Dear Parents and Carers,

I had the absolute privilege of attending camp with our PLT 6 students, teachers and parent helpers last week. I was so proud of our students, their behaviour, social competencies and incredible knowledge about civics and citizenship and Australian history. Camps are such a great opportunity for our students to really learn about themselves, and others, as well as embed learning at a much deeper level. I’d like to thank the PLT 6 staff and Ms Han Vo-Tran for going the extra mile to provide this opportunity for our students.

Last week parents of students in grades 3 and 5 should have received their child’s NAPLAN reports. We are of course very proud of our students’ results and the effort they put into NAPLAN, but please remember this is one test on one day. It measures reading, writing and numeracy. It does not measure so many other aspects that we greatly value in a person, such as resilience, citizenship, creativity, collaboration, humour, caring or kindness. We greatly value each and every child at Cambridge Primary School for who they are, for their talents.

I’d like to acknowledge the Education Support (ES) staff in our school. It’s ES month this month so please take the time to say thanks for the work that they do. They really are the most wonderful people and make our school run smoothly. From the office staff, to OSHC, our integration aides, canteen staff, and uniform shop sales, maintenance and ICT, intervention, first aid and so much more! THANK YOU ALL so very much for everything that you do every day!

It is with sadness that we farewell one of our ES staff, Karen Gerring. Today is Karen’s last day with Cambridge Primary as she takes up a new position. Karen has been a true champion of our students and families and will be greatly missed.

Our school’s ‘designated neighbourhood area’ has been altered by the Department of Education and Training. The new boundary is smaller and will take effect for all 2017 enrolments. We ask that you please familiarise yourself with this new boundary (and the enrolment policy) which has been put up on the school’s website.

Please remember to get onto our website and subscribe to receive the newsletter each week, so you don’t miss out on important information.

Have a great week. Nadia

Meet the Principal Award winners
Social and Emotional Learning

Dealing with disappointment -
Everybody fails to achieve their goals sometimes. We can help by:
- Responding sympathetically and with encouragement
- Helping children focus on what they can change to make things better, rather than thinking that the situation is unchangeable or that there is something wrong with them
- Challenging the self-talk...the ‘I can’t’ thinking by showing and saying you believe in them and reminding them of what they have achieved.

Optimistic thinking recognises what has been achieved more than what is lacking. It looks at the glass as half-full rather than half-empty. Staff can help children focus on their own effort and on achieving personal goals as the best way to measure success.

EVERY LEARNING MINUTE COUNTS

Punctuality and Attendance paramount to student learning
Late arrival to school last week totalled: 166.... And that was without our year 6s who were on camp.
Grade Prep: 25
Grade 1: 34
Grade 2: 24
Grade 3: 26
Grade 4: 37
Grade 5: 20
Grade 6:

How many days has your child missed this semester?

| 0-6 days absent in a semester | This is within the normal range. A child with this attendance rate is able to take full advantage of the teaching and learning opportunities available to them. |
| 7-10 days absent in a semester | This attendance rate is below average. A child with this attendance rate could miss over one year of learning between Prep and Year 10. |
| 11-20 days absent in a semester | This is POOR attendance. A child with this attendance rate could miss out on up to two years of learning between Prep and Year 10. |
| 20+ days absent in a semester | This is VERY POOR attendance. A child with this attendance rate could miss two and half years of learning between Prep and Year 10. |
Our local libraries

We are so lucky in Wyndham to have four libraries that we can access they are located at:
Plaza Library - Pacific Werribee Shopping Centre
Werribee Library – Watton Street, Werribee
Point Cook Library – Cheetham Street, Point Cook
Wyndham Vale Library – Manor Lakes Boulevard, Wyndham Vale
AND there is another one opening in Tarneit later this year.

Joining the Library
Joining the library is free to all people. You can join at any branch of the library by presenting proof of your name and current address. There is no minimum age for joining.

