
We are experiencing an unusually high number of ticket requests for our graduation. This means we may not be able to provide tickets beyond the four per child that was offered. We regret any inconvenience that this will cause. The school is planning to record the evening and we will provide each student with a copy of the recording, which can then be shared with family and friends.

Shoe Practice
On Friday, 2 December, we are having a shoe practice for graduation. We request that each student bring the shoes they are wearing for graduation to school that day. They can bring them in a bag or box, as most will be not be suitable to wear for the full day of school and we would not like them to get scuffed. This allows us to finalise where children are standing on stage, as shoes can make a big difference in the height of a person.

Disco
The disco will start promptly at 7:45 pm and we ask that parents have made their way out of the venue by then. Students can be collected between 9:15 and 9:30 pm. A reminder that there will be pizza supplied for students as well as a can of soft drink. We still recommend students have a light dinner prior to arriving at graduation.

Final Practice
Our final practice will be the morning of 7 December and this will occur at the venue. It is vital that all students attend this practice as it helps students to be relaxed and for the night to run smoothly.
Administration News

Attendance
If your child will be absent for a family holiday, this must be sent in writing to be recorded. Please also advise the office if your child WILL NOT be attending Cambridge Primary School in 2017.

Photos
Photos of our School Captains, House Captains and Junior School Council are now available to order and can be viewed at the office.

Payments
The last day for CASH payments will be Thursday, 15 December. EFTPOS and CREDIT CARD payments can be made until Monday, 19 December.

Booklists
Booklists have now been handed out. If you are a Health Care Card holder, you may be eligible for CSEF (Camps, Sports & Excursion Fund). Forms are available from the office.

A reminder that families can pay for school expenses including OSHC by BPAY. Your family number & reference are available on your family statements or from the office. Please remember to send an email to the school explaining what the payment is for.

Communication & Correspondence
We would like to remind parents & carers of our procedure when collecting your child from school early. Please come to the office to sign your child out & collect an early pass to take to your child’s teacher before going to the classroom. Sending the teacher a note to ask for your child to wait at the office is no longer our procedure as this takes other students out of the classroom and away from their learning. We thank you for your support.

We are trying to minimise messages passed to students in the classroom. We understand that sometimes emergencies happen and you need a message passed on to your child. Any late bookings for After School Care will be announced at the end of the day.

Hats on Term 4
We have slouch hats available to buy at the office for $15 each. Our legionnaire hats have now arrived also. School bags are available to buy at PSW, our uniform suppliers.

Head Lice
We have had a few reports about head lice. Please check your child’s hair regularly and treat if you find any evidence of eggs or lice. We recommend that you re-check your child’s hair a week after treatment.
Wyndham Youth Forum

Six Year 5 students (Selina Binter, Riya Sethi, Nahin Islan, Vaishu Maddula, Lewis Clifford and George Zhou) were selected to attend the Wyndham Youth Forum which was held last Wednesday, 16 November at the Youth Resource Centre in Hoppers Crossing. Here is an account of their day.

Lewis “Six people went to a Wyndham meeting. It was held at the Wyndham Resource Centre across from Aquapulse and Heathdale Christian College. We played some warm up games, my favourite was octopus. I won the second game.

Riya “When we got there we talked about different issues in our community and the different ways to solve them. My favourite part of the day was playing “Captain’s call”.

Nahin “We were divided into several groups and discussed Cyber Safety, Social Media, Sports and other topics of importance to Wyndham”.

Vaishu “In the Cyber Safety and Social Media activity we answered a few questions about Cyber Safety. Then three people from the group went inside a room to video record our opinion on a digital camera. After everyone was done the person who was recording put all our opinions into a video. Another activity was role-making, where we make a problem and found a solution. The solution forms part of a story or play. My favourite part to the day was the games and when I won an award – a movie ticket, because I was very helpful with my ideas”.

