Dear Parents and Carers,

While it’s not long now until the 2016 school year ends it is VERY important that children make the most of every learning opportunity. And the best way for this to happen is regular school attendance. Currently VCE students from all over Victoria are attending their final classes and preparing for exams. This is the time of the year so many of our students work towards - the past 13 years of schooling are coming to a close and students are planning for the next stage of their life. What happens each and every day here at Cambridge Primary School contributes to this final stage. We wish all our past students who are sitting for their VCE year all the very best in the coming weeks and to all of our ‘VCE parents’ a big well done for also having travelled this journey and getting to the other side relatively unscathed.

It was lovely to meet out 2017 preps and their families this week as part of our transition program. We are looking forward to welcoming and working with our 121 new students into the Cambridge Family. If you know your children will not be attending CPS next year please inform the office

School Council has set the parent payments for 2017 and information about this has been sent home to all prep – grade 5 students. This payment covers the swimming program (essential learning for students), incursions, excursions, athletics, interschool sport (grade 6) and the book pack. We are requesting that this payment be made by the end of the year, and needs to be paid in full by February 28 2017. If families wish to set up a payment plan please call to set up a time to discuss this with me or Samantha Kelly, our business manager. If families wish to purchase their own book list this needs to be discussed with me.

We farewell Sharon Dunne from our Admin team this week. I wish Sharon all the very best in her new role. I know she will be a great asset at her new school as she has been for us!

Please remember that next Monday October 31st is a pupil free day. Students are not required at school on this day, as teachers will be planning the transition to our new Victorian Curriculum.
EXTRA CURRICULAR
Fantastic effort for all the CPS Students

Well done to our Cambridge students who represented the school at the School Sports Victoria (SSV) State Level competition
  Jake Gavriliadis (U9/10B shot put)
  Ruth Ong (U9/10G 800 metres and triple jump)
  Gus (U9/10B shot put)
  Evan Clappaert (long jump and U12/13B relay)
  Jerome (U12/13B relay)
  Thomas Brown (U12/13B relay)
  Matthias Ong (triple jump and U12/13B relay)
  Monique Gavriliadis (U12/13G 800 metres and high jump)

Evan Clappaert won gold in the long jump, silver for Matthias in triple jump and bronze medals for Monique in high jump and Ruth in triple jump. Evan and Monique will go on to represent Victoria in the Australian Track and Field Championships in Sydney next month. Unfortunately Matthias and Ruth will not be representing Victoria only because triple jump is not included in the National’s event.

Our boys chess team also did very well at the semi-finals this week, and finished in fourth place, meaning they will be representing CPS at the Victorian Chess finals on November 15.

Again this was a team effort and we are so proud of our students and their many talents and skills, and the way they really embody our school, value ‘love of learning’. Life is one big learning journey!

The Student Leadership Team will be selling remembrance poppies from Monday 7th of November for 50c each.

Have a great week

Nadia
Social and Emotional learning for students - Key points for helping children resolve conflict

The ways that adults respond to children’s conflicts have powerful effects on their behaviour and skill development. Until they have developed their own skills for managing conflict effectively most children will need very specific adult guidance to help them reach a good resolution. Parents, carers and teaching staff can help children to see conflict as a shared problem that can be solved by understanding both points of view and finding a solution that everyone is happy with.

Guide and Coach - When adults impose a solution on children it may solve the conflict in the short term, but it can leave children feeling that their wishes have not been taken into account. Coaching children through the conflict resolution steps helps them feel involved. It shows them how effective conflict resolution can work so that they can start to build their own skills.

Listen to all sides without judging – To learn the skills for effective conflict resolution children need to be able to acknowledge their own point of view and listen to others’ views without fearing that they will be blamed or judged. Being heard encourages children to hear and understand what others have to say and how they feel.

