Dear Parents and Carers,

Our preps celebrated a great milestone this week, 100 days of prep! I have been observing lessons this term and love getting into classrooms to see the learning and teaching. It is always a joy to reflect on the learning of our students, especially the preps. Congratulations to our prep students, parents, teachers and support staff for the effort they put into learning every single day!

We welcomed 20 Korean students from our sister school last week. The students will be here until August 17, having English classes and regular classes with PLT 4 and 5 students, as well as going on a number of excursions to learn more about Australia and developing their English speaking skills. Thanks to our hosting classes and families for their willingness to share our culture and take care of these young travellers!

Each of our students is so very precious and it worries us each day while we are on duty to see adults leading children by the hand as they dangerously cross the road and not use the supervised crossing. Please ensure you use the crossing when you cross Carruthers Drive and send the right safety messages to your children. Also it is very busy in the car park alongside the school with this being a popular pick up spot. Please remind your children to wait on the foot path for you to collect them, rather than them waiting on the road. A teacher has now been put on yard duty in the car park following feedback from parents. If someone else is collecting your children for you, please remind them about this very important safety message. Also please be mindful when parking your car, please do not use the disabled park unless you are a permit holder, please do not park across our neighbours’ drive ways, and if your car has a tow ball, just be careful that it isn’t encroaching on the footpath causing a hazard for walking children – tow balls and shins are not a good mix! We thank you for your cooperation with this.

We thank all of our families who took the time to fill in and return the parent opinion survey; your feedback is very important to us! The survey results will be made available in October.
Message from Nadia cont.

Our Breakfast Club is really popular with over 100 students visiting every Thursday and Friday morning. I would like to thank all of those parents, school councillors and staff who have been volunteering their time to help out with serving up food, washing dishes or making milo/porridge/toast! **Every now and then we will be offering special menu items and next Thursday we are serving up scrambled eggs. Remember Breakfast Club is open to all and is free!**

We have some special weeks that are being celebrated this term. The dates are on the back calendar and more information is provided in this newsletter, or will be following closer to the date or has already been sent out. This term we are celebrating:

- Science Week
- Book Week
- Footy Day

The grade 5 and 6 students will be starting their Personal Development program this term which is part of the curriculum. A note has been sent home about this.

Student Voice

Our student leadership team have organised the social justice fundraiser for this term. We are raising money for research into genetic disorders by running **Genes for Jeans Day on August 10.** Students are asked to come to school dressed in denim, jeans, skirt, jacket and bring along a gold coin donation.

Please keep collecting and sending through any **5 cent coins** that you have, as we are collecting these to support the Cancer Council.

Our Grade 6 Junior School Councillors will be participating in their second **leadership forum with Joanne Ryan MP on August 26.** This team of students have developed and actioned a plan to have the grade 5 and 6 students to play with their prep buddies over lunch time, by developing a roster of grades and games, and designing some ‘buddy passes’ that they can show teachers on duty, so the teachers know the older students have a purpose to be playing in that area of the playground. Paige, a representative of the student leadership team, presented the plan to the teachers at a staff meeting, and spoke with incredible confidence and passion. We are very proud of our students!

Miss Cascone has been working with PLT 5 students and staff on developing our very own ‘Lizard Lounge’ which all of the students are very excited about!

Voting is now open to Name Our Lizards! Take your names to the lizard box in the office to vote!

Nadia
Social and Emotional learning for students

Helping children to choose wisely….Effective decision making is a skill that children can learn.

To be able to make good decisions children must learn to:

- Recognise when there is a choice for them to make
- Understand that they are responsible for making the decision
- Take others’ needs into account
- Think of different possible choices or solutions and decide which is best

Children learn skills for effective decision making when they are taught the steps and give opportunities to practise using them to solve problems. Teaching children these steps and reminding them to use them could help them make better decisions.

Being able to plan ahead and choose wisely are very important skills that help children succeed at home, at school and in life. Parents and carers can help by teaching children how to think through decisions and giving them opportunities to practise their skills.

The steps for decision making

1. What do you have to decide about?
2. What choices do you have?
3. Weigh up the pros and cons of each option and choose the best one
4. Put your choice into action and then check how it works out
5. If the decision is the wrong one then be prepared to suffer the consequences.