Selina “During the safety activity we talked about a safe and unsafe community. We also answered a few questions and we got to draw about the question. The sport activity was where we had a bunch of sports listed and we had to choose the ones that were team sports and those you played individually. We sorted them into groups and made suggestions as to where in Wyndham you could play them”.

George “In the games session, we all had a great amount of fun. We all were playing several games such as Sneaky, Sneaky Magpies and Octopus. In Sneaky, Sneaky Magpies we had to steal the sacks from other nests while protecting our own. In the forum, all of us had an exceptionally fun time. We, the children participating in the forum, all enjoyed ourselves fully”.
CAMBRIDGE HITS TOP TEN IN VICTORIA

The Cambridge Chess Team made the Grand Final of the Primary School Chess Tournament for the second year in a row. The top 24 schools in Victoria play off for the ultimate prize! Last year we were clearly out of our depth and finished 22nd. This year the team of Kevin (captain), Matthias, George, Dasula and Alexander went off to Balwyn to challenge the best schools in the state.

The boys played against 7 different schools and finished with a 4-3 record. They played AMAZING moves and were more than competitive! In the end, we finished 10th!! This means that Cambridge is now in the TOP TEN schools in chess in Victoria!!

There are two factors influencing Cambridge’s amazing success in this area. They are:
1. The Grade 3 Chess Fest. Every year the Grade 3s are taught the game of chess by a professional. This will continue in Term 1 for next year’s Grade 3s. This leads to an interest in the game. The students can then join the chess club and practise every Monday lunch time, until they are ready to join the elite team.
2. Professional Coaching. In 2016, we started professional chess coaching on a Monday after school and this will continue next year. See the attached flyer for details about registering for this in 2017. This is a very exclusive club that will give your child a chance to be a part of a champion chess team.

Congratulations to all of the students who participated in the tournaments in 2016. We have such a depth in talent that I predict an even bigger year in 2017!

Get on board!!

Mr Jarred
Dear Parents,

In 2016, Cambridge Primary School’s chess ranking hit an all-time high! We and now the 10th best chess school in Victoria! Our improvement has a lot to do with the professional chess coaching that started this year! So we will be offering the same deal for 2017. This is a chance for your child to reach the next level and (hopefully) make the Cambridge team that will challenge for the 2017 Victorian title. Details are as follows:

Dates for Term 1: Starts Monday, February 6 and concludes March 27 (with no chess the Monday Labour Day)

Time: 3.30 – 4.30pm

Place: Room TBA

Cost: $8 per session ($56 for Term 1)

The classes will be open to anyone. There is no age limit. Due to the high demand of these coaching classes, we are asking that interested people return this note ASAP to me. The first 20 people will then be invoiced for the $56, which will then need to be paid before December 14.

Thank you,

Mr Jarred 😊

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Chess Coaching – Term 1, 2017

I would like my child ____________________ to attend the chess coaching sessions during Term 1, 2017.

Attached is $56 for the 7 classes held during Term One. I understand that refunds will not be given. I will pick up my child from the school at 4.30pm on these days.

Signed: ________________________________
Carols at Cambridge

Date: 13\textsuperscript{th} December 2016
Time: 6:00 pm – 7:00 pm
Where: The Big Gym

BYO picnic dinner, snacks & picnic blankets

Popcorn and drinks will be sold on the night

Parents are reminded to check lost property for any items of clothing that may belong to your child. Please ensure you also check your child’s uniform to make sure that their name is clearly written.

All unclaimed uniforms have now been washed and donated to the Lighthouse Store at 21/13A Elm Park Drive, Hoppers Crossing where they can be purchased second-hand.
Dear Cambridge families,

Every year we run fundraising activities so that we can raise money to pay for essential resources for our school.

This year we are running a Closet Cleanout clothing recycling drive. Through this drive you are invited to bring in any unwanted clothes, shoes, handbags, linen and soft toys for re-use by people in need. It's a great way to get rid of outgrown or no longer wanted items.