Borrowing
You can borrow the following items from the Wyndham libraries:
- Books, sheet music, audio books and language kits for 4 weeks
- Magazines, CDs, eAudiobooks and eBooks for 2 weeks
- DVDs for 1 week

Computer Access
All branches have public access to computers, free wireless, scanning, printing and copying facilities.

Things to do
Our local libraries have so many opportunities on offer for children other than just their fantastic collection of children’s’ books.

Book to Movie Club
Wyndham Vale Library – monthly on Wednesday – 3.15pm
Watch great movies that are based on books. Movies are rated PG. This program runs during school terms only. Check the website for further details.

Imagination Creation Writers Group
Werribee Library – Thursday – 4.30-5.30pm
Join published writer Margaret Campbell and other young writers to share inspiration and creativity. This program runs during school terms only. Ages 5+.

Junior Chess Club
Point Cook Library – Tuesday – 4.00-5.00pm
All players welcome, however a basic knowledge of how the pieces move is required. This program runs during school terms only. Age 6+.

Lego Club
Join us for free play with Lego. Meet other kids who love Lego and get creative. Ages 3+. Check the website for further details.

School Projects
Here is a list of topics included in the library’s collection. If you need help with information for school projects, visit the library and the staff will help you find the information you need.
Australian History Goldrush
Australian Prime Ministers Inventions/Inventors
Explorers Athletics
Environment Transport

Missy and Kelly

Missy and Kelly
PLT F (Prep)

Term three is quickly flying past before our eyes. The preps had a lot of fun participating in our Science/Italian Day. The students enjoyed various activities involving different aspects of Science and Italian. They made pasta jewellery, their own puzzles and even delicious pizzas! There were also lots of interesting costumes around, (including the teachers!) The students loved working in multi age groups, even coming back to their own teachers and explaining they made new friends!

Parents, from now on if your child’s teacher is absent their class may be split amongst the other 6 prep grades. This process has been explained to your child, along with which teacher they will have and what room they will be in. There will be 2 or 3 other students spilt with your child, so they will not be on their own. If you have any concerns about this, please see your child’s teacher.

Also, every Thursday LUNCHTIME, the prep students will be allowed to play on the soccer pitch. The preps are only allowed on there if they have a ball, or a friend with a ball. Like everywhere outside, teachers will be supervising this area to ensure the safety of all students.

PLT 1

On Monday, 24 August, the grade one students attended a wonderful hands on incursion as part of their inquiry into ‘How Humans impact the ocean’.

As part of the inquiry, the students have been learning about sea creatures, their habitats, life cycles and characteristics. Xavier Morella from wrote in such sea creatures as, sea cucumbers, crabs, sea stars, sea horses, an octopus and a small shark for us to observe.

PLT 2

As part of our inquiry topic “Wyndham: What remains of the past, what has changed and why?”, the Year 2 students have begun participating in a range of activities related to the past. Students have learnt to bush dance, make jam and butter, play both board games and outdoor games, as well as make yarn dolls. All classes will get a chance to try each activity throughout the remainder of the term.

Don’t forget our upcoming excursion to the Werribee mansion. 2D, 2C and 2J are going on Wednesday 9th September, while 2H, 2M and 2Y are going on Thursday 10th of September. All money and notes are due back this Friday, 27th August.

School Values:
- Caring
- Positivity
- Respect
- Honesty
- Resilience, Love of Learning

This week’s Value is: Love of Learning
PLT 3
In Grade 3, we are now becoming “experts” on the Dreamtime and well known Indigenous Australians. As mentioned last time, Bunjil the eagle is one of our local ancestral beings. Judy spoke about Bunjil when she visited and in honour of our indigenous connections, we will be creating a sculpture to place in the school foyer. As we speak, students have been writing ‘Expression of Interest’ letters for their teacher if they would like to be part of the creative team. Judy’s visit was very informative and some questions to ask your child to begin a conversation are: Can Aboriginal women play didgeridoos? What are the two types of boomerangs? In other news, Grade 3 will be introducing “Composting” to our school’s gardening program. The Nature Club members in 3NS will be leading this project and students from other grades will be volunteering to work with them. More information will be available soon about how every student can help. Notes came home about the upcoming excursion and are due to be returned by August 28th.

