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Cambridge Middle School - Issue 2 - 28 March 2024

2024 Term 1

Friday 29 March

Good Friday (School closed)

Monday 1 April

Easter Monday (School closed)

Tuesday 2 April

Easter Holiday (School closed)

Monday 8 April - Tuesday 9 April

Boostrix & HPV for Years 7 & 8

Friday 12 April

Last day of school for Term 1

2024 Term 2

Monday 29 April

First day of Term 2

Tuesday 7 May

WIMS Football

Wednesday 22 May

Student Led Open Celebrations
4.30pm - 6.30pm

Tuesday 28 May

WIMS Hockey



Principal's Pen 2024 Week 9 Term 1

Kia ora koutou,

New Build

We are very excited that our specialist block build and upgrade is beginning next week! This is the culmination of many years of hard work to secure funding and get the right design for the space.

The project takes place on the current specialist side of our school site, with a purpose-built multi-faceted space that allows for flexibility and innovation in our specialist rooms. The space will include provision and space for Science and Biotechnology, a Hard Materials multi-purpose space, and a Digital Design centre. The work is being undertaken by iLine, a local contractor from Hamilton.

A part of the project is refurbishment work in our current specialist spaces. This will be completed in the school holidays to reduce the impact the project will have on students and teachers. Upgrades include general refurbishment of Science and Food Technology spaces, as well as acoustic improvements in the spaces.

The project is expected to be completed by the end of Term 3/early Term 4.

Health and safety during the building process

iLine is the construction company for the project. They are very aware of our school hours and have agreed that their trucks will be coming in and out during non-peak times (immediately before and after school). The site is fully sectioned off and will not impact our students crossing the road to go to their specialist classes.

Please be extra vigilant when using Clare Street as there will be increased traffic because of the build. Please take extra care when parking and dropping off/collecting your child from school. Students will have health and safety messages from their teachers in regards to using the road safely, and as usual we will have our teaching staff out on the border of the school site, assisting our students to leave safely at the end of the day. Buses will not be impacted at all.

Principal's Pen Continued...

Concept design images



Camp Whakamaru

We have had 11 classes attend Whakamaru camp this term, the remaining 12 rooms will be going in Term 4. The feedback from the students, parents and teachers has been extremely positive. It was so good to see the students taking up all of the opportunities available, challenging themselves and working together - there have been many photos on our [Facebook page](#).

I would like to thank all of the whānau members who have attended camp so far. We are so grateful for your time and commitment, as we would not be able to provide this opportunity without you.

Principal's Pen Continued...

Te Ao Haka and Kapa Haka

Whaea Kahurangi has been working hard with our Te Ao Haka and Kapa Haka ākonga. Te Ao Haka is an extension class that meets once every 6 days and will focus on the origins of Kapa Haka, what it means to be a kaitātaki wahine (female leader) and kaitātaki tāne (male leader). Whaea Kahurangi will support the group to dive deeper into the meaning of the waiata we learn at CMS, local stories and history, and spend time teaching mihimihi and basic reo. Te Ao Haka ākonga will be attending Te Ohu Kaiaarahi o te Kapua Iti twice a term. These days are focused around ākonga Māori from our local primary kura, to develop connections for our Māori learners and promote success for Māori as Māori.

Our Kapa Haka roopu has gotten off to a great start with a large number of ākonga participating in the early phases of the roopu. They meet as a group once every 6 days to practise, and have already had the opportunity to formally farewell groups of our international visitors. We are excited to see what this year brings for these two amazing groups of ākonga under the guidance and mentoring of Whaea Kahurangi.

Production

Seussical the Musical: The cast has been selected and rehearsals are well under way. It has been great to see the excitement and enthusiasm in the students so far. We will keep you updated on their progress during next term. Information regarding performances and tickets will be available later in Term 2. For more information and dates please check out our school website [HERE](#)

Sports

It has been another busy term for sport at CMS. We have had a high level of student involvement in many sporting codes. Our WIMS teams have been very competitive, with particular mention to our swimmers who were crowned champions, and our cricketers who were also undefeated. There have also been many other individual sports that students have taken up and been successful in, such as cycling, mountain biking, triathlon, kayaking and water skiing to name a few.

