



## Newsletter Term 1, Week 9, 2024

Tena koutou, hello to all,

It was a significant day when we were able to officially open our Outdoor Classroom in week 7. The classroom is being well used as part of our Thursday specialist programme. Teachers all enjoyed a professional learning opportunity on how to use the equipment and create ideas around activities they can use with their children.



Well done to the children who participated in the EPRO 8 Challenge last week. From this, we are sending two teams to the Waikato finals. EPRO 8 is a challenge where a group of students have to follow instructions and create a physical structure.

Our House Leaders are running our annual fundraiser for the Cambridge Volunteer Firebridge on Wednesday 10th April (week 11, last week of school). As residents of Cambridge, we all know the amazing work our volunteer firemen and women do for Cambridge and its people. As a school, we have a special relationship with them that includes them supporting our annual water fight day. This is our opportunity as a school family to support them financially. The House Leaders have some great activities for our children as part of the fundraiser and there will be firemen or women out with collection

## Roll 365

hats/buckets at the start or end of the day. Please support this amazing fundraiser. The 2023 fundraiser went towards the equipment on their new fire support vehicle.

We have had parents approach us regarding **providing school lunches**. From these conversations, we have developed a **survey** asking for your feedback on the feasibility of this concept. We would greatly appreciate you filing this out so we can make an informed decision whether or not to pursue a lunch in school programme. The survey will be sent out today separately via Hero.

We have a couple of short weeks coming up because of Easter Weekend. A reminder school will close at its normal staggered times tomorrow, Thursday 28th March, with children back at school on Wednesday 3rd April.

A reminder the finish times are as follows; Surnames A-F 2:50pm release, G-M 2:55pm, N-Z 3:00pm. I have instructed teachers not to let children go outside of these times. The exceptions being if 2 children are going home together and being picked up by a parent, or whanau member. We are trying to alleviate parents arriving early as the concept of a staggered finish time is to remove as much congestion as possible around the school and in Halley's Lane car park.

Congratulations to all those children who received a Principal's Award on Monday. Each term there is an opportunity for children to receive a Principal's Award. Twelve of these are given out per class each year.



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**Thank you** to those that have already paid your school donation or set up a payment plan for this. **School donations** are greatly appreciated and help provide many learning opportunities and experiences for our children. A tax certificate can be given at the end of the year to enable you to claim a percentage of this back through IRD.

Best wishes to those children who are competing at Inter-school swimming sports on Friday 5th April, at St Peters.

Have a great Easter Weekend and I do hope you enjoy some quality family/whaanau time together.  
Ngaa mihi, Mike Pettit

## Curriculum Corner

Nicky and Harold from the Life Education Trust joined our school over the last two weeks and every class got to explore their mobile classroom. Rutherford students learned about peer pressure and ways in which they can cope with this. Hillary learned about empathy and what it means to show empathy towards others and Blake and Batten learned about being a good friend.

In week 2 of next term, we have John Parsons visiting our school. John will be talking to each syndicate about ways to keep themselves safe online. He is also holding several parent information evenings around the community. John will be presenting at CPS on Wednesday 8th May from 7 pm in our hall. We strongly recommend that parents and whaanau attend this session. John's book about cyber safety is also currently available in our parent library section.

## Ice Blocks

### Ice Blocks - Rain Check

If it is dry we will sell ice blocks outside of the hall on Fridays after school. If it is raining ice blocks will not be sold. 1 for \$2

or 3 for \$5. We will continue to sell ice blocks throughout the year unless it is raining.



## Four Peaks - Adventure Programme

School holidays are fast approaching. The Four Peaks Adventure Programme is a nature-based outdoor initiative that encourages curiosity and exploration. Children gain real-life skills while developing confidence and independence through play-based learning.



Some of the outdoor activities that we will do include survival skills, crafts, raft building, cooking, woodworking, and so much more!

These holidays we are offering trip days, the trips are as follows:-

Wednesday 17th April - Extreme Edge Rock Climbing

Wednesday 24th April - Te Awamutu Space Centre

Booking are open now, [BOOK HERE](#)



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## Houses

Cambridge Primary School houses are named after famous local horses.

Houses compete in activities and events such as; swimming sports, athletics, cross country, tabloid sports. Children can also earn house points for having a litterless lunch, displaying kindness, being a good CPS citizen, helping others, etc.



At each assembly, the House Shield is awarded to the house with the most points. The current winner is Zabeel.

## PTA

A massive **thank you** to everyone who has submitted a recipe for the Cook Plate Savour recipe book. Congratulations to Sharada Bhandari Thapa for winning the \$100 voucher kindly donated by **Homebrew**.

There's just under 3 weeks left to get your recipes in! We're now specifically after recipes for the following chapters: Lunchbox fillers, Soups/salads, Side dishes, Drinks and Breakfast/brunch. **Final day to submit them is April 12th (last day of term)**. Click here to enter yours: [tinyurl.com/submit-recipe](https://tinyurl.com/submit-recipe)

## Sport

### SWIMMING

Congratulations to all our superstars who took part in the CPS Competitive swimming event last week. It was amazing to see them all swimming and having fun doing so. Many thanks to all those who volunteered and helped make this day the success that it was.

The results from CPS swimming are [HERE](#)

Good luck to the swimmers selected to represent CPS at the Cambridge Interschools Swimming event on Friday 5th April 2024.

