Dear Parents and Carers,

WOW! I can’t believe that we are past the half way mark of the final term of the year! At this time of the year, teachers (and students) are busy with administering summative assessments which help teachers form their judgements when writing reports. It is really important that children are at school every day and well rested so they can do their best on these assessments. Your children may come home and talk to you about the various tests that they have been doing. Please be mindful that the ‘right’ tests for students are the ones that tell us what students can do and also what it is that they are ready to learn next (and what it is that they can’t do yet). So when students get between 40-60% of answers correct we know that is the ‘right’ test for them. A test of over 90% doesn’t help us as teachers know what it is that the child is ready to learn next.

I’d like to thank everyone who came along and supported our school fete. It was a fantastic day and we made approximately $15,000. Without this support, it is hard for the school to raise the extra funds required to run extra programs or continue with whole school improvements. The fete was organised by our amazing volunteer parents and staff, and I would sincerely like to thank them for the hard work they put in behind the scenes. The fete committee is a subcommittee of the school council’s fundraising subcommittee. We are holding a fundraising meeting next Monday, 21 November at 9.00 am to plan for other fundraising events (for the rest of this year and for 2017). We would love your ideas and help so if you would like to get involved and join the fundraising committee, please come along next Monday (just come to the front office).

We wish our chess team the very best of luck as they represent CPS at the Victorian Chess finals on 15 November.

Over the weekend, some of our staff members attended the “Gaming Expo”. Digital Technologies will be a new curriculum next year for all Victorian Government schools. At the expo, we saw a booth for GirlsMakeGames, which is for 8 to 16 year-old girls on learning how to make games. It runs over the summer holidays and I think it’s worth having a look at. More information is provided below:

STUDENT VOICE

Our student leadership team have been busy organising the talent quest. The finals will be held over lunch time this Friday, 11 November 2016.

Our **PJ Day this week was a great success. We raised $665** which will be donated to an Australian Charity, ‘Wheelchairs for Kids’ which is a project of the Rotary Club where volunteers make wheelchairs for children in disadvantaged countries.

The Student Leadership Team will be selling remembrance poppies until Friday, 11 November for 50c each, and the school captains will be representing Cambridge and laying a wreath at the Cenotaph on Remembrance Day.

PARENT VOICE

I would like to express my thanks to all of our parents who took the time to fill in the parent opinion survey earlier in the year. Your views are very important to us, and this survey provides us with valuable information about how we can continue to improve as a school community.

We received a lot of comments from parents wishing we could offer a music/performing arts program, and also a languages program from prep all the way through to grade 6. I am really happy to say that in 2017 we will be introducing a performing arts program for all students (which will alternate with the visual arts program) and Italian from Prep to grade 6. We know how important learning a second language is to our students and their future opportunities and we want to allow students the opportunity to explore and grow their creativity, performance and musical talents.

The leadership team has been meeting and we are still in the process of finalising staffing for 2017. We are also planning a calendar of whole-school community events, that will be publicised at the start of next year, so all families are able to plan ahead and join in on these events. As we grow bigger, we are keen to welcome new families into our community while retaining our small school and community feel.

Have a great week

Nadia
Social and Emotional learning for students....

Social skills that promote friendship

Children who are good at making and keeping friends use positive social skills. Parents, carers and school staff help children learn positive social skills by guiding the as young children, being positive examples for children to follow, and providing opportunities for play where children can practise their skills. Key social skills that help with friendships include cooperation, communication, empathy, emotional control and responsibility. All children experience friendship conflicts. Even usually popular children experience rejection sometimes. When this happens children's confidence may be affected. They may blame themselves or others. Beliefs about the reasons for the friendship conflicts they experience affect the ways that children react. Some kinds of thinking are more helpful than others for managing the conflicts children have with friends. The following example shows different possible reactions to being refused when a child has asked to join a game with others.

Positive social skills are shown in these behaviours:

- Starting conversations
- Taking turns
- Expressing feelings
- Asking questions
- Complimenting others
- Accepting others
- Refusing to join others’ negative behaviours
- Helping others
- sharing
- asking for what one wants/needs
- Apologising to others
- following rules of play
- playing fair
- listening to others
- being a good loser
- cooperating

Attendance Cup Winners for October

Congratulations to the following grades on winning the attendance cups for October

- 96.8% ➔ 2B
- 96.5% ➔ 1G and 1A
- 95.8% ➔ 5F
- 95.6% ➔ 6B
- 95.5% ➔ 5D
- 94.8% ➔ 5C

Walk to School

October was walk to school month. Thank you to those families who made the effort to walk to school with their child.
News from the Professional Learning Teams

**School Values:**
- CARING
- POSITIVITY
- RESPECT
- HONESTY
- RESILIENCE
- LOVE OF LEARNING

**This week’s value is:**
Resilience

**PLT PREP**
Term 4 is halfway done and the year is disappearing fast! Our prep students are nearly ready for grade one!

We’ve just had Mini Olympics and it was great to see all of our students having a fantastic time trying some new sports in their house colours. We were all proud to see them trying their best and just having fun.