PLT 4
We have farewelled our Korean friends with a special whole school assembly. The students of year 4 have greatly enjoyed creating books for their Korean friends to take back with them as a memento of their time in our classes. We hope to hear from them when they return to Korea. For the next few Thursdays the year 4 students will be participating in a Footy Clinic where they will be developing and improving their footy skills.

Here are some friendly reminders:
- Resilience Survey permission slip
- Footy Day lunch orders
- Earn and Learn stickers
- Digital photo publication permission form
- Camp payment

Hope you’re all brushing up on your bush dancing skills, again please return the form to school with your child if you intend on coming.

PLT 5
The students in Year 5 have been busy writing scripts and rehearsing their performances for the Mass Media incursion which will take place on Thursday 28th and Friday 29th August. Just a reminder that payment for this invaluable incursion is now overdue and needs to be finalised as soon as possible.

We have 15 students from Year 5 attending the District Athletics competition on Tuesday 1st of September. We hope they have a fun day achieving their personal best as they represent Cambridge Primary School.

Our students have also been preparing for our school bush dance in September. Not only have they learned several dances themselves but they have also helped teach the dances to their buddies. It has been lots of fun watching the Year 5 kids performing the tricky Troika and swinging ‘under the arches’ with the Preppsies. We hope to see lots of Year 5 families at one of our BBQ Bush Dance evenings.

Pennie Hazell and the Year 5 team.

PLT 6
Canberra Camp has come and gone! 102 students made the trip to Canberra and it is a credit to every parent and carer that the students behaved fantastically and were an absolute pleasure to be away with. The highlights were many and a huge thank you to the parent helpers who made the job of staff that much easier.

Without doubt, meeting the Governor-General was a thrill for the group and for the first time in many years Parliament was in action while we were there. If you have not seen it, please have a look at the fantastic camp blog. The address is: http://grade6canberracamp2013.global2.vic.edu.au/  Password: CanberraCamp2015

Those who stayed behind had an excursion into the city visiting the State Parliament and the State Library.

By now everyone should have received notification of their 2016 secondary school placement. If you have not please contact Mike Lanyon immediately. If you have any concerns about why your child was not accepted at a particular school you will need to contact that secondary school. While we coordinate the administration of the preferences we have no input into whether a child is accepted at a particular school.

The next two weeks will see the inquiry unit of Government conclude and the students will start to explore the unit of Asian Studies.
Footy Day

It’s nearly footy finals time and so at Cambridge we will be having our footy day on Friday Sept 11. Notes have gone home for our footy day special lunch orders. Can you please send the correct money with the order in an envelope.

Orders can also be made through the Flexischool system. Parents we cannot use office credit for lunch orders or bpay payments. If there are any special dietary requirements please come see us at the canteen.
Farewell to our Korean Friends

Last week we farewelled our 20 Korean exchange students and teachers. Having them with us was a wonderful experience and would not have been possible without the amazing generosity of our host families and enthusiastic staff. We have established a friendship now with our sister school and look forward to growing and deepening this relationship into the future.

Registration Day
6th September 2015

Bellbridge CC are having their Junior registration day at Mossfield Reserve, Heaths Rd Hoppers Crossing

10am till 1pm.

We are looking for kids to play cricket with their mates over the summer in U11 cubs, U11's, U13's, U15's and U17's.

We are also running a Milo In2Cricket program
This will start in early November & will run 10 weeks.

$100 for the season (no travel costs)
The fundraising committee are holding a Fathers’ Day stall on Thursday September 3 in the Mark Truman Gym (the old gym). There will be gifts available for the students to buy ranging from $1 - $5. Each grade will be timetabled to attend the stall. If you would like your child to buy something special for dad or grandpa please send along their money on the day in an envelope with their name and the amount that is enclosed written on the front. Please don’t send any more than $15 with each child. Your child will be encouraged to spend all the money.
We ask that each child also bring a plastic bag to take home their purchases in.

