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**Dear Parents & Caregivers**

I wish everyone a warm welcome back for the 2012 school year. As you will see by the new faces, we are welcoming 23 new children and families to our school. A special welcome to you all.

The staff has put in many hours over the Christmas break with 2 teacher-only days and a lot of time spent setting up programmes of work and classroom spaces. The staff and I would like to thank the **Board of Trustees** who have supplied a lot of new furniture for this year. It has allowed us to create additional space in many of the classrooms by getting rid of old furniture.

Mr Harrison has also been busy over the holidays and has organised the setting up of computers in Rooms 1, 10, 11 and 12 along with new benching that went in at the end of last year. Child centered programmes have been installed and these learning tools will help make a difference to student learning and achievement.

The school certainly looked different with all the children looking very smart arriving in their **school uniforms**.

Our **curriculum targets** for the year are attached to this newsletter and will be a focus in terms of core curriculum. As with our school belief we will be delivering a balanced curriculum which will include; visual arts through a specialist and classroom teachers, dance, drama and music with a production taking place later in the year, science and social studies units, Maori and this year Korean language for some year groups, physical education through specialist and classroom teachers along with camp experiences and many other opportunities. We have an exciting year ahead.

This is the first full year we will be moving towards a Kaizen philosophy which is based around continuous improvement. Several internal systems are changing through this approach with 1 of the key principals being clean efficient work spaces so to make teaching and learning more effective.

We welcome **Mrs Bracken** who is teaching in Room 3. Mrs Douglas has had her job title changed from Assistant Principal to Deputy Principal as is Mr Bryan. One of Mrs Douglas's roles is to co ordinate our special abilities and learning needs programmes. She liaises closely with classroom teachers and you as parents. Mr Harrison is away until the middle of next week as he is recovering from an operation on his leg. Mrs Calder who the children know well has started the year in his Room 6 class.

Yesterday the children enjoyed a visit from the **Annihilator Racing Team**, with Annihilator 3 present for children to see. Have a look at the photo on the website. These amazing Hydroplane boats can reach speeds of 300km/ph and will be racing this weekend at Lake Karapiro. Family passes are \$30 for a day or \$50 for both Saturday and Sunday.

Today (weather permitting) the Batten children enjoyed a Teddy Bears Picnic with many parents able to attend.

The **Police** informed us yesterday that they do not wish to see anyone **parking on the grass area on the corner of Duke and Wilson streets**. It is a hazard blocking visibility around the intersection. Please do not park on this area as we do not want parents receiving parking infringement notices. Signage is to be put up around the new car parking areas that have been created. All staff cars are now off the main roads which have.

created additional car parking for parents. The carparks within the school grounds are for staff only and we ask that you respect this. There are also several visitors to the school each day to see children or staff and we will be providing visitor car parking spaces around the back of the school. There is also the car park across the road in behind The Prince Albert and the new church building.

Next **Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> February** from 5.30pm we will be holding our traditional **Family Picnic Night**. Bring along dinner and a drink and relax under the trees with staff and friends. We also welcome in our new families. Children and parents can play a game of touch or cricket. I along with the staff look forward to catching up with you on the night.

On **Thursday 16th February** we are having a **Meet the Syndicate Teachers** night. Times as follows; 6.30pm-7.00pm Batten Syndicate, 7.00pm-7.30pm Blake Syndicate, 7.30pm-8.00pm Hillary Syndicate and 8.00pm-8.30pm Rutherford Syndicate. Teachers will explain what the children will be covering for the year, expectations of work and effort, tips to help with reading and maths including activities and learning games, homework commitment, extra opportunities your child has this year, camps, leadership and more. This is a valuable night to attend. Through a strong partnership we will maximize your child's learning. We look forward to seeing you here on the evening. Enjoy the long weekend and see you all back on Tuesday.

*Regards Mike Pettit*

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES NEWS**

Welcome to families that are new to the Cambridge Primary School community this year and also to our returning families for 2012

The Board of Cambridge Primary have set academic targets for 2012. A full description of these targets will be sent home with this newsletter. The Board of Cambridge Primary School are looking forward to working alongside the staff to deliver the results outlined in the set targets.

