

Cambridge Park Public School

Exceptional learning opportunities for all



Term 1 Week 6



Cambridge Learning Community

Bridges to Learning

Thursday 8 March 2018

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- **Fri 9 March** — PSSA sport Playgroup 9-10.30am
- **Tue 13 March** — Playgroup 9-10.30am
- **Wed 14 March** — School photos
- **Fri 16 March** — PSSA sport Playgroup 9-10.30am PBL Assembly—Eagles/Bilbies
- **Tue 20 March** — Playgroup 9-10.30am
- **Fri 23 March** — Playgroup 9-10.30am PSSA sport
- **Tue 27 March** — Playgroup 9-10.30am
- **Wed 28 March** — Easter Hat Parade SRC Cake Stall—Stage 1
- **Thur 29 March** — Cross Country Carnival
- **Fri 30 March** — Good Friday
- **Mon 2 April** — Easter Monday
- **Tue 3 April** — Playgroup 9-10.30am
- **Fri 6 April** — Last PSSA for Term 1 Playgroup 9-10.30am
- **Tue 10 April** — Playgroup 9-10.30am
- **Thur 12 April** — Welcome Back to School Disco
- **Fri 13 April** — ANZAC Day Ceremony Last day Term 1

Why do Schools have Uniforms?

School uniforms are a great leveller. When children are dressed in the same way, and their uniform is clean and tidy, they fit in. They feel like they are part of the school community and a member of our school. Uniforms give the children a sense of belonging and that sense of belonging is critical to learning. A child who feels disconnected from school is not likely to be ready to learn.

As well as that school uniforms take away the element of financial competition that can arise if some children wear brand name items and others wear cheaper clothing. When everyone wears school uniform the financial status of families isn't visible and that's important for students.

School uniforms also communicate the standards and expectations a school community hold for its students. When other items of clothing start to creep in to common use, it sends a message that our standards are slipping and it's not a good look for the school.

At the moment we are seeing some students wearing clothing significantly outside of school dress code. I've noticed lots of different coloured shoes, different styles of black pants, including leggings on some girls. The coloured

hair ribbons for little ones are also making an appearance. Ribbons in the hair are fine but they should be either blue or black please. We will be addressing this issue over the next few weeks with the whole school and individual students as well.

Listed below are our school uniform requirements.

Girls Summer

School dress.

Black shoes (these can be black joggers) and white socks.

A black cap or broad brimmed hat (parents may select their preference) embroidered with school logo in sky blue on the front. Polar fleece full zip jacket or jacket bearing the school colours.

Or

Sky blue short sleeved polo shirt with black tailored shorts, skorts (shorts with over wrap to appear as skirt like) or netball style skirt.

Black shoes (these can be black joggers) and white socks.

A black cap or wide brimmed hat (parents may select their preference) embroidered with school logo in sky blue on the front. Polar fleece full zip jacket or jacket bearing the school colours.

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Winter

Sky blue short or long sleeved polo shirt, black tracksuit with sky blue crest on left chest.
Black shoes (these can be black joggers) and white socks.

A black cap or wide brimmed hat (parents may select their preference) embroidered with school logo in sky blue on the front.

Polar fleece full zip jacket or jacket bearing the school colours.

Boys

Summer

Sky blue short sleeved polo shirt with black shorts.
Black shoes (these can be black joggers) with white socks.

A black cap or wide brimmed hat (parents may select their preference) embroidered with CP in sky blue on the front.

Polar fleece full zip jacket or jacket bearing the school colours.

Winter

Sky blue short or long sleeved polo shirt
Black tracksuit with sky blue school crest on left chest.

Black cap or wide brimmed hat (parents may select their preference) with CP embroidered in sky blue on the front.

Polar fleece full zip jacket or jacket bearing the school colours.

Great school attendance = best opportunity to be a great learner.

One of the things that has the greatest impact on a child's life chances is education. If your child gets a great education he or she has the best opportunity for a great well-paid, fulfilling future. The other side

of that coin is that poor attendance has the opposite effect. Poor attendance at school is linked to lower levels of education and also lower salary levels as adults. Research also tells us that students who develop poor attendance patterns in Kindergarten are more likely to drop out of high school early.
What is poor attendance?

Schools are legally obliged to monitor the attendance of all students. When a student's attendance falls below 85%, schools start to become concerned and are obliged to take action to work with parents to improve attendance. To fall below 85% students only have to miss 30 school days across the year - that is less than 1 day a week!