If you are able to assist with the stall on the day please leave your name and phone number at the office.
It is important that the money is in an envelope with child’s name and the amount, even the senior students, as we found that some children were not spending the full amount given at the stall and it was finding its way to the canteen!
COMMUNITY CORNER

EXCITING NEWS!!!
THE WYNDHAM CHILD AND FAMILY DIRECTORY IS NOW LIVE!
The online directory provides information about programs and services available to children aged 0-12 years old and their families, living in Wyndham.

www.wcfd.com.au
Or
www.wyndhamchildandfamilydirectory.com.au

Looking for Information?
Connecting you with local services and supports available for children 0-12 years in Wyndham.

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WOULD YOU LIKE TO HOST AN OVERSEAS STUDENT?
Experience another culture, make new friends and improve your language studies at home

Hosting – An Experience for Life
Student Exchange is looking for host families across Australia to welcome overseas students into their home

www.studentexchange.org.au
1300 135 531 (cost of local call)
Presents

A community event

BBQ and Bush Dance over two nights

Tuesday September 8\textsuperscript{th}, 2015 for Barber (Green house) and Dowling (Red house)

Wednesday September 9\textsuperscript{th}, 2015 for Westmill (Yellow house) and Carruthers (Blue house).

BBQ starts at 6.30pm (Cost $1 per sausage & $1 drinks)

Followed by a whole lot of dancing

7-8pm

Big Gymnasium

RSVP with number of people attending by Tuesday September 1\textsuperscript{st}, 2015.

KidsMatter Community BBQ & Bush Dance

My family…………………………………………….. would be happy to attend this event on

☐ Tuesday September 8\textsuperscript{th} (for Barber & Dowling houses)
☐ Wednesday September 9\textsuperscript{th} (for Westmill & Carruthers houses)

There will be........................people coming to the BBQ and we will need.......................... sausages and...............drinks.
COMMUNITY CORNER

Our school has been invited to participate in an exciting initiative led by the Department of Education and Training. This initiative is the “Building Resilience in School Communities Grants Program” and aims to build school student and teacher capacity to undertake whole school approaches to enhance students’ resilience, optimism, confidence, and social and emotional skills. Children and young people with higher resiliency are more likely to thrive in learning and achieve greater educational outcomes. We will be working with the grade 4 students in this project and they will be invited to complete the online Resilience Survey, conducted by leading Child Psychologist Andrew Fuller and Resilient Youth Australia Limited.

Ten ways to promote the natural genius in your child

Andrew Fuller

The contribution made by parents and grandparents to a child or teen’s success in school and in life is enormous. When teachers and families work together the results that kids achieve are amazing.

Here are some of the main things we can all do to give children and teenagers a boost in school success.

1. Be positive about learning ourselves

By taking on hobbies, new courses and discussing new inventions and ideas we show our children and grandchildren that learning is interesting and it is for everyone. This can be as easy as discussing new ideas and shows, interesting facts and discoveries, reading new books—the key idea is for young people to know that learning is something adults do too.

2. Have a creativity corner

Find somewhere in your home for projects, art works and collections. Setting this up doesn’t need to be expensive. Creative geniuses need somewhere they have to invent, work on and keep ongoing projects. One of the great ways to learn about persistence is by starting a project and then building upon it and improving it over time. Warning—cover the carpet under this corner and at times you may need to cover it all with a drop sheet. Expect this area to get messy and wild. Becoming a genius is not always neat.

3. Experience + reflection = learning

The experiences we have in our lives build our brains. When parents and grandparents involve children in experiences they grow their brains. By giving our children new and interesting positive experiences, we stimulate their brain development and make them smarter.

By asking them to think about the things they have seen or felt they consolidate this new experience into their brains.