Saying Farewell to Michelle Smith – The school wishes to acknowledged the tremendous contribution made by one of our parents. Michelle Smith, mum to Amy in 4D. Michelle is one of those unique and community minded people who always steps in to volunteer her time and skills. Michelle has been a member of many committees at the school, has coordinated for many years the Book Club, has done school banking, has been a member of the organising committee for the school fete. Has coordinated many Mothers’ Day and Fathers’ Day stalls and other fundraisers throughout the 5 years she has been a part of Cambridge. Michelle, Mark and Amy will be settling in country Victoria. On behalf of the entire Cambridge Community we thank Michelle for the hours of volunteer work she has selflessly given to the school for the benefit of our students and family. Good luck with the move.
Presents
A community event  BBQ and Bush Dance

Tuesday September 13th, 2016 for Barber (Green house) and Dowling (Red house)  5 - 6.30pm

Followed by Westmill (Yellow house) and Carruthers (Blue house).  7- 8.30pm

Big Gymnasium

(Cost $1 per sausage & $1 drinks)
Administration News

Communication & Correspondence

We would like to remind parents & carers that if you need to collect your child from school early our procedure is that you need to come to the office & collect an early pass to take to your child’s teacher in the classroom. Sending the teacher a note to ask the child to wait at the office isn’t part of our procedure anymore as it takes other students out of the classroom and away from their learning. We thank you for your support with this.

Our office hours are 8.30am till 4.30pm everyday except we will be closing the office at 3.45pm on Thursdays and 4.00pm Fridays. This allows us to have staff meetings and staff training.

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

Payments

All grade six camp payments should be finalised by now. The second payment for grade four camps are now due. The second iPad payments are due September 9th.

Working with Children checks—Parent Helpers

Under the Working with Children’s Act 2005 you must be registered to the organisation you volunteer for. Please check and update your details at www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au. Once this has been updated Cambridge will receive notification that you are registered and you may continue to volunteer.

Updating Organisation Details for Working with Children’s Check

Create account or log in to existing account at www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au
Click on Cardholders tab and choose “update details”
Click on Blue button “update my details”
Scroll down to Organisation
Press “Add organisation”
News from the Professional Learning Teams (PLTs)

PLT PREP
Here are some of Prep G’s responses to our visit to the Life Education Van: Harold the giraffe was funny and silly when he tripped over the steps and his Barbies. Harold taught us all to eat healthy food, not junk food. I liked the game of Pass the Parcel. I liked when we pretended that it was night.

Prisha
If you see a syringe on the ground you must not touch it because if you touch it you might get sick. So you must tell an adult. — Reshmi

We went to the Life Ed Van. We played Pass the Parcel! - Malakey

Harold fell down the steps. Mrs Winship was scared because she doesn’t like BOOMS! - Michael

Harold taught us about eating healthy food and also taught us all about touching needles. If a needle is on the floor and you touch it you will get very sick - Ellie

See page 8 for our exciting news for our 100 days of Prep!

PLT 1
The grade one students have been enjoying the new term’s topic of ‘How Humans Have Impacted the Oceans’ by exploring how we can help to preserve and protect our oceans and the sea animals that live in the ocean. The students have learnt how to use non fiction books and information from their iPads to research about lots of different sea animals including seahorses, jellyfish, octopus, sharks and whales. They have learnt how to write information text and use illustrations and labelled diagrams to support their fantastic writing. In reading, the students have continued to work on their reading skills including retelling a story, summarisation and identifying literary elements in non fiction texts. In mathematics, the students have been exploring and extending their number skills in place value by being able to make models of two and three and even four digit numbers. The grade one students have also enjoyed using their creativity to make sea creatures during Inquiry. It is great to see the students’ interest in our Inquiry topic and hope that their families enjoy listening to their terrific learning. The students are also enjoying participating in their own special grade one assembly held weekly. The students meet together to share learning achievements and to receive special certificates that recognise their hard work and efforts with their learning.

PLT 2
The grade twos are working hard on our term three topic – Wyndham: what remains in the past, what has changed & why? There are many local places our families can visit to see how things have changed over time. You might like to visit one of these places to discover some of the changes for yourself and your child will be able to use this knowledge in class.