I am a parent myself and so have experienced all the tricks of the trade that children can pull out to get a day off school. It is critical that parents use a bit of tough love when children are not genuinely sick and get them off to school. The other thing to think about is that if your child is regularly looking for a day off, there may be something occurring at school that is causing anxiety for the child. Maybe he/she is having trouble making friends. Perhaps they are finding learning a bit tricky and that is making them unhappy. It could be something as simple as that. So it's good to ask some questions and then make contact with the teachers so that whatever it is can be sorted out.

I have attached some information for you on Compulsory School attendance.

Mrs Binns
Principal

STAGE 1 NEWS

Thank you for attending last week's PBL Assembly. The Kingfishers did a fabulous job in presenting the item and running the assembly. They were extremely lucky to have been taught by Mrs VanCuylenberg and assisted by Mrs McGilvray, and I would like to thank them very much for all their help!!

Thank you for continuing to support us in directing

your child to the Western Quad each morning. The teachers are able to fulfill their duty of care when students are in the right place.

Autumn is now upon us and very soon the days will be much cooler. Please ensure your child has a labelled jumper or jacket as well as their hat in their bag so that they are prepared for the weather.

Mrs Wallace
Stage 1 Supervisor

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PRESCHOOL NEWS

The Frogs and Joeys are learning about sustainability, recycling and reusing. They have discovered what goes into each coloured bin, why it is important to look after our environment and how we can reuse everyday items like food boxes, containers and to use less plastic bags.

Sustainability is also a goal as part of the preschools Quality Improvement plan. We would love to hear if you have any suggestions on how we can incorporate sustainability into our program or have any donations of boxes, paper etc please feel free to bring them in.

Reminders:

- **Preschool operating hours are 9am -3pm and 9-11.30am Wednesday morning and 12.30-3pm Wednesday afternoons.** Please ensure you pick your child/ren up on time.

Preschool doors open 9am.

- Please remember to pack ice bricks in lunch boxes.
- School /Preschool photos will happen on Wednesday 14th March. Please return photo envelopes to educators.

Thank you
Preschool Educators

Staff Parking

Please note that the carpark next to the Preschool is strictly for staff and special needs transport only. If you park in the carpark you will be asked to move your car. In recent weeks we have had several staff members spoken to very rudely because of this issue. If adults behave offensively on school grounds, the Principal has the right to ban them from school grounds altogether.

Mrs Binns

KINDERGARTEN NEWS

We have been having so much fun learning many new things. We are learning about the sounds that the letters SMTAOCGP make. If you wish to help your child at home we call the sounds of the letters 'phonemes' so we would ask "What is the phoneme for S?" There are specific ways that we pronounce each of the letters and if you are unsure please feel free to ask your child's teacher.

We are finding lost property in the bag rooms each day without names on them. Please ensure you have at least your child's initials on one of the labels of all articles that can be removed.

Just a reminder that we do sport on Fridays each week. Students should wear shorts and sport shoes as this allows them to move freely and provides good support for their feet. They also

require a hat every day to be able to play in the playground. If they don't have a hat we instruct them to play under the covered area on the western quad and most of our Kindies like to go and play with friends down on the grass.

Kindergarten exchange home readers on Mondays and Fridays. We feel that they need to have a longer period of time for practice. (Other grades also exchange home readers on Wednesdays.)

We are impressed with how quickly our students are growing and developing. They are great active learners and have shown this through how much they have progressed.

Mrs VanCuylenberg
Kindergarten Supervisor

ECO WARRIOR NEWS



CLEAN GREEN DAY

Thankyou to everyone who supported our Clean Green Day Fundraiser last week. We raised just over \$300, which will go towards important environmental projects on our school grounds.

RECYCLE ROBOTS

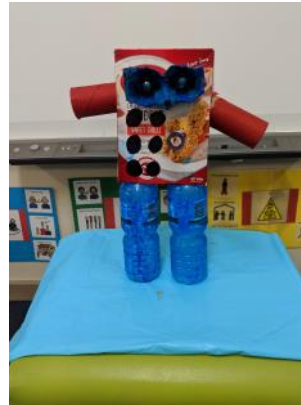
Both the Cassowaries and the Echidnas have been involved in making a Recycle Robot in their Environmental Education Lessons. This activity has been an incredibly rich task combining one part artistic sculpture, one part scientific engineering and one part environmental sustainability.

PENRITH FESTIVAL OF GREEN

The students have been thoroughly engaged in the process and best of all, these robots will be on display at the Penrith Festival of Green (Bunnings Stall) —High Street Penrith on Saturday the 17th March 9am—3pm.



