

CAMBRIDGE MIDDLE SCHOOL – ISSUE 5 - 31 MAY 2018

What's Happening

4 June

Queen's Birthday : School Closed

6 June

EPro8 Challenge

12 June

WIMSS Hockey

11-14 June

Matariki Celebration Week

15 June

Teacher Only Day-School Closed

18 June

BOT 5pm

22 June

Mufti

PTA Pizza Lunch

26 June

WIMSS Basketball

27-29 June

R17/18 EOTC Rotorua

28 June

WIMSS Dance Day

Shrek Performance Dates

3/4/5 July

Ticket info coming soon



The Principal's Pen

Dear Parents/
Caregivers Kia Ora
Koutou

As always there is a lot happening at CMS. There have been a number of sporting events over the past few weeks with our cyclists braving some very testing conditions and our boys and girls football teams both making the top 3 at the WIMSS competition. Production rehearsals are well underway. I am impressed with the commitment and growing confidence of the cast- we are in for a treat later in the term. On Sunday a group of dedicated staff were at school painting the sets and others have been making props in their own time. It is great to work with people who are so committed to providing additional opportunities for our children.

The staff at CMS are committed to improving their teaching practice to ensure they are better equipped to meet the needs of our learners at CMS. In the past month we have had members of staff attend a range of Professional Development opportunities. Six staff attended a two day course to upskill in the area of Google Apps for Education, four members of the senior leadership attended the annual NZAIMS conference where the focus was on well-being and the neuroscience of adolescent brain development. Our first and second year teachers have been to support days at Waikato University to assist with their ongoing training and development and we have had Bruce Moody at school modelling and observing mathematics with all of our staff. The Cambridge Community of Learning (CoL) also continues to provide coaching, leadership and personal development opportunities for a wide range of staff.

Our three lead teachers within our

school for the CoL have been working collaboratively to investigate new and effective ways to support our priority learners. They are focusing on developing culturally responsive practice within our staff and one of the initiatives has been to make contact with whanau of our Māori students. This has taken the place of our traditional whanau hui this term. Ms Rameka and her dedicated team have also been busy coordinating the staff so that we can celebrate Matariki in a meaningful way with the community. Look out for more information in our newsletters and on Facebook.

Last week we acknowledged our dedicated support staff. Without these committed people our school would not function. To our office staff, teacher aides, librarian, cleaners and caretaker - we love everything you do at CMS and think you are amazing!

The Board of Trustees would like to welcome Rebecca David onto the BOT. Rebecca responded to a request of interest to the Board chairperson. Her introduction is as follows : " I am excited about the opportunity to join the Cambridge Middle School Board of Trustees. I grew up in Cambridge and I'm an ex student of CMS. I am married to Charlie and we have two daughters, one in Year 7 at CMS and one in Year 5 at Cambridge East. For just over 16 years I have worked at Fonterra in various senior HR and Project Management roles with particular emphasis on Capability and Change Management. I am passionate about working with people to help unlock their potential, and I look forward to sharing my skills and experience with the BOT. "

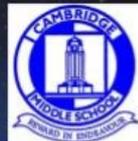
Nga mihi

Daryl Gibbs, Principal

Matariki Celebration

DATE: Thursday 14th June

2018



A huge Thank You, Kia ora,
to our local Sponsors.
Please support them.

PLACE: Cambridge Middle School

Activities

Drop in anytime between 9am - 2:30pm
Interactive student activities in the school hall

***Koha for Hangi Tickets.** These are Available through the School Office or via classroom teacher

Hangi

Serving from 12:30pm onwards
outside Rooms 15 & 16

*A koha is a donation, either food or money towards the hangi. See School Facebook page for more details.



Fundraisers

We raised \$675.00 from our recent Pink Shirt Mufti day which is awesome—thanks to everyone who supported this cause!



Our Student Leaders held a bake sale to raise funds for Lifeskills Counselling. They raised \$423.00! Another awesome effort!



Dental Clinic Info

The Cambridge Community Dental Clinic are booking your Year 7 and Year 8 children for their annual check-ups. Giving the parents the opportunity to attend is a new requirement under the Vulnerable Children's Act. Please call 0800 TALKTEETH / 0800 825583 if you would prefer to attend an appointment with your child at the Cambridge Clinic on Clare Street. You will be receiving a text reminder about your child's appointment two days prior and if you have not contacted us before the appointment, we will go ahead and check your child according to current consents already held in our system and call them from class. If your children are new to our service, please call the clinic and we can send your child



Winter Shoes

As outlined in our Prospectus, Winter school shoes must be black leather—able to take shoe polish. Canvas shoes are not part of our uniform. It doesn't matter if they have laces or buckles. If you are unsure, please contact us. Scarves, beanies and gloves are allowed to be worn to and from school but must be removed during school hours. All of our classrooms have heat pumps.

PBAL

Positive Behaviour for Learning

Pink Shirt Day :

What a success! Just a reminder that this isn't something we just 'do' once a year. All schools work at it continuously. To help overcome bullying we need to understand it. Over the next few newsletters we will be looking in depth at the following:

- What is bullying?
- What bullying behaviour might look like
- Signs of bullying behaviour
- What to do if you think your child is involved in bullying
- Cyberbullying
- If your child is initiating the bullying
- Talking and working with your school or Kura

Today we will highlight **'What is bullying?'** Bullying behaviour is serious and complex. It is a form of aggressive behaviour. Most widely accepted definitions of bullying behaviour are based around the following four things:

Bullying is deliberate - harming another person intentionally.

Bullying involves a misuse of power in a relationship – there is real or perceived imbalance that may be based on physical size, age, gender, social status, or digital capability and access.

Bullying is usually not a one-off but is repeated, or has the potential to be repeated over time. It is when one student (or group of students) keep picking on another student again and again to make them feel bad.

Bullying involves behaviour that can be harmful –it is not a normal part of growing up.

Bullying is a word sometimes used to describe a lot of things that are not actually bullying. These other behaviours are just as serious and upsetting, but may need to be sorted out in a different way. Sometimes there may be a fight or argument between students. If this happens once, or with a friend and they can sort it out, it is not bullying. Not liking someone, a one-off mean or spiteful act, or isolated incident of aggression are not bullying.

Please make contact with your child's classroom teacher if you have any concerns with your child and their interactions with their peers. If we know about it we can do something about it.