Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back to another school year! I always love this time of the year, seeing familiar faces after the holiday break, seeing our new preppies so full of enthusiasm, and the general feeling of anticipation and excitement. 2017 promises to be a fabulous year of learning and fun!

We have our Meet & Greet Parent Teacher Interviews on Wednesday, 15 February. School finishes at 12:25 pm on that day. The outside school hours program will be operating from 12:25 pm. There will no lunch time canteen. You will receive a letter about the Meet & Greet interviews this week explaining the process for the interviews and the system for making an interview time online. Please log onto the website to book a time to meet with your child’s classroom teacher, and also with their specialist teacher if you like. If your child has not brought home an information slip about interviews, please see your child’s classroom teacher to organise another one. Interviews will be held in your child’s classroom and specialist teachers will be having their interviews in the Truman Gym.

We look forward to seeing you at these interviews as they provide an opportunity for you to share important information with your child’s new teacher and to set up some learning goals, providing a great opportunity for families and staff to get to know each other a little more and to continue to build on our strong home-school partnerships benefiting our students.

We will also be holding our first EVENING MARKET on this day from 1:00 pm to 6:00 pm. While you wait to see your children’s teachers, why not grab a snack or even dinner from one of the food trucks, get the kids’ faces painted or do some shopping!

- Jakaela party ponies
- Dream Faces - face painting
- Yo India - Indian Food Truck
- Bean There Coffee
- Matrix Fun Foods - ice cream truck
- Sonja’s Handmade Jewellery
- Aussie Icy Flakes
- Brimook Toys & Gifts
- DM Jewellery
- JAC Designs Handmade
- Jodie’s Scrap n Chat
- Ventigo designs
- Coloured By Katherine
- The Sewing Table
- Creative Keepsakes
- Jamberry
- Tupperware
- Robyn’s Busy Nest
- Sign by Me
- Pass the soap
- Aromatize Aus
- Cute2Connect
- YIAH
- Party Lite
- Pete’s Floss
- Tasty Taters
- Pizza to You
- Gold’n’Duck
- Norwex
- Scentsy
- Polish Envy
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- Z Boutique
News from Nadia cont....

While the school year has just started we encourage our students to be actively involved in all aspects of life at Cambridge Primary School. We are proud of the extracurricular activities and opportunities we offer our students.

We have the swimming trials coming up on 15 February where students can try out for the District Swimming Competition. Other extracurricular events offered across the school include student leadership, chess, lunch-time clubs, choir and sport. Notes will be coming home soon for Chess and Choir.

Over the next two weeks, classes (4-6) will be finalising their Junior School Council elections to complete our student leadership team:

Our leading teachers, Tom Hortop, Megan Lindsey and Alana Stathoulis will be working with the student leadership team on social justice, student leadership and school improvement.

JSC will be presented with their badges at assembly on Monday, 13 February at 2:15 pm.

This term we have a pupil free day planned for Tuesday, 14 March and students will not be required at school on this day. The outside school hours program will be operating on this day. This Tuesday follows the Labour Day public holiday on Monday, 13 March so children and families can have an extra-long weekend. We will be continuing the work on ‘Visible Learning’ that we started last year, focusing on ‘feedback’, ensuring, as a school, we are focused on effective teaching and learning strategies so that all students are taught to their point of need, and that the work is ‘just right’ for them.

I would like to remind families that the Department does not provide personal accident insurance or ambulance cover for students. We highly recommend that families have their own ambulance coverage/insurance, and please ensure that we have up-to-date details at the front office in case of an emergency.

School Council Elections
Effective school councils are a key factor in good governance. Effective councils have a wide range of skills, expertise and knowledge about how to improve school governance to provide the best possible educational outcomes for students. Here at Cambridge Primary School we are very proud of our school, our students and our community. One of the reasons our school operates so well is because of our active and enthusiastic School Council. Each year we conduct elections for School Council. Parents and Department of Education and Training (DET) members are elected for a period of two years. Community members can also be co-opted to School Council for up to two years. This year there are four parent positions to be filled (2 years) and two DET position. Returning parent councillors are: Aru Mhalgi, Sam Sorrenti, Sally Spiteri and Tim Parker.
I would encourage people to seriously consider getting involved in School Council which meets once a month (every third Thursday from 6:00 pm) and is an important decision-making body in the school.

Any parent or carer of a student can be on School Council. School Councillors need to be prepared to work in a positive and constructive way with other parents to shape the future of our school, support our students and improve our school. No experience is necessary. Information and induction/training sessions are provided.

How do I nominate for the election?
If you decide to stand for election, collect a nomination form from the front office, or call so we can arrange to have one sent home with your child. **Nominations open on Monday, 13 February and close on Monday, 20 February.** Complete all details and return the form to school. It’s that easy! A ballot will only be held if the number of nominations exceeds the number of vacant positions. Please see us or any other councillor if you would like more information or have any questions about being on School Council. Current councillors are Nadia Bettio, Reg Stott, Donna Anderson, Megan Downes, Scott Patten, Tim Parker, Nella Cascone, Aru Mhalgi, Fiona Bryne, Sam Sorrenti, Sally Spiteri, Rachael White and Samantha Kelly.