Now that we’re starting to head into summer this is a perfect time to make sure that your children have their names on their hats and that they’re school approved. Any prep students not wearing a hat (or a non-school approved one) during recess and lunch need to sit outside rooms 16 and 17, so please make sure that your child’s hat is a CPS one or the correct colours.

Also please make sure that any take home books or library books are being returned so that we can start getting them back to the library before the mad rush at the end of the year!

**PLT 1**
This term has been flying past at an astonishing rate. The students in year one have been working hard during assessment time to show what they have achieved this year. We have all been very busy! Students have also been working with the year 4 classes writing letters to each other to ask questions about what year 2 will be like next year. Some classes have already gone and read their letters to the Year 4s.

We also have an excursion coming up, so keep posted for more details and permission notes coming home shortly.

**PLT 2**
We are in the middle of assessing what the students have learnt during the second semester and so it is really important that students are at school every day. Many of these assessments are online and therefore iPads need to come to school every day fully charged. If they have not been charged, please ensure the charger comes to school so that the iPad can be used for assigned assessments. Students are doing a range of tests to see what they know and what they still need to know. A percentage score between 40 and 60 shows a good understanding of the expected level in these tests.

Don’t forget to sign and return the permission form for our end of year excursion to the movies. The form needs to be returned by 17th November.

**PLT 3**
If your child will be attending camp next year, please remember to have a look at the payment plan for this camp. The next $50 instalment is due and currently being accepted at the office.

Our students are busily working with their teachers to complete their assessment for report writing at the moment. Please remember it is important that students are at school on time and have eaten breakfast ready for a day of learning.
PLT 4
The grade 4s have had a busy and exciting day on their excursion to CERES Community Environment Park in Brunswick. There they learnt all about fossil fuels, energy efficient housing, the impact of carbon emissions on climate change, renewable energy and energy flows.

PLT 4 had a great day on Tuesday wearing their pyjamas to school in an effort to raise money for charity. It was great to see late arrivals at an all-time low. Not only did we look stylish, we clearly cut our school preparation time in half by avoiding the usual long and arduous wardrobe change. Well done to student leadership for getting creative and organising yet another successful fundraiser. Hopefully a lot of money was raised for a great cause.

Good luck to all those participating in the upcoming talent show. Everyone is looking forward to being entertained by the ever impressive talent Cambridge students have to offer.

PLT 5
This Thursday the grade five students will be taking part in the Teams, Trials & Trivia incursion. This is a fun and active session combining some physical team building challenges with trivia questions. During the session the students will be divided into small teams to complete their physical and mental challenges. The teams will score points for each challenge and a winning team is announced at the completion of the session.

This Friday will be the last Bike Ed session for the year. All students have been working hard to improve their bike skills ready for our Tour De Cambridge on the 9th December.

The grade fives have been looking at leadership during our inquiry lessons this term. They have learnt about leaders of the world and what makes a good/bad leader. As part of this unit the students wrote letters to leaders in our local community asking them to come speak at Cambridge Primary School. We have received replies from members of the Victorian Police, Fire Brigade and City Council members. We are hoping to have these leaders speak by the end of November.

Any student who would like to apply for School Captain 2017 will need to write their speech at home. These students will need to have their speech ready to be presented to the year fives and the Leadership Team on the 24th November. If any student would like to be a House Captain 2017 needs to prepare a speech at home to be presented on 1st December.

PLT 6
iPads
Many students are coming to school with uncharged iPads, or forgetting to bring them altogether. Classrooms do not have sufficient facilities to charge iPads and it is an expectation that students bring their iPads fully charged daily. Please ensure your child has the facilities to charge their iPad at home.
Administration News

New staff in the office
Rebecca & Tanya have now joined the administration team and have had a great week getting to know our Cambridge Community. Please feel free to come and say hello.

Attendance
As we have had a few issues this term with our phones and emails, we are sending out unexplained absence notes to ensure our records are up to date and accurate. We apologise if you receive a note for any absences you have already reported to the school and would very much appreciate you completing the form and returning this information to your child’s teacher.

Just a reminder that if your child will be absent for a family holiday, this must be sent in writing to the office to be recorded.