CASSOWARIES CLASSROOM



'MICKEY'
by Jordan



'RB'
by Cayden



'ISABELLE'
by James



'TALL'
by Beau and Brian



'SOS-21'
by Harley, Nathaniel
and Jyndanarra



ECHIDNAS CLASSROOM



'MAX'
by Alexis,
Hunter and Samuel



'JEFF'
by Michael,
Bailey and Luka



'ALEX'
by Manu,
Leiam and Bruce



'ROSIE'
by Mackenzie,
Grace and Summer



'MISS RAINBOW'
by Emily,
Scarlett and Aailyah



'COLOUR-BOT'
by Brayden,
Ash and Luke

BUNNINGS FAMILY NIGHT

After the Penrith Festival of Green the Recycle Robots will be transported to Bunnings North Penrith to be put on further display at a Bunnings Easter Family Night on Thursday the 22nd of March—6pm to 8pm. All C.P.P.S families are welcome to attend with many family-friendly activities on offer.

Prue Thompson

FREE

Join our Easter Family Night

THURSDAY 22ND MARCH
6PM TO 8PM

NORTH PENRITH BUNNINGS

**OBSTACLE COURSE, MINI DONUTS,
SHETLAND PONY RIDES, PETTING FARM,
BALLOON TWISTING, FACE PAINTING,
GAMES, KIDS D.I.Y, ADULTS D.I.Y**

Bookings recommended – for more information or to book speak to a team member in-store or go to www.bunnings.com.au and locate your nearest store.

BUNNINGS

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University of New South Wales International Competitions 2018

The University of New South Wales International Competitions are available to students in Years 3 - 6. This year competitions are being offered in the following areas: Digital Technologies, Science, Writing, Spelling, English, and Mathematics. Please note that a minimum of 3 students are required to administer each competition.

If you wish your child to be involved in these competitions, please fill in the form below and return to the office with payment by Friday 16th March 2018.

Ms Mayo
Organising Teacher

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Name: _____ Class: _____

Please tick which competitions you wish your child to be involved in:

ICAS Subject	2018 Entries Closing	2018 Test Date	Entry Fee per student	Tick
Digital Technologies	Friday 16 th March	Tuesday 8 th May	AUD \$9.00	
Science	Friday 16 th March	Tuesday 29 th May	AUD \$9.00	
Writing	Friday 16 th March	Wednesday 13 th June	AUD \$18.00	
Spelling	Friday 16 th March	Thursday 14 th June	AUD \$12.00	
English	Friday 16 th March	Tuesday 31 st July	AUD \$9.00	
Mathematics	Friday 16 th March	Tuesday 14 th August	AUD \$9.00	

WOOLWORTHS EARN AND LEARN

Last week we finally received our resources from last years Earn and Learn stickers. We got some wonderful Mathematics resources, a basketball hoop and some balls for the preschool as well as other sports and craft equipment for the students in K-2. We would like to thank you all once again for collecting them, teachers and students really appreciate our new equipment.



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Cambridge Park High School

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28th February, 2018

Dear Parent/Carer,

Year 7 2019 Information Evening
Wednesday 21st March, 2018
6.00pm to 7.30 pm

To help parents make an informed decision about the choice of high school for their children, Cambridge Park High School is holding a Parent Information Evening.

This event will provide you with the opportunity to:

- Meet and talk to the key staff involved in helping your child settle into high school including the Principal, Deputy Principal and the Year Advisor.
- Hear current Year 7 students talk about their experiences at Cambridge Park High School and the particular opportunities that exist at our school.
- Experience current Year 7 students performing musical items to display the extra-curricular programs at CPHS.
- Speak to the Head Teachers to gain advice on what is studied in Year 7 at Cambridge Park High School.
- Experience a guided tour of the school facilities.
- Speak to key welfare staff to discuss how CPHS meets the needs of all students and how the school is able to support students with special learning needs.
- See a uniform display, showing uniform style and cost.

There will be a free sausage sizzle and tea and coffee will be provided. There will also be a lucky door prize for a Year 7 book pack.

This is a great opportunity for parents to explore what the school has to offer their child and to ask questions or raise concerns about their child's educational opportunities. We look forward to meeting you.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs Kristine MacPhail,
Principal

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Compulsory School Attendance

Information for parents

Education for your child is important and regular attendance at school is essential for your child to achieve their educational best and increase their career and life options. NSW public schools work in partnership with parents to encourage and support regular attendance of children and young people. When your child attends school every day, learning becomes easier and your child will build and maintain friendships with other children.

What are my legal responsibilities?

Education in New South Wales is compulsory for all children between the ages of six years and below the minimum school leaving age. The *Education Act 1990* requires that parents ensure their children of compulsory school age are enrolled at, and regularly attend school, or, are registered with the Board of Studies, Teaching and Educational Standards for homeschooling.

