

CAMBRIDGE MIDDLE SCHOOL CONNECT - INSPIRE - GROW



# Cambridge Middle School - Issue 2 - March 2025

2025 Term 1 Friday 04 April Teacher Parent Conferences Monday 07 April / Tuesday 08 April Y7 and Y8 Immunisations Friday 11 April Last day of Term 1

2025 Term 2 Monday 28 April First day of Term 2 Monday 02 June Kings Birthday public holiday (school closed) Friday 13 June Teacher Only Day Thursday 19 June Cross Country Day Friday 20 June Matariki Public holiday (school closed)





Principal's Pen 2025 Week 9 Term 1

Kia ora koutou,

Term One has flown by quickly. As always there have been so many opportunities for students in the sporting, cultural and academic fields. Our Kapa Haka roopu is well underway with over 80 students participating. All of our specialist enrichment groups have begun and we are about to do our testing for mathematics and literacy extension. There have also been many sporting opportunities with inter-class sport and WIMS congratulations to our WIMS swimming team who won the shield for best school again. Thank you to all of the whānau who have supported or helped in any way this term with sports, trips and schoolwide events.

This has also been a busy time for staff, transitioning half of our students into a new school, a new mathematics curriculum to learn and plan for, continued professional learning for structured literacy and planning for the new English curriculum.

#### Team Taniwha

Late last year we revealed the new concept and names for our teams for 2025 and beyond. I would again like to thank Kahurangi Heta for her work and research in coming up with the names and concept, and Isiah Middlemiss for his creative design work in bringing the concept to life visually. Teams have focused on learning

## Principal's Pen Continued...

about their team name and taniwha as a part of our Tūrangawaewae unit. This has enabled lots of rich learning and a strong way for students to connect to their team and CMS.



#### Parent/Teacher Conferences

These are being held on Friday 4th April. Please be sure to make a booking to meet with your child's teacher. This is an important opportunity to connect with your child's learning and strengthen the home-school partnership which is an integral part of your child's successful journey here at Cambridge Middle School.

#### First Aid

We take health and safety very seriously and as part of this we ensure that our staff hold full first aid certificates. Over the past two weeks nearly all of our staff have attended first aid training with the remainder to complete their training soon.

#### Student Safety

Thank you to all of the students who are using the new crossing areas safely and making sure they check carefully for vehicles before stepping out onto the road. Please be mindful if you are dropping your children off or picking up around 3pm. This is a very busy time and your action and patience is appreciated to ensure all students are safe.

We have had an increase of electric scooters being brought to school. We know that some of these cost a lot of money. The school's position is that these scooters need to be locked in our bike racks like any other mode of transport used for getting to school**they will not be able to be stored in classrooms**. Please ensure you have a good lock. This area is also under camera surveillance. If your child brings an electric scooter, wearing a helmet is compulsory and we do not recommend doubling other students as we have witnessed this and it is a serious safety issue.

The public holidays for Easter and ANZAC Day are contained in the school holidays this year which will hopefully make things easier for working families. We are looking forward to seeing most of you this Friday for parent/teacher conferences.

Ngā mihi nui, Daryl Gibbs

## **School Notices**

#### **Pastoral Care at CMS**

At Cambridge Middle School, we're committed to building a learning environment where everyone thrives! We would like to highlight our "Positive Heroes for Learning" (PH4L) initiative, supporting students to consistently demonstrate our school values and contribute positively to our community. These heroes embody our school's core values of **Happiness, Excellence, Relationships, and Opportunities**, showing us what it means to be respectful, responsible, and ready to learn.

Alongside this, we're strengthening our restorative practices school-wide. This means when things don't go as planned, we focus on understanding, repairing, and rebuilding relationships. We believe in learning from our mistakes and working together to create a safe and supportive space for everyone.

To ensure all our students are supported, we have a robust pastoral support system in place. This includes our pastoral team, dedicated Pouarataki (counsellors) and our accessible 24/7 Youthwork team, who are always available to provide guidance and support.

Ngā mihi

The Pastoral Team



### **Community Notices**



# April Holiday Programme



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Easter
14th April	15th April	16th April	17th April	Friday
8.45am - 3.15pm	8.45am - 3.15pm	8.45am - 3.15pm	8.45am - 3.15pm	CLOSED
Easter	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	ANZAC
Monday	22nd April	23rd April	24th April	Day
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8.45am - 3.15pm \$50.00 per day

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24 APRIL 2025 (3 DAYS)

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Saturday 5 April 2025 10:00am-2:00pm

# FREE ENTRY Visit a working dairy farm!

Watch cows being milked (11:00am-12:30pm). Visit the wetland area (Tours at 11:00am and 12:30pm).

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