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Cambridge Middle School - Issue 3 - May 2025

2025 Term 2

Monday 26 May

'CAKE WALK' student leader fundraiser

Monday 02 June

Kings Birthday public holiday (school closed)

Friday 13 June

Teacher Only Day (school closed)

Tuesday 17 June

Matariki Celebration (more details to come)

Thursday 19 June

Cross Country Day

Friday 20 June

Matariki Public holiday (school closed)

Monday 23 June

Teacher Only Day (school closed)

Friday 27 June

Last day of Term 2



Kia ora koutou,

Principal's Pen 2025 Week 3 Term 2

Welcome to Term 2. As we move into the winter season please ensure all uniform items are named. If your child has misplaced a school polar fleece or jacket please check the lost property (located near Room 4) as there is already a significant amount of items there to be claimed.

As you may have heard, the Ministry of Education is investing \$100 million into mathematics over the coming years. Our school has been part of a pilot to give a boost of support to students who need support to achieve at the expected level for a Year 8 student. We have 100 children involved in the pilot and on Tuesday 13th May One News came to check in with some of our staff and students about how this is progressing. Max, Hugo, Otto and Micah featured on that evening's news item and we are very proud of how they spoke about their learning and enthusiasm for mathematics.

We say farewell to Suzy Reid, our long-standing Visual Art and Design teacher. Suzy began her time at CMS 30 years ago and she has taught thousands of students. Her passion for art and making it accessible to all students has been truly inspiring and we will miss her very much.

Winter is almost upon us and with that comes our winter codes getting up and running. A lot of work goes into coaching and managing teams and we would like to say thank you to all those parents who step up and support the local clubs by doing these important roles. WIMS football and basketball events have taken place and our students were excellent ambassadors of our HERO values. Our WIMS boys football team placed first in the competition - congratulations!



Principal's Pen Continued...

Students are rounding up their performance tasks and learning through our first concept of 'Kaitiakitanga' and it has been great to see their excitement when sharing their learning as I walk around the school. In Week 5 our concept moves to 'Innovation'. Both teachers and students are really excited about beginning the Innovation concept, and it has proved to be a favourite over the past few years. Teams are explicitly planning to connect with the community and involve whānau in sharing celebrations towards the end of this concept.

Student Leaders - our team are involved in the William Pike challenge and in organising a cake walk fundraiser. They will be participating in Waikato Young Leaders Day and a visit to Extreme Edge as part of their leadership learning this term. It has been great to see the Student Leaders developing in confidence as they host assemblies and help out around the school.

Watch out for some upcoming information about our Matariki celebration that will be held on Tuesday 17th June. We will be having a hangi and tickets will be available through pre-order (this information will be in the communication coming out shortly).

Ngā mihi nui,

Daryl Gibbs





Interested in Helping Shape our School?

Become a Parent Representative!

We're on the lookout for enthusiastic, community-minded parents and caregivers to stand for election as **parent representatives** on our school board this September!

Being a parent rep is a rewarding way to contribute to our school's direction and success. **No previous board experience is needed** — there are plenty of resources, training, and support available to help you learn the ropes and feel confident in the role.

What's involved?

- A 3-year term
- Around 8 board meetings a year
- Each meeting runs for approximately 1.5 hours after 5pm, plus some time to read board papers beforehand

Thinking about it but not sure? You're invited to attend an upcoming board meeting as an observer. It's a great opportunity to see how the board works and ask questions before deciding to stand.

Upcoming Board Meeting Dates:

- Thursday 19 June
- Thursday 31 July

Come along, get involved, and help shape the future of our school. We'd love to see you there! For more information or to express interest, please contact Paula Harvey by email, paula.h@cms.school.nz



Community Notices

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- Mon. 26 May, 7pm - St Peter's Catholic School**
- Tues. 27 May, 7pm - Cambridge Middle School**
- Wed. 28 May, 7pm - Cambridge Primary School**
- Thurs. 29 May, 7pm - Leamington School**

- All presentations last about one hour.
- All parents are welcome to attend any session.

*The content of these parent evenings is not suitable for children to attend.



Tuition in Academic Writing (for fluent speakers of English)

New Group Classes Opening
(Starting Week 1 of Term 2, 2025)

Enrolling Now
Limited Spaces Available (Tuesdays or Wednesdays)
Reserve a space

Online after-school tuition (one-hour lesson)
Small groups (maximum of 4 students)
Groups: Years 5 & 6, Years 7 & 8, Years 9 & 10

Explicit tuition in the fundamentals of academic writing:

- Academic vocabulary
- Scholarly voice
- Complex sentence structures
- Punctuation
- Structuring writing
- Building the fundamental skills required for the NCEA Literacy Co-Requisite (Writing Assessment)
- Building confidence in writing

Allie Rankine:

Qualified & Registered New Zealand Teacher
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After-school hand-building pottery course.

Starting Monday 2nd June, from 3:30-5:00 pm

Four weekly classes, ages 8 to 15 years.

Clay and tools are provided; All you need is an apron or overshirt, and imagination.

\$110 for all 4 lessons. This includes clay, bisque firing, and final firing.

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