Once enrolled, children are required to attend school each day it is open for students.

The importance of arriving on time

Arriving at school and class on time:

- Ensures that students do not miss out on important learning activities scheduled early in the day
- Helps students learn the importance of punctuality and routine
- Give students time to greet their friends before class
- Reduces classroom disruption

Lateness is recorded as a partial absence and must be explained by parents.

What if my child has to be away from school?

On occasion, your child may need to be absent from school. Justified reasons for student absences may include:

- being sick, or having an infectious disease
- having an unavoidable medical appointment
- being required to attend a recognised religious holiday
- exceptional or urgent family circumstance (e.g. attending a funeral)

Following an absence from school you must ensure that within 7 days you provide your child's school with a verbal or written explanation for the absence. However, if the school has not received an explanation from you within 2 days, the school may contact you to discuss the absence.

Principals may decline to accept an explanation that you have provided if they do not believe the absence is in the best interest of your child. In these circumstances your child's absence would be recorded as unjustified. When this happens the principal will discuss their decision with you and the reasons why.

Principals may request medical certificates or other documentation when frequent or long term absences are explained as being due to illness. Principals may also seek parental permission to speak with medical specialists to obtain information to collaboratively develop a health care plan to support your child. If the request is denied, the principal can record the absences as unjustified.

Travel

Families are encouraged to travel during school holidays. If travel during school term is necessary, discuss this with your child's school principal. An *Application for Extended Leave* may need to be completed. Absences relating to travel will be marked as leave on the roll and therefore contribute to your child's total absences for the year.

In some circumstances students may be eligible to enrol in distance education for travel periods over 50 school days. This should be discussed with your child's school principal.





**My child won't go to school.
What should I do?**

You should contact the principal as soon as possible to discuss the issue and ask for help. Strategies to help improve attendance may include a referral to the school's learning and support team or linking your child with appropriate support networks. The principal may seek further support from the Home School Liaison Program to develop an Attendance Improvement Plan.

What might happen if my child continues to have unacceptable absences?

It is important to understand that the Department of Education and Communities may be required to take further action where children of compulsory school age have recurring numbers of unexplained or unjustified absences from school.

Some of the following actions may be undertaken:

- Compulsory Schooling Conferences

You may be asked, along with your child, to attend a Compulsory Schooling Conference. The conference will help to identify the supports your child may need to have in place so they attend school regularly. The school, parents and agencies will work together to develop an agreed plan (known as Undertakings) to support your child's attendance at school.

- Application to the Children's Court – Compulsory Schooling Order

If your child's attendance at school remains unsatisfactory the Department

may apply to the Children's Court for a *Compulsory Schooling Order*. The Children's Court magistrate may order a Compulsory Schooling Conference to be convened.

- Prosecution in the Local Court

School and Department staff remain committed to working in partnership with you to address the issues which are preventing your child's full participation at school. In circumstances where a breach of compulsory schooling orders occurs further action may be taken against a parent in the Local Court. The result of court action can be the imposition of a community service order or a fine.

What age can my child leave school?

All New South Wales students must complete Year 10 or its equivalent. After Year 10, and up until they reach 17 years of age, there are a range of flexible options for students to [complete their schooling](#).

Working in Partnership

The Department of Education and Communities recognises that working collaboratively with students and their families is the best way to support the regular attendance of students at school.

We look forward to working in partnership with you to support your child to fulfil their life opportunities.

If a student misses as little as 8 days in a school term, by the end of primary school they'll have missed over a year of school.

Further information regarding school attendance can be obtained from the following websites:

Policy, information and brochures:

<http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/studentsupport/programs/attendance.php>

The school leaving age:

<http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/leaving-school/index.php>

Do you need an interpreter?

Interpreting services are available on request, including for the hearing impaired. The Telephone Interpreter Service is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week on 131 450. You will not be charged for this service.

For further advice and questions contact your educational services team

T 131 536

Learning and Engagement

Student Engagement & Interagency Partnerships

T 9244 5129

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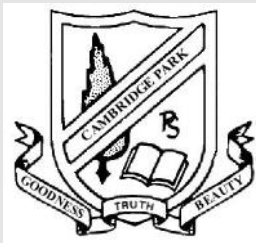
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OUR SCHOOL

Expectations

To Be **Safe**

To show **Respect**

To be **Active Learners**



For your convenience when your child is absent from school please complete the note below and return to your child's teacher

ABSENCE EXPLANATION NOTE

STUDENT'S NAME CLASS.....

DATES OF ABSENCE

REASON.....

PARENT/CAREGIVER'S NAME

SIGNED DATE

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