



# Cambridge Primary School

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## Newsletter Term 1, Week 3, 2024

Tena koutou katoa, hello to all,

Welcome to the 2024 school year, to our returning families and those families new to our school. Hopefully, everyone is back into the routines and swing of the new year, and your house is settled and raring to get into the year.

Some of the activities children will be involved with this year include; camps for all students, with Hillary going off to Raglan next week, school production over terms 2-3, Learn and Earn, school recipe book, swimming sports, a revamp of our bike track, opening of our new Outdoor Classroom, Boys breakfast & Girls evening, lots of leadership opportunities for our senior children, music specialist, China trip, opening of our Whaanau Class, continuation of our Arts/Stem programme and much more.

We encourage children to aim high and as part of this we have several **trophy**s that are handed out at our end of year prizegiving. The **criteria** for these can be seen through the attached [link](#)



A reminder that we have a [uniform policy](#) which we adhere to. If your child/ren come home with a yellow uniform slip it is because there is something that needs correcting. Please action this within the time period on the note. We have second-hand uniforms here at school for purchase or you can purchase through Image Apparel on Empire Street.

## Roll 362

The school can assist with financial help for uniform, stationery, camps etc. Please, in confidence, make contact with either your child's classroom teacher, myself or Jen George our Deputy Principal and SENCo on [jen@cambridgeprimary.co.nz](mailto:jen@cambridgeprimary.co.nz) We are here to help.

**Homework is an expectation at Cambridge Primary School** and as such I have included the attached [Home Learning policy](#) that gives a guideline to our expectations. We do however, realise families can be extremely busy so if you have sports or other commitments and the regular homework does not fit with your family at different times throughout the year, please make contact with your child's teacher.

Thank you to those that were able to make parent interviews. It is an important part of building the relationship between child, parent and teacher. If you couldn't make an interview please make contact with your child's teacher to arrange another time.

School donations are a really important part of the school gaining extra funds to help cover off things like; our specialist programmes offered, learning assistants and technology across the school. All these things are what helps give our children/tamariki a fuller learning experience. We greatly appreciate your support in this area. Thank you.

We thank you for your understanding of the current state of the road frontage of school and associated roadworks. These roadworks will continue out the front of school for another 2-3 weeks, fingers crossed. The end result is going to be exceptional and will give the children a safe route to travel to school from Hamilton Road, down Bryce Street to the High level Bridge.



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Most sports in Cambridge are done through clubs so look out for club information later in the term for winter sports.

In 2024 we have started a new timetable which breaks the day into 4 sections rather than the 3 we traditionally had. On Thursday's, because of our Arts/STEM rotations, the timetable has stayed largely the same. The rationale for the change is to give children shorter time between breaks to help improve concentration. We will assess its success throughout the year.

We welcome Larissa Lin, our Mandarin Learning Assistant, who will be with us for the year. Larissa will be teaching Mandarin to Rutherford students throughout the year and Hillary students in terms 3-4 as well as the group of students that will be attending the China trip in October.

We possibly have **a couple of spaces left for the China trip in October**. The trip is open to students in Years 4-6. If interested please contact myself through [admin@cambridgeprimary.co.nz](mailto:admin@cambridgeprimary.co.nz)

We have a group of students visiting us from 4th Apr till 12th April. If you are interested in hosting an international student in your home please contact, Dr. Livvie, our International Student Manager, at [international@cambridgeprimary.co.nz](mailto:international@cambridgeprimary.co.nz)

These students are from a top school in China with good English.

We welcome five International students for the next 2 weeks; Daniel, Dennis Carlx, Ryan and Elinor.

Our **Outdoor Classroom** is almost completed and now we are about to purchase all of the equipment for this space. We will be holding an **official opening of the Outdoor Classroom on Wednesday 13th March**

**at 2:00pm down in Stanaway Reserve. We welcome all parents/whaanau** to this special opening.

Have a great rest of your week and look forward to a successful 2024 together.

Ngaa mihi,  
Mike Pettit

## Curriculum Corner

Our staff attended a Professional Development weekend at the Waitangi Treaty Grounds, Pompellor House, Russell Museum, Christ Church, Flag Staff, and other historical sites significant to the signing of the Te Tiriti o Waitangi. During this weekend staff met with community members and trained professionals who shared their knowledge and stories from different perspectives.

As part of the New Zealand Histories Curriculum, the Waitangi Treaty Ground's Educators taught our teachers different practical ways to use resources within their own classrooms. Teachers have started to explore these with our students. For many of our staff, this was their first time visiting Waitangi and it has provided a more meaningful understanding of our significant founding document, resulting in more meaningful learning experiences for our students.

