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Dear Parents & Caregivers

We are now 3 weeks into the term and the children have settled into their work and programmes exceptionally well. The feeling and tone in the school is very positive.

Tonight we have our **Meet the Syndicate Teachers** night. It is an opportunity for you to hear what your child will be involved in this year and the opportunities available. Teachers will cover off curriculum, sporting and cultural opportunities. It is also a time to ask clarify anything and ask questions of the teachers.

The times for tonight are as follows; Batten Syndicate children 6.30pm-7.00pm in Room 10, Blake children 7.00pm-7.30pm in Room 9, Hillary children 7.30-8.00pm in Room 6, Rutherford children 8.30pm in Room 1. This is an important night to attend and we look forward to seeing you here.

It was great to see many of our families last week attend our **family picnic night**. It is always a relaxing way to mix and meet new people or catch up with friends and other families.

Well done to over 40 of our children who attended the **Weetbix Tryathlon** last Sunday. You all did remarkable well. Thank you also Marie and Alan who set up the gazebos as always in a prime location.

We have had positive comments and phone calls from the community regarding the school uniform. Children are getting changed quickly from formal to their sport uniform and vice versa. We have reminded children that they are to arrive and leave school in full uniform which includes their sandals. Teachers will be ensuring children leave class dressed in this manner. We have a **secondhand uniform book** which is available in the school office. A new filing cabinet has been placed outside Room 7 with each of its 4 shelves labeled shoes, culottes/skorts, shirts/jerseys/polo fleece, hats. Each item is folded and taped with the child's name and dated. Please ensure all your children's uniform is named including sandals.

At present I am meeting with staff and going over goal setting for the term. **Goal setting** is a mix of school wide and personal goals that staff aim to achieve or work on over the following 10 weeks.

Trophy Criteria are attached to this newsletter. This gives children and parents a clear understanding of what the requirements are to be considered for being awarded a trophy at the end of year prize giving assembly. I encourage you to sit down with your child and go through the different trophy criteria.

Our **CARE Programme** (Citizenship, Achievement, Responsibility and Effort) is a focus for all children with about 1/3 of children in the school last year achieving a Principal's Award. To gain this award, children need to have 10 ticks in each of the 4 areas by the beginning of December.

The school runs an **Open Door policy** and welcome communication with parents and family. To ensure this doesn't interfere with teaching and learning, teachers are normally available after school for a brief chat or for a longer meeting please book an appointment with whom you wish to meet with. This could be done directly or through the office. I spend 2 days in classes each week and ask appointments for me are done through my secretary Mrs Sandra Hazelton. I also, unless in a meeting, am out in front of the school at 3.00pm. I am available to talk to at this time regarding any matters.

The school website, sponsored by Ellice Tanner Lawyers, has a wealth of information on it including a calendar of coming events. Please visit it on **www.cambridgeprimary.co.nz**.

This weekend 25 staff members are off to Taupo for our annual staff weekend away and will be participating in the **Great Lake Relay**. We have entered a running/walking team and are all very excited about the challenge. On Friday night before the race begins we are attending the Chiefs vs. Hurricanes pre season game. I'm sure as always the weekend will be a lot of fun.

Take care and enjoy the rest of the week and upcoming weekend.

Regards Mike Pettit

BOARD OF TRUSTEES NEWS

The Board of Trustees met this week for their first meeting of the year and we're all looking forward to the year ahead. Both the PTA and the Board met on the same night so at the conclusion of both meetings we met for an informal catch up. It's great to see so many people involved with the PTA this year. The Board appreciates the work undertaken by the PTA as the funds raised allow us to provide items for our children we may not otherwise have been able to provide. You can join at anytime; new members are welcome to attend throughout the year.

We will be holding a by-election on the 13th March 2012. This is to fill a Board position vacated by Mrs Karen Watson in Term 4, 2011. Forms were sent out in the mail yesterday informing our school community of this, the criteria for nominations and also information on who is eligible to vote. If you know someone or you are in fact interested yourself in standing, make sure you nominate them or get someone to nominate you. Please make sure nominations are in on time and are within the confines of the eligibility criteria.

If you have any questions about what is expected of you and what being on the Board entails, current Board members are available to discuss this with you. Contact the school office and a Board member will return your call or meet with you in person. Next Meeting 19th March at 6.30pm.