The Board will be holding a by-election on the 13<sup>th</sup> March 2012. This by-election is to fill a position vacated by Mrs. Karin Watson. We will soon be calling for nominations so keep an eye out on the newsletter and the notice board in the school office. Mrs. Nevis Stanaway has been appointed the returning officer, if you have any questions Nevis can be contacted at home on: (07) 827 5168

There are a few items of secondhand uniform available to purchase. There is an exercise book in the school office with listed items and contact details. For all your other uniform requirements you can purchase the school uniform from All Sew Embroidery on Empire Street (07) 827 8912.

You may have noticed a change to the school frontage; the first stage is almost complete. This work has allowed us to bring all staff cars off the road which has in turn created more parking for parents. Over the next few months we will finish this off with planting.

All Board meetings are open to the public; we extend an invitation for parents to come along. We will let you know in the newsletter and on the website the dates of scheduled meetings.

We look forward to a dynamic year that exceeds all our expectations for our students, parents, extended family and our staff here at Cambridge Primary. Together we will make this a terrific year!

*Your BOT*

## SCHOOL SWIMMING

Our school swimming programme begins in Weeks 3 and 4 for the Blake and Hillary syndicates and Weeks 5 and 6 for the Batten and Rutherford syndicates. Timetable below. Cost is \$2 per session per child which can be paid to the class teacher from tomorrow. Fee includes lane hire and entry into the pools. No refunds will be given due to cancellations. Total amount per child will be \$12 (or \$14/child including swimming sports in March). You can elect to pay per session.



DATES	ROOM NUMBERS
14 <sup>th</sup> , 15 <sup>th</sup> , 16 <sup>th</sup> February	Rm 4,5,6,7,8,9
21 <sup>st</sup> , 22 <sup>nd</sup> , 23 <sup>rd</sup> February	Rm 4,5,6,7,8,9
28 <sup>th</sup> , 29 <sup>th</sup> Feb, 1 <sup>st</sup> March	Rm 1,2,3, 10, 11,12
6 <sup>th</sup> , 7 <sup>th</sup> , 8 <sup>th</sup> March	Rm 1,2,3, 10, 11,12
16 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>Whole School Swimming Sports</b>

## HOUSEKEEPING REMINDERS

- ✓ Any monies being brought to school need to be in a named and sealed bag or envelope to avoid confusion and/or loss of coins
- ✓ Please see the office if you or anyone you know has pre-schoolers turning five in 2012 and will be attending Cambridge Primary School. This helps us with our planning.
- ✓ When using the School Crossing, please listen to the Road Patrollers who will give you permission when to cross.

## ROAD PATROL HELPERS PLEASE!

Any parents who are available to assist with supervision of the school road patrols from 2:55pm to 3:10pm, please contact Darren Bryan or leave your name at the office. Also please remember that parents and adults need to set the example and use the crossing when the patrollers are on duty. Road Patrollers have been trained by Police.



## ASB SCHOOL BANKING

A reminder that we have information and application forms for children to open their own bank account with ASB Cambridge. They are also running a promotion giving children the chance to win \$20 savings boost for each deposit made. See the office for more information.

## CAMBRIDGE KINDERGARTEN 50<sup>TH</sup> JUBILEE

Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> February from 10am – 3pm, at the kindergarten, 104 Victoria Street Cambridge. Telephone 07 827 6250 or email Cambridge@kindergarten.org.nz.

## KAPA HAKA

The term Kapa Haka refers to what is commonly known in Aotearoa(NZ) as 'Maori Performing Arts' or the 'cultural dance' of Maori people. Kapa Haka is an avenue for Maori people to express their heritage and cultural identity through song and dance. In 2011 a notice was sent home requesting numbers of children wishing to join Kapa Haka. We will be starting this group in Week 3 and your children will be notified and given the necessary paperwork to bring home for signing. The subscription is \$20.00 a term. If you would like you child/children to participate please notify the office and I will ensure your family are added to the list.