Next Monday staff are invited to attend a Bus tour which will visit our local significant sites. This will further develop our staff with local knowledge and stories of these places. Some of these stories will be shared with students throughout the year.



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## Four Peaks

Before and After School Care is open for Terms 1 - 4, please follow the link to book in.

[Before and After School Care](#)



Please check all Enrolmy Accounts and update information

where necessary. This includes emergency contacts, medical/allergy information etc.

## PTA

Kia ora to our whaanau and friends! Welcome to the year 2024! We're thrilled to kick off this exciting year with a lineup of fantastic fundraising initiatives and events. Your support means the world to us, and we'd be grateful to have you on board.

If you're interested in becoming a part of our Parent-Teacher Association (PTA), we extend a warm invitation to join us. We're a dedicated group of parents who make things happen, and our first meeting, including the Annual General Meeting (AGM), is scheduled for this month. Come along and discover what being part of our PTA is all about. We look forward to seeing you there!

**AGM/First meeting:**

**Wednesday 28 March**

**6pm - 8pm**

**Staff room at CPS**

As mentioned last year we're thrilled to announce our 2024 fundraiser - a school recipe book. This is to raise funds for upgrading the main playground at CPS which we can all agree will be very exciting for our tamariki.

The team has been working hard over the summer to come up with a beautifully designed book, and our talented photographer Juliette will be taking photos over the coming months to feature in it.

We would love maximum participation from CPS families, so please take the time to submit a favourite recipe of yours to be included in the recipe book.

[Click here](#)

Obviously there is a cost to producing a quality recipe book and first and foremost we want to give the business community of CPS the opportunity for sponsorship before reaching out to the wider Cambridge community. If you're interested in finding out more about sponsorship please [click here](#)

We are so excited to be creating a recipe book that's not only beautiful and practical but will raise money to go towards an upgraded playground.

Ma te wa,  
PTA Team



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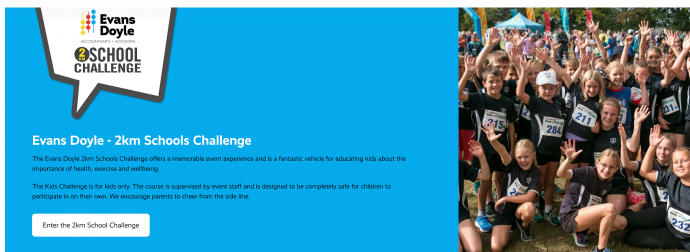


## Sport

**For any questions about Sport at CPS, please email Marie [sport@cambridgeprimary](mailto:sport@cambridgeprimary)**

### WAIPA FUN RUN

The annual Waipa Fun Run is being held on Sunday, March 3rd, 2024. This is a great event for our CPS superstars whatever their running experience or ability.



CPS runners should wear their school PE shirt along with comfortable shorts and running shoes/sneakers.

The cost to enter the Evans Doyle 2km School Challenge is \$10.00, and we encourage as many students as possible to experience this fun event that is being run for the twelfth year. The course starts and finishes at Victoria Square, Cambridge. School teams will marshal on Victoria Square at 10.00 am. A Jump Jam warm-up will take place before the 2km Schools Challenge at 10.10 am.

You can sign your runner(s) up at <https://www.waipafunrun.co.nz/shop/>

For more information and the course map, please see [www.waipafun.co.nz](http://www.waipafun.co.nz).

### LACROSSE

CPS has been given the opportunity to enter teams into the local Lacrosse League for Term 1, 2024.

This is for all year 5 & 6 students. Games are played on Tuesdays, with the game being at a time between 5 pm and 6 pm. They are played at Tom Voyle Park, Taylor St, Cambridge. The season runs for 6 weeks, from 20th February until 26th March 2024.

Please register your child by midday Thursday of this week (15/2/2024) to allow time to enter the team with the module organisers.