### MINIBALL - YEAR 5 & 6

This time around Cambridge Basketball Association, not the school, is accepting registrations online for everyone via ENROLMY.

Kids will be placed into teams – school groups first and then mix up of those that may not have a full school squad.

Teams will be mixed players and mixed years – to keep things even.

To register go to this [Enrolmy link](#)

Any parent helpers can let us know online as well when entering a child.

The cost per player (\$65) covers both terms 2 & 3  
The cut-off date for registrations is 26th April with a Muster on 29th April at 5 pm at CHS Gym

Kind Regards

Cambridge Basketball Association



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**Dates to Remember**

- Friday 29th** Good Friday - Public holiday
- Monday 1st April** is Easter Monday - Public holiday
- Tuesday 2nd April** is Easter Tuesday, school is closed this day.
- Monday 20th May to Friday 24th May** is Book Week  
The theme this year is Superheroes!
- Wednesday 22nd May** is Grandparents and Special Persons day.
- Friday 24th May** is our annual book character parade.

**Community Notices**

**OWL FARM**  
Providing knowledge.

**Public Open Day**  
Saturday, 6 April 2024  
10am-2pm  
1716 Cambridge Road  
(then follow Hanlin Road)

**FREE ENTRY**

Visit a working dairy farm!  
Watch cows being milked (11am-12.30pm).  
Visit the wetland area (Tours at 11am and 12.30pm).  
Games, giveaways, food and much more.  
**Great for the whole family!**

[www.owlfarm.nz](http://www.owlfarm.nz)

Logos for Ballance, DairyNZ, and other partners.

**KEEP YOUR CHILDREN SAFE ONLINE**  
KINDLY PRESENTED BY CAMBRIDGE PRINCIPAL'S ASSOCIATION...

**JOHN PARSONS**  
Renowned Internet Risk and Safety Expert.

John will give you the **skills** and **knowledge** necessary to keep your child or teen safe in the digital world.

**WHEN: WEDNESDAY 8TH MAY 2024**  
**TIME: 7PM - 8PM**  
**WHERE: CAMBRIDGE PRIMARY SCHOOL HALL**

All parents welcome. Middle and High school students may attend with a parent.  
Content of evening not suitable for children under 11.  
For further information contact Jen George - 07 8275316



**CAMBRIDGE BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION**

**CBA MiniBall 2024**

**TERMS 2&3 - YEARS 5&6**

**DETAILS**  
TERMS 2 & 3  
MONDAY AFTERNOONS  
4:15PM - 6:30PM  
CHS GYM

**MUSTER**  
MONDAY 29TH APRIL - 5PM  
CHS GYM

**FIRST PLAYING WEEK**  
MONDAY 6TH MAY

**MORE INFO & SIGN UP**  
FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO SIGN UP HEAD TO ENROL.MY.COM OR USE THE LINKS IN POST THE DESCRIPTION



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**RAISING  
RESILIENT  
KIDS IN THE  
DIGITAL AGE**

### EVENING TALK

**Raising Resilient Kids in the Digital Age**  
Thursday 4th April 6.30-8pm \$25-\$35pp  
Cambridge Primary School, Cambridge

Join us for an enlightening discussion on Raising Resilient Kids in the Digital Age. We'll explore strategies for navigating the complexities of technology while nurturing resilience in our children. Discover practical tips and valuable insights to empower your family in an ever-evolving digital landscape and equip our kids with the tools they need to thrive, both online and offline.

You'll learn:

Best practice tools and strategies for cultivating resilience and positive well-being through this interactive session filled with stories and the latest research.

You'll help your child:

- Develop strategies to help them build resilience
- Be discerning about what they watch on screens
- Start to self-manage screen time
- To problem-solve and develop coping skills autonomously

Aimed at parents of 3-10 year olds, and educators



TICKETS: [www.events.humanitix.com](http://www.events.humanitix.com)  
FACEBOOK: Little Kiwis Nature Play  
[info@littlekiwisnatureplay.com](mailto:info@littlekiwisnatureplay.com)



COME AND LEARN

**NZ SIGN LANGUAGE**  
Beginner Level 1A in Cambridge

### New Zealand Sign Language (NZSL)

is a challenging, fun and interactive language to learn. Come and join the 7 week NZSL course with our NZSL qualified teacher. The Beginners courses are suitable for those with no prior knowledge of an Introduction to NZSL & Deaf Culture. NZSL Level 1a introduces learners to NZ Sign Language (NZSL), the language of the Deaf community and one of the official languages in New Zealand.

#### COURSE COSTS INCLUDES

- E-handouts
- Homework (Optional)
- Completion e-Certificate
- Tea and coffee

**Please note:** Please take note that there might be changes in the schedule, such as additional classes to compensate for a public holiday or other cancellations due to low participation. Also, it is important to attend at least 80% of the classes to qualify for certification.

Please be advised that tuition fees must be settled before the commencement of the classes. You will receive an invoice as confirmation of your enrolment.

#### Beginner Level 1A - 7 weeks Mondays 6.30-8.30pm

**When:** 6 May - 24 June 2024  
(no class on 3rd June)  
King's Birthday

**Topics:** Meeting and Greeting,  
Our Class, Wants and Needs

**Where:** Cambridge

**Cost:** \$140 per person

Spaces are limited



For more information and to enrol please contact  
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