Any queries please contact me (Joanne Beldham) at school on 827 5316.

## SPORTS NOTICES

**Business House Hockey** – There is still time to enter a team into this, starting February 13<sup>th</sup>. Contact Marie at School or email marie@cambridgeprimary.co.nz.

**Cambridge Junior Rugby** – Family Fun day will be held February 19<sup>th</sup> from 10am-2pm at the Rugby Grounds, Taylor Street. Bring the family for bouncy castle, waterslide, skills & drills, sausage sizzle etc.  
*Marie Austin*

## P.T.A. NOTICES – Next Meeting 13<sup>th</sup> February 7.00pm

Welcome back to school, I hope everyone had a fantastic Christmas and New Year. Our first PTA meeting this year will be on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> February at 7.00pm in the staffroom. Everyone is welcome, so come and join a great group of parents and teachers who work hard and have fun providing some of the extras for all our kids. We look forward to another successful year. Any queries please phone Victoria on 823 1690.

## DATES TO REMEMBER

3 <sup>rd</sup> February	Whole School Assembly, all welcome from 2.15pm
3 <sup>rd</sup> February	School Sausage Sizzle, orders in class at 8.45am, cost = \$2 per sausage
9 <sup>th</sup> February	School Picnic Night, 5.30-7pm
13 <sup>th</sup> February	PTA Meeting, 7pm in the staffroom, all welcome
13 <sup>th</sup> February	BOT Meeting, 6.30pm in the Meeting Room
16 <sup>th</sup> February	Meet the Syndicate Night 7-8.30pm
16 <sup>th</sup> March	School Swimming Sports at the Cambridge Town Pools
17 <sup>th</sup> February	Free mobile ear clinic van at CPS, located in back carpark from 9.15am – 2.30pm
22 <sup>nd</sup> February	Mayoral Cycle Challenge, 5.30pm at Leamington Domain
21 <sup>st</sup> March	2.15pm – 8pm Parent/Teacher interviews, online booking details to come
22 <sup>nd</sup> March	3.15pm – 5.30pm Parent/Teacher interviews, online booking details to come

## TERM DATES 2012

Term 1	31 <sup>st</sup> Jan – 5 <sup>th</sup> April
Term 2	23 <sup>rd</sup> April – 29 <sup>th</sup> June
Term 3	16 <sup>th</sup> July – 28 <sup>th</sup> September
Term 4	15 <sup>th</sup> October – 13 <sup>th</sup> December

## LEARN TO SAIL AT LAKE KARAPIRO

Lessons on Tuesday evenings 6pm for 8 years and over. Boats provided. Telephone Chris Raynes 07 823 5050 or email cambridgeyc@xtra.co.nz.

## NAME TAG SEWING / HEMMING WORK AVAILABLE

Contact Robyn Maxwell on 07 827 6152 if you require any name tagging of hemming of uniforms to be done. Leave a message with your name and contact phone number.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY** to the following students celebrating their birthdays in the next two weeks: Josephine C, Lachy C, Michael D, Matthew F, Emma HT, Sophie L, Berengere L, Victoria L, Zoe S, Stella S



*Regards CPS Staff*





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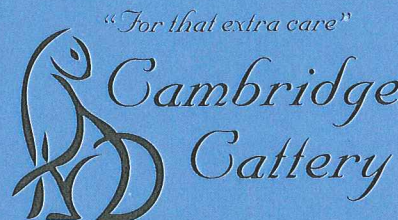
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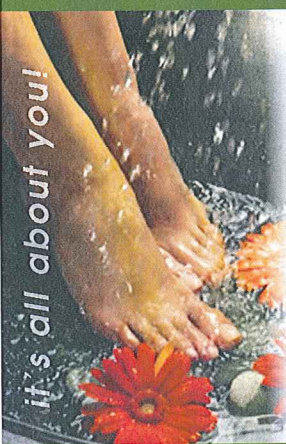
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