Support children to work through strong feelings – Conflict often generates strong feelings such as anger or anxiety. These feelings can get in the way of being able to think through conflicts fairly and reasonably. Acknowledge children’s feelings and help them to manage them. It may be necessary to help children calm down before trying to resolve the conflict.

Remember
Praise children for finding a solution and carrying it out
If an agreed solution doesn’t work out the first time, go through the steps again to understand the needs and concerns and find a different solution.

Saying Farewell to Sharon Dunne - Sharon Dunne has had a very long association with Cambridge Primary School. In the twenty-three years we have known Sharon she has fulfilled many roles at the school beginning with mother, integration aide and administrative assistant. Sharon’s work as an integration aide directly affected the lives of many of the children in her care. Her nurturing and friendly manner instantly created a rapport with children which then naturally extended to the family. She has guided and supported many students, tapping into their strengths and developing them social, emotionally and academically. Furthermore she has been a mentor to other integration aides, willingly sharing her experiences and immense reservoir of knowledge with those less experienced. Having successful fulfilled role of integration aide for many, many years Sharon moved onto our office, transferring her extensive kit of skills to managing the multitude of tasks associated with a large primary school. She has easily filled this role and continued to support our students and their families. We wish Sharon all the very best as she moves onto Truganina South Primary School.

Building Resilience Survey – The Year 5 families would have received earlier this month a letter related to their child completing an online Resilience Survey. Many families have not indicated whether they wish their child to participate in the survey. Please let your child’s classroom teacher know by Friday October 28th if you do not wish for them to complete the survey. All surveys must be completed by this date.
Junior Leadership News

Get Ready for the Cambridge Primary School Talent Quest!

We have had our auditions & what a wonderful display of talent we have here at Cambridge. The grade 5 & 6s will have their chance on Friday October 28th. We have pushed the finals back to Friday 11th November in the Truman (small) gym.

It will be a 50c entry fee to watch the finals.

Save the Date

‘Carols at Cambridge’
13\textsuperscript{th} December
At
the Big Gym
From
6:00pm – 7:00pm
BYO Picnic dinner and snacks & picnic blankets
Administration News

New staff at the office

We say goodbye & good luck to Sharon Dunne in our office this week & next week welcome Rebecca & Tanya to the administration team. Please say hello & make them feel welcome to our Cambridge Community.

Attendance

Next week we will be updating our attendance records. We will be sending home unexplained absence notes. We have had a few issues this term with our phones and emails so if you have already recorded your child’s absence and you receive a letter, please return it to us so our records will be accurate.

Payments

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 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.

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.

Hats on Term 4

We have slouch hats available to buy at the office. They are $15 each. Our legionnaire hats have now arrived also. Our school bags are now available to buy at PSW, our uniform suppliers.
PLT PREP
After just having our first transition session for this year’s kinder students it’s incredible to reflect on how much our Preps have grown this year! When looking at how amazing their reading, writing and maths is now, as well as their maturity and independence, it’s hard to believe that at the start of the year our students were so small and shy! It just shows how wonderful our students are at Cambridge and how hard both the teachers and parents work to ensure that they are always being supported to reach their goals.
To reach these goals our students have been focusing their reading on backing up and re-reading if what they’ve read doesn’t make sense, being creative with their writing by experimenting with different words to make it more exciting. In maths, students have begun their learning on subtraction and have been collecting and graphing data and analysing the results.
Our Prep students enjoyed their swimming lessons and have shown great maturity and independence while at the pool. Thank you to all those parents that came down to assist the students! There is an end of year excursion being organised to the Sun Theatre to celebrate the student’s achievement. More information will be sent out in the coming weeks.

PLT 1
The past two weeks in grade one, we have enjoyed exploring the past and the present in Inquiry, looking into our own personal histories by interviewing different family members, and comparing what has changed and what has stayed the same. As well as this, we have continued developing our reading, writing and numeracy strategies. The next week will continue to be just as eventful! Monday is a pupil free day, Tuesday a public holiday, and Wednesday the Prep-2 mini Olympics. We are encouraging all students to wear their house colours on the day and inviting all families to join us for a picnic lunch. Have a fabulous long weekend and we look forward to seeing you back next week!