To really have the natural genius of kids surge don’t keep doing the same things over and over again. Find ways to do new things, visit new places and try out different ways of seeing the world.

4. Look for strange and weird ways to connect things

Imagination and creativity is often about thinking ideas that no one else really thinks. You can help stimulate this by playing a game of thinking up ways that different things are alike. For example how are the planet Mars and an apple alike? Do worry if you don’t have an answer. Genius is more about asking questions than having answers.

5. Know that mistakes are opportunities

If you can’t make a mistake you’ll never do anything new. If children can’t bear to make a mistake they can’t access their inner creative genius. Help them to realise that we all make mistakes. No one gets everything right the first time they try. In fact making mistakes is the way we learn.

6. Stretch ideas

The world seems to encourage people to seek answers (usually from google) and then stop thinking. Be the antidote to this by helping your child or teen to take ideas and stretch them out. This requires parents and grandparents to have a good sense of humour and an enjoyment of the absurd. Ask kids to take ideas and apply them in as many strange ways as they can. Geniuses take information from multiple sources, recombine them in new and interesting ways and apply them in settings not many people thought of before them.

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Parliament and Civics education Rebate (PACER)

Students from Cambridge Primary School have recently undertaken an education tour of national capital. Students were given the opportunity to participate in a variety of educational programs with a focus on Australia’s history, culture, heritage and democracy.

The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit the national capital as part of their Civics and Citizenship education. To assist families in meeting the cost of the excursion the Australian Government is contribution funding of $30 per student under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate program towards those costs. The rebate is paid directly to the school upon completion of the excursion.

Chess Championships

Tuesday was the most successful day in the history of Cambridge Primary School in the field of chess.

Seven schools were represented at the Chess Championships CPS, Westgrove PS, Werribee PS, Mill Park PS, Aitkens Creek PS (Craigieburn), St Anthony’s PS (Lara), and Antoine College (Coburg). Cambridge won the tournament for the 2nd year running, making us the highest rating school in chess in the western suburbs.

Amazingly, we had 26 students qualify for the finals of the Victorian Chess Championships. In 2012 we had 0. In 2013 we had 3 qualify. In 2014 we had 15 and this year we have 26!

The students who qualified are:
Grade 6: Ricky, Lachlan, Nafi, Raphael, Alan, Bradley
Grade 5: Kevin, Marc, Pehansa
Grade 4: Aaron, Najib, George, Saint, Alexander, Jherlem, Amir, Ganindu, Cooper, Shannon, Ruthvika, Anu, Heli, Selina and Bailey Hester!!
Grade 3: Casaya and Rylee.

David Jarred
COMMUNITY CORNER

Cambridge Values Awards

Elyssa, Pippa & Addison of 3F for respect & caring for our school environment

A note from School Banking
Concerns have been raised regarding the ‘Cosmic Light Beam Torch’ reward item due to the inclusion of four button batteries that can be accessed by unscrewing the back of the torch. Whilst this reward has been independently tested and deemed to meet relevant product standards the Commonwealth Bank have made the decision to proactively withdraw this item from the School Banking Rewards Program.
Parents/Guardians are requested to dispose of any ‘Cosmic Light Beam Torches’ their child may have already received as part of the Rewards Program. Students who have previously received a ‘Cosmic Light Beam Torch’ are welcome to redeem an alternative reward item.
Please circle an alternative reward item below:

Name:  ____________________________  Class:  __________
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**Raising Happy, Healthy Kids**

*for parents of children aged 2 - 12 years*

All parents want to raise confident and happy children. This seminar will explore ways to promote strong and positive relationships with your children.

Learn how to:
- encourage your children to co-operate;
- help your children manage their feelings; and
- strengthen your children’s self-esteem.

**Thursday, 10th September**
8.45am - 10.30am
Cambridge Primary School
Carruthers Drive, Hoppers Crossing
Free
No Child Care Available

**BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL**
Phone: (02) 9663 6733 or email: enquiries@ds.org.au