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
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.

Hats on Term 4
We have slouch hats available to buy at the office for $15 each. Our legionnaire hats have now arrived also. Our school bags are now available to buy at PSW, our uniform suppliers.
Congratulations to the below four students for achieving high science results while attending year 7 science classes on a Wednesday afternoon in terms 2 and 3.

This year I got selected to go to a Science Enrichment Program at Hoppers Crossing Secondary College. I found it very hard at first but then I got better at it and I learnt many new experiments. My favourite one was when we had to do our own experiments to separate a mixture of different substances. I recommend this program to others, because I had a lot of fun making new friends and being a part of this program. I received a High Credit and I was very happy.

Jessica 6D

Every week in terms 2 and 3 I went to Hoppers Crossing Secondary College for a Science Enrichment Program. My favourite experiment was when we used copper sulphate to make blue crystals with a Bunsen burner. Sadly, we didn't get to keep them because copper sulphate is a pollutant. Overall I got a Distinction and I was very pleased.

Marc 6C

This year, I was one of four students that got selected to go to the Science Enrichment Program at Hoppers Crossing Secondary College. The experience was great and the best part about it was we got to meet lots of new friends from different schools who enhanced the whole experience. We participated in many activities such as crystallisation in which we used Bunsen burners! At the end of it all I received a High Distinction which I was happy about.

Dasula 6B

My time at Hoppers Crossing Science Enrichment Program was very educational and exhilarating. My personal highlights of the time there were dissection, using a Bunsen burner and observing changes in chemicals. In my chemistry test I had to remove substances that were mixed together using our own knowledge. I wish I had more time there to absorb more science. I would recommend this program to anyone if you’re committed and have the love, passion and curiosity for science. At the end of it all I received a Distinction which I was very excited about.

Eric 6B
Junior Leadership News

The Cambridge Primary School Talent Quest auditions are now complete.

The finals will be held on Friday, 11 November 2016 in the Truman (small) gym.

There is a 50¢ entry fee to watch the finals.

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 CAMBRIDGE YEAR BOOK 2016

Don't forget to order your copy before
Thursday 17th November.
The cost of the FULL colour edition is $15 per copy.

No late orders will be accepted!

Name...........................................................................................................
Child’s grade...........................................
Number of copies..............@ $15 per copy   Total amount $.........................

Please send along the money, together with this order form, to the school office.

NO LATE ORDERS WILL BE ACCEPTED!
**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

This is the final call for parents/students to recover any lost uniforms, toys, lunch boxes or drink bottles from our overflowing lost property box by Friday, 19 November 2016.

We will endeavour to return items with names on them to students. However, we have many unnamed items. Going forward, please ensure you clearly label all items to ensure they can find their way back to your child.

All unclaimed uniforms will be washed and donated to the Lighthouse Store at 21/13A Elm Park Drive, Hoppers Crossing where they can be purchased second-hand.
Every Dog has his freebie

The 2016 AFL season might have been put to bed for most, but loyal fans in the Western Bulldogs heartland are still lapping up the drought-breaking premiership win.

WOW! Super effort Morrison (Grade 1) for helping to raise over $5000 (the goal was $3000) for the Australian Lions Childhood Cancer Research Foundation, by walking 11 km’s up to The Pinnacle at Halls Gap and back which took 5½ hours to complete.

Morrison received an award from Barry Palmer (OAM), Past International President of Lions International for his sensational effort. Well done Morrison!
New store location from
Monday 7 November
Shop1 / 13 BARNES PLACE
WERRIBEE

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

RUSHFORDS SCHOOLWEAR TRADING HOURS
MONDAY-FRIDAY 9AM-5.30PM
SATURDAY 9AM-1PM
PH: 9741 3211
Email: rushfords@noone.com.au
The Grange Community Market / Open Day

Eat Well  •  Live Well  •  Celebrate Community

We invite you to come along on Saturday
12th November
10am to 2pm

Enjoy this fun filled day, including market stalls, workshops & activities, great food, live entertainment and the launch of our mobile art spaces.

260 Hogans Road, Hoppers Crossing
COMMUNITY NEWS

Christmas Fair

SAVE THE DATE!
SATURDAY 26 NOVEMBER 2016, 11AM – 4PM

STALL HOLDERS WANTED!
SATURDAY 26 NOVEMBER 2016, 11AM – 4PM

Register your stall now by emailing werribeefair@mercy.com.au before the end of October!

Victoria University (behind Werribee Mercy Hospital)
Hoppers Lane, Werribee

All proceeds directly benefit Werribee Mercy Hospital’s Critical Care Unit.

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