



## Teena koutou! Welcome Back to Cambridge Primary School (CPS)

We hope you have had a lovely summer break. We look forward to getting to know you and your children in 2024.

### LEARNING FOCUS- TERM 1

**Mathematics** - We will begin the year with a Statistics, Number knowledge and Basic Facts focus. Children will be grouped according to their needs in these areas.

**Literacy** - Reading and Writing programmes will focus on topics relating to our Happy Campers and Hillary Units. In this we will get to know ourselves as learners, each other, our houses, and will prepare for Hillary Camp. We will look into poetry, recounts, reports and other areas of interest for the children.

**PE** - We begin swimming on the first Friday of school. We will group the children based on their water confidence and structure our lessons according to their needs. As part of the Health and PE curriculum, **all children** are expected to participate. Hillary Syndicate will have 2 swimming sessions per week. Your classroom teacher will remind you of your class' swimming days. Please ensure all togs, towels, goggles and swimming caps are named. If your child is unable to swim due to illness or injury, please inform your classroom teacher.

**STEAM/ARTS Programme** - The STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics) rotation, and Arts programmes will be scheduled for classes throughout the year, and will be taught by specialist teachers.

**Topic** - Happy Campers.. Our focus for the first few weeks is to ensure the children are settled in their new classrooms and get to know one another and are ready for our camp experience. From Week 4 onwards we will switch our focus to 'Hillary'.

**Te reo Maaori** - This term we will be focussing on Maaori protocol, daily karakia, waiata and greetings. We will also be developing our Te reo kupu (word knowledge).

### TERM ONE EVENTS

Please check the school calendar for school wide events - and stay up to date by reading HERO weekly updates.

#### Swimming days

Syndicate swimming times: Wednesday and Friday. We also have a free lunchtime swim on Mondays for children who would like to.

[Hillary camp notice](#) 21st - 23rd Feb 2024. Please read the attached information about our upcoming camp.

As part of our journey of independence at CPS, all children in Year 3 and 4 are invited to attend the Hillary camp. Please discuss with Mrs Wallace if you will not be able to attend.

[Parent Camp volunteer application 2024](#) - Interested in helping out at camp? Please fill this out asap as volunteer spaces are limited.

[Student consent form 2024](#) - All Year 3 and 4 students must have this form filled out for them (including Rm 6 Year 4 students).

**Please Note:** Clearly labelled summer uniform, hats, shoes, togs and towel will be required everyday. All efforts will be made to ensure your child has their belongings, however any unnamed items that are left behind will be moved to the lost property boxes.

**eLEARNING and BYOD** - All children in Hillary and Rutherford will be learning about the expectations of a Responsible Technology User at CPS. We will explain this in class and children and a parent will both need to complete this google form together [2024 agreement](#) **before they use a device at school.**

Please read this carefully and discuss this agreement with your child/ren at home to support their understanding. This agreement outlines the day to day responsibilities when using a personal device at CPS. Devices are only one of the learning tools that CPS learners have access to on a school day. Students will be monitored carefully by their teachers to ensure they are using the right tool in the right way.

It is **NOT** compulsory for a learner to bring their own device to school, **this is a family choice**, but it is highly recommended as one of the important tools to support your child's learning in the 21st century. No child will be disadvantaged because they don't bring a device to school, as we will still provide shared access to a limited number of school owned devices for our students. The benefit of personal devices is that they provide opportunity for children to personalise their learning and gain instant access to the tools they need.

### **BYOD at CPS - Parent Understanding - please read carefully**

If you choose to participate in the BYOD programme by sending a chromebook to school, then you understand that as part of sending your child with a BYOD that:

- Students' require an appropriate case to protect their device e.g tough case
- Students' devices are signed out of play store
- Students' must adhere to all Board policies and school procedures including the ***Responsible Technology User Agreement***.

CPS has a 'Digital Technology and Cybersafety' policy and associated procedures\* which outlines the schools responsible technology user approach and how this supports teaching and learning.

\*These documents are available on school docs. <http://cambridge.schooldocs.co.nz/>

The school provides access to the internet and other communications technologies because it believes that they enhance the teaching and learning process.

The school will explicitly encourage responsible student behaviour when using technology. This will help protect our students from experiencing harm online. I am aware that this "Responsible Use Agreement" is part of that, and that it encourages students to consider how their actions can affect themselves and those around them.

Please read the student declaration and talk with my child about what it means to them so that your child understands what this means, and that they are capable of working within the guidelines.

Be aware that students can experience challenges when using technology, but that the school makes every effort to support students to manage those challenges effectively. I understand that by learning to deal with these challenges in a safe environment with support, students will be better prepared to deal with those challenges in the future.

If you have questions or concerns about the way in which technology is being used by my child at school, I know the school is happy to discuss this with me, and I am aware that I am welcome to do this at any time.

If my child makes choices or behaves in ways that don't align with this Responsible Technology User Agreement there may be consequences or outcomes that the school will discuss with parents.

Please do not send devices to school **until Week 2** of school. During this time classes will be learning about our responsibilities as digital citizens and how to properly care for and use school devices. The children will be given their google sign in account details as we work through this process. **ALL STUDENTS require headphones** for personal use - These have been placed on the stationery list for each child.

**Book Bags:** Please ensure your child/ren has a book bag to protect both our precious home reading books and library books. Your child will bring home their book bag Mon-Friday starting in week 4. Each class will also visit the school library once a week. If they do not have their book bag at school they will not be able to bring a reader or library book home.

**Water Bottles:** Please encourage your child to bring a named water bottle to school. Although we have fountains, use of a bottle is far less disruptive during class time. Each classroom will provide a storage area for these.

**Litterless lunch:** We are an enviro school and encourage our community to make wise choices when packing lunch boxes. Teachers will be looking to promote Litterless Lunches by using a token system, and all packaging will come home in your child's lunch box.

**School Houses:** Children are divided into one of four school houses. Families are kept in the same house. The houses are named after four famous Cambridge horses. These being Sir Tristram (Yellow), Charisma (Black), Young Quinn (Green) and Zabeel (White or Blue). House points are collected in many ways including sporting events like Cross Country, Athletics, Swimming and Tabloid Sports. Plus non-sporting points like litterless lunch boxes. Children are encouraged to dress up in their house colour for school sporting events. Regularly, the winning house is announced at our full school assemblies.

**8:30am Classes open:** An 8:30am bell rings to indicate children can enter the classroom. If you are at school before this time, please respect the teachers' preparation time. Children are not to be on school grounds unsupervised before 8.30am (unless in Before School care).

**Wanted:** Please send 2 boxes of tissues to help us keep the germs at bay. We may ask for more to get us through the winter months. However, as per our school policy - any children who are not well should stay at home.

**Parent help:** We would love some parent helpers in our classrooms. If you have some time available, please let your teacher know.

If you have any questions, queries or concerns please do not hesitate to contact us. We are looking forward to a fun-filled term and getting to know our fantastic Hillary Learners!

Ngaa mihi mahana

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