Werribee Historical Museum, Werribee City Centre Heritage Trail, Werribee Open Range Zoo, Altona Homestead Museum
PLT 3
During the last few weeks the grade three students have been participating in the footy clinic. Students have learnt many new skills and will put them to the test next week during a mini game of AFL during their last session. Students have also begun Peer Support where they have worked together with their peers and grade six students to complete a range of activities and games. Students will participate in Peer Support for the remainder of the term.
On Wednesday 31st August, grade 3 students have a special guest speaker visiting them. Judith Dalton-Walsh will be talking to the students about her Aboriginal culture and history. Students will also be visiting the Royal Botanic Gardens on Wednesday 7th September, please remember to return permission slips and payment by Monday 8th August.

PLT 4
Term 3 is turning out to be a busy one for grade 4 students already! We have started our inquiry for this term and have been reflecting on a timeline of Australian history. We were amazed to see what 60,000+ years of Aboriginal history looks like compared to only 250 since the First Fleet arrived. Students are considering events that would have taken place during first contact between these two very different cultures. We are learning that this was a very different time, in some ways hardly recognisable today. Students are enjoying researching some of the convicts that were sent to Australia on the First Fleet and finding out about their stories. This term we are also enjoying taking part in footy clinic lessons and learning new footy skills. We have enjoyed visiting the Life Ed van and learning about ways to stay healthy and happy and we are looking forward to our excursion on August 24th to the Immigration Museum. Please remember to return permission notes so that your child is able to attend on the day.

PLT 5
has had a very busy and exciting few weeks. The excursion to Sovereign Hill was a great success. Students gained a lot from their education sessions including dressing up in colonial costumes, experiencing the life of a miner, enjoying watching a pantomime and braving the dark of a Gold Mine. We need to commend the students on their wonderful behaviour and the way they represented Cambridge Primary School so well. Thank you as well to all the parent helpers that came along on the day. These days would not be possible without the help of the wider Cambridge community.

Last Friday we also welcomed Korean exchange students to our school. Once again, this is a great opportunity for Year 5 students to put their leadership skills into practice by teaching the exchange students about Cambridge and making new friends.

Later this term, we will begin classes in Design, Economics and Geography. The students will rotate through these classes throughout Term 3 and Term 4. More information about these classes will be included in a future newsletter.

PLT 6
Camp permission and medical forms have now gone home to all families. If you have not yet received a copy, please check your child’s bag and then, if still no form, ask them to request another. It is necessary to list at least two emergency contact numbers on the form, this gives the school additional opportunities to contact you in case it is necessary.
The form also has two check boxes that make reference to the administration of paracetamol, please ensure these are ticked, providing you are comfortable with the statement made. Leaving these blank will have no impact on your child attending camp. If you have a preference for ibuprofen for your child, please supply this as part of medication handed to the teachers on the day of the camp.
Please support the teachers on camp by making sure your child does not bring an active mobile phone. Some students may bring phones for the purpose of taking photos. The sim card should be removed prior to the morning of camp.
Yes! That’s right, this year’s preppies are celebrating 100 days at school.
We have lots going on, including healthy food parties and lots of fun maths, writing, reading and craft activities involving the number 100.
At present, we are reflecting on the things the students couldn’t do at the start of the year and what they can do now.
We are looking forward to wearing our decorated T-shirts on Friday the 5th of August and joining in the celebrations.
Canteen News

Next week we will be celebrating Canteen week. There will be something different introduced everyday & everyone who has a lunch order will be put into a raffle with a chance to win a $5 canteen lunch order voucher. So be sure to visit us next week. This term we will be having Footy Day September 15th. Order notes will be going home this week. If you would like to use Flexischools for your child’s lunch orders please register at www.flexischools.com.au. This is a convenient way to do your lunches.

OSHC News

Please welcome Tracie McCahill to the team at OSHC. Tracie will be replacing Romina Wade as the new OSHC Co-ordinator. We would like to thank Romina for her work as co-ordinator for the past year and a half. Romina will still be working with us but is stepping down from the role to spend more time with her young family. Tracie is excited to be working at Cambridge and can’t wait to meet our OSHC families.