I would like to thank Anita Hawkins for the fantastic job she does coordinating sport at CMS and communicating with you all. We are now in the process of trialling students for the NZAIMS Games. This process will continue to take place over the coming weeks. You can stay updated about trial information and sports opportunities via our 'daily notices'. These can be accessed by logging in to the MUSAC Edge Parent Portal or by downloading the MUSAC Edge App.

Thank you to all those who have attended a parent conference today. If you were unable to attend today, the class teacher will make a time with you before the end of the term to have either a face-to-face meeting, or a phone call to connect with you about your child and their learning.

We wish you a happy and safe long weekend. Please remember that school is closed on Tuesday 2nd April. We will see your child back here on Wednesday ready for the final couple of weeks leading up to the school break.

Ngā mihi nui,

Daryl Gibbs

Community Notices

Immunisations for Years 7 & 8

The Public Health Nurse team will be here at school on **8th & 9th April to deliver the Year 7 Boostrix and Year 8 HPV (dose #1) immunisations.**

Information on the Year 7 Boostrix and Year 8 HPV immunisations was included in the consent form sent home with students earlier this term.

If you have not already done so, please complete the consent/non-consent form and return it to our school office as soon as possible. ** Even if your child is **NOT** being vaccinated at school, you still need to complete the questions in section B and return the form to our office.

Please check with your doctor or practice nurse if you are unsure if your child has had a tetanus injection in the last two years.

For further information on these vaccines you can phone 0800 IMMUNE (466 863)



Relay for Life Fundraiser

WHEN: Wednesday 10 April 2024

On Wednesday 10 April, we are having a fundraiser day for 'Relay for Life' to raise funds for the Cancer Society. There will be a Cake Stall at morning tea break, Sausage Sizzle at lunch time, and fun competitions and races throughout the day.

We will be running our own 'Relay for Life' events throughout the day.

- *Students wear CMS PE uniform to school – and you can accessorize as much as you'd like in their house colours!!*
- *Wear your CMS hat*
- *Bring \$\$\$ for yummy cakes at morning break and a sausage sizzle*
- *Each team of classrooms will take part in our own 'Relay for Life' event in half hour blocks - **whānau are welcome to meet their children & join in***
- *Prizes for best decorative accessories, team who raised the most, student who raised the most, best team spirit...*

Each student will be bringing home a fundraising sheet. **Donations can be made either in cash or directly to Relay for Life via their online links: [HERE](#)**

We appreciate your support and we are looking forward to an awesome fun day!

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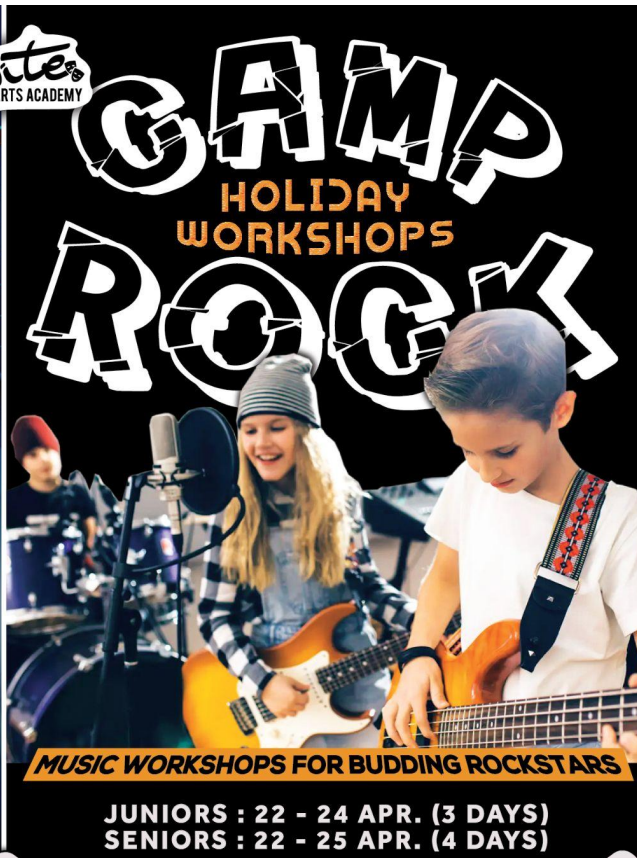
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