We believe that this fundraiser sets a better example than the traditional lolly or chocolate drive. The more people involved and the more you bring in, the more we can do for our children.

Please help us by filling the bag we will send home and returning it to the office by 3:15 pm **on Wednesday, 7 December**. Please note you are not limited to the one bag. You are welcome to bring in as many extra bags of items as you like.

Money raised from this fundraiser will go towards installing **solid roofs over the playgrounds**.

Thank you for your involvement in this fundraiser. Every little bit makes a big difference and strengthens our community.

Kind regards

Nadia Bettio
Principal
The art teachers need your help.

If you have any old CDs or DVDs lying around, please send them to school with your child for the back art room.

Just a reminder to return all library books by 2 December.

Just a reminder that there will be no lunch orders on Tuesday, 29 November as it is sausage sizzle day.

The last day for lunch orders this year will be on Thursday, 15 December.
Dear Parents and Carers,

As you know we have been working with your child/ren over the year and we would like to draw your attention to (and recommend) a special parent night with Andrew Fuller, looking at how to develop resilience in your children and unlock their genius.

Andrew is a renowned clinical psychologist and works with many schools and communities in Australia and internationally, specialising in the wellbeing of young people and their families. He is a Fellow of the Department of Psychiatry and the Department of Learning and Educational Development at the University of Melbourne. He describes, resilience is “the happy knack of being able to bungy jump through the pitfalls of life – to rise above adversity and obstacles.”

We have provided you with information about this night and we hope to see you there.

Ray and Louise
Student Welfare Officers

The Wyndham Principal Network is proud to present...

Andrew Fuller
Parent Information Session

Resilience and emotional intelligence are essential life skills that set kids up for happy, great lives.

Unlock your potential in building resilience in your child/ren.
To register, simply go to the link or call on 9741 4202
http://bit.ly/2f6cp0w
COMMUNITY NEWS

2017
Kindergarten

3 YEAR OLD APPLICATIONS
NOW OPEN

Wyndham City will be continuing the delivery of three year old Kindergarten in 2017 and we are now accepting applications for the following locations:

- College Road Kindergarten - 34 College Road, Werribee
- Featherbrook Kindergarten - 33-35 Windorah Drive, Point Cook
- Iramoo Kindergarten - 60 Honour Avenue, Wyndham Vale
- Karobran Kindergarten - 64 Spring Drive, Hoppers Crossing
- Saltwater Promenade Kindergarten - 153 Saltwater Promenade, Point Cook
- Wyndham Vale Kindergarten - 86 Manor Lakes Boulevard, Wyndham Vale

Places are strictly limited; groups of 22 children with one Teacher and one Diploma staff member will be delivered. Groups are subject to minimum numbers and will only run if adequate interest is received.

Termly fees for 2017 are set at $315 per term.
Please note: There are no concessions available for term fees, fees are payable before the start of each term. A concession will be provided on the application fee for eligible Heath Care Card holders.

Families who are interested in being involved are invited to complete an application form by going to www.wyndham.vic.gov.au and once completed submit the form with a $15 Application fee and a copy of your child’s birth certificate and immunisation history statement:

- In person at Civic Centre, 45 Princes Highway, Werribee or at one of our Community Centres
- Email to Kinderenrolments@wyndham.vic.gov.au,
- By mail to Kindergarten Enrolment Officer, Wyndham City Council
  P.O. Box 197, Werribee, VIC, 3030

Applications close on Wednesday 30 November 2016. Families will be notified by end of December 2016 of the outcome. To be eligible to apply, your child must be three years old by 1 February 2017.
Further information can be obtained from council website www.wyndham.vic.gov.au
THE GRANGE COMMUNITY CENTRE

presents

Carols

By candlelight

SATURDAY

17TH DECEMBER 2016

GATES OPEN 5.30pm  EVENT 7pm - 9pm

Bring your own blanket, picnic and enjoy Christmas Carols! Food vendors available. Special visit by Santa!

Battery operated candles will be available for sale at the event.

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