



CAMBRIDGE MIDDLE SCHOOL – ISSUE 12 – 5 DECEMBER 2019

What's Happening

5 December

Senior Dance

6 December

Chance Card Assembly

9 December

Team Big Day In

10 December

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11 December

End of Year 12.40pm finish

3 February 2020

Term 1 2020 begins

6 February 2020

Waitangi Day

7 February 2020

Teacher Only Day



The Principal's Pen

Kia ora whaanau,
As we head into the final few days of the year it is pleasing to begin to look back on

the many things that have been achieved. In April we were excited when we had six roll growth classes announced. The planning phase is well underway for the first three to be delivered in Term 2 and we will begin planning for the next three specialist spaces in February, as well as the refurbishment or possible rebuild of Rooms 12, 13 and 14. As we will begin 2020 in excess of 700 students, it will be essential that these projects are delivered in a timely manner. We have also been working through a process to revise our school vision and values. Our staff will continue to work with an educational consultant to support the implementation of our school values and review our curriculum in 2020. We look forward to sharing this work with you all in the new year.

Last week we held our Service Assembly to recognise and thank the wonderful students who give up their own time to support the many aspects that help our school to function smoothly. You are greatly appreciated and valued. Yesterday we held our Major Prizegiving recognising a range of academic, cultural and sporting achievements by a number of students this year. We are proud of all of the students who have worked hard to make progress during the year. The shift in student achievement in reading, writing and mathematics has been significant and is the result of

the hard work of students and teachers.

The number of students who have taken up cultural and sporting opportunities has been huge. The Production, Kapa Haka, Arts Academy, EOTC events, Interclass Sport, seven out-of-school sporting codes, cycling, WIMSS and NZAIMS are just some of the many opportunities that have been on offer this year. These opportunities are not possible without teachers who are willing to go above and beyond their normal classroom teaching role and for that we thank them. They are also not possible without parents and whaanau who are willing to support the school with coaching, managing and transporting the children to various events. I am thankful and appreciative that we have such a supportive Board of Trustees, PTA and whaanau, as well as hardworking staff and fantastic students.

Next year we are excited to welcome over 350 new students and we wish our students transitioning to high school, and our families who are leaving us, all the best for 2020. We look forward to continue working in partnership with our community to provide the best possible experience for students attending CMS.

Please be safe during the holidays and enjoy a well deserved break with family and friends over the festive season.

Ngaa mihi nui
Daryl Gibbs



From our Board Chair



AROHA KATOA

Yet again we are close to the end of the school year and it is appropriate for us all to look back and reflect on what has been, what is and what might be for the future!

Throughout the course of this year the school has undergone an extensive evaluation of what makes Cambridge Middle School the place it is – those core values that underpin all that we are and do. Leadership, staff, students, parents and caregivers have had the opportunity to provide input into the expression of those values as currently lived at the school. What has evolved is a set of values that will be the base of all that the school is and does:

Happiness, Excellence, Relationships, Opportunities.

On behalf of the Board of Trustees, I would like to thank all who have provided input into the development of these core values for the school as it moves into its next phase of educational provision.

Congratulations to all our students for their achievements throughout 2019 and to their teachers and staff who have provided and supported our young people with a multitude of learning opportunities. The Board of Trustees has been impressed with the development of student learning progression and achievement which demonstrates significant shifts of achievement in a majority of the learning areas due to the commitment of both student and teacher. Thank you to all of our staff for providing such a wonderful and enriching learning environment for our students. Not all students achieve what they would like, but our hope is that they will continue to pursue those challenges that are placed before them so that some success might be forthcoming. Never fade or give up the dream!

Thank you to all parents and caregivers who have walked beside their children in the 2019 schooling journey. Without your guidance and support, quality learning has very little chance. We all know that the foundations of learning begin and are nurtured in the home.

Thank you to the many of you who have supported the school in so many different ways. The Board of Trustees is grateful for your involvement in and commitment to the school which is so evident in many an activity, challenge, opportunity, and learning experience. Without your support, education can become extremely challenging.

Finally, thank you to our Principal Daryl Gibbs and his Senior Leadership Team for their guidance, support, management, initiative, challenge and commitment to all that is Cambridge Middle School. The Board of Trustees says thank you for travelling the learning journey with our young people so that they might make a difference in our world.

Me whai haumarū me te hararei! – have a safe and happy holiday!

Bob White, Board Chair