For more information and to register your child(ren) please go to <https://enrolmy.com/cambridge-school>

### CPS SWIMMING

Our annual school swimming events are coming up this term. More information and details will be sent via HERO in due course

## Dates to Remember

**Wednesday 14th February**, is Parent Interviews 3 - 5.30pm.

**Wednesday 21st to Friday 23rd February**, is the Hillary Camp at Raglan.

**Friday 29th March** is Good Friday - Public holiday

**Monday 1st April** is Easter Monday - Public holiday

**Tuesday 2nd April** is Easter Tuesday, school is closed this day.



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**Community Notices**

**Te Miro Twister  
XC Mountain Bike Race  
3rd March 2024**



*Choose from the below*  
**2.5km Suitable for Littlies or Beginners**  
*(2 or 4 Laps will finish after 45 minutes)*  
**7km, 14km, 21km or 42kms (Approximately)**  
**E-Bike Classes Available in 21 and 42kms**

**Plenty of Awesome Spot Prizes**  
**Sausage Sizzle and Drinks for Sale**  
**No Estpos Available Please Bring Cash**

For more information and course maps go to:

[temiromtbclub.co.nz](http://temiromtbclub.co.nz)

Any queries email: [temiromtbevents@gmail.com](mailto:temiromtbevents@gmail.com)

Registration opens 25th January

Click on the below link to register

<https://www.webscorer.com/register?pid=1&raceid=338828>



I AM HOPE are running a gumboot design competition in collaboration with Number 1 Shoes and Hannahs, with the winning



design being used as our limited edition gumboot for this year's Gumboot Friday campaign. For a budding designer or artist they will get to see their creation come to life and for sale at stores around New Zealand - raising funds for free counselling sessions through Gumboot Friday.

Please see details and entry form at the link below.

<https://www.iamhope.org.nz/gumbootdesigncomp>

[www.studiotwonz.co.nz](http://www.studiotwonz.co.nz)



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people with disabilities

Contact- [www.studiotwonz.co.nz](http://www.studiotwonz.co.nz)  
Lee - 021 920 509





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**Your Lunch Box is Back for 2024**

Want the hassle taken out of school lunches? Struggle to think of something new for the kids to have everyday? Well say no more, 'Your Lunch Box' is here to help! Delivering delicious and nutritious lunchboxes filled with fresh local ingredients direct to school everyday.



We offer different sizes for different appetites and ordering is easy peasy. Simply order before 8.00pm the night before you would like the lunchbox delivered and we'll take care of the rest!

Visit us at [www.yourlunchbox.co.nz](http://www.yourlunchbox.co.nz) or look us up on Facebook



And if you are an **existing subscriber**, please remember that you need to start up a new subscription again for 2024, so that your child's new classroom information is up to date, to assist with getting the lunches delivered to the correct room.

Sophie Beck  
Owner  
ph: 027 339 9353

**WAIKATO BOP SCHOOLS  
XC MTB CHAMPS 2024**  
Sponsored by Evans Doyle Accounts + Advisors

Track suitable for all abilities - Open from Year 5 - Year 13  
Enter through your school by Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March  
NEW FOR THIS YEAR - TEAM RELAYS

**Thursday 14 March**  
**Te Miro MTB Park**

Please email  
[temiromtbevents@gmail.com](mailto:temiromtbevents@gmail.com)  
for any queries

Food and drink available - please bring cash



For more information, please read the Event Manual on the Te Miro MTB Club website

**Evans Doyle**  
ACCOUNTANTS + ADVISORS

**SUNDAY 3 MARCH 2024**

**INDEPENDENT TRAFFIC CONTROL**  
ittraffic.co.nz

ORGANISED BY ST PETER'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL

**Waipa FUN RUN**

**MAJOR SPOT PRIZE DRAW \$500**

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**2 KM SCHOOL CHALLENGE**

**WHERE AND WHEN**  
Victoria Square, Cambridge  
10.00am - Warm up  
Events starting:  
10.30am - Year 7-8  
10.40am - Year 5-6  
10.50am - Year 3-4

**ENTRIES**  
Three sections:  
1. Year 3-4 2. Year 5-6 3. Year 7-8  
School teams - first four runners over the line  
Teams will be taken to the starting line in race order.

**PRIZES**  
**\$500 MAJOR SPOT PRIZE**  
All schools with 10 or more entries will go in the draw  
**Prizes:**  
- Podium Certificates for each 1st, 2nd and 3rd Boys and Girls in each section  
- Merit Certificates and prizes for each 1st, 2nd and 3rd school team in each section

[www.waipafunrun.co.nz](http://www.waipafunrun.co.nz)

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**TRY LEARN EXPLORE**  
TERM 1 SIGN UP

Registrations are now open for the Canoe Racing NZ Try Learn Explore programme for Term 1. Below is everything you need to know:

- Introduction to a kayaking
- Ages 9-14
- Beginner and Intermediate classes available
- Every Monday from 4:30pm
- Starts 19th February
- 6 weeks
- All equipment is provided
- \$140 per person total

Get in touch with Richard from The Boat Shed Kayaks to sign your child up today!

Ph: 027 275 8724

Email: [richard@theboatshed.net.nz](mailto:richard@theboatshed.net.nz)