Remember these dates:

- Monday, 13 February – Nominations Open
- Monday, 20 February – Nominations Close (4:00 pm)
- Tuesday, 21 February – Ballot Papers issued (if required)
- Tuesday, 7 March – Close of ballot (4:00 pm)
- Thursday, 16 March – AGM and first meeting of new School Council

Have a great week

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Payments
Thank you to all our parents who have already made payments for 2017. Any outstanding amounts are due by 28 February 2017. If you need a payment plan, please come and see our friendly office staff.

A reminder for Health Care Card holders, please come by the office and pick up a CSEF application form.

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 in 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.

Outside School Hours Care
Before school care operates between 6:45 and 8:45 am and after school care operates between 3:15 and 6:45 pm. Please ensure you arrive no later than 6:40 pm to collect your child. OSHC staff can process cash and EFTPOS payments. If you have any enquiries about bookings or payments, please contact the OSHC staff on 0475 973 325 between 9:00 am and 6:45 pm.

Hats on Term 1
We have slouch hats and legionnaire hats available to buy at the office for $15 each. School bags can be purchased from PSW, our uniform suppliers.

School Website
Our school website is a great place to find answers to some of your questions so hop online and check it out here:

Newsletter Mailing List
Newsletters are published fortnightly on our school website and contain a wealth of information for families on what’s happening at our school and all the upcoming events. Subscribing to our mailing list will ensure you never miss a newsletter. Just a reminder that you need to subscribe at the beginning of each year.

Attendance/Absences
If your child is absent for any reason, you must notify the school. You can write a note to your child’s classroom teacher (please include your child’s full name, grade and dates of absence), phone the office and leave a message on the answering machine, or hop onto the school website at www.cambridgeps.vic.edu.au and click the link to complete the student absentee form (see below):

Student Absentee Form

Student Absentee Form
If your child is unable to attend school, please fill in the below form. Complete all fields required.

Parent/Guardian name: *
First
Last
Parent/Guardian email address: *

Student’s name: *
First
Last

Student’s class: *
Select a class...

Select one: *
- Medical appointment
- Hospitalized
- Parent choice
- Family holiday
- Bereavement
- Other (specify below)

If ‘Other’, please indicate reason:

First day of absence: *
DD / MM / YYYY

Last day of absence: *
DD / MM / YYYY

Total number of days absent: *

Must be at least 1 character. Currently Used: 0 character.
Submit
UNIFORMS

The school does not have a uniform shop onsite. All uniform items except the school dress can be purchased from PSW. Dresses can be purchased from Rushfords.

The office has a small supply of hats, library bags and pouches for sale. School bags can be purchased from PSW.

Unit 1
16-17 Hammer Court
Hoppers Crossing 3029

Phone:   (03) 9768 0312
Email:   hopperscrossing@psw.com.au

Normal Trading Hours
Tue to Fri: 9:00 am - 5:00 pm
Saturday:  10:00 am - 1:00 pm

Extended Trading Hours
(7 Nov 2016 - 11 Mar 2017)
Mon to Fri: 9:00 am - 5:00 pm
Saturday:  9:00 am - 1:00 pm
UNIFORMS

Rushfords Schoolwear

Shop 1 / 13 BARNES PLACE WERRIBEE

We have moved just around the corner, opposite Comben Drive carpark.

NEW LOCATION
Shop 1 / 13
Barnes Place

CARPARK

RUSHFORDS SCHOOLWEAR TRADING HOURS
MONDAY-FRIDAY 9AM-5.30PM
SATURDAY 9AM-1PM
PH: 9741 3211
Email: rushfords@noone.com.au
SECONDHAND UNIFORMS

Subject to availability, second-hand uniforms can be purchased from:

The Lighthouse Store
21/13a Elm Park Drive
Hoppers Crossing

Alternatively, you can often find second-hand uniforms for sale on Facebook. A couple of uniform groups in the local area are:

- Wyndham school uniform buy, swap and sell
- Werribee school uniform and book sales

If you child has lost any uniform items or other personal effects, please check the lost property baskets located in the corridor behind the office. The baskets are frequently overflowing so please clearly label all clothing, hats and drink bottles to ensure they can find their way back to your child.
Hi CPS school bankers,

Welcome back to another exciting year of banking.

Just a reminder that School Banking is on Wednesdays and all deposit books need to be in at the office by 9:00 am.

So get saving!

From the School Banking team.
# Calendar and Important Dates ~ Term 1 2017

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- Book Collection Day
  - 9 am — 4 pm
- First Day Term 1 Grades 1—6
- Prep Assessments

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- JSC Badge Presentation @ Assembly 2:15 pm
- Meet & Greet 1:00—6:45 pm (12:25 pm finish)
- Evening Market 1:00—6:00 pm
- Swimming Trials

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