



## CAMBRIDGE MIDDLE SCHOOL – ISSUE 4— 10 MAY 2018

### What's Happening

**14 May**

Bullying Free NZ Week

**16/17 May**

Band Camp

**18 May**

Pink Shirt Mufti Day

**21 May**

Year 7 Vision Catchup

**22 May**

WIMSS Football

**28 May-1 June**

Zebong (storyteller)

**4 June**

Queen's Birthday : School Closed

**12 June**

WIMS Hockey

**11-14 June**

Matariki Celebration Week

**15 June**

Teacher Only Day

**22 June**

Mufti

PTA Pizza Lunch

### **HOCKEY UMPIRES NEEDED URGENTLY**

To umpire Friday night games;  
\$10 per game

C Team urgently require an umpire

If you can help, please email  
anita@cms.school.nz



## The Principal's Pen

**Dear Parents/  
Caregivers Kia Ora**

Welcome back to Term 2.

It has been great to see how quickly the children have settled into the term. There is a wide range of learning opportunities taking place and there is a very positive feeling in the classrooms and playground. We welcome back one of our Deputy Principals, Tagget Christophersen, who has been on maternity leave for the past year. We are fortunate to have her experience back in our leadership team.

I am impressed with how well the children are managing the different opportunities available to them at CMS. There is such a range, and learning to manage your time and commitments is a great skill to be developing. With additional academic, cultural and sporting opportunities available it is a vibrant place to be. Congratulations to our Lit Quiz teams who competed on Wednesday at the Kids Lit Quiz, Waikato heat. Our CMS 1 team finished second overall which is an excellent achievement. This is a result of a lot of hard work from the children and the excellent guidance they receive from Ms Honey. I am also looking forward to spending some time over the coming weeks at the various sports grounds on the weekend. We have a huge number of students involved in organised sport. We would like to say THANKS to all of the

parents, caregivers and whanau who give up their time to coach, manage, transport and cheer from the side lines.

Earlier this week we had an incident where a man approached a group of students on our school field at morning tea in an inappropriate way. We would like to thank the Cambridge Police for their prompt response in patrolling the school to ensure student safety and tracking the man down. Please take this opportunity to remind your children of safe practices if they get themselves to and from school. Where possible walk, scooter or cycle with a buddy.

Remember we have an open door policy. Please do not hesitate to see your child's teacher or a member of the senior leadership team if you have any questions or concerns. We look forward to seeing you during the term.

**Daryl Gibbs  
Principal**



Cambridge Middle School has joined the Pink Shirt Day movement to :

**Speak Up, Stand Together  
And Stop Bullying!**

On Friday, 18 May we're going pink to show our commitment to creating a school environment that is safe, welcoming and inclusive of all students.

We'll be celebrating Pink Shirt Day by having a Pink Shirt Day mufti with a gold coin donation

Pink Shirt Day is a national anti-bullying campaign led by the Mental Health Foundation. Pink Shirt Day aims to reduce bullying in schools by celebrating diversity in all its forms and supporting schools to be safe, supportive, welcoming and inclusive of all students. Pink Shirt Day began in Canada in 2007 when two students took a stand against homophobic bullying after a new Year 10 student was harassed and threatened for wearing pink.



If you are **taking your child out of school for an extended period of time** during term time please send an e-mail to our Principal, Mr Daryl Gibbs, [daryl@cms.school.nz](mailto:daryl@cms.school.nz), stating

when and where you are going, for how long and what the reason is. This is so we can keep our records correct and up to date when reporting to the Ministry.

If you have any **new contact details** (phone, email or address) can you please let us know so we have the correct contact details in case of an emergency.

If your child needs any **medication** to be taken at school we require the medication to come in its pharmaceutical packaging and a Personalised Medical Action Form filled in. This makes sure we have the right medication for the right person with the right dosage.

Toughlove Waikato Trust has opened a new Parent Support Group in Cambridge. We assist families in finding loving solutions to their tough parenting problems.

Cambridge Parent Support Group

Meets: Every Monday 7.30 - 9.30pm please arrive early

Cambridge Community House, 193 Shakespeare Street,

Cambridge : Cost \$40 to join

(A small weekly koha pays for the room rental.)

We invite parents, grandparents and caregivers to come and meet other families going through the same challenges.

**Tracy Roose, Chairperson**

**TOUGHLOVE WAIKATO TRUST**

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Email [Waikatopsg@gmail.com](mailto:Waikatopsg@gmail.com) [www.toughlove.org.nz](http://www.toughlove.org.nz)

# PBAL

## Positive Behaviour for Learning

### Understanding why children behave the way they do

An alternative behaviour can be taught to replace challenging behaviour (may take time!) When we identify the function or purpose of the behaviour, we can more effectively intervene. There are often many behaviours that can be used for the same outcomes. It is possible to teach a child or young person a new behaviour to replace a challenging behaviour, to get the same result. If you meet the need, you address the unwanted behaviour. If a child's need is fulfilled it is most likely that the unwanted behaviour used to communicate that need will disappear. The two most common purposes of behaviour are to:

- \* obtain peer or adult attention, a desired object or activity, or sensory stimulation of a behaviour will be more likely to recur if something (object or event) is given or presented after the behaviour occurs
- \* avoid a difficult, boring, or easy task, a physical demand, an activity the child or young person doesn't like, or a peer behaviour will be more likely to recur if something (object or event) is avoided, escaped, or removed after the behaviour occurs.

## PTA NEWS

Since April the PTA have started a "Teacher and Staff Appreciation" morning tea. Dates right up until the end of the year have been organised. For Term 2 the remaining dates are Wednesday June 13th and Wednesday July 4th. If you are interested in donating some baking towards this it would be much appreciated. It can be dropped off to school on the morning of the dates above. The first morning tea was a hit with the staff and the PTA look forward to doing more.

As part of the PTA's fundraising this year for the second stage of the playground, they are looking into the potential of donations of calves that can then be auctioned. The profits from this, which can be quite substantial, would go towards the playground. Details are to be confirmed as interest is shown from our community. Any suggestions towards this idea are most welcome.

There are giant chess and checkers pieces waiting to be used by the students as another break time activity. The next step is to have a chess board painted on concrete in a designated area. If anyone has any black or white paint suitable for use on concrete that they could donate, or know of a good source for this, this would be much appreciated.