Your BOT

KAPA HAKA

Kapa Haka started today with 20 children enrolled. It was wonderful to watch the children engaged and enjoying the opportunity. Kapa Haka takes place on a Thursday morning at 10.00am and leads into morning tea. The sessions are 35 minutes and cost \$14 for the next 7 sessions. A normal 10 week term will be \$20. We can take up to 40 children, on a first in first served basis. We are very lucky in that the school has pui-pui skirts for the girls if they decide to perform at any stage. It is great to see this programme up and running and being led by an experienced teacher.

HOUSEKEEPING REMINDERS

- ✓ It is important to let the office know by 9am, or use the school website/parent information/absences tab at any time, if your child/ren are going to be absent. You can also email office@cambridgeprimary.co.nz.
- ✓ All children arriving after 8.45am must be signed in at the office.

ROAD PATROL HELPERS PLEASE!

Parents for Road Patrols URGENTLY needed, 2:55pm to 3:10pm, training given. Road Patrol cannot operate without adult supervision

Any parents who are available to assist with supervision please contact Darren Bryan or leave your name at the office.



SWIMMING

Weather permitting, the Batten and Hillary Syndicates have another week of swimming to go (Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday next week), and then Rutherford and Blake begin their swimming on 28th and 29th February, and 1st March.

House Swimming Sports is an important date to put in your calendar, being the 16th March 2012. If you are able to offer assistance on that day, please leave your name at the office, or email office@cambridgeprimary.co.nz. Parents are also welcome to attend on the day at any stage.



HEAD LICE

Head lice are present amongst children in our school. These insects are a nuisance and need urgent treatment from you to help prevent them being passed on. If head lice are found present on your child/ren, we will be telephoning you and asking you to take them home for treatment. Treatment then needs to be repeated 3 days later. Chemists and supermarkets stock good reputable brands of head lice medication.

M.O.E ROLL RETURN / ABSENCES

Twice a year (March and July) the Ministry of Education conducts a roll audit for the whole school. We require ALL absences from 27th February to 5th March be accompanied by a written or email note. See the office for any questions. Thank you.

CAMBRIDGE KINDERGARTEN 50TH JUBILEE

Saturday 18th February from 10am – 3pm, at the kindergarten, 104 Victoria Street Cambridge. Telephone 07 827 6250.

SPORTS NOTICES

Congratulations to the CPS triathletes that participated in the Weetbix Tryathlon in Hamilton last Sunday. It was a fantastic day and awesome to see so many of our students, giving it a go, having fun and finishing!

Cambridge Junior Rugby – Family Fun day will be held February 19th 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

It was lovely to see some new faces at our first meeting of the year last Monday. Any queries please phone Victoria on 823 1690.

DATES TO REMEMBER

16 th February	Meet the Syndicate Night 7-8.30pm
17 th February	School Sausage Sizzle, orders taken in class at 8.45am, cost = \$2 per sausage
17 th February	Whole School Assembly, 2.15pm at the Hall, all welcome
17 th February	Free mobile ear clinic van at CPS, located in back carpark from 9.15am – 2.30pm
22 nd February	Mayoral Cycle Challenge, 5.30pm at Leamington Domain
23 rd February	School Open Day, 9.15am – 12pm, all welcome
23 rd February	Junior Information Evening, 7.00pm Room 10, all welcome
16 th March	School House Swimming Sports. See office if you are able to assist on the day
21 st March	2.15pm – 8pm Parent/Teacher interviews, online booking details to come
22 nd March	3.15pm – 5.30pm Parent/Teacher interviews, online booking details to come
23 rd March	Interschool Swimming Sports
5 th April	End of Term One
23 rd April	Beginning of Term Two

TERM DATES 2012

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY to the following students celebrating their birthdays in the next two weeks: Apeksha B, Emma F, Ekysa G, Hugh & Tom J, Ianthe LR, Hannah M, Leah N, Kaenan S, Ashton T, Emma W





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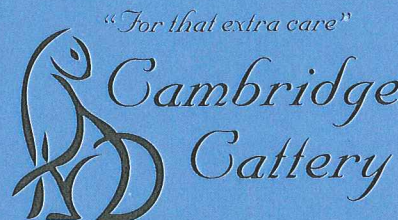
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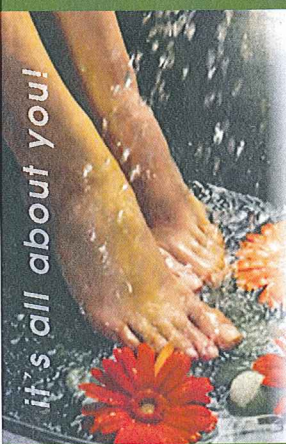
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