Chess News

CHESS OLYMPICS
Australia V. Korea
This year Cambridge Primary School will be involved in its first ever international chess challenge!! It will be between Australia and Korea and will be held on Monday, 8th August.

VICTORIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS QUALIFYING TOURNAMENT
Once again the qualifying tournament for the Western suburbs will be held at CPS on Thursday, 25th August. Every year, the local schools send their best chess players to Cambridge for this tournament. This year we will have 40 students representing us. These students were in the top 40 at the 2016 CPS Championships and should already have their entry forms. Entry for these students is optional, but it is a great honour to be representing your school in such a prestigious tournament! After this day, the top performers will be invited by Chess Victoria to proceed to the state semi-finals!! Good luck to all and keep practising!!
Science Week Robot Competition

Science Week will be celebrated August 15th—19th.

Students are invited to take up the challenge of making their own robot that is able to carry out a series of moveable actions. This robot can be any size and as complex or simple as you wish and made of any material.

Students will be invited to bring their robot to school on Monday 15th August to present to their grade. Grades will then choose the most “awesome robot” and each year level will choose one overall representative to be presented at the Cambridge whole school assembly on Monday 22nd August.

A display of robots will be created, so please ensure that your robot is clearly labelled with your name and grade.

Join in the challenge if you wish. The aim is to have a go and participate.

Any queries, please see the science teachers.
BUSY, BUSY, BUSY! - Both of our art rooms are buzzing with activity – it's almost as if we had not had a holiday at all!!! The grade 6 students are researching a person from another culture and/or time and building a model of them. The grade 5 students are modelling with clay. The grade 4 students are creating faces in the style of Pablo Picasso and the grade 3 students are creating their own version of Edvard Munch’s ‘The Scream’. The grade 1 and 2 students are printing and the Preps are working on box constructions.
ART ROOM NEWS

VIDEOS - The following is a list of videos the students are looking at in the main art room this term. I am providing these links in case any parents/caregivers want to have a look at what the students have been learning about or any students want to have an extra look at the videos at home.

Grade 6 Deborah Halpern
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=99w07BnM8nM
https://au.pinterest.com/pin/93871973462319466/
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=crcPgnG7404

Grade 4 Louise Nevelson
https://au.pinterest.com/pin/93871973462301252/
https://au.pinterest.com/pin/93871973462301250/

Grade 3 Edvard Munch
https://au.pinterest.com/pin/93871973462313543/
Scroll down to the video on the page below.
http://artcuratorforkids.com/visual-analysis-lesson-for-edvard-munchs-the-scream/
https://au.pinterest.com/pin/93871973462300614/

DONATIONS
Thank you to all the Cambridge community that continue to donate fantastic stuff to the Art program. You might not be able to think of a use for that item BUT I WILL!!! I often forget to leave the donation box outside the main art room but I still get donations regardless. In the last week or so we have had Wool, buttons, cardboard tubes, ice cream containers, small boxes plastic lids (which I can’t get enough of), clean plastic take away boxes jelly moulds, assorted pieces of junk for printing etc, etc, etc.

And can we please have some more of those fantastic plastic jars with screw top lids that sliced peaches and apricots come in these days? And ice cream containers.

Thank you,
Shelley Menhennet and Stephanie Mancini
CROOKES COUNSELLING & CONSULTING SERVICES

PRESENTS:

Free

Information Sessions

The following three information nights are intended for parents & students. Our Psychologists will provide education and free information on topics that affect many children/teenagers, and give tips on how to help them through these issues.

Information Session details:

Time: 7pm - 8pm
Venue: The Grange P-12 College Library
       Deloraine Drive, Hoppers Crossing
Cost: Free
RSVP: For all enquiries and to book, please contact Teresa Damjanic on 0423 757 565

INFORMATION SESSION DATES

Wednesday 17th August:
Anxiety, panic attacks, phobias and OCD especially during exam times. Presented by Dr Mandy Cassimatis.
Ideal for Years 9-12

Wednesday 19th October:
Parenting Skills: the transition to high school and other teenage issues. Presented by Brony Owen.
Ideal for Years 5-8

Wednesday 16th November:
Social Media: the dangers and risks.
Ideal for all school ages
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