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Teena koutou! Welcome back to Cambridge Primary School for 2021. We hope you all enjoyed the summer break.

Below is a brief outline of what you and your child(ren) can expect in Rutherford during Term 1. It is an exciting start to the year, with a lot happening for our tamariki.

To begin the year, the CPS school will be focusing on developing our classroom and school wide culture, with a focus on togetherness over the first two weeks. Through this, students will be given the opportunity to learn more about their class, their wider syndicate and their houses!

After this initial focus, we will be looking at our first unit of work for 2021 which is based around enterprise and naturally aligns with our Gala in Term 1. Students will be looking at concepts like value, needs and wants and we will be integrating ideas across the curriculum wherever possible, including through literacy where we will explore the language of advertising for example.

After Gala, our focus will turn towards our camp at Totara Springs. More information regarding the gala and camp will be provided to you closer to the time.

We are really excited to get started.

TERM ONE EVENTS

Week 6 - Parent Interviews

Week 7 - CPS Gala

Week 8 - Totara Springs Camp

Week 9 - Interschool Swimming Sports



Gala is scheduled for Saturday 20 March. The PTA are after donations of pickles, oils, cosmetics, sauces etc (only new and unopened please) that we can use as prizes for our tombola and other stalls. There will be a donation box in the front office or these can be given to your classroom teachers. We are also seeking volunteers for help with this event. More information will come out soon.

Uniform: 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.

Swimming: Swimming starts in Week 2 and it is expected that **all children** will participate. As it is part of the Health and PE Programme, it is not optional. Each class will have swimming times allocated.

Totora Camp: We are incredibly excited about the upcoming Rutherford Camp. Your child/ren will be attending a fun, adventure packed Totara Springs Camp on the 24th-26th March. Please make sure you check your emails for further information.

eLEARNING and BYOD: All children in Year 3 to 6 will be learning about their responsibilities as a Responsible Technology user at CPS. We will teach this in class and children will be signing an agreement. It would be helpful for you to discuss this agreement with your child/ren at home to support their understanding. This user agreement outlines the day to day responsibilities for 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. No child will be disadvantaged because they don't bring a device to school, as we will still provide shared access to 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 child/ren's 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 device use - These have been placed on the stationery list for each child.

Water Bottles: Please encourage your child to bring a water bottle to school. Although we have fountains, use of a bottle is far less disruptive during class time.

Litterless lunch: We are an enviro school and encourage our community to make wise choices when packing lunch boxes. Food scraps may be collected for the school chickens, but 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 achieving Key Competencies and litterless lunch boxes. Children are encouraged to dress up in their house colour for school sporting events. Each fortnight the winning house is announced at our full school assembly.

8:30am Classes open: A 8:30am bell rings to indicate children can enter the classroom. If you are at school before this time, please respect the teachers need to have time to prepare for the day. Children are not to be on school grounds unsupervised before 8.30am (unless in Before School Care).

Behaviour

To grow lifelong learners who are good citizens, prepared for the life outside of school, we value the virtues of respect and integrity. Because of this belief and a desire for all children to have the best learning opportunities, we have high expectations of behaviour. To help support our learners with their behaviour, we utilise a traffic light system to help reinforce positive behaviour and to redirect actions we do not want to see. If you would like more information on how this system works, please contact your child's teacher, or the syndicate team leader, Mr. Gareth Haman.

As a syndicate we meet regularly to discuss all of our learners, identifying opportunities to extend learners, to providing supports that may be needed. We believe in open and effective communication and encourage you to come and meet with us as needed to help further support our students.

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 Rutherford Learners!

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