



CAMBRIDGE MIDDLE SCHOOL – ISSUE 1 - 2 FEBRUARY 2017

What's Happening

6 February

Waitangi Day –school closed

8 February

Whanau Hui 7PM

9 February

Music Evening 6pm

13 February

Swimming Sports at Cambridge Pools

BOT Meeting 6pm

15 February

CMS community BBQ 5.00pm in the school grounds

20 February

Vaccination education session 9.30am

27 February-3 March

Testing Week

27 February

WIMSS Swimming

6 March

Student Led Conferences
School closes at 1.30pm.

7 March

WIMSS Cricket

8 March

Student Led Conferences
3.30pm—8.00pm

9 March

Makahari arrive



Dear Parents/ Caregivers Kia Ora

A very warm welcome to our new Cambridge Middle School families.

We are excited to have you join us and trust that you have an enjoyable experience here at the Middle school. Things may be a little bit different for you at the start of the year but I am sure that you will soon feel at home here.

We finished 2016 with 500 students and have started 2017 with 588 students. This is causing a few issues regarding accommodation. The ministry were aware that there would be space issues this year and I am continuing to meet with them to see if we can find a solution. Two classrooms taken out of commission last term will be ready for students in four weeks time which will help to a small degree. Our fire replacement buildings have finally been approved so the architect can now complete the drawings and get this out to tender. Completion of these two buildings is still a good 6 to 9 months away.

E-Learning : our school values the part e-learning plays in educating our students and as such we provide digital devices on a 1:2 ratio. In addition, a number of classrooms are also BYOD rooms.

This year our school is involved in a number of initiatives; some of which are community orientated. We are a COL member and Ms Bridget Watkins is an Across School Leader. This means that 0.4 of her time is allocated to COL work. This is a two year appointment.

We are also part of the ALLiS (Asian Language Learning in Schools) team. There are seven Cambridge schools involved with this. We are looking at the teaching of Mandarin and this

The Principal's Pen

year we will have 3 classes involved and also working with those students coming from this programme in their 2016 year.

We continue to be a PB4L school and you will see more signage around the school this year. Students will continue to receive specific PB4L lessons on a regular basis.

ALL (Accelerated Learning in Literacy). This is our third year on this contract and we are very pleased with the focus it provides for staff and students alike.

This is a busy term with a number of community events including; meet the teacher/family fun night, student conferences and whanau hui. We also have a number of sporting occasions, starting with school swimming sports.

Although we use Facebook and our website, your son/daughter plays an important role in our lines of communication. Year 7 should also have a fridge magnet and will be receiving a calendar over the coming days. Students also get daily notices to advise them of coming events. Middle School can be a busy place and occasionally we fail with our communication- this is not intentional so please let us know as we are regularly reviewing our practices.

We regularly remind students of the importance of safety and of being happy whilst here. They are reminded to let an adult know if things are proving difficult and they are unhappy. We pride ourselves in working hard to ensure issues are dealt with promptly.

We are looking forward to working with you during the 2017 school year.

Ross Tyson
Principal

Music Evening



Attention all wanna-be musicians! Thursday the 9th of February is our Music Information Evening. This will take place in our school hall from 6pm to 7:30. On this night you will find out how to go about taking music lessons at school, the cost, meet the tutors and how to acquire an instrument. We have tutors teaching: Voice, clarinet, saxophone, trumpet, trombone, drums, acoustic guitar, electric guitar and bass, violin. Come along and see what it's all about!

Recorders— money for recorders will be asked for when your child's class first attends music. You do not need to pay for these now.

Tami Lee Ward
HOD Music

Swimming Sports

Our Swimming Sports will be held at the Town Pools on Monday 13 February.

Students are to go straight to the pools in the morning in P/E gear with togs and towels. Bus students to ask drivers to drop them at or near pools...if not possible then they have to walk down quickly. There will be no lunch orders, students need to bring their own food and drink, medicines, sun hat, sun screen, insect repellent....no money, they won't be allowed to use the vending machines. Bikes will be put inside the grounds for security. Bus students will be bused back to school to catch their normal bus at 3:00pm.

If you are able to be a parent help from about 8:45am. until 2:30pm, please contact me at richard@cms.school.nz by Tuesday 7th Feb at latest please.

Lunch Orders



Lunch orders are available every day of the week. The students need to write their name, room number and team colour on the back of an envelope and what they would like to order. This needs to be placed in the 'Lunch Order' box in the office BEFORE school starts. A lunch menu is included with this newsletter.

School Uniform

We are a school proudly in uniform and as such we treat the requirements seriously. A reminder—PE shorts may be rugby style shorts or cycle pants. All shorts must be black with no logos. Roman sandals either black, blue or brown (no slip on sandals).

Home Hosts

Our annual visit from Makuhari Junior High School is happening next month from 9 March to 22 March 2017. School pays a hosting fee of \$350.00. If you are interested, please fill in the slip below :

Name :

Student Name :

Room

Phone Number :

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If any Year 8 or 9 students are interested in going to Japan in Term 3, please see Mr Tyson asap! The cut off date is the end of February.



Absences

If your child is going to be absent from school, we require you to contact us on the morning of the absence. You can either send an email to office@cms.school.nz, phone the school office on **827 5135** and follow the prompts, or text on **021 025 03796**. (Please note that emails and texts won't be replied to). If your child is absent and we do not receive notification from you, you will receive a phone call from school to ensure your child's safety.

We use a computerised attendance system and we require a reason to be given when your child is absent from school.

Thank you for your co-operation.

Bringing Money to School

If your child needs to bring money to school to pay for activities, please ensure that it is placed in a sealed envelope, with their name and room number clearly stated on the outside. We have Eftpos available at the office, but not credit. You also have the option of paying online. Our bank account details are ASB 12 3268 0086048 01. If you pay online, please include your child's surname, initial, room number and reason for payment.