PLT 2
Term 4 is always an exciting term with learning, assessments and other fun activities. We are learning to write persuasive texts and are getting better at convincing people of our opinion. In Inquiry, children have also been learning about how not every Natural Resource is available in abundance to everyone and how important it is to conserve them.
We start assessments next week and it is very important that children attend school every day to make most of their learning and stay on track with their assessments.
A reminder about the P-2 Mini Olympics next week on 2nd November. A note has been sent home regarding this and children can wear their House colour shirt on the day.
Our wonderful students have been sharing many of their personal experiences with each other to complement our inquiry unit ‘Why do different cultural groups have special days that they observe?’ During the term we will be involved in many different activities that relate to our inquiry unit. Some of the activities include sharing survey information with each other about our personal celebrations, making an artefact box, giving a speech about a celebration experience and participating in a grade three expo to share our fabulous learning with one another. On the day of the expo, families will be invited along to share in the learning of their children. Further details about the expo will be sent out in November.

Our grade fours have had a busy but wonderful few weeks with swimming and camp. We had a fantastic time at Camp Oasis. The students were enthusiastic, polite and respectful and the camp staff actually commented on how well behaved they were. They participated in activities such as the flying fox, candle making, archery, initiative games and the crate climb. A big thank you to everyone that was involved with organising the camp and the parents, pre service teachers and Cambridge teachers that volunteered their time.

This term our inquiry unit is, ‘Australia and its people: How can we have a voice?’ Throughout this unit we will be looking at qualities of a good leader. If you know of any great leaders within the community that would like to speak to the students about their leadership journey please speak to one of the classroom teachers.

As part of this unit, students will be participating in a ‘Teams, Trials and Trivia’ incursion on Thursday 10th November. Teams, Trials & Trivia is a fun and active session combining some physical team building challenges with trivia questions related to our Inquiry Unit. Within 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.

A few reminders for this term:
Bike Education continues every Friday morning. Please don’t forget to bring your helmet and bike
The first IIIP for this term is due on Monday 7th November
Thursday 24th November – School Captain Speeches
Thursday 1st December – House Captain Speeches
Tour D’Cambridge – Friday 9th December

With graduation approaching you may have already started thinking, what will my child wear? Uniform is not required, but we would like to see the students arrive in age appropriate, semi-formal outfits. This is a pretty broad range, but we would appreciate if students could avoid items like jeans. Footwear should be covered flats or wedges, as heels and thongs create a safety concern with getting on stage and at the disco. If you have any questions, feel free to contact your child’s teacher.
**CHESS NEWS**

On 11th October, we had 3 girls travel with Mr Jarred to Lauriston Girls School in Armadale to represent Cambridge in the Victorian Girls final! There were 26 schools playing on this day and Cambridge finished 16th!!
The top 5 schools in girls’ chess are: 1st Mount View PS, 2nd Glendal PS, 3rd St Andrews Christian College, 4th Balwyn North PS, 5th Presbyterian Ladies College. Congratulations to Heli, Jade and Lochana for representing us so brilliantly!

On 25th October, 11 boys represented Cambridge in the State Open Semi-finals. There were 29 schools playing on this day and we finished 4th!! We finished ahead of schools like Toorak PS, Clifton PS and Brighton Grammar. Congratulations to Kevin, Marc, Dasula, Matthias, George, Alex, Amir, Ali, Benjamin, Aaron and Kemindu for representing our school so successfully.

Cambridge has now qualified for the Grand Final, which will be played on November 15. On this day the 30 best chess schools in Victoria play off for the title of best school in Victorian!! At this level, chess becomes a team game, and we will send five students to represent us. Our team will be announced shortly.

Go Cambridge!!
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